



American Legion Post 318 Newsletter



“For God and Country”

February 2022

Commander’s Corner

2022 is off to a good start for Post 318! Our Bingo game fundraiser, led by Ed Sears, is still able to keep us afloat financially, and as a group we are not suffering too much from Covid. Our membership is stable, and we are on the way to establishing a Sons of the American Legion Squadron. They will help us meet our goals of support for Veterans, our youth, and our Andership Township Community. Dan Wolfangel has been working on this project, and we thank him for his time and effort establishing our own S.A.L. Squadron! Thanks again to all of you volunteers who keep Post 318 in business!

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! It is also time to clean the fish fryers, so please call Bob if you can help!

Ed Sears and Bob Alfieri

KARAOKE ANYONE?

If you like to sing Karaoke, or just listen to Karaoke, Post 318 will be the place to be starting Thursday, February 17, 2022, and every Thursday evening thereafter, for at least the next three months, from 7:30 PM to 11 PM. The Post 318 Marketing Committee and the Executive Committee have approved the Post hosting Karaoke events for a three month trial period to determine if they can become a reasonable revenue producing event. Admission is free, however, a cash beverage and snack concession will be available. So plan to bring your best voice, and your best friends and family members to cheer you on for a fun, weekly night out.

AARP Free Veteran Tax Preparation

The AARP will be doing free tax reports for Veterans again this year. If you need this service, their number is:
(513) 549-4775).

Membership Update

February 2022 Membership Newsletter: We started off doing really great; but have now dribbled to a stop. We still have 26 members that have not renewed their memberships. They have been contacted by email on numerous occasions to remind them of their tardiness. This is the first year since I’ve been doing membership (6 years) that I have seen this happen. The worse part is that I have asked them, that if they no longer wish to retain their membership to let me know and I will be glad to stop pestering them with reminders....no responses. Effective February 28, any member that has not paid their membership fee, will have their access card to the Post deactivated. If any member is having financial issues and is struggling to pay their membership, they are asked to contact me to see if we are able to assist them.

2022 Membership Scoreboard

Paid as of 01/26/2022: 166
2021-2022 Post Goal: 170 - % of Goal: 97.6%
2021-2022 Quota: 169 - % of Quota: 98.2%
Required for Quota: 3

We have already signed up or transferred 14 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; Stephen Woolery, USMC; 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 who joined Post Eternal this year: Joe Burkart, Joe Chalfant, Dan Crocker, Charles Gill, 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.

Robert Kamman
1st Vice Commander
Membership Chairman

Chaplain's Report

As of this writing I am happy to report we have no serious cases of COVID that I am aware of. Old age seems to be the only thing we are facing as we continue into this new year. We are still holding up our membership and should reach our quota shortly, if we have not done so by now. Bob Kamman continues to stay on top of getting new members signed up and others to pay their dues. Hopefully you are not one of those who have not paid. We are beginning to get some younger new members along with starting a Sons of the American Legion (SAL) group at this Post. This will allow us more members who can continue our programs to aid Veterans, local schools and our Community.

Applications for College Scholarships will be going out to our local schools by the end of this month. As a member, if you have a child or grandchild who is a Senior, and in interested in applying, please get a scholarship application from me. They have to be in by the end of April.

It is nice hearing that our members, Wayne Hinnaman and Ralph Caskey are on the mend and should be returning to their work within the Post. Nice to see one of our former Commanders, Jim Bussey, back at our last meeting. Remember our meetings are the second Wednesday of every month starting at 7 PM, or you can get on thru Zoom.

The Oratorical Contest was held at our Post on January 29th starting at 2 PM. Because our Post is the only Post in the County with a scheduled contest, we sponsor not only our Post contest but also the Hamilton County Contest. Our contestant backed out, so the one contestant, from Post 790, is going on to the District contest..

Quote: A careless word may kindle strife: a cruel word may wreck a life: a timely word may level stress: a loving word may heal and bless. God Bless you all.

