



American Legion Anderson Post 318

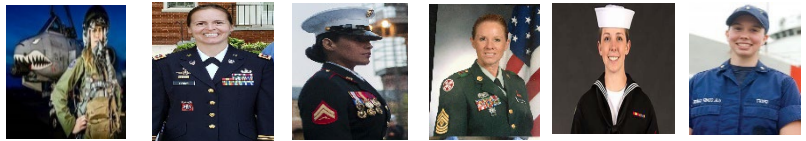
April 2024



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Apr. 3 rd	– SAL Monthly Meeting	7:00 pm
Apr. 10 th	– General Meeting	7:00 pm
Apr. 17 th	- Marketing Committee	7:00 pm
Apr. 24 th	– E.C. Meeting	7:00 pm
Apr. 4 th , 11 th , 18 th , 25 th	Karaoke	7:00 pm
Bingo	– Every Sunday	6:00 pm
Euchre	– Every Thursday	7:00 pm
	* Friday Euchre has been eliminated *	

Women In Our Military



As more women broke through barriers and established themselves as capable service members working in defense of our nation, the list of “firsts” slowly became less noteworthy in comparison to the sheer number of women serving, as well as their significant contributions to their respective branches.

In the Gulf War, from just 1990-1991, more than 40,000 women deployed to combat zones, although they still could not technically serve in direct combat roles or assignments.

In 1994 President Bill Clinton rescinded the “Risk Rule”, essentially allowing women to serve in all positions in the military except for direct ground combat roles. This allowed for many more women to still engage in combat as aviators, sailors, Air Force personnel and other roles.

Post 318 is very proud of our female members, and thank them for their service to our great country.

Membership

We’ve had a very good 2023-24 membership renewal year. Our quota was 165 and we are currently marching at 173; and that was with 6 previous members that didn’t renew. We have reached out to them via emails, phone calls and snail mail without any success. Therefore, I applaud everyone’s efforts in recruiting to get us where we are today.

As I mentioned in a previously, National voted to increase their fees by \$5 starting the next membership year, 2025. There is also a proposal by the Department of Ohio to increase their fees by \$5, most likely the following year. National is currently offering a 3-year membership renewal option (\$120 for 3 years) that will save you from these increases for 3 years (a potential \$25 savings). This renewal savings is only available online from National: <https://www.legion.org/renew> Several members have already taken advantage of this offer.

- Quota: 165**
- Paid: 173 at 105% of quota**
- Needed to reach quota: -8**
- Existing members not renewed to date: 6**
- New members: 10 (Joe Carroll, Mike Colton, Steve Dillenburg, Kevin Gassert, Tony Gatti, Brian Hayes, Perry Hixon, Jeff Lindsey, Perry Hixson & Marc Posalski)**
- Deceased members: 5 (Don Bishop, Art Blocksidge & Al Free, Dennis Fries & Doug Rogers)**

Active Duty: 5 (John Ehemann, Ted Mayer, John Mayer, Adrienne Prem & William Suter)
Transfers In: 5 (Tony Ciulla, Julia Denton, Jeremy Rogers, Frank Trainor, Ed Watren)
Transfers Out: 2 (Mike Leopold, John Maloney)

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

Robert Kamman
1st Vice Commander / Membership Chairman
513-545-5237 / Kamman.rc@gmail.com

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

Veteran Affairs

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 me.

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

Fund Raising

Bingo - The Post conducts Bingo every Sunday. Doors open at 4:30pm, preliminary games begin at 6pm. All your favorite "pull tabs" are available. You can support the Post by either coming out to play or volunteering to work these events. Some of these support roles are only a few hours. Please Contact Bingo Manager Ed Sears at 513-373-9133 with any questions.

Euchre – Euchre tournaments are conducted every Thursday night in the Main Hall. Buy-in is \$5.00 with \$2.50 going to the Post and \$2.50 going to prize money. This is a fun event and is open to both members and the public. On Thursday's doors open at 6:30pm and starts at 7pm. Contact Joe Baker at 513-289-9044 with any questions.

