



American Legion Post 318 Newsletter



“For God and Country”

April 2022

Commander’s Corner

Congratulations to our Lenten Fish Fry workers! The Friday fundraisers have been a great success so far, and we hope it continues. We have had great support from our members, their spouses, and other volunteers from the community who have helped at the Post, and who have also attended as customers! You can still volunteer to help, show up to have some fish or shrimp on our last three Fridays: April 1st, April 8th and April 15th, starting at 5:00 PM.

You may also find that you would like to volunteer your time and services to help the Post run our biggest fundraiser, Bingo. If you are interested, please give our Bingo Chairman, Ed Sears, a call at: (513) 474-0246.

We determine our slate of officers at our meeting on April 13th, and hold our election at the May meeting. If you would like to volunteer for a position, the information in our last newsletter will give you a good idea of what will be expected from you. It generally doesn’t take much time. I look forward to seeing you at our April 13th General Membership Meeting at 7:00 PM. If you can’t be there in person, please try our “Zoom” connection detailed in this newsletter.

Lee Stegmann
Post 318 Commander

Post Clean Up Schedule

We need your help to clean up the Post on Tuesdays at 9 AM. Please come out and help! This is now the only day of the week we have to clean up the Post! Bob brews good, fresh coffee, and Mike Stringer usually brings donuts, muffins or cookies! A big thanks to Bob and to Mike!

Ed Sears and Bob Alfieri

Hoops Mania Report

Hoops Mania started on March 17th. I will notify anyone who is a winner as we receive the prize money. If you have any questions, you can go online: www.charitymania.com/give/YC038

Randy Lindsey
Charitymania Chairman

AARP Free Veteran Tax Preparation

The AARP is still doing free tax filing for Veterans. If you need this service, their number is:

(513) 549-4775

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Next General Meeting is on April 13th at 7PM. EC Meeting is on April 27th at 7PM.

Next SAL meeting is on April 6th at 7PM.

Recent Passing of Glenn Smith

It is with a heavy heart that I must inform everyone that Past 4th District Commander Glenn Smith has gone to the Commander on High. He passed away on Thursday, March 3rd, in Georgia where he resided. **R.I.P., Sir.**

For God and Country

Albert S. Buxton
Chaplain, Department of Ohio

Karaoke at Post 318

Our proceeds from the fourth night of "Karaoke Thursdays" have considerably improved from the previous three nights, in spite of the attendance being somewhat stable. This is also the result of introducing a "Split-the-Pot" into the event, and a winner who donated her half back to Post.

We continued to have numerous repeat attendees, along with some new faces, all of whom stated that they like the event and our venue and that they will be back.

Thanks to Mike Stringer and SAL Commander Chris Short for tending bar, and my wife, Ruth, for handling S-T-P. They also helped with cleanup and with converting the hall for the Fish Fry Friday. Kerri Wolfangel has also helped at earlier Karaoke events, as well as some Karaoke patrons who helped clean up and convert the hall for our Fish Fry.

We want more customers and profit, but we have reached a point where our Karaoke DJ is asking for more incentive to continue. He spends about 5 hours total between set up, DJ-ing and tear down, and is using all of his own equipment. The EC has voted to pay him for continuing for the next 8 weeks so we can see if this event can become a money maker for the Post. You are invited to come to Karaoke on Thursday nights, beginning at 7:30 PM and ending at 11 PM. The admission is free! You can also volunteer to help at the event, and see what is going on. Call or text me at: (513) 474-9577.

***Dan Wolfangel
Adjutant***

Post 318 Law Officer of the Year

Hamilton County Council (HCC) 1st Vice Commander/ Law & Order Chairman George Thornton presents the 2022 HCC "Law Officer of the Year" Award to Hamilton County Sheriff's District 5, Corporal Tim Maddy, at our March 9, 2022, meeting. See adjacent article. >>>>>>>>>>



You Can Support Charities, Inc.

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 318 Awards Programs

Post 318 is proud to announce that our nominees selected for our local Law & Order Program are also being recognized at higher levels of the program. Hamilton County Sheriff's Office Dist. 5 Corporal Tim Maddy is our 2022 "Law Officer of the Year", and Anderson Township Fire Department Firefighter/Paramedic Mitchell Cordell is our 2022 "Firefighter of the Year". Both were submitted to Hamilton County Council of Legions (HCC) for consideration, and Corporal Maddy was selected as the HCC "Law Officer of the Year".

We have also been advised that because of the excellent qualifications of both of our nominees, officers Maddy and Cordell are both being submitted by the Hamilton County Council of Legions for consideration by Legion 4th District for their respective Law & Order selections. Should one or both be selected at this level, they will then be forwarded for consideration by Legion Dept. of Ohio's Law & Order Program. Our best wishes to both.

***Dan Wolfangel
Adjutant***

Bingo

I want to thank all the people who 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 nights. Bring your family or a date, but everyone must be at least 18 years old.

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 the jobs by 9:30 to 10 PM.

