



# American Legion Post 318 Newsletter



*“For God and Country”*

*January 2022*

### Commander’s Corner

Here we are in a brand new year! We are hoping that you all are ready for a new start, and that this year will be a lot better than the last one! Our thanks to all of you volunteers who helped to produce our Christmas Concert and our New Year's Eve Dance. They were good fund raisers for the Post.

We also want to remember the volunteers who have continued to raise funds for the Post by working our weekly Bingo games throughout the year, especially Ed Sears. He continues to run our Bingo games, and devotes many hours every week to the effort. Thank you Ed, and thanks to all of you other volunteers who work our Bingo games and our other fund raisers throughout the year!

Because these members regularly donate their time and effort to supporting our Post, we are in a good financial position. We want to remind everyone else that we can always use your help with our fundraisers, so please come out and donate some time and effort to keeping our Post solvent!

Bob Kamman does a great job keeping our membership up to quota, and we hope that you new members will also come out and help.

We wish you all a very Happy New Year!

*Lee Stegmann  
Post 318 Commander*

### Post Clean Up Schedule

Help us clean up the Post on Tuesdays at 9 AM. Please come out and help!

*Ed Sears and Bob Alfieri*

### Membership Update

We are doing great with our membership renewal program for the 2022 year. Even though we did not hit our quota by Veterans Day, we are within 4 renewals or 4 new memberships. I am asking for your assistance in reaching our quota: 169 members by December 31st. There are several reasons for reaching quota by this date: 1. We will receive financial incentives, this never hurts, 2. It's written in our Post constitution that dues are due by Veteran's Day, and last and most importantly 3. It will greatly simplify my job. We have 29 existing members that still have not renewed their memberships. If you have received an email reminder from me, please send or deliver your membership dues (\$40) to the Post. Please note on your check that it is for membership. National is still having trouble with their online renewal system, so please send or drop off your membership renewal fee (\$40) at the Post and I will make sure that it gets processed.

<b>2022 Membership Scoreboard</b>	
<b>Paid as of 12/25/2021</b>	<b>165</b>
<b>2021-22 Post Goal</b>	<b>170</b>
<b>% of Goal</b>	<b>97.1%</b>
<b>2021-22 Quota</b>	<b>169</b>
<b>% of Quota</b>	<b>97.6%</b>
<b>Required for Quota</b>	<b>4</b>

We have already signed up or transferred 13 new members: Thad Airhart, USMC; Joe Ballenger, USA; Mark Beahr, USN; Brad Beckett, USA; Martin Gilbert, USN; Thomas Gilliam, USA; James Gray, USA; Bo Howell, USN; Lance Larsen, USAF; Mike Leopold, USAF; Carl Whalen, USA; Guy Wolf, USA; Jeff Zalar, USMC. We want to wish these new members a hearty welcome and encourage them to be active members of our Post. Welcome aboard!

We had 5 members pass away last year: Joe Burkart, Joe Chalfant, Dan Crocker, Charles Gill, and John Wakefield. Our prayers go out to their family and friends. May God bless them all.

As a related item, if you should know of anyone that might be interested in joining our Post, please pass their contact information to me and I will follow up with them or you can give them my contact information. Enjoy your Winter season,

*Robert Kamman  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander  
Membership Chairman*

### Chaplain's Report

What a year. We lost five members to Life Everlasting. We gained five new members. A couple transferred out but a couple transferred in. Now if we can get some new members and old members to step up to fill some positions we might have an even greater 2022! We should make our quota again this year thanks to our hard working First Vice Commander. He is going under the knife next month and will be inactive for a while.

The Americanism Committee chair position is still open, but Paul Henkel said he would work with Buckeye Boys and Girls State again this year. I have taken on the role of Oratorical chair. Right now we have two possible candidates and they will compete at our Post on January 29, from 12 noon until 1:30. If you have any grandkids or other high school age students who want to compete for scholarships ranging from \$18,000 to \$25,000, let me know. They can look on line at American Legion of Ohio/Oratorical, and find out more about this great program.

