



# American Legion Post 318 Newsletter



“For God and Country”

September 2022

### Commander’s Notes:

I want to thank all of you volunteers who continue to support Post 318 by helping Ed Sears conduct our Bingo games! Without Bingo, our Post will not be able to pay our bills, and we will soon be out of business. We again ask you to consider volunteering to run our Bingo when Ed retires as Bingo Chairman in 12 months! If you are so inclined, you should come forward now so you have time to learn how to do it. Thanks again to all of you volunteers for your support!

*Lee Stegmann*  
*Post 318 Commander*

### VA Hospital Event

VA Hospital Event will be held on September the 24<sup>th</sup> at Sawyer Point in Cincinnati. It is free for everyone including free parking at the Sawyer Point parking lot. If you can volunteer some time to help, please sign up. Please contact Jamie White to verify that the jobs have not all been filled.

The “Operation Thank You Event” will be held at 2PM, on Saturday, September 24, 2022, at Sawyer Point Park, 705 E. Pete Rose Way, Cincinnati. The formal program begins at 3PM with Lieutenant General Laura A. Potter as our featured speaker.

This event is graciously sponsored by the Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army for Southern Ohio, Major Samuel Woodfill Chapter, Association of the U.S. Army, the Cincinnati VA Medical Center, Western & Southern Financial Group, Cincinnati Parks Department, and the Cincinnati Warbirds Association.

The formal program will last until 4PM, and it will be immediately followed by live music and fireworks at 9pm. You are welcome to stay as long as you wish.

*Jamie L. White, VHACIN*  
*Jamie.White5@va.gov*

### September 2022 Membership

We are at the beginning of another great membership year. Everyone did such a fabulous job last year of getting their renewals in and in helping to recruit new members, that I know the 2023 membership year will be outstanding.

#### 2022-23 Membership Scoreboard

<b>Paid as of 8/26/2022</b>	<b>100</b>
<b>2022-2023 Post Goal</b>	<b>185</b>
<b>% of Goal</b>	<b>54.1%</b>
<b>2022-2023 Quota</b>	<b>177</b>
<b>% of Quota</b>	<b>56.5%</b>
<b>Required for Quota</b>	<b>77</b>

Our first National quota target is to be at 50% by September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022. If we were to achieve 80% by September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022, we would split \$4000 with any other Post that may have achieved that same target. We are currently in the mid 50% range, so we are over half way to hitting that target. If everyone were to pitch in and get their renewals in, we could make this.

We already have two (2) new members and five (5) transfer-ins:

New: Robert Knowles, USN - Panama and Roger Noe, USN – Persian Gulf

Transfer-in: John Dettmer, USN – VietNam; Peter Lowry, USA – Persian Gulf; James Mayer, USAF – VietNam; John Maloney, USAF – VietNam; and William Ogden, USN – VietNam.

We are off to a great start!

You have three (3) ways to execute your renewal:

- (1) Bring or mail your check or cash to the Post.
- (2) Renew online at: [www.legion.org/renew](http://www.legion.org/renew)
- (3) Or join as a Paid Up for Life (PUfL) at: [www.legion.org/join/pufl](http://www.legion.org/join/pufl)

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Numbers 2 & 3 can also be accessed by scanning the below QR code:



If you ever have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me. For God & Country,

**Robert Kamman**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander**  
**Membership Chair**

513-545-5237

[Kamman.rc@gmail.com](mailto:Kamman.rc@gmail.com)

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**Homeless Stand Down**

We are having our “Homeless Stand Down” this year with the help of the DAV. On October 7<sup>th</sup>, we will be going around to the homeless camps to help identify our homeless vets to give them a hand up to get back on their feet. Please feel free to reach out to me about volunteering to help with the visitations.

**Jerry Perry**  
**Commander**  
**4th District of Ohio**

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**Calling All Vets!**

Sign up now for the Veterans Day Dinner which is free to all veterans November 11 at The Patriot Center, 6660 Clough Pike (American Legion Post 318)! First come, first serve! Veterans may bring one guest for free. Cash bar 5:00PM, dinner 6:00PM, followed by entertainment. Make reservations now at 513 688-8444!