Jerry Porter
Chaplain

Uniform Services

Joseph House donations will be delivered Tuesday, Feb. 1st. I will depart the Post around 9:30 - 10am. If you have donations, have them there by 9:30am, please. We're still collecting money for Gifts For Yanks, and any donation gladly accepted. Any member wishing to join the Honor Guard see R. Caskey we could use a few more volunteers. Thanks,

Ralph Caskey
SAA

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 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 February 9th at 7PM. EC Meeting is on February 23rd 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 pm to 10:00 pm. Thank you!

Ed Sears
Bingo Chairman

513-474-0246, emsears1969@gmail.com

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

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 26th, from 4PM to 7PM. This also celebrates the District S.A.L.s winning their Blue Jug! Food and beverages will be provided by the 4th District.

Shirts are available to order until January 31st, with prices from \$32 to \$38, depending on the size.

For God and Country,

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

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

Post Finance Report

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

Randy Lindsey
Finance Officer

Post 199 Fundraiser on Febuary 6th

This is a Texas Hold'em Poker, "No Limit" Tournament. Registration @ 12PM; Play Starts @ 1PM. \$50.00 Entry for 50K chips!

The Yeager-Benson Post 199, located at 10700 Campbell Road, in Harrison, Ohio, is having a fundraiser for the benefit of various district veteran's programs. 60% of all of the money collected will go to payouts. Players must be at least 18 years old. Food and drinks will be available for purchase. **For additional info. Contact:**

Darrin McQueen @ 513-312-5987
Al Buxton @ 513-225-1489

Attention Legionnaires

The American Legion Post 83, Dommodore Denig, is accepting donations for Kentucky's December 2021 tornado victims. As you may already know, they are devastated. Many survivors have been displaced from their homes. As The American Legion Family, the hope is to come together and support our fellow Americans in need. Any contribution would be greatly appreciated.

Hygiene products, diapers, wipes, cleaning supplies, water and monetary donations. **Please send donations to:**

Ellen Michell, 2nd Vice Commander Post 83
415 West Bogart Rd
Sandusky, OH 44870
Phone: (818) 817-1208

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", 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
(Reprint from January Newsletter)

Post Activities

As the frigid weather continues outside it's time to heat up the Post with our Annual Chili Cook-Off!! On February 19th starting at 4pm. The Social Event is open to all post members, their families, and guests. The Post will be providing a couple sides to go with the chili but all are welcome to bring a side or desert to share. Drinks will be available for purchase at the bar. We look forward to seeing everyone in attendance!!



February 19th, 2022

If you have 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 Please send a quick RSVP if you and your family plan to attend. Thanks

In 2022 all our Post Socials will be on the 3rd Saturday of even months in the Clubroom. The dates are Feb 19th; Apr 16th; June 18th; Aug 20th; Oct 15th & Dec 17th. 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
2nd Vice Commander



The winner, and only contestant, of Our Hamilton County American Legion Oratorical Contest, Elisha Kenniv, from Post 790, and Post 318 Chaplain, Jerry Porter, who organized and conducted the contest on January 29th at the Post.

Below are the volunteers who participated in conducting the Oratorical Contest: Host - Gary Gregorio, Timers; Don Bishop , Dan Wolfangel, Judges; Joe DuBois, Rick Weis, Bob Bachelder, Winnie Clayton, and Charles Cleves. County Rep.; Steve Lieurance, District Rep; Jerry Perry, Contestant; Elisha Kenniv, Organizer; Jerry Porter.



FORMATION OF: “SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION (S.A.L.) SQUADRON 318”

Following an S.A.L. Information Meeting held on Tuesday, January 25th, the Post 318 Executive Committee, at their January 26, 2022 E.C. Meeting, voted to submit an application to the Department of Ohio American Legion and National American Legion for the chartering of Post S.A.L. Squadron 318. We will be doing so with at least twelve Charter Squadron members who applied for membership at the January 25th meeting’ and one S.A.L. member who will transfer to our Squad after we receive our charter.

