



# American Legion Post 318 Newsletter



*“For God and Country”*

*August 2020*

### *Commander’s Notes*

I hope everyone is well and staying safe during these times. We are continuing to move forward with our mission while navigating through these restrictions surrounding Covid 19. If you can help out with any of the fundraising or other events, please do. Thank you for your services!!

*Sincerely, Chester Canter  
Commander, Post 318*

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### *FABULOUS 4th DISTRICT ACTIVITIES, 2020-2021*

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
<u>District Billiards Tournament</u>	Sept. 13, 2020,	Roc’s Billiards
<u>District Corn Hole Tourney</u>	Oct. 11, 2020,	Post 199
<u>District Bowling Tournament</u>	Nov. 28, 2020,	Madison Bowl
<u>DECEMBER</u> -No events scheduled.		
<u>Outlaw Turkey Shoot</u>	Jan. 24, 2021,	Post 237
<u>Billiards Tournament</u>	Apr. 11, 2021,	Roc’s Billiards
<u>2021 District Picnic</u>	TBA	Post 450.

*Al Buxton  
4<sup>th</sup> Dist. 2nd Vice Commander*

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### *House*

Clean up is scheduled at 9am every Tuesday if you can come out and help. Any help you is appreciated with all the new cleaning we are required to keep the hall operational.

*Bob Alfieri  
House Chairman*

### *Next Meeting*

Our next General Membership Meeting will be on Wednesday August 12<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. We will be wearing masks and maintaining 6 ft. social distancing.

We will have a Split-the-Pot, and we will have a drawing for Volunteer of the Month

*Chester Canter  
Commander, Post 318*

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### *Fund Raising Update*

**Bingo** has been ramping up the past few weeks! We need to get at least 17 volunteers every Sunday to carry on the work! Bingo is the life blood of Post 318, so it is up to you to help keep us in business! Please let Ed Sear know when you are available to help!

**Euchre** is scheduled to resume in mid August  
**Dances** are being scheduled with the 1<sup>st</sup> on August 29th

**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 on-line and sign up for Kroger Rewards, selecting 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.

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### *Joseph House*

Al Buxton, 4<sup>th</sup> District Adjutant, wrote: “Joseph House stepped up big time. They continue to do the right thing for all veterans.”

If you can, please add Joseph House to your monetary donation list during this crisis. We are still collecting toiletries and clothing for the veterans at Joseph House. You can drop off your donations inside the members entrance at the Post, just to the left, inside the door.

*Ralph Caskey*

## ***Membership!***

We beat the 4<sup>th</sup> District's goal of being at 31% by 8/20/2020; we are at 35.3%. Great Job! Our next target is to be at 60% by 10/25/020. For July we added 2 new members to our membership. We are NOT able to provide first year free memberships to NEW American Legion members due to budget reductions caused by Covid-19

Here are our current stats:

### **2019 Membership Scoreboard**

**Paid as of 7/25/2020 59**

<b>2021 Goal</b>	<b>168</b>
<b>%of Goal</b>	<b>35.1%</b>

<b>2021 Quota</b>	<b>167</b>
<b>% of Quota</b>	<b>35.3%</b>

**Required for Quota 108**

**Projected Shortfall 7**

We have 103 of our existing members that haven't renewed to date. If you are one of these, please help us out by renewing soon.

If you hear of someone interested in joining our Post, please send them my way and I will be glad to follow up with them. With the passage of the Legion Act, any veteran having served since the on set of WWII through today and that has been honorably discharged is eligible to join the American Legion. Please help us grow Post 318 by encouraging these individuals to become members.

I would like to personally welcome our 2 newest members, Eric Howland and Lee Stegmann to Post 318. Eric is a Persian Gulf era Air Force Vet, he currently resides with his wife, Misty in the Williams Creek area. Lee is a Vietnam era Navy Vet, currently residing on Newtown Rd. When you see these individuals around please give them a big welcome.

***Robert Kamman***

***1st Vice Commander & Membership  
Chairman, Post 318***

## ***July Finance Report***

1st Financial Checking: (As of 7/29/2020) \$9,100.36

1st Financial Savings: (As of 7/29/2020) \$22,617.07

13 mos CD: \$10,041.80

Reminder that 1<sup>st</sup> Financial does not have a minimum balance policy.

