



American Legion Anderson Post 318

December 2024



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Dec. 4 th – SAL E.C. Meeting	6:00 pm
Dec. 4 th – SAL Monthly Meeting	7:00 pm
Dec. 11 th – General Meeting	7:00 pm
Dec. 18 th - Marketing Committee	7:00 pm
Dec 23rd - E.C. Meeting	7:00 pm
Karaoke - Every Thursday *No Karaoke on 12/26*	7:00 pm
Bingo – Every Sunday	6:00 pm
Euchre – Every Thursday	7:00 pm

The Holiday Season, for most Veterans, members of the US military, and their families, are filled with fond memories. When families get together to celebrate their lives together, and what living in our great country has provided for us all.

However, the cost of living in the “Land of the Free and Home of the Brave”, has come at great sacrifice for some military members and their families, their memories may not be happy one’s.



LEST WE FORGET! (It should not be forgotten!)

MEMBERSHIP

We picked up a few more renewals but missed being at 100% by Veteran’s Day, Nov 11th. If you have not completed your renewal, there are 26 of you, please help me by doing so. We had 6 members pass away last year and 4 members this year; therefore, we have a deficit to make up. You have several methods of renewing:

- By cash or check made out to Post 318 and either mailed or brought to the Post.
- Online by going to: [Renew \(mylegion.org\)](https://mylegion.org) You will need your Legion Member ID number which is located on any of your membership cards. If you cannot find it, please reach out to me by phone, email or text and I will give it to you.
- If you are tired of messing around with the annual dues and price increases, you can also apply to be a PUfL (Paid Up for Life) member. This is a one time fee that will be calculated when you request consideration. This can be accomplished by using the following link: [Paid Up for Life \(mylegion.org\)](https://mylegion.org) Again, you will need your Legion Member ID.

As I have mentioned previously, National voted to increase their fees by \$5 starting with the 2025 membership year and therefore our current dues are **\$45**. Our Post & National’s Constitutions states that all membership dues are to be paid by Veteran’s Day, 11/11/2024. Getting your dues in quickly helps all Legion governing levels establish and set their budgets for the 2025 year.

Quota: 177

Goal: 185

Paid: 153 at 86.4% of quota

Needed to reach quota: 24

Existing members not renewed to date: 26

New members: 4 (Scott Asbury, Ken Day, John Listermann & William McAdams)

Deceased members: 4 (Jimmy Bussey, Robert Saffin, Charles Stein, Rick Weis)

Active Duty: 4 (John Ehemann, Ted Mayer, John Mayer & Adrienne Prem)

Transfers In: 4 (Becky Bursk, Jim Deardorff, Leo Honebrink, Barry King)

Transfers Out: 1 (Jeff Zalar)

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

Robert Kamman
1st Vice Commander / Membership Chair

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

Post Finance Report

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

Randy Lindsey / Finance Officer

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 a 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

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: Every Thursday 7-10:30 pm. For information, contact Asst. Adj. Dan Wolfangel at dwacons@aol.com, or call 513-703-2287. **Still looking for volunteers to assist in staffing and coordinating this weekly event!!**

Post Officer's & Committee Chairs

Commander	Kirk Minnich	513-594-5339
1st Vice:	Bob Kamman	513-545-5237
2nd Vice:	Tina Sunderhaus	513-313-1217
Adjutant:	Bob Carey	513-313-7369
Asst. Adjutant:	Dan Wolfangel	513-474-9577
Finance Officer:	Randy Lindsey	513-374-2099
Asst. Finance Officer	Joe DuBois	513-582-8477
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
Newsletter Editors:	Gary Gregorio	513-307-3824
	Bob Kamman	513-545-5237

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Gregory K. Brown	Chester L. Canter
David P. Cosaboom	Jim Deardorff
Eric E. Franz	Eric J. Howland
Kevin T. Kaup	Lee Lautman
John Mayer	Richard L. Peters
Roger Wade	Edward Watren
Kenneth R. Wright	

HAPPY BIRTHDAY U.S. SPACE FORCE

On December 20, 2019, the US Space Force was enacted by Pres. Donald Trump. The USSF is, for now, a part of the US Air Force, and is under the command of the Chief of Space Operations. It's mission is to secure our nation's interests in, from, and to space.



Veteran's Day Dinner:

On the evening of November 11th, Anderson Township sponsored a Veteran's Appreciation Dinner / Dance at Post 318. Delicious dinner was donated by Belterra Casino, with exquisite desserts donated by Mt. Washington Care Center. Music supplied by the Cincy Rockers. This event was well attended by members of Post 318, Post 318 Sons of the Legion, and their guests.

On Nov. 6th, Wilson Elementary School, presented a Veteran's Appreciation Program, honoring all Veteran's past and present. Sgt. At Arms Ralph Caskey addressed the assembly and spoke of the importance of Veteran recognition. Also, in attendance from Post 318, were members Walt Geil and Gary Gregorio. Legionnaire Geil received a short visit from his Grandson, Brady, who is a student at Wilson School.