We have had a couple members receive new knees. Bob Alfieri is already back to work at the Post. Ralph Caskey just had his done December 10, and he is slowly recovering. I expect him to be up and about in the next couple weeks. Nice to see Darrell Everman up and about from his heart procedure. Our Commander is getting his care with COVID association. My wife and I had to get the COVID test after coming in contact with a victim. They both proved negative.

Let us all try to stay healthy this year. Get your shots and booster. Don't listen to people who say you do not need it. Tell that to the families of people who have gotten extra sick and spent a long time in the hospital, or even died. I have visited with a few of those family members. Unless there is medical reason, get the shot. Don't be selfish.

God Bless you all and I hope you had a very Merry Christmas.

**Jerry Porter**  
**Chaplain**

### Charities, Inc. Update

Please remember that there are two corporate programs that contribute to CI (Charities, Inc.) based on your support for their businesses. All you need to do is sign up, select CI as your cause, and they will contribute a portion of your spending to CI. Details are listed below:

**Kroger Community Rewards** – If you are a Kroger customer and are not supporting a charitable organization through ***Kroger Community Rewards***, we would encourage you to do your part to support your Post! Go to [www.kroger.com](http://www.kroger.com) and register for the Kroger Community Rewards program and select ***American Legion Post 318 Charities, Inc.*** as your cause.

**Amazon Smiles** – If you shop at Amazon.com and select ***American Legion Post 318 Charities, Inc.*** as your charity, Amazon donates 0.5% of all eligible purchases. To maximize our revenue opportunities, please share this information with family and friends.

**Don Bishop**

**President, Charities, Inc.**

### Post Officers & Committee Chairs:

**Commander:** Lee Stegmann 513-967-9613

**1st Vice:** Bob Kamman 513-545-5237

**2nd Vice:** Kirk Minnich 513-594-5339

**Adjutant:** Dan Wolfangel 513-474-9577

**Asst. Adjutant:** Bob Carey 513-313-7369

**Finance Officer:** Randy Lindsey 513-374-2099

**Chaplain:** Jerry Porter 513-528-1557

**Sergeant at Arms:** Ralph Caskey 513-470-6588

**Bingo:** Ed Sears 513-474-0246

**Community Support, Americanism, and Fundraising are all VACANT**

**Event Coordination:** Ken Knight 513-675-5234

**House:** Bob Alfieri 513-232-0309

**Service Officer:** Charlie Cleves 513-232-7767

**Charities Inc. Liaison:** Don Bishop 513-474-4194

**Corp. Statutory Agent:** Dan Wolfangel 513-474-9577

**VA Volunteer Service:** Jerry Porter 513-528-1557

**Asst. Finance Officer and Newsletter Editor:** Joe DuBois, joedubois@cinci.rr.com 513-582-8477

**Next General Meeting is on January 12th at 7PM. EC Meeting is on January 26th at 7PM.**

### **Bingo**

I want to thank all the people that come out to help set up for bingo, along with all of the people that come out and work Bingo for the POST. If you like to play Bingo, we play on Sunday night. Doors open at 4:30 pm. Play starts at 6 pm.

Please consider helping us out on Sundays. The jobs are easy to learn, and about half are completed by 7:30 pm. We are usually finished with all jobs by 9:30 to 10:00 pm. Thank you!

***Ed Sears***  
***Bingo Chairman***

513-474-0246, [emsears1969@gmail.com](mailto:emsears1969@gmail.com)

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### **All Post 318 ZOOM Meetings**

**ID: 3959722502, Password: Post318 (Capitol "P" and no space between Post and 318 is necessary in the password.)**

If you can't attend the monthly General Membership Meeting, please use the Zoom application and the ID & Password provided above! Log on, mute your microphone, then listen and observe the meeting. We need your attendance, since we can't do business without a quorum. We need you there on Zoom!