Karaoke: Thursday night at 7:00 pm. For information, contact Asst. Adj. Dan Wolfangel at dwacons@aol.com, or call 513-703-2287

TRIVIA QUESTION

What is the maximum age the military will accept enlistees?

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Kevin Ackerman	Kenneth E. Knight
Mark W. Beahr	Robert Knowles
David A. Bishop	Raymond Krimple
Brian Brooks	Theodore Mayer
Ralph W. Caskey	Gerald L. Oaks
Kenneth G. Dietz	Greg Oliver
Richard Diver	Richard D. Simpson
Dennis C. Fehling	Charles R. Smith

Post Activities

Karaoke and Euchre continue Thursdays with high attendance supporting the events. The Club Room is open for members and guests during these events until 1030pm. Make sure you get down on a Thursday evening to support these events along with Bingo.

Make sure you check out the Post Calendar and website to keep up to date with all the ongoing events. Some upcoming events will include a Post Social on April 20th (more details to come); a Cinco 'de Mayo Dance featuring The Cincy Rockers on May 4th, tickets available through Eventbrite or if you would like a table reserved, please contact me via email or phone, at 513-594-5339 or kirk.minnich@gmail.com

The Marketing Committee meets every 3rd Wednesday at 7pm in the Clubroom to make sure we are coordinating all the events among all the committees.

Kirk Minnich
2nd Vice Commander
Post Activities

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:	Dan Wolfangel	513-703-2287
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

Hall B Dedication

In the March 2024 Newsletter, regarding the dedication of "HALL B" in memory of Don Bishop.

Just above the included picture, appeared the word, "HALL A". This was incorrect, as it should have appeared as "HALL B". My apology for this error.

Veteran Affairs

ODVS Announces Sunset of Ohio Veterans Bonus.
On Aug., 30, 2021 — the United States officially ceased its military involvement in Afghanistan. As a result, the Ohio Veterans Bonus program associated with the Afghanistan Conflict, which the Ohio Department of Veterans Services (ODVS) administers, is nearing its completion.

Through the support of **Ohio Governor Mike DeWine** and the State Legislature, a \$9.5 million measure was included in the state's recently enacted biennial budget in order to sustain the program, which will sunset in one year. The Office of Budget and Management (OBM) authorized that transfer to our agency.

These funds will ensure that ODVS can make a rigorous final push to pay every eligible veteran — including those who may have been denied payment because of correctable technicalities or other impediments. The money total is based on Department of Defense deployment figures and the number of applicants and payouts that already have been made to Ohio veterans. The Ohio Veterans Bonus program offers a bonus for those who served in the U.S. Armed Forces after October 7, 2001. Once a veteran has received \$500 for service anywhere in the world or \$1,000 for service in a designated country, or the maximum \$1,500 bonus, the veteran is not eligible for additional funds, even if they served in multiple conflicts. **Those service members who completed their deployments in Afghanistan and have not yet applied for the Ohio Veterans Bonus can do so up until Aug. 30, 2024.**

Apply for your bonus today:
www.ohiovets.gov/veteransbonus
Charles Cleves / Service Officer
We are here for you

TRIVIA ANSWER

Air Force/Space Force: 42
Coast Guard: 42
Navy: 41
Army/National Guard: 35
Marine Corp: 28

Bob Carey
Post Adjutant / Trivia Master

ATTENTION ALL VETERANS OF POST 318

Did you know [veterans](#) are entitled to be buried or have their ashes interred in any [National Cemetery](#) that has available space at no charge? Currently, the [Veterans Benefits Administration \(VBA\)](#) operates [125 national cemeteries](#), of which 65 are open for new casketed interments, and 21 are open to accept cremated remains only. Burial options are limited to those available at a specific [cemetery](#) but may include an in-ground casket or interment of cremated remains in a columbarium, the ground, or a scatter garden.

