



# American Legion Post 318 Newsletter



*“For God and Country”*

*August 2022*

## Commander’s Corner

We recently held elections for the Executive Committee. We still need some volunteers to chair various important committees. Right now, most of our Executive Committee members and other volunteers are more senior in age. The following committee chairs are open: (1) Americanism, (2) Capital Projects, (3) Community Support, (4) Fundraising.

One of Post 318’s stated objectives is support for our community youth. The Americanism Committee is how we do this! Please consider volunteering to run this committee! Our local young people need your support!

Anyone who thinks they may be interested in filling one of the positions would be more than welcome to attend our General Membership meeting on August 10<sup>th</sup>. You would be able to find out more about these open positions. We really need to have them filled with younger members, but anyone will be more than welcome.

I recently attended the Department of Ohio Convention in downtown Cincinnati. I am sorry to say that I didn’t get to stay for the General Assembly meeting where the votes were taken. That assembly was held on Sunday, but I fell in the hotel on Saturday night and couldn’t attend the Sunday meeting.

I would like to thank everyone who attended the Anderson Township 4th of July Parade. We led the parade, and won special recognition for our participation! Special thanks to Ralph Caskey for heading up all the arrangements that were needed.

I would also like to thank Jerry Porter (who is stepping down) for his many years of service in various positions in the leadership of the Post.

A very special thanks to Ed Sears for all his hard work with Bingo. He puts in many hours and much hard work to continue to handle all that goes with running Bingo every Sunday. I don’t want to forget all the other volunteers who are too many to mention, but who also put in a lot of hours and hard work.

There are many volunteers, especially on the Executive Committee, who help me as Post Commander. Without them I would be “sinking” instead of “swimming”.

I would also like to recognize the members who are organizing and helping get SAL (Sons of American Legion) up and running and for helping with the Anderson Township Parade.

I would encourage all members to attend the General Membership meeting on the second Wednesday of each month. The next one will be on Wednesday, August 10<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 pm. I am looking forward to seeing you there!

*Lee Stegmann  
Post 318 Commander*

## 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.*

The Business Plan for 2022-2023 was approved at the General Membership Meeting on July 13<sup>th</sup>.

### **Sons of the American Legion**

Three SAL members led the Anderson Township 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade! They carried the Anderson Township Parade sign in front of the Post 318 Color Guard and the Bag Piper. Five more SAL members carried the five Service Flags in front of the classic cars with Post 318 Member riders and drivers.

Our next SAL meeting is scheduled for August 3, 2022, at 7PM.

**Chris Short**  
**SAL Commander**

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### **Post Clean Up Schedule**

We need help cleaning up the Post on Tuesdays at 9 AM. Please come out and help! This is the day of the week we clean up the Post! Bob brews fresh coffee, and Mike Stringer usually brings donuts, muffins or cookies! We hope to see you there!

**Ed Sears and Bob Alfieri**

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### **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 would like to play Bingo, we play almost every Sunday night. Doors open at 4:30 PM and play starts at 6 PM, sharp!

Come early and have supper or snacks at our concession stand! We have good food, good cooks and good prices!

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 all finished with our jobs by 9:30 or 10:00 PM. Thank you!

We are still 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, please contact Ed Sears:  
[emsears1969@gmail.com](mailto:emsears1969@gmail.com).

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

### **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:** Bob Carey 513-313-7369  
**Asst. Adjutant:** Dan Wolfangel 513-474-9577  
**Finance Officer:** Randy Lindsey 513-374-2099  
**Chaplain:** Rob Heberly 513-550-6601  
**Sergeant at Arms:** Ralph Caskey 513-470-6588  
**Bingo:** Ed Sears 513-474-0246  
**Event Coordinator:** 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. Advisor:** 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 August 10<sup>th</sup> at 7PM. EC Meeting is on August 31<sup>st</sup> at 7PM. S.A.L. Meeting is on August 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7PM. Marketing Meeting is on August 17<sup>th</sup> at 7PM.**

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

**ID: 3959722502, Password: Post318 (Capitol "P" and no space between Post and 318 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 Activities**

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.

### **Your Next VA Appointment**

Check-in for your VA appointment might be different next time you come in. Beginning this summer, some VA facilities will allow Veterans to do one or both of these:

- Start the check-in process up to seven days in advance of the appointment.
- Check in at the clinic using your smartphone on the day of your appointment.

As part of how VA is modernizing the way Veterans receive care, VA received extensive feedback from Veterans and caregivers about how the checking-in process can be made better, especially for those who use assistive technologies to access their benefits online.

VA's Office of Information and Technology, partnering with VHA, has applied this feedback to the design of the new, modernized patient check-in application coming soon to your location.

VA is deploying the application at facilities geographically. Deployment within all VISNs will occur by the end of August 2022.

### *US Dept. of Veterans Affairs*

#### **5 to 50 Years, Legion Pins**



Bob Kamman presented length of service awards and pins to: Bob Lucke, Richard Peters, Bob Williams, Charlie Cleves, , Bob Carey, Ed Sears, Bob Alfieri, and Steve Stuntz. Commander Lee Stegmann in background.

### **Post Finance Report**

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

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

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### **House Plans**

We are looking for bids to update or replace our security system, which has been giving us a lot of problems lately.

