



American Legion Post 318 Newsletter



“For God and Country”

April 2021

Commander’s Notes

We are looking forward to getting back to business as normal, and I want to thank you members who have continued to work for the Post during the shutdown. We continue to have Bingo, and that is still our best source of income. We also have Euchre starting up, and rentals continue to keep our volunteers busy! We also have the continuing use of our “A” rental area used weekly for a privet school. We welcomed the AARP income tax volunteers back for this tax season. If you want to get involved, please call one of our officers and let us know what your interests. We have many areas we can serve our community, and we need volunteers to continue to serve!

Chester Canter
Commander, Post 318

Membership Update

We are at 100% of quota! Great job and thanks to everyone that’s sent their membership dues in!

Here are our current stats:

2020-21 Membership Scoreboard

Paid as of 03/23/2021	167
2021 Goal	168
% of Goal	99.4%
2021 Quota	167
% of Quota	100%

We have 4 of our existing members that haven’t renewed to date. If you are one of these, please help us out by renewing soon. We have 4 members that have decided not to renew this year; most due to moves out of Anderson Township. We have 5 new members this year: Thomas Hines, Morgan Sipes, Jeremy Sipes, and Christina Sunderhaus. A big thanks to these individuals for joiningst 318, nd to their recruiters for bring them in. Thomas is a US Navy Viet Nam vet. Morgan is currently on active duty with the US Army. Jeremy is a US Army Persian Gulf vet. Christian is a US Army Persian Gulf vet.

Membership Update (Continued)

If you hear of someone interested in joining our Post, please send them my way and I will be glad to follow up. With the passage of the Legion Act, any veteran having served since the on set of WW-II through today and that has been honorably discharged is eligible to join the American Legion. Please help us grow our Post by encouraging these individuals to become members.

Robert Kamman
1st Vice Commander

Next Meeting

Our next General Membership Meeting will be on April 14th at 7 PM. We will be wearing masks and maintaining 6 ft. social distancing. If you are not able to attend in person, **Zoom in! ID: 3959722502, Pass Code: Post318 (Use the Capitol “P”)**.

We will have a Split-the-Pot, and also have a drawing for Volunteer of the Month! Due to the governor’s rules, we will not have a social with beer and snacks after the meeting until further notice.

The next Executive Committee meeting will be on April 28th at 7 PM.

Chester Canter
Commander, Post 318

Uniformed Services

We are planning to conduct a live Memorial Day celebration with the Anderson Township Center activities. If something changes we will have a virtual ceremony like before.

Our Color Guard will be contacted soon for availability. **We need a Bugler to join us on Memorial Day . If you know someone, please let me know!** Please bring donations for Joseph House and place in the container located in Club room. Gifts For Yanks donations have been turned in for this year . Post 318 donated \$362 .00.

Ralph Caskey
Sgt. at Arms

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Membership Votes and Items, to be addressed April Post Meeting.

Due to lack of quorum at last Post General Membership (March 10, 2021), no votes could be taken, so numerous items had to be tabled until the forthcoming April 14, 2021 Post Membership Meeting. These vote issues are inclusive of: Approval of January Meeting Minutes; Approval of Finance Officers Report: and of major importance, Approval of Revisions and Amendment to the Post Constitution and By-Laws as recommended by the Post Executive Committee.

The Nominating Committee will also be presenting their slate of nominees for 2021-2022 Post Officers at this April 14th Post Meeting, with nominations also being accepted from the floor. The Post Officer election will occur at the May 12th Post Meeting.

All of these matters / issues are on the agenda for the April 14th Post Meeting at 7 PM. We need your attendance (social distancing and masks requires), or your virtual / Zoom attendance, so we can effectively address the administration of the Post.

Adjutant Dan Wolfangel

Hoopsmania 2021

Ticket cost	\$139
Postage cost	\$88
Tickets sold	121
Profit from Tickets	\$1694
Outright Donations	\$240
Profit for Post	\$1707

These are the numbers as of Friday afternoon.

March Financials

1 st Financial Bank Checking Account:	\$11,156.46
1 st Financial Bank Savings Account:	\$92,304.96
Outstanding Checks:	- \$ 421.56
Total, as of March 15 th	\$113211.00
The 15 month CD was opened on Monday, March 15 th . Opening Balance \$45184.41.	