**Bob Carey**  
**Adjutant**

**Thought for the Day:**

If it weren't for STRESS I'd have no energy at all.

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**Thank You, Lee Stegmann!**

“Being an Eagle Scout yourself, you did a great job as Guest Speaker at my Grandson’s Eagle Scout Court of Honor where he was officially welcomed into the Eagle Scout world!!

Thank you!” (From an appreciative Grandfather!)



### **Charitable Giving**

Over the course of each year, American Legion Post 318 Charities, Inc. (*Charities, Inc.*) contributes thousands of dollars to programs and causes important to our membership.

As a member, you can help raise the money we need to fund our programs in the following manner; 1) make tax deductible contributions to *Charities, Inc.*, 2) attend *Charities, Inc.* fundraisers, 3) volunteer to work *Charities, Inc.* events, and 4) register with both Kroger and Amazon to participate in their corporate charitable giving programs (see below).

**Kroger Community Rewards** – If you are a Kroger customer and are not currently supporting a charitable organization through *Kroger Community Rewards*, we would encourage you to do your part! 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** – *American Legion Post 318 Charities Inc.* is now registered with Amazon Smiles. So, if you shop at Amazon 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***  
***Charities Inc. Liaison***

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### **Edward Brautigan**

Veteran and Post 318 member Edward Brautigan passed away on May 3, 2022. We recently were notified of his passing by a family member.

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### **Trivia Questions:**

1. When was Buckeye Boys State established?
2. What is the meaning of “inculcate” (from the Legion Preamble)?

### **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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### **Post Activities**

I want to thank everyone who was able to make it out to the Ice Cream Social on August 20<sup>th</sup>! We had a good turnout and plenty of sweets to go around!! Hope to see everyone for Oktoberfest on October 15<sup>th</sup> in the Clubroom starting at 4PM. Stay tuned for more details to come.

As the end of the year winds down we will have more events filling up the calendar! Please make sure you are checking it out as well as our Facebook page. Some upcoming events to watch for include:

The annual Veterans Day Celebration will be held at the Post again this year on Nov 11<sup>th</sup>, watch for further communication on how to make reservations through the Township.

The Post Christmas Party will be held on Dec 17<sup>th</sup> in the Main Hall. Keep an eye out for more information coming by mid-October.

I hope to see all of you at the upcoming events and more to help support the Post. If you have any questions on upcoming events or some ideas, please reach out to me at: [kirk.minnich@gmail.com](mailto:kirk.minnich@gmail.com) or 513-594-5339.

**Have a great Fall!**

***Kirk Minnich***  
***2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander***

### **Football Mania!**

Hey there Legionnaires and friends, it's that time again. Football Mania 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 \$1000. If you need extra tickets stop by the Post and some will be available on the bar. 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). Please have your money to me by September 6<sup>th</sup>, so I can get your tickets registered by the September 8th deadline!

**Randy Lindsey**  
**Charitymania Chair**

[weasellee@yahoo.com](mailto:weasellee@yahoo.com)

513-374-2099, (Call or text)

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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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### **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**

### **Post Officers & Committee Chairs:**

**Commander:** Lee Stegmann 513-967-9613  
**1st Vice:** Bob Kamman 513-545-5237  
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**Adjutant:** Bob Carey 513-313-7369  
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**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

**Joe DuBois has a new e-mail!:**  
**joedcinci@gmail.com**

**Next General Meeting is on September 14<sup>th</sup>  
at 7PM. EC Meeting is on September 28<sup>th</sup>  
at 7PM.**

**S.A.L. Meeting is on September 7<sup>th</sup> at 7PM.**

**Next marketing meeting is on September  
21<sup>st</sup> at 7PM.**

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### **Trivia Answers:**

1. 1936
2. To instill by forceful or insistent repetition.

**Bob Carey**  
**Trivia Master**