



American Legion Post 318 Newsletter



“For God and Country”

March 2022

Commander’s Corner

Hello members of Post 318! We had a successful Chili Cookoff in February. I was unable to attend, but I understand everyone had a good time. I would like to take this time to thank everyone who helps with all of our events. I would especially like to thank all the members of the executive committee for their help. I don’t know where I would be without them. I would also like to encourage any member to attend our general membership meeting which takes place on the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00. You could find out more about what our Post is doing, and how we are helping our community. You may also find out that you would like to volunteer your time and services to help the Post. We will be having elections coming up within the next few months. If you would like to put your name “in the hat” for a position, our general membership meeting would give you a good idea of what would be expected of you. It generally doesn’t take much time. I look forward to seeing you on March 9th at 7:00 for our next meeting.

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! Since we don’t have dances anymore, this is the only day of the week we have to clean up the Post! Bob brews fresh coffee, and Mike Stringer usually brings donuts, muffins or cookies!

Ed Sears and Bob Alfieri

Walt Croswait, Past County Cmdr.

Past Hamilton County Commander and 4th District Sgt. at Arms, Walt Croswait, is in the ICU at Oak Hill Hospital in Spring Hill, Florida. They put 2 stints in his main coronary artery. Please remember Walt and Terri your prayers. This is Walt Croswait’s address if you would like to send get well wishes: Walter Croswait, 7126 Spanish Moss, Brookville, FL 34601.

Albert S. Buxton,
Chaplain, Department of Ohio

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).

Need A Covid Shot?

Please share this with your Members. If you still need or want the Covid shots the VA still has them. They are just moving out of the auditorium. Thank you!
For God And Country!

Jerry E. Perry
1st Vice Commander
4th District of Ohio

Our Old Boy Scout troop Equipment

The trailer, and all of the equipment that remained after our Boy Scout Troop went out of business has found a new home! Owensville Scout Troop 741 has accepted the gift of the trailer, and of all the equipment that was taking up space in our storage areas.

The boys of Troop 741 are so excited for the new trailer!!! It fits perfectly inside their Scout Garage!! Tuesday’s Troop 741 meeting is going to be fun, inspecting all of the “new” equipment!!!



2 of Troop 741’s Eagle Scouts have signed up to join our pending S.A.L. Squadron!

Membership Update

We started off doing really great; but have now dribbled to a stop. We still have 23 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. 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. Since our existing members are not stepping up, we need 3 new members to make quota. Please help me locate and sign up these new members.

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 have had 6 members that passed away this year: Joe Burkart, Joe Chalfant, Dan Crocker, Charles Gill, John Wakefield and Charles Shanks. 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

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 March 9th at 7PM. EC Meeting is on March 30th at 7PM.

Bingo

I want to again thank all the people who come out to help set up for bingo, along with all of the people who 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. and play starts at 6 pm, sharp!

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 or 10:00 pm. Thank you!

We are looking for one or two people who would like to learn how to call Bingo numbers for us once in a while. We will teach you how to run the new console. If you are interested contact Ed Sears: emsears1969@gmail.com.

Ed Sears
Bingo Chairman
513-474-0246

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 Brown Jug Party

The District celebrated our successful membership drive at Mount Washington Post 484 on Saturday, February 26th. Post Adjutant, Dan Wolfangel, was able to attend the 4th District "Brown Jug Membership Award Party" held at Post 484 last evening. He accepted our Ceremonial Brown Jug, as a Post reaching the necessary sufficient quota levels, Award checks will be presented at the convention in Cincinnati in July.

Dan Wolfangel
Adjutant - Post 318

Boys & Girls State!

Now is the time for members to register your high school Juniors for Ohio Boys & Girls State! 513-528-1557

Jerry Porter
Chaplain

Post Finance Report

All bills are paid, we have a positive cash flow, and Post 318 is solvent! We will be doing "Hoops Mania" soon!