***Randy Lindsey***  
***Zoom Chairman***

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### **4<sup>th</sup> District Winter Conference**

The 4<sup>th</sup> District Winter Conference will be held at Post 69 on January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022, at 10AM.

### **The Little Brown Jug Party**

The District Party to celebrate our successful membership drive will be held at Mount Washington Post 484 on Saturday, February 26<sup>th</sup>, from 4PM to 7PM. Shirts are available to order until January 31<sup>st</sup>, with prices from \$32 to \$38, depending on the size.

***Steven N. Ervin***  
***Fourth District Commander***  
***Fabulous Fourth District of Ohio***

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### **Uniform Services**

Don't forget "Gift for Yanks" donations being collected for this year. We're off to a great start with those donations.

Also, if you have donations for Joseph House they always need socks, coats and toiletries, as well as men's and women's clothing items.

***Ralph Caskey***  
***SAA***

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### **MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!! EVERYONE!!!**

I want to thank all of you for your support and efforts this past year. Your dedication and commitment of your members continues to outshine all American Legion Districts in Ohio. The 4<sup>TH</sup> District finished strong in 2021, but we still have a lot of work to do in 2022. Let us continue this effort in 2022, providing our veterans and community services needed and show that Americanism still is alive and strong in the American Legion. **For God and Country,**

***Steven N. Ervin***  
***Fourth District Commander***  
***Fabulous Fourth District of Ohio***  
***Post 484 Commander***

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### **Post 318 to Host HCC Meeting**

Anderson Post 318 will be hosting the February Meeting of the Hamilton County Council of American Legions (HCC) on Tuesday, February 2, 2022. This group is made up of the eighteen (18) American Legion Posts located within Hamilton County, for purposes of providing some coordination of various Legion programs and activities of Posts at the local county level.

***Dan Wolfangel***  
***Adjutant - Post 318***

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### **Post Finance Report**

All bills are paid, we have a positive cash flow, and Post 318 is solvent!

***Randy Lindsey***  
***Finance Officer***

## **DO YOU KNOW WHAT IS GOING ON AT YOUR POST? IT IS YOUR CHOICE!**

The best way would be to attend monthly meetings and actively participate. However, we do realize that sometime the tolls of age, and family, and work obligations make that difficult, or prohibitive. However, there are resources to help keep you abreast of what is going on at your Post.

If you have a computer there are two methods that you can use to access Post 318 information:

First, the monthly Post 318 Newsletter is sent out each month electronically to each Post member for whom we have an email address, and is physically mailed to all members that we do not have an email address. (NOTE: We attempt to minimize this physical mailing option as it becomes extremely costly.)

Secondly, you may access the Post 318 website at "[www.post318.org](http://www.post318.org)", where you will find not only the monthly Post Newsletter, but also posted copies of the monthly "Post General Membership Meetings" Minutes and "Post Executive Committee Meeting" Minutes, as well as copies of the Post Constitution, By-Laws and the annual Post Business Plan.

The Post can only do so much in making the info available. YOU AS A MEMBER HAVE TO TAKE THE INITIATIVE AND INTEREST TO TAP INTO THE RESOURCES WE PROVIDE. ADDED NOTE: The method for getting Post Newsletter and other Post related information out to all members via email is through a program called "MailChimp", which does permit a recipient (member) the right to unsubscribe.

However, if you choose to unsubscribe, you are not just unsubscribing from that current email message, YOU ARE UNSUBSCRIBING FROM ALL FUTURE POST 318 GENERAL INFORMATION EMAILS, ON-LINE NOTICES AND NEWSLETTERS WE SEND USING MAILCHIMP! You will have severed you ability to receive info regarding what your Post is doing. It is your choice to be informed, or uninformed.

***Dan Wolfangel***  
***Adjutant - Post 318***

## **Post Activities**

Happy New Year!! Our Annual Post Christmas Party was held on December 10<sup>th</sup> with many members and guests attending. It looked like everyone had a good time and enjoyed the good food!! I would like to send a big Thank You out to everyone for their help and support! You provided many great tasting sides that were enjoyed by all.