All bills including the flood insurance are paid. There was an \$105 increase to the flood insurance policy since last year..

***Randy Lindsey  
Financial Officer***

## ***Post 318 Awards Program***

Post 318's Annual Awards Program was held on Saturday July 18<sup>th</sup> at the Post main hall. While attendance of both awardees and guests were impacted by the Covid-19 restrictions, there were approximately 50 persons in attendance. The program recognized a total of 19 students, which included: 4 Veteran Child/Grandchild Scholarships; 6 Americanism & Government Testing Program participants; 8 Buckeye Boys & Girls State Program registrants; and 1 Oratorical Program participant. Also recognized were a Law Officer of the Year from Hamilton County Sheriff's Office – District Five, and 2 Firefighters of the Year from Anderson Township fire Department. A total of 25 Post 318 members were recognized through American Legion Continuous Membership Certificates and Membership Pins ranging from "Five Years" to "Fifty-Five Years". Ohio Senator Steve Wilson, representing the Veterans Honors Program, was present and presented the Post with an Ohio State Flag flown over the Ohio State House and a Certificate in honor of three Post 318 veterans that passed away in 2091 (Howard W. "Bill" King, don McLaughlin and Dale Simpson). The Ohio Flag and Certificate will be appropriately displayed in the Post facility with Veteran Honors recognitions. The evening was concluded with light refreshments.

***Dan Wolfangle***

*Awards Night Pictures*



### ***Post Dances Scheduled to Resume***

Join us August 29<sup>th</sup> as we resume our dances. We are pulling together a great line-up for you to enjoy. More importantly after being closed since mid-March, we need your support.

Our fall schedule is intended to have 11 dates, including our Halloween and New Year’s Eve dances. Currently, 7 dances have been scheduled the remaining dates are being negotiated. The complete schedule is listed below:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Band</b>
August 29	Wild Rice Musical Revue
September 12	The Remains
September 26	Cincy Rockers
October 3	TBD
October 17	TBD
October 31	Cincy Rockers (Halloween)
November 7	The Remains
November 21	Wild Rice Musical Revue
December 5	TBD
December 19	TBD
December 31	Cincy Rockers (New Year’s Eve)

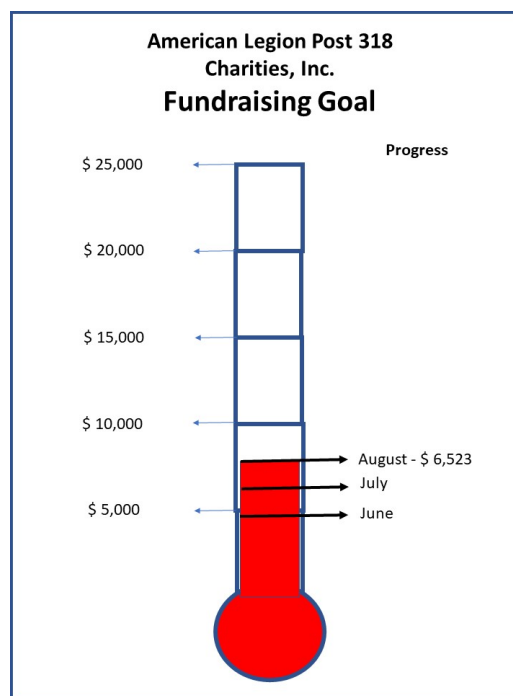
As we resume our dances, we in conjunction with our band partners, are working diligently to ensure you are being protected to the best of our ability. To help prevent the spread of COVID-19, all staff and guests are required to wear a mask upon entering the *Patriot Center*. If you have a mask, please bring it with you; otherwise, a mask will be provided to you at the door. Additional protocols that will be followed are:

- Upon entering the Patriot Center everyone will be required to sign-in and provide a contact number.
- Your temperature will be taken. If it exceeds 100.4, entry will be denied.
- Face masks are required and must be worn unless eating or enjoying a beverage.
- Our capacity for dance events is 50% (120 guests). If we don’t sell out in advance, we will allow walk-ins until we reach 120.
- Tables will be set up 6 feet apart, with a maximum of 8 people per table.
- Table sharing will occur. Seat selection will occur when tickets are purchased on-line, or at check-in for walk-ins.
- No table snacks will be provided. However, our guests are welcome to bring snacks in (no beverages).
- A 6-foot buffer will be established between our guests
- and the band.