Nov. 7th IHM: Veteran's Appreciation Program, and Prayer, with a breakfast buffet to follow. Post 318 Color Guard, Ralph Caskey, Bob Alfieri, Jack Surdick, Gary Gregorio



Nov. 8th Senior Citizen Center: Veteran's Appreciation Ceremony. Post 318 Color Guard, followed by lunch. Post 318 Color Guard, Ralph Caskey, Ed. Sears, Jack Surdick, Gary Gregorio



On November 10th the US Marine Corp celebrated their 249th Birthday. Marine Veterans and their guests attended this annual event at American Legion Post 318. The cutting of the Marine Corp Birthday Cake, with the ceremonial Marine Corp sword, was completed by Senior Marine Veteran Gene Sawka, and Youngest Marine Veteran John Sanger. Photo (L-R Standing): John Sanger, Tony Capetillo, Ralph Caskey, Michael Thumann, Frank Heimkreiter, (Sitting): Gene Sawka.



Nov. 11th Sherwood School: Veteran's Appreciation, and Musical Program. Post 318 members attending, (L-R) Steven Stuntz, Gary Gregorio, Bob Carey



Nov. 11th Summit School Veteran Appreciation Parade. Post 318 Members attending, Ralph Caskey, and Post Commander Kirk Minnich. Pictured below, Post 318 Sgt. at Arms Ralph Caskey, along with his Daughter, Cara Reising, Teacher at Summit School



Nov. 11th American Flag Dedication, YMCA: Post 318 provided a Color Guard Detail for this

dedication at the YMCA facility on Clough Pike. Also participating was Bagpiper Steve Watt, along with members of the Anderson Fire Dept. Bag Piper Steve Watt, Post 318 Color Guard (L- R) Ralph Caskey, Jerry Porter, Gary Gregorio, Walt Geil (Picture Below Top Left)



HOLIDAY ONLINE SAFETY TIPS

With the holiday season upon us, here are some tips on how to avoid being scammed via text, email and phone.

Verify the sender and recognize abnormal behavior. If someone you know asks you to get gift cards and keep it quiet from others, which is not their normal behavior, that's a red flag you are being scammed. AI is making things a lot more difficult because AI is taking all the spelling mistakes and old red flags out of the equation.

Watch for gift card fraud. If anybody asks you over the phone to get gift cards, scratch off the back for the code and take a picture or read the numbers off, it's a scam. Don't transmit gift card information over the phone. Ever. "And if the person asking for the gift cards says something along the lines of, 'Don't call me. I'm in a meeting. Just please go ahead and do this and let me know when you get to the store,' it's a scam," Horn said. "If they're telling you to go to the store for gift cards, it's a scam."

Do not sign anything via text message. If you get a text message and it says your package cannot be delivered and that you need to sign in, do not sign in. Nobody's going ask you to sign in via text message. If you have a package inbound, go to the websites of USPS, UPS and FedEx and create accounts so you can track packages.

Don't click links via text message. Most of them are scams and they're hoping that the credentials you use to log in to their scam will be reused elsewhere in another account login. Once they get the login that works, they're going to try every account that you have with those credentials because a lot of people don't change their passwords.

On Nov 11th Post 318 members Randy Lindsey and Scott Asbury, visited the Maddux Elementary School, in recognition of Veteran's Day. Randy and Scott interacted with staff and students, relating to the importance of Veteran's Day. Picture, (L-R) Standing, Joy O'Brien, Scott's wife, Principal of Maddux Elementary School, Meredith Lindsey, Randy's wife, 4th Grade Teacher at Maddux. Sitting (L-R) Scott Asbury, Randy Lindsey



Donation to "Save A Warrior" Program

On November 13th, Post 318 conducted a donation ceremony for the "Save A Warrior" program. Officiating was Dan Wolfangel, Post 318's Charities Inc. Liaison. Representing the "Save A Warrior" program was Ms. Suzette Heller, Director of Development. Post 318 Charities Inc., and a generous donation from Mary Bishop in honor of her husband, Donald Bishop, long time member of Post 318, used funds and donations to sponsor two individuals to the "Save A Warrior" program. Picture (L-R) Mary Bishop, Suzette Heller, Dan Wolfangel

Do not send money. Anything that involves sending money first to get more money back is a sign of a scam.

Be aware of email scams. If you receive an email saying, “thank you for your purchase” or “here is your receipt of purchase” and they want you to call a number or click a link if you did not make the purchase, that’s a scam. “If you’re reading those emails, don’t open the attachments on a computer,” Horn said. And if you get an email or voicemail to confirm a purchase authorization, login to your bank account and look at the pending charges. If they don’t match up to what they’re saying your card was charged for, it’s a scam. Now, if it does match up, then you need to call your bank. Don’t bother calling the number of the person that left a message. Call your bank and say, ‘hey, I didn’t authorize this.’”

