



American Legion Anderson Post 318

April 2023



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- April 5th– SAL Monthly Mtg, 7pm
- April 12th – General Meeting 7pm
- April 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th Karaoke 7:30 pm
- April 26th , E.C. Meeting, 7:00 pm
- Bingo – Every Sunday 6:00 pm
- Euchre – Every Thursday 7:00 pm
Every Friday 12:00 pm
- Fish Fry- (final) April 7th 5:00 pm



POW: WWII, Korean War, Viet Nam, Gulf Wars – 138,000

MIA: WWII, Korean War, Viet Nam, Cold War, Conflicts since 1919 – 83,000

April 9, 1979 US Congress passed a resolution honoring all POW/MIA’s yearly on this date.

Membership

I am very disappointed in our existing members renewal this year. Typically, by this time in past years we have been at quota. The only reason that we are doing as well as we are is because we have added 5 NEW members and 10 members that have TRANSFERRED IN. We still have 20 members that have not renewed. If you are like several other members and haven’t renewed due to tight financial budgets, we might be able to help; please contact me. If you’re not sure if you have paid, please reach out to me at the phone or email below.

2022-23 Membership Scoreboard

Paid as of 2/24/2023	161
2022-2023 Post Goal	185
% of Goal	87%
2022-2023 Quota	177
% of Quota	91%
Required for Quota	16

If you know of anyone that would be interested in joining the American Legion, please send them my way and I would be glad to follow up with them.

If you ever have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me.

Robert Kamman
1st Vice Commander
Membership Chair
513-545-5237

Veteran Affairs

The Post 318 is here for veterans that need any kind of help. We are here to help. Our phone number is 513 231 6477. Our email address is contact@post318.org. The

VA has a Vet crisis line: 1 800 273 8255, Press 1, or text 838255. If you call the Post, leave the message for

Charles Cleves, Service Officer
We are here for you

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---or in person at the meeting!

Randy Lindsey
Zoom Chairman

Post Finance Report

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

Randy Lindsey
Finance Officer
513-374-2099, (Call or text)

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

Fund Raising

Bingo – The Post conducts bingo every Sunday. Doors open at 4:30 PM, preliminary games begin at 6 PM. All your favorite “pull tabs” are available. The good news is our Bingo attendance is starting to increase. The bad news is, an increase in attendance will eventually drive a need to increase “worker bees”. You can support the Post by either coming out to play, or volunteering to work these events. Some of these support roles are only for a few hours. Please contact Bingo Manager, Ed Sears (474-0246) with any questions.

Euchre – Euchre tournaments are conducted every Thursday night in the Club Room. Buy-in is \$5.00, \$2.50 going to the Post and \$2.50 going to prize money. This is a fun evening and is open to both our members and the public. Doors open at 6:45PM, games begin at 7 PM. Contact Joe Baker (289-9044) with any questions.

Charities Inc. Update

No report
Don Bishop
Charities, Inc.

April Birthdays

<i>Richard D. Simpson</i>	<i>Mark W. Beahr</i>
<i>Kevin Ackerman</i>	<i>Gerald L. Oaks</i>
<i>Theodore Mayer</i>	<i>Charles R. Smith</i>
<i>Raymond Krimple</i>	<i>Dennis C. Fehlinger</i>
<i>Kenneth G. Dietz</i>	<i>Kenneth E. Knight</i>
<i>Donald A. Bishop</i>	<i>David A. Bishop</i>
<i>Richard Diver</i>	<i>Robert Knowles</i>
<i>Ralph W. Caskey</i>	

!! URGENT REQUEST !! **ATTENTION ALL POST MEMBERS** **FINANCIAL OFFICER NEEDED**

Are you good with numbers? Do you have some spare time? For personal reasons, Randy is leaving the Financial Officer position, **effective May 15, 2023**. This is a great way to help out your Legion.

Job Description

- * Keeping track of finances for the Post
- * Attending Bi-Monthly meetings
- * Making sure cash is available for different fundraisers
- * Filing the 990 with the IRS (Randy will help you with this specifically)

Randy will be available to train and guide you through the learning process. Most of the tracking is done via Quicken and most bills are on automatic pay.

To inquire and apply, call Randy, 513-374-2099 or email at weasellee293@gmail.com

Post Officer's & 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	Joe DuBois	513-582-8477
Newsletter Editors:	Gary Gregorio	513-307-3824
	Bob Kamman	513-545-5237

TRIVIA QUESTION

What was the largest fund-raising event for Post 318 last year?