Randy Lindsey
Finance Officer

Uniform Services

Joseph House donations are still needed for March, since there is turnover of patients on a regular basis. If you have donations, please leave them inside the Club Room door, on the left side.

We're still collecting money for Gifts For Yanks until May, and any donations will be gladly accepted.

Any member wishing to join the Honor Guard please let me know. We could use a few more volunteers.

Trivia Question : What is 30 feet wide and 60 feet long and when it's dry it weighs 80 Lbs.? A new one costs around \$3,500.00. (Answer at end of Newsletter!)

Ralph Caskey
SAA

Post 318 Fish Fry Signs

We have Fish Fry signs inside the Club Room at the Post for you to place in your yard. If you are in a high traffic area, please stop by the Post and pick up a sign. You should show it each Wednesday thru Friday during Lent to promote our Fish Fry.

We need to know who has the signs, since we plan to reuse them next year, so please call Kirk Minnich at: 513-594-5339 if you pick up a sign, or email: kirk.minnich@gmail.com

Kirk Minnich
2nd Vice Commander

VA Drive Thru Covid Testing

On behalf of Ms. Johnson, Executive Medical Center Director for the Cincinnati VA Medical Center. Please make note and share with your colleagues starting Monday January 3, 2022, there will be a Drive Thru COVID Testing Site at the Cincinnati VA Medical Center campus located outside of the Community Living Center (CLC). This initiative is being conducted as we at the Cincinnati VA continue to ensure the health and safety of our employees, our Veterans, and our community as a top continued priority throughout this pandemic. Whenever a Veteran or VA employee sets foot in our VA facility, they deserve to know that we have done everything in our power to protect them from COVID-19. **NOTE: This message may not be current, so call ahead and see if they are still doing drive-thrus, since the date on the message is in January.**

Life Member, Charles Shanks

Recently received this from TP White Funeral Home. Charles was one of our Post's few 'Life' members. He has not been to meetings lately, since he moved further east to Bethel, and has spent winters down in Florida.



Charles Samuel Shanks

March 25, 1932

January 20, 2022

Post Activities

We had an enjoyable and tasty Chili cookoff at our February Post 318 Social Event! Our March Activity will be the Post Fish Fry, so pick your day and come out and join the Annual Post 318 fundraiser! The prices are reasonable, the food will be tasty, and there is a cash bar for beer and wine in the Hall.

In 2022 all our Post Socials will be on the 3rd Saturday of even months in the Clubroom. The dates are: April 16th; June 18th; August 20th; October 15th & December 17th. Make sure to check the Post Calendar and the 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 at the Post!

Kirk Minnich
2nd Vice Commander

Charles Shanks

Charles Samuel Shanks, age 89 of Bethel, died January 20th, 2022 in Naples, Florida. He was the beloved husband of the late Connie M. Shanks (nee Hill) and remarried to Norma O. Shanks (nee Lloyd), devoted father of Charles Wayne Shanks, Cynthia Elaine Gilbert, Cameron Samuel (Dawn) Shanks, loving grandfather of Joshua Wisby, Alisa Marker, Cody Shanks, Olivia Shanks, caring great-grandfather of Triston Bertram, Jackson Marker, Dylan Marker, Aurora Wisby, Jonathon Wisby, Amelia Wisby, and dear brother of the late Mary Daugherty, Nellie Teeter, Ron Shanks, and John Shanks. Funeral service was held at T.P. White & Sons funeral Home, 2050 Beechmont Ave., Mt. Washington, on Saturday, February 12th at 12 pm. J.B.

J. B. Covert Lodge #437 F & AM, and Scottish Rite services were held at 11:30 am.

Bob Kamman
1st Vice Commander
Membership Chairman

KARAOKE ANYONE?

Are you a "Karaoke" fan.? Do you sing yourself, or just like to listen to others? Want something else than Bar environment Karaoke? Either way the place to fulfill your musical desires is at your Post's Patriot Center starting on Thursday – March 3, 2022, and scheduled to continue every Thursday thereafter. Join our Karaoke D.J. and your fellow Karaoke enthusiasts for an evening of singing, entertainment and fun starting at 7:30 PM and continuing until 11 PM each Thursday.