The Post received \$50,163.04 from Post 318 member, Hugo Vontz, Life Insurance policy.

Randy Lindsey, Treasurer

Bingo!

Bingo is back! Every Sunday afternoon at 6 PM! The results for February, 2021 are listed below:

To Post 318: \$2,100, To Charities Inc. 501(C3): \$615, Concession Gross: \$302.25. Total for Feb. \$3,017.25. End of month Checking Account: \$593.46

If you would like to help let me know. Most of the jobs are done by 7:30 pm, The jobs are not hard to do. Most of them are selling paper to players. (513) 373-9133 or e-mail: emsears1969@gmail.com.

***Ed Sears
Bingo Chairman***

**Charities Inc, 501(C3) Finances
February General Account**

PAID: Rent: \$150, Boys State: \$900, Girls State: \$825, Volunteer Raffle Gift Card: \$ 50, to Veterans Account: \$500. **Feb. INCOME:** Bingo: \$695, Duke "Your Cause" Donation: \$20, Amazon Smile Donation: \$44.33. Balance: \$8,942.42.

February Veterans Account
Rent: \$150, Income: \$500, Balanalance \$809.93

Walter Geil, Charities, Inc. Treasurer

Post Officers & Committee Chairs:

Commander:	Chester Canter	513-250-8522
1st Vice:	Bob Kamman	513-474-5237
2nd Vice:	Randy Lindsey	513-374-2099
Adjutant:	Dan Wolfangel	513-474-9577
Finance Officer:	Randy Lindsey	513-374-2099
Chaplain:	Robert Heberly	513-550-6601
Sgt.-at-Arms:	Ralph Caskey	513-470-6588
Americanism:	Paul Henkle	513-413-4293
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
Newsletter Editor:	Joe DuBois	513-582-8477

All Veterans, their Spouses and Caregivers can get COVID-19 vaccinations from VA under the SAVE LIVES Act signed into law March 24.

Covered individuals can receive a vaccine from VA due to the ongoing COVID-19 public health emergency. Under the bill, covered individuals are:

- Veterans who are not eligible to enroll in the VA health care system;
- specified Veterans who are eligible for hospital care, medical services, and nursing home care abroad;
- family caregivers approved as providers of personal care services for Veterans under the VA's Program of Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers;
- caregivers of Veterans participating in the VA's Program of General Caregiver Support Services; and
- caregivers of Veterans participating in the VA's Medical Foster Home Program, Bowel and Bladder Program, Home Based Primary Care Program, or Veteran Directed Care Program.
- [Civilian Health and Medical Programs of the Department of Veterans Affairs](#) recipients.
- Veteran spouses.

VA must prioritize the vaccination of (1) Veterans enrolled in the VA health care system, (2) Veterans who fail to enroll but receive hospital care and medical services for specified disabilities in their first 12 months of separation from service, and (3) caregivers accompanying such prioritized Veterans. Additionally, vaccines furnished abroad are authorized to be furnished in a geographic location other than a state regardless of whether vaccines are needed for the treatment of Veterans with a service-connected disability. This includes those participating in a VA rehabilitation program. To learn how to get COVID-19 vaccine from VA, visit:

<https://blogs.va.gov/VAntage/84404/veterans-designated-caregivers-can-get-covid-19-vaccine-va/>.

Find answers to general VA COVID-19 vaccine questions at <https://www.va.gov/health-care/covid-19-vaccine/>

From Al Buxton, 4th District

Euchre is Back!!

Euchre is now open and currently scheduled every Thursday night (starting at 7 pm) and Fridays (starting at noon), and is open to the public. Buy-in is \$5 (1/2 prize money and 1/2 post donation). Doors open at 6:45 pm/11:30 am, games begin at 7p and noon, respectively. COVID restrictions are currently mandated and enforced. Contact Euchre Manager, Joe Baker (513-289-9044), with any questions.

Joe Baker

BSA Troop 519 - COR & American Legion Post 318 -
Euchre coordinator

NOTICE OF PROPOSAL / VOTE TO AMEND POST CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS.

This notice is being sent in accordance with Post 318's Constitution and By-Laws, requiring a minimum of ten (10) day notice to membership, regarding a vote to be taken at the **Post General Membership Meeting on April 14th, 2021, at 7 PM,** for purpose of considering, voting, and adopting proposed revisions and amendments to the Post 318 Constitution and By-Laws. Because we lacked a quorum at the March meeting, this will be voted on at the April 14th meeting. Please attend!