Post Activities

Join us for a Spring Fling on April 15th our next Post Social. The Post will provide a couple lite pastas to enjoy along with a charcuterie board. I will send a separate email out with more details and include on the Post Activities page on the website. Hope to see you there. The activities at the Post continue to flourish with Fish Fry, Karaoke Thursdays, Euchre, Bingo, Dances and the Queen of Hearts drawing. I hope to see some of you down there to join in the fun!

The Post will host The Cincy Rocker on May 6th for Cinco de Mayo dance, tickets are available on EventBrite (link on our website) and a choice of Mexican specialties will be available for purchase from our in house caterer Tammy! All the details are on the Post website Dance page.

As always if you have any questions or ideas for events please reach out to me (call, text or email), thanks!

Kirk Minnich
2nd Vice Commander

Fish Fry News

We now have completed four fish fry events. Each one has had something different to talk about. Of course, the first event had about a 100 more people and we ran out

of food. The second event we seemed to have less but only by 10, and our volunteer staff did a great job. The third one was the most interesting. First, I got sick and Eric Frantz had to take over. He did great. At approximately 6:10 the power went out. It was our first Fish Fry by candlelight. People kept coming in even with no lights. Again, the crew did great. Our fourth one was the slowest of all the events. It was St. Patrick's Day, and it was a party night. Only about 190 meals were served. What can we expect on our fifth, sixth, and seventh event? March madness will eliminate a few. I feel we will do ok, but we really need to watch the flow of people so we do not overcook and waste food. Again, I wish to thank all the volunteers and the SAL members who have stepped up to assist. We also passed the first Health Department Inspection..

Jerry Porter
EC VA Volunteer Service

POST ELECTIONS FORTHCOMING /LOOKING FOR CANDIDATES

Each year, the Post is required to elect seven (7) Administrative Officers, which are ; Post Commander; 1st Vice Commander; 2nd Vice Commander; Adjutant; Finance Officer; Sergeant-at-Arms; and Chaplain. Each year at the time of elections, it is a struggle to get someone to step up to run, and were it not for some members agreeing to serve longer than they desired to, some of these elected positions would be unfilled, effecting both the efficiency of the organization, and in some cases can jeopardize the existence of the Post as several of the elected officer positions are required to remain chartered.

If you are interested and willing to serve as an officer of YOUR POST, please contact Commander Stegmann and let him know your office of interest. Candidates need to be identified at the April 12, 2023 Post General Membership Meeting, which will then be publicized to membership prior to the election which will occur at the May Post General Membership Meeting, with Installation of new officer at June Meeting, after which the new incoming officers will assume their respective duties.

There is also opportunity to serve as a non-elected "Assistant" to some of these elected positions, to become familiar with the elected officers duties, with an eye toward a future run for the elected position, through on-the-job learning experience. You can contact any of the current officer holders listed in this Post newsletter, for info on their job duties.

Dan Wolfangel
Asst Adjutant

WOULD YOU LIKE A FREE "PIANO??"

The recently formed "Club Room Revitalization Committee and the Post Executive Committee has

determined we no longer have need for the "Spinet Piano" which has been taking up floor space in our Post Lobby, and has not been used for numerous years. Therefore, we are first offering it, on a first come basis, to any Post Member for free (with recipient being responsible for removal and transport). This offer will be good until April 15th, and if there are no takers, it will be placed on internet. If you are interested contact Ass't Adjutant Dan Wolfangel at dwacons@aol.com. (NOTE: Please note "Piano" on email subject line).

SUPPORT "KARAOKE THURSDAYS"



Post 318 is continuing to look for support from our Post members for our "Karaoke Thursday" Events held at the Post facility, which are currently scheduled **for every Thursday through May 25th, from 7:30 to 11 PM each event..** That support can be through: participating as a singer; volunteering to assist staffing the events; or just by patronizing the event and listening to the varied singers, while enjoying a cold beverage or bagged snacks. After all, the latter reference to the sale of beverages and concessions, plus a nightly "Split-The-Pot" are the only sources of revenue to our Post to compensate our Karaoke DJ and earn funds for the Post. Any Post or SAL Members needing more info on events, or wishing to volunteer to assist with the events may contact: Ass't Adjutant Dan Wolfangel at dwacons@aol.com (Please note "Karaoke" on email subject line), or at 513-703-2287.