Our next Post Social get together will be the Annual Chili Cook-Off on February 19<sup>th</sup> at 4pm. If you plan to cook a pot of chili you think will make the grade, please contact me to "put your name in the pot"! Cell: 513-594-5339 or email: [kirk.minnich@gmail.com](mailto:kirk.minnich@gmail.com) If you are like me and get lost in the kitchen, plan on attending as an "unofficial judge" and enjoying some great chili and company. The Post will provide Tums for those in need... Look for more details to come on our Facebook page, email, and the February newsletter.

In 2022 all our Post Socials will be on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of even months in the Clubroom. The dates are Feb 19<sup>th</sup>; Apr 16<sup>th</sup>; June 18<sup>th</sup>; Aug 20<sup>th</sup>; Oct 15<sup>th</sup> & Dec 17<sup>th</sup>. Make sure to check the Post Calendar and Newsletter for the details of each event and for all the events at the Post! We plan to have a busy 2022 and look forward to seeing you!

***Kirk Minnich***  
***2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander***  
[kirk.minnich@gmail.com](mailto:kirk.minnich@gmail.com)



Please enjoy a few pictures from the Christmas Social that I was able to take. (Next page also.)



### **Ohio Legion News 'Digital Only' Copy**

Thank you for being a member of The American Legion. Currently, you are receiving a quarterly Ohio Legion Newspaper to the address listed in the Legion member database. To better serve our members, The Department of Ohio is offering a 'digital only' copy of this publication. Instead of getting the newspaper in the mail, you would receive a copy to enjoy to your provided email.

The benefits of receiving a 'digital only' copy are as follows:

- Reduces impact on the environment by eliminating the need for paper
- You will get information in a more timely manner
- Allows you to share information with potential members much more easily
- Eliminates postage costs that can be used in support of other Department of Ohio American Legion Programs
- You will get access to additional content that doesn't fit in the printed version of the Ohio Legion News.

Of course, we will continue to provide the mailed hard-copy of the Ohio Legion News as normal if not choosing this option, but we strongly encourage our membership to consider receiving the electronic newspaper due to constant increases in print and mailing costs due to the dying print industry.

Please provide a reply if choosing to receive a 'digital only' copy of the Ohio Legion News, please complete the on-line application form located at:

<https://www.ohiolegion.com/> Then click on "News", then on: "Ohio Legion News 'Digital Only'" or print the form and mail your confirmation to: *The American Legion Department of Ohio, PO Box 8007, 60 Big Run Road, Delaware, OH 43015.*

### **Department of Ohio 2022 Mid- Winter Conference**

This is an American Legion family event for The American Legion, Sons of The American Legion, The American Legion Auxiliary and The American Legion Riders. The conference will be held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel North, 6500 Doubletree Avenue, Columbus, OH 43229, on Friday, January 21, 2022, thru Sunday, January 23, 2022.

The conference is focused on training and education of the American Legion and its offices/programs through Buckeye American Legion College. Anyone is welcome to attend the conference and any meetings and classes offered.

To make reservations please call 614-885-1885 Select option 112 to receive the discounted group rate of \$103.00 plus tax. Please reference "American Legion Mid-Winter", or the three- letter code "AAL" when making reservations.

***If there are any Covid-19 mandates, we will publish them on: <https://www.ohiolegion.com>*** For more information, please visit:

**<https://www.ohiolegion.com/department-mid-winter-conference>**

### **Formal Awards Banquet**

The Department of Ohio will also be hosting a formal awards banquet on January 22. Registration for the Department Award Banquet can be downloaded and mailed to The Department or filled out on-line. E-mail confirmations will be sent to verify your banquet ticket purchase.

If you do not receive an email after purchasing a ticket, please contact Department Headquarters. Tickets are \$40.00 per person. Deadline for hotel reservations is January 13<sup>th</sup>. For more information on the event contact Christie White at: [programs@ohiolegion.com](mailto:programs@ohiolegion.com) or call (740) 362/7478. SEE YOU THERE!