Adjutant Dan Wolfangel

Important Election Information!

The time has come for Post elections. Per our rules and by-laws, all positions are open for nominations. While some members have volunteered to continue in their roles, **we will have vacancies in the Post Commander, Adjutant, and Chaplin positions.** I strongly encourage each of you to consider your ability to step up and serve the Post in one of these positions, especially ones that will soon be vacant. This is an excellent way to ensure the Post can continue to be healthy in serving its members and stay a vibrant community contributor. Below is a current synopsis of what each vacant position entails.

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Post Commander: Presides at all meetings of the Post & Chairperson of the Executive Committee; provides general supervision over Post business affairs; represents the Post in all capacities requiring Post representation unless they direct otherwise; assures that an annual audit is performed on all Post 318 accounts.

Post Adjutant: In charge of and keeps a full, complete record of all of the proceedings of Post meetings (General Membership Meeting, Executive Committee Meeting & Special Meetings). Maintains, prepares and submits records required by the National and Department organizations; coordinates with the Post Membership Chairperson, to handle and submit reports or information of a membership nature; controls access to Post Administrator of on-line MyLegion portal; handle general Post correspondence, and maintains a records repository of all official Post correspondences received or generated.

Post Chaplain: Charged with the spiritual welfare of the Post and its members and will offer divine, but nonsectarian, services at dedications/funerals/public functions/Post meetings; shall adhere to such ceremonial rites as recommended by National or Department organizations from time to time.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me or the current sitting Committee members. I ask that all volunteers respond to me (erichowland96@gmail.com). **We must fill these three Offices! If we don't have a Commander we will no longer be able to be Post 318!**

Eric Howland

Nominating Committee Chairman

All E.C. Members:

The next Post 318 Executive Committee Meeting will be held on **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31, 2021**, at **7 PM**, at Post 318, or Zoom.

As usual, there will be many items of major concern, and committee reports to be given, relative to the Post operation on the agenda, and your input is needed and desired.

For the good of the Legion:

The American Legion Post 318 has been an asset to the Community. It has been around for about 80 years. Over this era it has sponsored all kinds of sports. It was a location for dinner and dances for the community. Through our sponsorship we have sent many young men and women to Buckeye Boys and Girls State, where these young people learn how to be good active citizens in the due process of government. We have sponsored Eagle Scout projects and supported scouts with the use of our Legion hall and storage of equipment. Our members have been on the Community Council, and worked with Anderson Township on special projects such as Hillcrest Cemetery and the Military monuments. We continue to give assistance to veterans by helping them with funds and working with The VA. We have one of the largest rental halls in the area, and our Club Room is great, but few members take advantage of it. There is so much more we do, but these activities will come to a screeching halt if our members do not step up and help fill the offices that we need so the Post can operate. For the first time in many years our Post is financially doing better. That is because of the importance our older members put on the post. They bequeath funds to us after they have died. Anyone running for office today does not have to worry as much about money as in the past. We still need to have fund raisers, but running the Post is foremost. Not enough has been said, or thanks been given to the members who have donated their time and effort to the Post. We appreciate our members who have stepped up in the last couple years such as Ken, Don, Dan, Ed, Joe, Eric, Rick, Chester, Bob, Paul, Randy and Steve. Our members who have been active and have filled the role as leaders know who they are, but some, or most are over 75. We thank them so much for their service!

We need people to step up right now so that we can continue to be an important asset to our veterans and to our community!

Written by a concerned member

Fabulous Fourth District 8 Ball

The 4th District 8 ball tournament is scheduled for April 11th, 2021. The tournament will be held at Roc's House of Billiards at 624 Ohio Pike (Beechmont), Cincinnati, Ohio, beginning at 1:00 PM. Please register by April 5th. Walk-ins will also be accepted! Team entry fee is \$30.00. Tournament is open to current (2021 membership cards) Legion Members, S.A.L.s, Auxiliary, and A.L.R. members. One guest per Member is also allowed to enter.

Billiard Congress of America rules apply. The Tournament Director and his Judges will handle any disputes that may arise, and their decisions will be final.