The official chartering process is expected to take approximately ninety days. However, during that time, we will be moving forward with many Post and Squadron level items related to having the Squadron ready to go as soon as charter is received.

These items include: establishment of a Post S.A.L. Advisory Committee, and a Post S.A.L. Advisor (will become part of Post Executive Committee), who will be responsible for overseeing Squadron operations in accord with Post and S.AL. rules and policies; setting organizational meetings; establishing temporary S.A.L. Squadron Officers (Commander / 1st Vice Commander / Adjutant / Finance Officer); development of Squadron Constitution, by-Laws and Policies; setting up schedule for monthly Squadron meeting; and establishing a plan for Squadron activities. More details will be reported as they develop. 3 Post members volunteered to be on this committee: Tony Capetillo, Charlie Cleves, and Joe DuBois.

Eligibility for S.A.L. membership is: (1) Male descendant (son, stepson, adopted son or grandson) of an American Legion member; OR: (2) Male descendant (son, stepson, adopted son or grandson) of a deceased or honorably discharged veteran who is/was eligible for American Legion membership. Also, existing members of the American Legion, whose parent or grandparent were members of the American Legion are also eligible for membership in the S.A.L. They are known as a “dual members”. Anyone interested in membership, or needing further membership info should contact the Post.

Dan Wolfangel
Adjutant



Post Adjutant Dan Wolfangel presenting Andrew Pappas with a photo signed by Post 318 members.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A POST 318 OFFICER?

While we are still a couple of months from actual election of Post 318 Officers for the 2022-2023 year., it is not too early to give consideration as to whether you would like to be part of the governing body of the Post. Elected Post Officers are: Commander, 1st Vice Commander, 2nd Vice Commander, Adjutant, Finance Officer, Chaplain; and Sgt-at-Arms. In accordance with our Post 318 By-Laws, Commander Lee Stegmann will be appointing a Nominating Committee at the March Post General Membership Meeting [3/9/22]. The Nominating Committee will then compile the slate of Nominees, which will be reported to membership by the Post Adjutant at the April Post General Membership Meeting [4/13/22], and additional nominations will also be accepted from the floor, after which nominations will be closed and an official slate of candidates will be adopted. Notice will then be distributed to all Post members as to the adopted Slate of Candidates, the election process, and the date of the Post Election which will be at the May Post General Membership Meeting [5/11/22]. Installation of Officers will then take place at the June Post General Membership Meeting [6/8/22]. So, if you would like to be more than just a “card carrying Legion and Post member”, and be part of the decision making and directing of your Post going forward this will be your chance. If being an elected Post officer is not your thing, there are numerous opportunities to help through becoming involved in one of the much needed standing Post Committees, by appointment by the Post Commander. Please feel free to make your interests and desires known. No matter which route you choose to assist your Post, it is much needed, and will be sincerely appreciated.

POST 318 PARTICIPATES IN ANDERSON TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE RECOGNITION

Anderson Post 318 Adjutant Wolfangel represented the Post at a recent recognition Ceremony for outgoing Anderson Township (A/T) Trustee Andrew Pappas, which was held at the Anderson Government Center, in conjunction with the January 20, 2022 Board of Trustees Meeting. Wolfangel presented Mr. Pappas with a framed photograph of the “Anderson Township Veterans Memorial”, which was surrounded by matting which bore the comments and signatures of a multitude of Post 318 members thanking him for his support of numerous veteran related items and projects.



Among those items in which he had a part were the designing and bringing to fruition the A/T Veteran Memorial; the conducting of the Annual A/T Memorial Day Ceremony, and the A/T Veterans Day Recognition Dinner Event; and also providing support for efforts at Hillcrest Cemetery to restore graves and headstones of the multitude of military veterans buried there. Andrew Pappas served as A/T trustee for two terms, a total of eight years, and chose not to run for re-election in 2021.

Dan Wolfangel
Adjutant