Dan Wolfangel
"Karaoke Thursday Coordinator"

TRIVIA ANSWER

By far, the most productive fund-raising event is Bingo. However, our long serving Bingo manager is retiring from that position this this summer. Please consider stepping forward now to that position, so you can have sufficient time for training. Call Ed Sears now for more information at 513-474-0246
Thank You

Bob Carey
Trivia Master
Post Adjutant

HONORING OUR VIET NAM VETERANS

In 2017, President Donald Trump signed the Viet Nam War Veteran's Recognition Act to be remembered on every March 29th. It was on

March 29, 1973, that the last U.S. combat troops departed Viet Nam.

Ralph Caskey / Sgt. At Arms /Uniform Services

CLUB ROOM REVITALIZATION PROJECT UPDATE

Purpose and Goal:

Post 318 Executive Committee, at their January 25th Meeting, entertained a suggestion and offer from Post's S.A.L. (Sons of the American Legion) Squadron 318, regarding a make-over the Post 318 Club Room to make it more member socially friendly and attractive for both new and current Post and S.A.L. Members. Following some high level discussion, a "Club Room Revitalization Committee (CRRC)" was established to prepare a recommended proposal of what the renovation and revitalization effort would involve, to be presented to the Post 318 E.C, for consideration.

Following several CRRC Meetings, the proposed plan and goal of the CRRC, is to accomplish this in a series of Phases, with the transition to be and guided by the CRRC's unanimous goal for the proposal, which is that the general motif of Club Room will continue to be military service oriented in nature, however, with some current displayed items being moved into lobby and hallway areas of facility for purpose of public access and viewing by visitors and rental attendees, promoting the purpose of Post 318 in the military, veteran and Anderson community, as the Club Room, by Post policy, is in most cases off-limits to all but Post / S.A.L. members and their invited guests. The proposal also includes revising Post policy regarding usage of Club room, by generally prohibiting usage for any meetings or gatherings that would limit or impede the social usage by any and all Post or S.A.L. Members and their guests, unless approved by E.C. This will mean Euchre events and S.A.L. Meetings will be moved to rental hall area at earliest possible time.

An unrelated item also approved by E.C. and accomplished as part of CRRC's project was the obtaining and installation of an ATM in Post lobby for use of our members, and any others attending our facility for Bingo, Post hosted events such as Fish Frys, dances, hall rental events, or socializing in Club Room. This was obtained at no cost to Post and can be a Post revenue source based on amount of usage.

In this brief summary of CRRC activity, we will attempt to summarize actions already presented, approved and initiated by Post E.C., or forthcoming. in this update:

Phase 1): Disposal of current unused Pool Table in Club Room (and also the unused piano, currently taking up space in lobby) to increase usability and in functioning and seating in Club Room: Action taken: Both have been offered "free of charge" to Post or S.A.L. thru Post Newsletter, and to other 4th District Legion Posts via postings. No takers currently. Will attempt disposal

online by offering through internet and social media sites.

Phase 2) Club Room Furnishing Replacements and Additions: The current low top tables on each side of are to be retained. To accomplish the proposal of updating and increasing functionality of Club Room, plans are to replace the pool table with multiple high top square tables and accompanying chairs to increase seating. Plans are to also replace the existing deteriorating bar stools with more comfortable and structurally stronger ones. Action taken: The CRRC has recommended and the E.C has approved the purchase of multiple 3' X 3' card tables for use of Euchre events upon being moved to rental hall area. These are in process of being obtained. Search for best pricing on the other Club Room replacement and additional furnishings is underway and will be subject for E.C. approval.

Phase 3) General Upgrades to Club Room Interior in pending proposal E.C. approval.

- 1) Upgrading of existing florescent lighting to LED , and addition of recessed lighting added to ceiling lighting , which will be dimmable to provide a more ambient and social setting lighting in room as a separate lighting system.
- 2) Repainting of entire room in update colors. (To be accomplished by SAL)
- 3) Removal of existing chair rail, and replacing with cover on lower wall to protect wall as necessary. (To be accomplished by SAL)
- 4) Installation of two addition TV Screens (behind bar and on west wall) to maximize social viewing ability (At no cost to Post as to be provided by a SAL member.)
- 5) Stained Glass Wall Art (Eagle): To be provided by Post member Steve Stuntz, for cost of materials.
- 6) Addition of a Music system, which may in future be converted to a jukebox system.
- 7) Future addition of gaming devices (such as Golden Tee Golf Game).

In closing, this project is a "work in progress", with all renovations and changes being presented for review and approval by Post E.C., with the longer-range purpose of enhancing membership in Post 318 and it entities by updated facilities and improving social exchange between Post/SAL members, without losing sight of our Post and Legion goal objectives. If anyone wishes to meet with committee to learn more, or provide their input, please advise.

Dan Wolfangel – CRRC Chair