This is a Team Event. It will be a double elimination event, with award 1st, 2nd and 3rd. We look forward to your participation!

For more information or answers to questions, please contact:

Al Buxton
4th District 2nd Vice
3592 Robroy Drive # 1
Cincinnati, OH 45247
Phone: (513) 225-1489

More Bingo!

I want to thank all the people that helped set up for Bingo on March 28th! I also want to thank all of the people that worked bingo. We had a busy night with 73 players. Closed out 17 pull tab games. Results are listed below.

Type I \$420.00
Type II \$1184.00
Charities gets \$296.00 of that
Concession made \$175.50

NOTE! THERE IS NO BINGO ON APRIL 4, 2021 EASTER SUNDAY.

Thanks!
Ed Sears

"SEEKING ASS'T POST ADJUTANT and/or CANDIDATE FOR POST ADJUTANT"

As was reported in October issue of the Post Newsletter, I agreed to temporarily accept an appointment to the position of Post Adjutant to fill the vacant position for the balance of Ed Ruffennach's elected term of office, upon his passing. **Once that term is over, I DO NOT intend to seek election the office.** My reason for making this known now, is that Post Adjutant is a critical office within the Post structure, as **a Post cannot retain their charter and exist without a Post Commander and a Post Adjutant.**

The opportunity currently exists for someone who is interested in seeking election (in May 2021) to the office for the 2021-2022 year, to receive exposure to the responsibilities and duties of the position and some on-the-job training, in the position as Ass't Adjutant. This is a Post non-elected / appointed position, that is authorized by the Post 318 Constitution and By-Laws, and is appointed by the Post Commander. I will be glad to discuss the position further with anyone that is interested.

Dan Wolfangel - Post 318 Adjutant

**The Commander and the Chaplain
positions are also going to be open!**

**Post 318 Cannot Continue to function
without a Commander and an Adjutant!**

**A member of your Post won a "Membership
Excellence Pin" 2019-2020!**

Joseph DuBois, Post 318.

Steven N. Ervin
First Vice Commander
Fabulous Fourth District of Ohio.

Formation of a "Sons of the American Legion (S.A.L.) Squadron"????

At the February 24th Executive Committee Meeting, the E.C. authorized the exploration into the formation of a Post 318 S.A.L. Squadron. Thus, we are seeking information as to whether any of our membership's sons would be interested in joining a Post S.A.L Squadron, should such be formed.

The S.A.L was created in 1932, as an organization within the American Legion that exists to honor the service and sacrifice of Legionnaires. The S.A.L is made up of males all male descendants, adopted sons and stepsons of veterans of all ages whose parents or grandparents served in the U.S Military and were eligible for membership in the American Legion.

To form such a Post 318 unit requires a minimum of at least ten (10) eligible males to serve as Charter Members of the Squadron. Should it be determined that we have sufficient volume of interest, we will conduct an "Informational / Orientation Meeting" for all interested to attend to determine if we can move forward with the formation.

Anyone interested in possible membership in a Post 318 S.A.L. Squadron, should contact Post 318 Adjutant – Dan Wolfangel, via email at dwacons@aol.com. Please provide email and phone contact info for follow-up, and indicate "S.A.L." on subject line of email so it doesn't get missed.

WHILE WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO PHYSICALLY ATTEND THE MEETING, as COVID precautions (masks / distancing) will be practiced, if you cannot, or are overly concerned, Randy Lindsey will provide for "virtual attendance", via ZOOM, via link and information at bottom of this message. Physically attended meetings appear to be much more productive, without persons talking over one another and minimizing interfering background noise, and generally enhancing discussion.

NOTE: I have taken the liberty to invite Joe DuBois to attend this meeting, since he is currently assisting with the publication of the Post Newsletter, he should there for any discussion regarding the Post Newsletter.

We will anticipate all E.C. Members physically participating in this forthcoming meeting of the E.C., **UNLESS I HEAR OTHERWISE.**

If you plan to participate via ZOOM, please advise me so I can let Randy know who to expect.

IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO PARTICIPATE either physical or by ZOOM, please let me know, along with a copy of any committee or activity report that you have need to be presented.

Adjutant Dan Wolfangel

All further ZOOM meeting will use this:
ID: 3959722502 Password: Post318
(Capitol "P" is necessary in the password.)

***Randy Lindsey
Finance Officer***