Your Post 318 Executive Committee has authorized this event on a three month trial basis to see if we can develop it into a sufficient revenue source to offset several of the event losses we have incurred over the last several years. This event, sponsored by Anderson American Legion Post 318, has no admission charge, and has a cash bar and packaged snacks available. Since this is a license permit premise, no beverages of any kind may be brought in.

Get a group together for evening of fun and entertainment, and tell your friends to patronize the activity. So plan to bring your best voice, and your best friends and family members to cheer you on for a fun, weekly Thursday night out.

POST ELECTION OF OFFICERS FORTHCOMING

It is not too early to be thinking about supporting your Post through seeking an officer position in the administration of your Post. In March, Commander Stegmann will be appointing a Nominating Committee, who will seek out, and be accepting requests from interested Post members, for Post's elected positions of Commander, 1st Vice Commander, 2nd Vice Commander, Adjutant, Finance Officer, Chaplain and Sergeant-at Arms.

Those nominations will be reported on the floor at April Post Meeting, along with a call for any nominations from the floor, prior to nomination closure. Following notification of Post's membership of the final slate of candidates through May Post Newsletter, the election will be held at the May Post Meeting. Newly elected officers will be installed in office at the June Post Meeting.

***Dan Wolfangel
Adjutant***

"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.

Post 318 S.A.L. Advisory Committee has been appointed, consisting of Tony Capetillo, Charles Cleves, and Joe DuBois. Tony is our Post 318 S.A.L. Advisor. He will become part of Post Executive Committee and will be responsible for overseeing Squadron operations in accord with Post and S.A.L. rules and policies. The Advisory Committee is meeting soon to; 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. 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***

April 20th Choral Concert at Post 318!

A national singing group of young people will donate a free concert for Veterans here at the Post on April 20th, 2022!

BECOME 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.

***Dan Wolfangel
Adjutant***

Fish Fry Volunteers Needed!

On March 4th we open our Fish Fry. The doors open at 5 and we serve until 7. Workers usually arrive around 4:30 to set up. Some come earlier to get food prepared and cooked. Our prices went up but not as high as some. There were some churches that cancelled their fish fry's because of lack of supplies or product. This could cause us to get more people, OR NOT.

We will need workers. If anyone wants to get involved in a minimal way, the fish fry is made for you and can be fun. Let Jerry Porter, or Ralph Caskey know. Our menu has basically stayed the same as in the past. We have only substituted a Fillet for our Baked Cod Loin, since there are no loins to be found. The Fillets will be cut to 8 ounce size. They will probably cook faster also. Everything else stays the same.

The first night we hope everyone who has signed up will come and see how you can fit in, plus eat. After the first week we will send out a regular schedule with people assigned a specific job.

We still will need the following volunteers each week:

- 2 front table cashiers
- 7 kitchen (2 bakers, 2 fryers, 1 dish washer, 2 condiment and coleslaw preparers)
- 5 line servers
- 2 dessert preparers
- 2 drink (ice tea, lemonade, coffee)
- 2 tally masters
- 2 bartenders
- 2 bussers

Please let me know if you or your wives/husbands are planning on working and which days you can work. Many of you have already told me you were available but if you have a job preference, please let me know. Please REPLY! Jerry Porter: Gerald1940@twc.com

We also hope our volunteer helpers will bring a dessert so we have enough on hand. We buy some, but over the years we have found that most of the desserts (Pies and cakes) have been donated by our workers.

These Fish Fry's go seven weeks, until April 15th. Our dances have stopped because of COVID and our only other fund raiser that involves people working is Bingo. Please support our Fish Fry's. **The Management.**

Answer to Trivia Question:

The American Flag at TQL seen from I-275 in Eastgate.