We are looking for one or two people who would like to help out the Post Bingo. They must be willing to learn how to call Bingo numbers for us once in a while. We will teach you how to run the console, and what is a “Bingo” and what is not! If you are interested, please contact Ed Sears at: (513) 474-0246, or email: emsears1969@gmail.com.

Ed Sears
Bingo Chairman

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

Trivia!

Last month Ralph Caskey introduced trivia with his large flag question. Several members suggested that we should continue this addition to the newsletter. This month Bob Carey gave us a couple, both of which apply to other items in the newsletter.

- (1) The UK version of bingo uses 90 balls; how many are used in the American version?
- (2) What does “karaoke” mean?
- (3) Answers on page 5!

Post Finance Report

All bills are paid, we have a positive cash flow, and Post 318 is still solvent! “Hoops Mania” is in progress!

Randy Lindsey
Finance Officer

Uniform Services

Joseph House donations are still needed for April, 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 20th, 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.

Ralph Caskey
SAA



To help “Kick Off Spring” join us on April 30th for the Cinco de Mayo/Spring Social!! In a change of pace, the post will provide the meat and fixings for you to make your favorite taco, burrito, tostada or enchilada (or one of each). The event is open to all members, their families, and guests. It will be held in the Post Clubroom starting at 4:30 till 7:30. Please bring your favorite Mexican themed appetizer or dessert to share with others. Drinks will be available for purchase at the Clubroom Bar, including Margaritas!

Please RSVP to me at kirk.minnich@gmail.com or (513) 594-5339 **with the number in your party and what you will be bringing**. I hope to see everyone out enjoying an evening with some food, drinks and great company! It is a way for the Post to thank you for all your hard work with all the events of the past couple of months.

Kirk Minnich
2nd Vice Commander

John Leo "Jack" Nolting Passed Away



Visitation was held at TP White and Sons Funeral Home on Beechmont Avenue on Thursday, March 10th. Mass of Christian Burial was held at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church on Friday, March 11th. Jack is survived by his loving wife of 67 years Martha A. Nolting (nee McShane), Bonita Springs, FL. Memorial donations may be made to **The Wounded Warrior Project:** https://support.woundedwarriorproject.org/default.aspx?tsid=10043&ovr_acv_id=5246 The family wishes to extend their gratitude to the V.A. for years of tremendous care and support.

TP White & Sons Funeral Home, Inc.

April 2022 Membership

Eureka! We have made quota---and more! Thanks to everyone for the extra effort to push us over the goal.

2022 Membership Scoreboard

Paid as of 01/26/2022	172
2021-2022 Post Goal	170
% of Goal	101.2%
2021-2022 Quota	169
% of Quota	101.8%
Required for Quota	0

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. For God & Country,

Robert Kamman
1st Vice Commander
Membership Chairman
(513) 545-5237, Kamman.rc@gmail.com

Sons of the American Legion (SAL) Report

Post 318 is in the process of certifying SAL Squadron 318 as an auxiliary organization supporting Post 318 and our activities. The application should be certified at the annual convention of the Department of Ohio American Legion and National American Legion for the chartering of Department of Ohio Post 318 SAL Squadron to be held. We are proceeding with the organization process until we have certification of SAL Squadron 318.

We have 15 SAL qualified applicants, and they are planning to have at least 50 members within a year. In the meantime, they have had their first meeting, organized and run by our Adjutant, Dan Wolfangel. We met at the Post on March 20th primarily to have all applicants sign the application paperwork. Since a majority of applicants were there, including our 3 member SAL Advisory Committee, an organizational meeting was held.

Post 318 member, Tony Capetillo, has volunteered to be our SAL Advisor, and Charles Cleves and Joe DuBois are the other members of the SAL Advisory Committee. The Advisory Committee appointed Chris Short to be our SAL Commander, and Jason Kiefer our SAL 1st Vice Commander. The SAL Squad then filled their roster with volunteers: 2nd Vice: Todd Sledge, Adjutant: Rob Herking, Finance Officer: Rick Barrick, Sgt-at-Arms: Adam Cole, and Chaplain: Rob Herking. These officers will lead the Squadron until they have their first election of officers after certification.

They also voted to collect member dues of \$40 per year, and to meet monthly on the first Wednesday of the month at 7 PM. The prospective members were advised that they will receive Post 318 access cards so they can enter the Post and use our facilities just as our regular members can.

Eligibility for SAL 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. Post 318 members are also eligible to join the SAL, if qualified and interested.

Dan Wolfangel
Adjutant

Karaoke Anyone?

Are you a “Karaoke” fan? Do you sing yourself, or just like to listen to others? Want something other than bar environment Karaoke? Either way, the place to fulfill your musical desires is at your Post’s Patriot Center. Our Karaoke started on Thursday, March 3, 2022, and is scheduled to continue every Thursday for 3 months. Join our Karaoke DJ 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 licensed permit premise, no beverages of any kind may be brought into the Post building. However, you may bring in your own appetizers or finger food for you and/or your group. Get a group together for evening of fun and entertainment, and tell your friends to patronize the activity. Plan to bring your best voice, your best friends and family members to cheer you on for a fun, weekly, Thursday night out.