The E.C. has approved new toilets to replace the ones which have had problems for several years.

We have a large recycle bin located behind the Post. Please do not leave recyclable cardboard boxes by the back doors! Please break the boxes down and place them in the recycle bin! Thanks!

**Bob Alfieri**

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### **FootballMania 2022**

Hey there Legionnaires and friends, it's that time again. FootballMania 2022 is happening now. This time around there will be 18 weeks of guaranteed winners. Tickets cost just \$20 and your ticket could win up to \$1,000. Some of the profit this year will be shared with our new Sons of the American Legion Squadron. I am only going to send a single ticket this year. My hope is that we will get a 100% participation this time around. If you need extra tickets stop by the Post and some will be available on the bar. If you need them mailed, please call or email me. Here's hoping for a successful fundraiser. If you would like to purchase online the info is [www.charitymania.com/give/AC157](http://www.charitymania.com/give/AC157). **To make sure your ticket is registered, please get your money to me before September 5<sup>th</sup>, so that your tickets will be registered by the September 8<sup>th</sup> deadline! With fingers crossed,**

**Randy Lindsey**  
**Charitymania Chair**  
**[weasellee@yahoo.com](mailto:weasellee@yahoo.com)**  
**513-374-2099 Call or text**

### **Fellow Legionnaires:**

The American Legion has been a program for all veterans and an avenue so veterans can reach out to help other veterans and work in the community. Many have joined the Legion because they want to support our veterans and think their dues will be enough. Your membership should mean more than just membership. Supporting the Legion's programs also should be considered. We have an Honor Guard for special holidays and to honor comrades who have died.

Bingo generates the most money for the Post and can always use an hour or two of your time. Fish fries, dances, special events like cook outs, and ice cream socials could be better supported. Reading the monthly newsletter will keep all of you informed of what is going on and where support is needed. Then there are many offices to be filled and special assignments. We need more support, if you are healthy and able to help. Many cannot be involved because of work, health and family. Hopefully our new Sons of the Legion members will help.

I am writing this note because this one program has been a large part of our Outreach to the Community, especially the students. We need someone to fill this extremely important position.

**AMERICANISM.** An extremely important activity for the Post, and for the youth of our community! This program reaches out to all the schools in the community. Many involve scholarships that can help our students.

**BUCKEYE BOYS AND GIRLS STATE** is a program that selects students who are finishing their Junior year in high school. They spend a week in June at one of the Ohio Universities, learning about our government and how it works. A week that changes these students lives.

**ORATORICAL CONTESTS:** High School students at all grade levels can choose to participate and can win scholarships up to \$28,000. They must speak for 8 to 10 minutes about the Constitution and how it affects them, plus 3 to 5 minutes on an assigned Amendment. There are local, county, district and state levels.

Other programs under this title are Americanism and Government testing, Scholarships, Citizenship Awards, Flag Etiquette and Flag History.

These opportunities for students will not be there if we cannot get a person, or group of people, to continue going out to the schools and presenting them. Please consider offering some of your time to help with these programs. These programs make our Legion an important part of the community.

***Jerry Porter***  
***Former Commander, First Vice, Second Vice,***  
***Chaplain and VAVS chair***

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### **2022 Annual Awards and Recognition** **Program on July 16<sup>th</sup>!**

Commander Lee Stegmann opened the program, then introduced our Ohio Senator, Steve Wilson. Senator Wilson is a Navy Veteran, and has recognized our recently passed veterans for several years. Only one relative was present to receive an award in memory of her deceased husband.



Ohio Senator Steve Wilson & Commander Lee Stegmann.

Jerry Porter presented the 4 scholarship awards to the 4 high school seniors. He then recognized the 2 Boys State students and presented their awards. He then recognized and presented the awards to the 4 young ladies who had attended Ohio Girls State this year. All of these young people spoke to us from the podium, thanking us for the opportunity to attend and to learn from Buckeye Boy's and Girl's State. Photos on the next page.



Jerry Porter & Zack Stevens, one of Post 318's Boys State attendees. He also did an outstanding job helping with our Fish Fry's this year.



Dan Wolfangel and Law Officer of the Year, Cpl. Tim Maddy, HCSO, District 5. Fire Fighter of the Year, Mitchell Cordell, and Commander Lee Stegmann.



Jerry Porter, Girl's & Boy's Staters, and Lee Stegmann. The young lady in the red dress, Janiah Gray, also helped at our Fish Fry's this year!



Post Bugler, Miss Abby Purdon and Commander Lee Stegmann. Abby received an award for her participation in nine Post 318 Memorial Day ceremonies with our Color Guard at local cemeteries, followed by another ceremony at the Anderson Town Center. Ralph Caskey presented the award to Miss Purdon.



Veteran Scholarship winners and Jerry Porter.

## July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade!

Our Post 318 Anderson Township 4<sup>th</sup> of July contingent won a \$100 prize for one of the two best patriotic entries in the parade! Our thanks to Ralph Caskey for planning and executing our parade entry again this year! This is also the first year that our Post 318 Sons of the American Legion Squadron has participated in the parade, carrying the lead sign, and carrying the Service Flags.



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