Bob Kamman / 1st Vice Commander

"KARAOKE THURSDAYS"

Post 318'S "KARAOKE THURSDAYS" current Season is scheduled to continue every Thursday through May 30th, from **7:00 PM to 10:30 PM each event**. We continue to look for support from our Post and SAL members. 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 operations. As "Karaoke Thursday" Coordinator, I am also in search of a backup Ass't Coordinator to help keep the event going.

Any Post or SAL Members needing more info on events, or wishing to volunteer to assist with the events may contact: Deputy Adjutant Dan Wolfangel at dwacons@aol.com (Please note "Karaoke" on email subject line), or via cell at 513-703-2287.

Dan Wolfangel
"Karaoke Thursday Coordinator"

POST 318 ELECTION TIME

It is that time again, when the Post Constitution and By-Laws require the Post membership to nominate, and elect or re-elect defined Post Officers. Those are: Commander; 1st Vice Commander; 2nd Vice Commander; Adjutant; Finance Officer; Chaplain; and Sergeant-at-Arms.

The By-Laws sets forth the procedures for this Election Process as follows:

- 1) March (13th) General Meeting - Commander to appoint Nomination Committee.
- 2) April (10th) General Meeting - Adjutant reports Nomination Committee's slate of Nominees for each office, and calls for any additional nominees from floor of meeting.
- 3) 14 Days prior to May (8th) General Meeting, all Post members are to be notified of date of Election Meeting and the slate of candidates for election.
- 4) May (8th) General Meeting - Election conducted.
- 5) June (12) General Meeting – Installation of New Officers.

At March 13th General Membership Meeting, Commander Stegmann appointed a Nominating Committee, inclusive of: Dan Wolfangel (Chair); Joe Dubois; Steve Stuntz; and Charles Cleves.

If you, as a Post 318 member in good standing, wish to run for any of these Elected Officer positions, you can contact any one of these Nominating Committee members, or Chair Dan Wolfangel at dwacons@aol.com (Please note "Election" on email subject line), or via cell at 513-703-2287.

Dan Wolfangel
Nominating Committee Chair

POST 318 CHARITIES, INC. UPDATE

Just to let all know, that Post 318 Charities Inc (C.I.) the separate non-profit (501-c-3) corporation that funds the majority of Post 318's benevolent veteran and community programs will be continuing it's support to Post 318, in spite of the recent passing of it's founder of C.I. in 2011, and it's only C.I. Board Chair / President - Don Bishop. He will be sincerely missed, and will be truly irreplaceable in his organizational abilities.

As C.I. Board Vice Chair/ Vice President, I will be assuming his position during the remainder of his unexpired term of office. I am very glad to note that as of this article, we have already taken action to fill his vacancy, as well as the openings created by the expansion of the C.I. Board from five 5 members to seven members, as authorized by C.I. By-Laws. Effective as of the March 4th

Quarterly Meeting, the C.I. Board has voted and appointed Post member / Post Finance - Randy Lindsey to fill Bishop's vacancy, and Post Member / Americanism Chair - Eric Howland and his spouse, Misty Howland, to fill the two expansion vacancies. The C.I. Board will also be looking to possibly implement the C.I. Advisory Group

which is also been provided for in the C.I. By-Laws. If anyone has any questions regarding C.I., please feel free to contact me at dwacons@aol.com or cell 513-703-2287.

Dan Wolfangel
Post 318 Charities Inc Board Vice President / Acting Chair

Did you know there are two [VA organizations](#)? The [Department of Veterans Affairs \(VA\)](#) which provide healthcare through their [medical centers](#) and/or civilian doctors, and the [Veterans Benefits Administration \(VBA\)](#), which reviews, awards [disability ratings and compensation](#) based on your applications. You can apply online for a [disability](#) review and award and/or get assistance from the [Veteran Service Organizations \(VSO\)](#)

Robert Kamman
1st Vice Commander / Post 318