***The American Legion  
Department of Ohio***

### **Formation of a "Sons of the American Legion" Squadron (SAL)**

The SAL was created in 1932 as an organization within the American Legion that exists to honor the service and sacrifice of Legionnaires. The SAL is made up of male descendants, grandsons, adopted sons or stepsons of veterans of all ages whose parents or grandparents served in the U.S Military and were eligible for membership in the American Legion. The SAL (Sons) focus on much more than just membership.

At all levels, Sons support The American Legion in promoting a wide variety of programs. Sons assist their posts in other activities such as Veterans programs, Veterans Administration home and hospital volunteerism, Children Youth projects and fundraising. Since 1988 The Sons have raised more than \$6.9 million for The American Legion Child Welfare Foundation. Members have volunteered over 1.3 million hours to date in Veterans Hospitals throughout the country and raised over \$2,500,000 that has gone directly to VA hospitals and VA homes for a variety of items including TVs, radios, medical equipment and clothing for the patients.

***There are many men who are members of both The American Legion and the Sons of The American Legion.*** Such individuals are known within the SAL organization as dual members. Here at Post 318 we have more than 10 of our active members who are also sons or grandsons of veterans, so we are in position to start a SAL Squadron with current members of Post 318! Having an active SAL Squadron would give other sons and grandsons of veterans the ability to join us in our efforts to be of service to our veterans, to our local youth and to our Anderson Township Community.

The Sons of The American Legion is one of many organizations that sponsors and supports the Citizens Flag Alliance, a coalition formed to secure flag protection legislation through an amendment to the U.S. Constitution. SAL volunteers work to establish local networks by having petitions available and handing out informational material. They alert their communities to the importance of respect for the flag, and they encourage flag education programs in schools and other local organizations.

To form such a "Post 318 SAL Squadron" we need at least ten (10) eligible males to serve as Charter Members of the Squadron, including several who will agree to serve as Squadron Officers. (Continued)

### **(Formation of a "Sons of the American Legion" Squadron (SAL) continued)**

Because of the amount of interest from Post members, and of others who are sons of Legion members, we will conduct an "Informational / Orientation Meeting" to determine if we can move forward with the formation of a Post 318 SAL Squadron. The meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022, at 7PM. If you are interested in joining a Post 318 SAL Squadron, please contact our Adjutant, Dan Wolfangel, and give him your name, email and phone contact info. Let him know if you will attend the meeting. Contact Dan at: [dwacons@aol.com](mailto:dwacons@aol.com) and indicate "SAL" on the subject line of your email so it doesn't get missed.

***Edited by Joe DuBois***

### **Gifts to Post 318 During 2021**

We , at Post 318, would like to take this opportunity to publicly express our appreciation for the many individual benefactors who made either direct monetary donations, or in-kind services or product donations to Anderson Post 318 over the last year. Donations such as these are very much a part of what it takes to meet our monthly obligations to maintain and operate the "Post 318/Patriot Center" facility within the Anderson Township area, serving both our veterans, our youth, and the local community. *No matter how large or how small the donations, Post 318 is sincerely appreciative of the following individual contributors:*

#### **Monetary Contributions:**

Zenon Bilwin (member).  
H. John Bothwell (member).  
Richard "Dick" Burnes Estate (deceased member).  
Terry Childs (member).  
Dan Crocker (deceased member).  
Gary Gregorio (member)  
Hometown Heroes II Benefit (98 donors).  
Adrienne Prem (member & Active Duty Military).  
Pedro Ramirez (member).  
Gene Sawka (member).  
Stock Insurance Agency.  
Hugo Vontz, Jr. Estate (deceased member).

#### **Service or Product Value Contributions:**

Anderson Care Center. At Your Service Now Catering.  
Fredrick Johnson, Jerry Porter (members).  
Tony Reisor, Reiser Htg/Air. Harold St. Clair.  
Roger Wade, Cintech Construction (member).