



# American Legion Post 318 Newsletter



*“For God and Country”*

*June 2022*

### Commander’s Corner

Good news! Post 318 Bingo is on course to break previous annual records for Bingo income! A big “Thank You” is due to our long time Bingo Chairman, Ed Sears, and also to our other members who have answered his weekly call for volunteers to help!

Other good news is that our membership is now at a record level! Thanks to the efforts of 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander Bob Kamman, we are at our highest membership ever! We are over quota at an official membership of 176! Thanks again, Bob!

We also want to thank Dan Wolfangel and the other members who have volunteered to help us establish a Post 318 Sons of the American Legion Squadron. We have applied to establish our S.A.L. Squadron with 21 founding members.

They have filled all of their leadership positions, and they have monthly meetings scheduled for the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month. They have had several meetings so far, and the meetings have been well attended. Welcome aboard, Sons!

*Lee Stegmann  
Post 318 Commander*

### Post Clean Up Schedule

We need help to clean up the Post on Tuesdays at 9 AM. Please come out and help! This is the 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*

### The VA is here for you!

1-800-698-2411 is always the right number!  
Veterans Crisis Line: 1-800-273-8255 and press 1, Chat, or Text 838255  
Homeless Veteran Resources: 1-877-424-3838 or Chat  
White House VA Hotline: 1-855-948-2311

### Chaplain’s Report for May, 2022

Many of you have empathy for others and want to be of service to our Post. I have had the privilege of being Chaplain for a few years and have enjoyed getting to know some of our older members better. Rob Heberle is our new Chaplain and we need to let him know when he can be of help to you or family members.

This past month, I am happy to say has been a good month health wise for our Post. There have been no deaths (of members), or major illnesses brought to my attention. Some members have gone through some medical procedures and death of a family member, and have come back as strong as ever.

We also can be thankful that members have stepped up and all our Officer slots have been filled. There still is a need for an Americanism Chair and some other assigned positions. Hopefully you might consider signing up for one. With the addition now of our SAL (Sons of American Legion), we should have some extra younger men to assist with activities at the Post. May will end with our Memorial Day activities, but under Ralph Caskey’s leadership, I am sure it will go well.  
May God Bless each of you and your families.

*Jerry Porter  
Signing off. Over and out*

### Fundraising Resumes

After three (3) years, American Legion Post 318 Charities, Inc. (CI) resumed its fundraising responsibilities, by conducting the FHSD "Poppy Day" program.

Our hope was to also restart our community program, but Kroger is still observing COVID-19 protocols and wasn't ready.

The FHSD program has three (3) primary goals; 1) to educate the youth of our community regarding the significance of *Memorial Day* and the symbolism of the "*Memorial Poppy*", 2) to provide an opportunity for FHSD students to interact with local Veterans, and 3) to raise funds to support Veterans in need.

The fundraiser was conducted the week of May 16<sup>th</sup>, and exceeded our expectations. All goals were met and we received approximately \$ 4,100 in donations. All donations will be used to support Post 318 Veteran programs.

We want to thank the FHSD for their continued support and are looking forward next year!

**Don Bishop**  
**President – American Legion Post 318**  
**Charities, Inc.**

### Newsletter Trivia

Which of those 8 services are eligible for American Legion membership?

**Submitted by Bob Carey**

**Answer at the end of page 3.**

### Charities, Inc. Support

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: Effective June 8<sup>th</sup>** Bob Carey 513-313-7369  
**Asst. Adjutant:** Bob Carey 513-313-7369  
**Finance Officer:** Randy Lindsey 513-374-2099  
**Chaplain: Effective June 8<sup>th</sup>** Rob Heberly 513-550-6601  
**Sergeant at Arms:** Ralph Caskey 513-470-6588  
**Bingo:** Ed Sears 513-474-0246  
**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  
**S.A.L. Adviser:** Tony Capetillo 513-633-1667  
**S.A.L. Commander:** Chris Short 513-460-4560  
**Asst. Finance Officer and**  
**Newsletter Editor:** Joe DuBois 513-582-8477

**Next General Meeting is on June 8th at 7PM.**  
**EC Meeting is on June 29th at 7PM.**  
**S.A.L. Meeting is on June 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto: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***

### **4<sup>th</sup> District Activities**

4<sup>th</sup> District Pic-Nic, Sunday, June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022, at Post 450, Milford, Ohio.

Dept. of Ohio Golf Tournament, Saturday and Sunday, July 30<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022, at the Elks Run Golf Course, Batavia, Ohio.

4<sup>th</sup> District Golf Outing, 9AM Shotgun Start, Sunday, August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022, at the Eagles Nest Golf Course, Loveland, Ohio.

### **Post Finance Report**

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

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

### **POST OFFICER ELECTION RESULTS**

The results of the Election of Post 318 Officers for the 2022 - 2023 Membership year, held at the May 11, 2022 Post General Membership Meeting is as follows:

Commander	- Lee Stegmann
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice Commander	- Robert Kamman
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander	- Kirk Minnich
Adjutant	- Robert Carey
Finance Officer	- Randy Lindsey
Sgt-At-Arms	- Ralph Caskey
Chaplain	- Rob Heberly

All of the newly elected officers will either assume, or continue their respective new terms of office following the "Installation of Post Officers" to be held at the June 8, 2022 Post General Membership Meeting.

If you are able, please attend the Meeting/Installation to show your support and best wishes for your new and returning Post Officers as they go forward into the new membership year.

We sincerely express our appreciation to those members who stepped forward, either again, or for the first time, to provide guidance and administration for Post 318's continued existence, success, and service to our veterans and our community.

