



# American Legion Anderson Post 318

August 2023



## ***CALENDAR OF EVENTS***

August 2<sup>nd</sup> – SAL Monthly Mtg, 7pm  
 August 9th – General Meeting 7pm  
 August 30<sup>th</sup> - E.C. Meeting, 7:00 pm  
 Bingo – Every Sunday 6:00 pm  
 Euchre – Every Thursday 7:00 pm  
 Every Friday 12:00 pm

**August 14, 1945** - Following the two Atomic Bombs attacks and believing that continuation of the war would only result in further loss of Japanese lives, delegates of Emperor Hirohito accepted Allied surrender terms originally issued at Potsdam on July 26, 1945, with the exception that the Japanese Emperor's sovereignty would be maintained. Japanese Emperor Hirohito, who had never spoken on radio, then recorded an announcement admitting Japan's surrender, without actually using the word. The announcement was broadcast via radio to the Japanese people at noon the next day. The formal surrender ceremony occurred later, on September 2, 1945, on board the USS *Missouri* in Tokyo Bay.

## **Membership**

We have begun our new membership year and are off to a reasonable start with 50% of our current members having renewed. Thank you to all of you that have paid your renewal dues. You should have received your renewal notices by now. Even if you haven't received it, I can still process your 2024 membership card. We have kept our membership dues at \$40 for this coming year. As in previous years you will be able to renew by several methods:

1. Online at [www.legion.org](http://www.legion.org)
2. By sending checks to the Post address:  
American Legion Post 318, PO Box 54390,  
Cinti, OH 45254-0390
3. Pay with cash or checks at the Post
4. Sign up as a Paid Up for Life (PUfL) member  
at: [www.legion.org/join/pufl](http://www.legion.org/join/pufl)

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**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander**  
**Membership Chair**  
 513-545-5237  
[Kamman.rc@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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***

## Awards Night

On Saturday, July 19<sup>th</sup> the Post hosted its Annual Awards & Recognition Night. We were able to recognize and present awards to participants in several of the Post's student and civic programs through the past year; including Firefighter and Law Officer of the year; 5 Veteran Scholarships to students of a Post Veteran; 4 Boys & Girls State Attendees; 10 Forest Hills Poppy Days Program Supporters; 26 Post 318 Continuous Membership-Service Awards (pictured below); and 10 deceased Post Members receiving the Ohio Senate's Veteran Honor Program presented by Ohio Senator Steve Wilson.

The program and evening was well attended with close to 100 award recipients, guests and Post Members. Thank you to all who came out to support this important civic event. Also, thank you to Dan Wolfangel for once again coordinating the event for the Post.



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

## 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 and Friday morning 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; Fridays doors open at Noon

and starts at 12:30pm. Contact Joe Baker at 513-289-9044 with any questions.

**Dances** – Join us the Post on Aug 26<sup>th</sup> for the Back To School Dance featuring The Cincy Rockers. Pre-sell tickets are being recommended to ensure your seat and are available through Eventbrite via the link on the main page of the Post 318 website. For more information please contact Kirk Minnich at 513-594-5339.

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### BACK TO SCHOOL DANCE

26 August 2023  
Doors open at 7PM  
Band plays 8PM - 11PM  
Tickets: \$13  
Available at [Eventbrite](#)  
or at the door

Light catering by "At Your Service NOW"  
• Served from 7PM - 10PM  
• Cheeseburgers  
• Brats/metts  
• Other options

Cash Bar for beer, wine, mixed drinks and soft drinks.

The Patriot Center is a Permit Premise, outside beverages are not allowed. No BYOB.

Excellent dance floor with capacity for a large crowd.

Patriot Center of Cincinnati,  
6660 Clough Pk, Cincinnati,  
45244

Featuring The Cincy Rockers

1x3=3  
2x3=6  
3x3=9  
4x3=12

## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Lee M. Boboltz	Kenneth P. Bowman
Joseph A. DuBois	John Ehemann
James P. Gartin	Robert King
Gene W. Rosek	Eugene J. Sawka
Edward Stegmann	Charles Stein
Thomas J. Szanti	Robert L. Wheat
Daniel F. Wolfangel	Jeffrey T. Zalar

## TRIVIA QUESTION

What is the American Legion Podcast?? Hint: See page 10 in the July issue of the American Legion magazine.

## URGENT NEED FOR A POST FINANCE OFFICER

As for the Finance Officer position, which currently is vacant due to no one stepping up to run for the office, hopefully someone will step up **very soon**, to accept an appointment made by the Post Commander in accordance with Post By-Laws, to this position. While this position must be held by a Post Legion Member, we have been in contact with one of our SAL members who runs his own accounting and tax firm, who has agreed to assist and advise our Post Finance Officer as needed and assist with tax filings, and our past Finance Officer will also be available to give guidance and training.

**THIS IS A REQUIRED AND VERY NECESSARY AND IMPORTANT POST OFFICER POSITION, AND HOPEFULLY SOMEONE WILL STEP UP TO THE PLATE.**

If you are interested in filling his vacant position, or need further info regarding duties of the office, please contact current Finance Officer Randy Lindsey at (513) 374-2099 or email at [weasellee293@gmail.com](mailto:weasellee293@gmail.com), or Commander Stegmann at (513) 967-9613, ASAP.