***Dan Wolfangel
Adjutant***

Post Activities

Please join us on April 20th for a Free Performance by the Austintown Fitch Choir, a youth choir from Dayton. They will perform in the Main Hall of The Patriot Center for all Veterans, so we have invited Post 72 and Post 484 to attend, if they would like. We will have a social hour from 6 to 7, and the choir will begin at 7 PM. We hope that you can attend this event.



Kirk Minnich, 2nd Vice Commander

Charities, Inc. Update

Although Post 318 Charities, Inc. (CI) financial struggles are significant, CI continues to provide funding for programs and community organizations supported by Post 318.

At the March 9th Post General Meeting, the membership voted to have Post 318 Charities, Inc. distribute donations to three requesting entities. They are: 4th District Golf Tournament - "Hole Sponsorship" in the amount of \$100.00; Anderson High School "After Prom Event" in the amount of \$100.00; and Forest-Aires Choral Presentation "Post 318 Ad in the Event Program" in the amount of \$60.00.

Bingo Provides Gift Cards For Volunteer Raffle

American Legion Post 318 Charities, Inc. sponsors a Volunteer Raffle Program. This program was developed to recognize everyone who comes out to help with a Post event, or a Post work party.

You enter the monthly raffle contest by submitting your name every time you volunteer! Each month a gift card valued at \$50.00 is raffled off.

In support of the monthly Volunteer Raffle, “Bingo” is contributing some of the \$50.00 Gift Cards.

***Don Bishop
President, Charities, Inc.***

Trivia Answers

- (1) 75.
- (2) Karaoke is derived from the Japanese for “empty orchestra.”

Burn Pit Exposure Post 9/11 Update

Copy and drop in your browser.

https://www.legion.org/veteransbenefits/254822/new-bill-would-help-post-911-veterans-suffering-toxic-exposure?utm_source=Adestra&utm_medium=email&utm_content=READ%20MORE%20%3E&utm_campaign=Source+Code+Here&utm_term=newsletter

Become a Post 318 Officer

We are just weeks from our 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 By-Laws, Commander Lee Stegmann appointed a Nominating Committee at the March Post General Membership Meeting. The Nominating Committee has compiled a slate of nominees, which will be reported to our membership by the Post Adjutant at the April 13th Post General Membership Meeting on the additional nominations will 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 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, this will be your chance. If being an elected Post officer is not your thing, there are numerous opportunities to help by 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

Charities, Inc. is Restarting Its Fundraisers

With Memorial Day approaching the CI board it is hopeful that it might finally be ready to start its fundraising programs. We asked Kroger about selling poppies there again, and they said that their lobby’s will remain closed. We used to sell poppies in our schools, but COVID protocols are still in place and access to the schools is still restricted. So, what to do? Options seem to be; 1) do nothing, or 2) find an alternative to our old “Poppy Day” programs. However, it’s time to get back to normal, and distributing poppies seems to be the right fundraiser!

If we can come up with a “Poppy Days” plan it would restart our fundraising efforts. Because this fundraiser focuses on the distribution of the “Memorial Day Poppy”, it would help restore its fading symbolism. Over the next few weeks, we need to come up with a plan for this fundraiser, staff the plan, and then do it! We’re starting this by asking for ideas. We don’t necessarily need to replicate what we’ve done in the past! If you have any thoughts about what we should consider, please share them. You can email me at: dabishop@fuse.net, or call me at 513-290-8307. ***Don Bishop, CI President***

Chaplain’s Report

What a month for weather and deciding what to wear! It sure didn’t affect our Fish Fry attendance! Our first four weeks beat the total number being served each week ending with over 235 meals on March 25th. Hard to figure how much fish to defrost, so we keep running out. We sincerely thank all of our members, wives, and others who have volunteered, and who have made our events so successful!

Ed Sears continues to make our Bingo on Sunday night a success. Numbers of players has reached over 80 a couple of times. He will need more help, and it only takes a couple hours of your Sunday evening to be of great service to the Legion, and to help Ed out. Guys like Ed, who not only does Bingo, but helps set up for rentals, helps with Post clean up on Tuesday mornings, and is also a fryer at the Fish Fry. Ed is also our buyer of supplies for Bingo and Fish Fry’s.

As Chaplain it is one of my jobs to try to make things better for our Post members and supporting our programs falls under that. We now have five girls and three boys going to our Ohio State Buckeye program. I wish to thank the Legion for voting for funds to send two extra girls to Girls State this year.

Ralph Caskey is having a rough couple months and is now recovering from a minor surgery. He is doing well and will soon be back doing what he can to help the Legion. Member Gene Sawka, using his walker, still manages to get to Legion meetings and to volunteer at our Fish Fry’s. Gene is a very good example of a true Legionnaire.

“The best kind of friend is the kind you can sit on a porch swing with, never say a word, and then walk away feeling like it was the best conversation you’ve ever had.”

Jerry Porter, Chaplain