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

### **Trivia Answer!**

The Army, Navy, Marines, Coast Guard, Air Force, and Space Force are eligible for American Legion membership (plus Merchant Marines who served during the Second World War).

**2022 Annual Awards and Recognition  
Program Forthcoming!**

Looking ahead, you might wish to mark your calendar, and plan to attend Post 318's "**2022 Annual Award and Recognition Program**" which this year will be held on **Saturday, July 16, 2022, at 7 PM.**

This year we will be presenting awards to students participating in our local Legion Looking "**Americanism Programs**", recognizing students receiving "**Post 318 Scholarships**", and recognizing our local "**Firefighter of the Year**" and "**Law Officer of the Year**". We will also be recognizing, then presenting pins to our many Post 318 Members who have completed another five years of "**Continuous Legion Membership and Service**". Last but not least, we will be recognizing our Post 318 member veterans who have passed on to "Post Everlasting" during 2021.

We hope to see many of you there for a fulfilling evening, showing support from and to our membership, followed by refreshments.

***Dan Wolfangel  
Adjutant – Post 318***

**Karaoke Anyone?**

Are you a "Karaoke" fan? Do you sing yourself, or just like to listen to others? Want something other than a Bar environment for Karaoke? Either way, the place to fulfill your musical desires is at your Post's Patriot Center every Thursday from 7:30 PM through June. 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. Drinks and snacks will be sold, and Split the Pot will be conducted.

**Post 318 Karaoke**

Our event attendance this 12th week was on the upswing, with the attendance of several of our Post members and their spouses. Thanks to Jerry and Janice Porter, Ralph and Susan Caskey, and Carolyn Sears for checking the event out and supporting a Post find-raising effort. A special thanks to our upcoming star singer, Susan Caskey, who we believe may have caught the Karaoke bug.

Gross proceeds were not great, but considering that our Karaoke DJ Kurt Kishler (one of our newest SAL members), filling in for our regular DJ Chuck, donated his payment back to the Post, and the S-T-P winner (Jerry Porter) also donated his winnings back to the Post. This combination resulted in a slight profit on the event, after deduction of products sold costs.

Max attendance for most of the evening was 14, with 7 singers. Thanks to faithful bartender, Mike Stringer, and his assistant, Mike Stock, (another one of our SAL members), and my spouse, Ruth, who handled S-T-P.

With a look in hindsight, due to the cooperation of our regular DJ working for tips for the first five weeks (saving us \$625) and the fill-in DJ donating his pay, and several S-T-P winners donating back, the revenue for the overall events over the twelve week period, in spite of some losing events, is still on the plus side of the ledger having produced a net profit to the Post.

***Dan Wolfangel  
Event Lead***

**June 2022 Membership Report**

We enter June at quota; great effort to all that assisted us getting there.

**2022 Membership Scoreboard**

<b>Paid as of 5/31/2022</b>	<b>176</b>
<b>2021-2022 Post Goal</b>	<b>170</b>
<b>% of Goal</b>	<b>103.5%</b>
<b>2021-2022 Quota</b>	<b>169</b>
<b>% of Quota</b>	<b>104.1%</b>
<b>Required for Quota</b>	<b>0</b>

We have five (5) existing members that have not renewed their memberships and twelve (12) members that the Post pre-paid their dues and they haven't reimbursed the Post for that expense. You won't receive your membership card until your dues have been paid to the Post.

We still have a few dollars left in the budget for new to the Legion memberships; therefore, 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  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander  
Membership Chair***



### **Memorial Day Services**

On Memorial Day, Monday, May 30<sup>th</sup>, Anderson Post 318 repeated their long-standing practice of conducting memorial ceremonies at nine local cemeteries in honor of those military veterans laid to rest at those locations. The brief memorial service at each cemetery included the Post's Color Guard, the placing of small American flags and flowers on the representative veteran's graves, the firing of three rifle volleys, "salute to the dead" by the Post's Rifle Squad, and playing of "Taps" by Post 318's Bugler, Abby Purdon. The ceremonies began at 8:40 AM at Mt. Moriah Cemetery, followed by Veterans Park (Forest Road), Asbury Cemetery, Old Five Mile Chapel Cemetery, Hillcrest Cemetery (Sutton Road), Salem Community Church Cemetery (Salem & Sutton), Guardian Angels Cemetery, Wolfangel Cemetery (Deaconsbench Drive) and ended at 11:30 AM at Clough Baptist Cemetery (Bridges Road).

Following the individual cemetery ceremonies, Post 318 participated in the Anderson Township's Memorial Day Bell Ceremony at the Anderson Government Center at 12 Noon. This Memorial Day Service provided an opportunity for residents to recognize the sacrifices made by those who are no longer with us. The Post's participation included the raising and lowering of the flag to half-staff, the ringing of a memorial bell in honor of deceased veterans, a ceremonial rifle salute by Post 318's Rifle Squad, placing of a memorial wreath at the Anderson Township Veterans Memorial, and the playing of "Taps". This ceremony was held at the site of the Anderson Township Veterans Memorial, which is on the lower lake side of the Anderson Government Center. This was a public observance and all were welcome to attend.

### **Uniformed Services**

We had our best turn out of members for The Memorial Day activities. 17 members enjoyed breakfast at the Post hosted by Tammy ( At Your Service ) before we started. We traveled by vans this year and things worked out very well with transportation. We ended the morning at the ATC 's Bell ceremony and Kirk Minnich had things going smoothly and finished up around 12:30. We had a great turn out and great job was done by all who participated. We were also joined by our Bugler for the day Abby Purdon. A big thanks to Abby for her job well done.

The next big event will be the 4th of July Parade, so stay tuned for further details. Thank you,

**Ralph Caskey**  
**SAA**