**Submitted By: Dan Wolfangel, Asst Adjutant / Corporate Statutory Representative**

### **POST 318 CLUB ROOM REVITALIZATION UPDATE**

Work continues to progress on the Club Room Revitalization, and hopefully will be completed by the Awards & Recognition Program. The re-painting is complete, the lower wall treatment (below chair rail) is under way, and a new ceiling lighting system is in process. Replacement bar stools and several high-top tables and stools (for area vacated of pool table) have been obtained. This is all being done to create a more congenial and friendly area and atmosphere where our Post and SAL members can enjoy meeting with old and new members and friends, sharing conversations and beverages. As most of you should already know, our Post 318 Club room has always been, and is still, not open to the public, but is solely for the exclusive use of our Post and SAL Members and their invited guests. Post /SAL members are responsible for their invited guests and seeing that our Honor Bar Systems is adhered to. If you are interested in a copy of the just recently adopted revised "Club Room Use Policy", please contact Dan Wolfangel, via email at [dwacons@aol.com](mailto:dwacons@aol.com), and you can receive an electronic copy.

This Club Room Revitalization Project has resulted in many military and Legion items previously being displayed in Club Room, being relocated to the public lobby and hallway area of our facility for public viewing to give the public a better understanding of what the Legion and the Post is all about, and the Post's involvement with the community. This relocation has been well viewed and received by visitors and rentals using our Patriot Center Hall portion of our facility.

We hope to see you in our newly revitalized Post Club Room in the future. Possible additional amenities under consideration to be added in future may include electronic gaming devices, and a music system. We have already added an ATM in the lobby for use of our members, and visitors.

**Dan Wolfangel**

### **TRIVIA ANSWER**

For interesting interviews related to the Military and Veteran Community. Go to: [Legion.org/tangoalphalima](http://Legion.org/tangoalphalima)

**Bob Carey/ Post Adjutant/Trivia Master**

### **Post Activities**

Upcoming events in August we will be having an Ice Cream Social in the Clubroom on Saturday the 19<sup>th</sup>. This year we will be starting at 1pm right after lunchtime, this way you can go out for lunch then head down to the Post for dessert! The Post will provide Ice Cream & some other related snacks. We ask you to bring your favorite toppings or dessert to share with the group. Please watch your email for the Evite or RSVP to me at 513-594-5339 or [kirk.minnich@gmail.com](mailto:kirk.minnich@gmail.com) with how many in your party and what you will be bringing. Hope to see many of you there.

On Saturday the 26<sup>th</sup> the Post will be hosting a Back-to-School Dance featuring The Cincy Rockers! Presale tickets are available through Eventbrite and highly recommended, we have seen increasing numbers of attendees and are very optimistic this will be a sell out!! Our Cinco de Mayo dance came very close to selling out with 182 tickets being sold. This will kick off our Fall session of Dances with The Cincy Rockers returning with their variety of music, including classic rock & country from the 60's, 70's, 80's and 90's.

Not only will the evening be filled with great music and entertainment, but there will also be food available for purchase brought to you by At Your Service NOW catering. There will be some Summer themed choices available, including Hamburger/Cheeseburgers & Brat/Mett with a few other options. Food will be available when the doors open until 10pm.

We will also be looking for staff support the night of the event. The past couple dances we have been able to manage with about 6 volunteers, but more would make the evening go much smoother. If you are available to help, please contact Mike Stringer or myself. The area of cleanup it needed the most which can be supported that night after the dance or on Sunday with Bingo Clean up at 3pm, moving the tables back to the Bingo set up is the biggest thing.

Thursday Karaoke will be also starting back up in the Fall so watch for further communication and the Post Calendar with dates.

If you have any ideas for future events or fund raisers, please reach out to me. The Marketing Committee meets every 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday at 7pm in the Clubroom to make sure we are coordinating all the events among all the committees.

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

## Good of the Legion

A good friend of the Post, Winifred Clayton, donated copies of the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution, to the Post to be used in any way. If you have children or grandchildren who may be doing a project on either of these two documents, you can borrow them. If you want a copy for your own use, we have more than one. They are located in the Armory so you will need to ask for them from a Legion Officer. Martin Gilbert had two copies laminated so they could be posted or framed. There are also used books that range from novels to War Stories on a shelf in the Clubroom. If you have books that you feel might be of interest to our members, please drop them off.

**Jerry Porter / VA Volunteer Service Officer**

### Post Officer's & Committee Chairs

**Commander:** Lee Stegmann 513-967-9613  
**1<sup>st</sup> Vice:** Bob Kamman 513-545-5237  
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**Adjutant:** Bob Carey 513-313-7369  
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**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  
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**Service Officer:** Charlie Cleves 513-232-7767  
**Charities Inc. Liaison:** Don Bishop 513-474-4194  
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**S.A.L. Advisor:** Tony Capetillo 513-633-1667  
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**Asst. Finance Officer:** Joe DuBois 513-582-8477  
**Newsletter Editors:** Gary Gregorio 513-307-3824  
Bob Kamman 513-545-5237

### Charities, Inc. Update

July is a slow month for CI. We have very few commitments, and our budget issues have been resolved, so we're focused on what needs to be accomplished in the coming year. Our first priority is to meet our commitment to "Save-A-Warrior".

The mission of "Save-A-Warrior" is suicide prevention. Our commitment is to fund one participant in the program. We are in the process of developing a fund raiser to meet our commitment. Once details are worked out, we will need your support. More to follow next month.

**Charities, Inc,  
Don Bishop**

Members of American Legion Post 318, and Post 318 Son's of the American Legion, participated in the annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade in Anderson Township. We were greeted by a very enthusiastic crowd of the general public. Thanks to All of the participants for a successful event.