### ***Charities, Inc. Update***

Although Charities, Inc. (CI) is a long way from returning to its fundraising capabilities, with the resumption of “bingo”, CI is starting to receive a steady stream of dependable revenue. Combine that with other contributions CI still receives and one could say that progress is being made. For the month of July CI took in \$808, and August income is expected to increase. This makes a little over \$ 2,300 available to fund Post projects.

Should you have an interest in supporting Post philanthropy, CI would gratefully appreciate any contributions.



### ***Are you a Veteran in crisis? Or concerned about one?***

Did you know that VA offers same day services in Primary Care and Mental Health at 172 VA Medical Centers across the country?

**Contact the Veterans Crisis Line (1-800-273-8255) and press 1, Chat, or Text 838255.)**

### ***Charities, Inc. Fundraising Update***

As previously communicated, the COVID-19 Pandemic has had a significant impact on the ability of American Legion Post 318 Charities, Inc (CI) to raise money. As a result, CI has limited money available to fund Post 318 2021 Programs. To maintain a focus on this issue, CI will provide a monthly update (see below) on the status of its fundraising.

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### ***Football Mania!***

Please pay for your tickets and send in your ticket stubs before August 30th! The tickets are \$20 each, and Post 318 receives \$14 of that! Weekly prizes run from \$25 to \$400 and details are printed on your tickets. If you have questions, or need more tickets, please call our Sweepstakes Chairman, Matt Lilly Remember that you must send in your filled out ticket stubs with your payment so Dennis can activate your tickets!

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### ***Post 318 Club Room Reopened!***

The Club Room was reopened on May 21st, as long as we comply with the 10 person limit, wear face masks when moving around the area, and keep the 6 foot spacing between social groups. **Everyone using the area will have to clean the whole area before they leave the Club Room.**

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### ***Post 318 Activities & Events***

The Annual Christmas Party has been set for the date of Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup> watch for more details to come. With the upcoming dances and success of Bingo we are optimistic more activities will be coming to the post. Anderson Township has made the decision to cancel all its Fall Events including the upcoming Veterans Day Celebration.

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

### ***Bingo!***

Bingo is back! We have seen increasing crowds and pull tabs have had big nights. Sunday night, Aug 3<sup>rd</sup> latest results we had 59 players. The results are listed below:

Type I \$244.00

Type II \$996.00

Of that the Charities, Inc. 501C3 gets \$249.00

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***

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

<b><i>Commander:</i></b>	Chester Canter	513-250-8522
<b><i>1st Vice:</i></b>	Bob Kamman	513-474-5237
<b><i>2nd Vice:</i></b>	Kirk Minnich	513-594-5339
<b><i>Adjutant:</i></b>	Ed Ruffennach	330-962-9652
<b><i>Finance Officer:</i></b>	Randy Lindsey	513-374-2099
<b><i>Chaplain:</i></b>	Robert Heberly	513-550-6601
<b><i>Sgt.-at-Arms:</i></b>	Ralph Caskey	513-470-6588
<b><i>Americanism:</i></b>	Paul Henkle	513-413-4293
<b><i>Bingo:</i></b>	Ed Sears	513-474-0246
<b><i>Event Coordination:</i></b>	Ken Knight	513-675-5234
<b><i>Community Support:</i></b>	Joe DuBois	513-582-8477
<b><i>House:</i></b>	Bob Alfieri	513-232-0309
<b><i>Service Officer:</i></b>	Charlie Cleves	513-232-7767
<b><i>Charities, Inc., Liaison:</i></b>	Don Bishop	513-474-4194
<b><i>Corp. Statutory Agent:</i></b>	Dan Wolfangel	513-474-9577
<b><i>VA Volunteer Service:</i></b>	Jerry Porter	513-528-1557