Don’t know the number? Don’t answer. If it’s important, they’ll leave a message. And if your answer and there’s a delay in the call when you answer, hang up. You can tell if a call is from an auto dialer, which is a common tool in marketing, because there is a delay when they answer. “My general rule is if you don’t know the number, let it go to voicemail. If it’s important and it’s a real person, they’ll leave a message. When you start doing that, you’ll see that a lot of the messages are all automated, and they’re all the same. And in those voicemails, if they say ‘we have an urgent matter to speak with Kevin Horn, you need to call us back at this number, this is related to your tax statement,’ that’s never going to happen. They don’t do that.”

Be vigilant to behavior patterns. If someone calls claiming to be your grandchild in a car accident and they need you to send money, ask questions to verify that the person you are speaking with is in fact who they say they are. “Somebody had called me many, many years ago asking for my sister. They had some general information that is easily available online, like her address. I took that as, oh, this might be legitimate. And then come to find out it’s not legitimate; it’s actually a scam. There’s so much more data out there that’s available for scammers to skim, and they can take that data and they can pull it and centralize it and build a profile based off of you.”

Submitted by Bob Kamman / 1st Vice Commander

Happy Holidays

Greetings and Happy Holidays, I hope everyone has a safe and wonderful holiday season! With 2024 winding down I wanted to thank all of you for being part of our American Legion and making a difference everyday at the Post and in our community. I know many of you have contributed many hours to the success of the Post. There are a lot of activities and events which occur at our Post each week, over the past few months we have seen many new faces. I invite you to come down to attend one of the many events

A couple of things I want to make sure you are aware of going on which you may be of interest, outside our regular events of Bingo, Euchre, Karaoke Thursdays and Bengal’s Watch Parties.

Flagpole Brick Project – with the effort of Ralph Caskey the Post is currently revitalizing the area around our Flagpole with personalized brick which are available for purchase. Two sizes are available, \$35.00 (4×8), \$65.00 (8×8). Check out our Fund Raising page on Post 318 website.

Clubroom Special Events – Be sure to watch for Special Events in the Clubroom usually on Friday night and sometimes Saturday. Events range from Live Music to DJ by Hock with Music Trivia. The list of events can be found on the Post Calendar. Events are put together by Team Sunderhaus with help of Todd and Randy.

I hope everyone and their family has a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

See you at the Christmas Party on Dec 21st.

***Kirk Minnich
Commander Post 318***

“KARAOKE THURSDAYS”

Post 318’S “KARAOKE THURSDAYS” new Fall 24-Spring 25 Season is going real good, with the first 10 sessions in the bag, continuing to be held every Thursday from **7:00 PM to 10:30 PM each event.** **However, there will only be 3 events in December (12/5/24, 12/12/24, and 12/19 due to the holidays, after which we will reconvene, on January 9, 2025.** 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, or one of the new “baked-on-site” pizzas we are offering this year. 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 volunteers to assist 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 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 CHARITIES, INC. (C.I.) UPDATE:

The 4th Quarter Meeting of Post 318 Charities, Inc, (the primary funding source for Post 318's Post 318's Veteran and Community Programs), was held on November 12th, 2024, resulting in the following items of business:

1. Welcomed Post Member Martin Gilbert onto the C.I. Board to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Post Member Randy Lindsey from the C.I. Board earlier in the year. Gilbert has agreed to take over the C.I. Treasurer position around January 1, when long-time Treasurer Post Member Walt Geil steps down.
2. We will be conducting our two major fundraising events in 2025 (“Poppy Days” around Memorial Day and “Wave-the-Flag” around Veterans Day). Both of these will be held at Kroger Store (ATC), and require consider assistance in staffing by Post Members.

C.I. is will be looking for a Post Member to volunteer to fill the upcoming vacancy on the seven member Board, to replace Post Member Walt Geil (who will be resigning after the C.I. Treasurer transition.

Dan Wolfangel - President / Chair – Charities, Inc. Board.

ATTN: ALL POST MEMBERS:

The Post is looking for bartenders for various events to be held at the Post in 2025.

Anyone interested should contact Ken Knight at cincykek@yahoo.com or 513-675-5234.

Ken Knight / Event Coordinator

Post 318 Christmas Party

Season’s Greetings from American Legion Post 318

We will be holding our annual Christmas Party on Saturday, December 21st. As always, this is a family event open to all Post Members, SALs, their family and/or guests. The festivities will start at 5pm with appetizers and a cocktail hour for everyone to arrive and mingle. There will be an Open Bar for the party which will consist of draft beer, wine, and soft drinks. Mixed drinks & bottled beer can be purchased in the Club Room. Dinner will begin serving at 6pm. The party will be a “Pot Luck” with entree and an open bar provided by the Post & Charities Inc. Please plan to bring a salad, side dish or dessert to share with others.

This year we will again be conducting a raffle of donated door prizes. If you have a larger item, you would like to add to the door prize raffle please include that in your RSVP. The tickets for the door prizes will be sold throughout the night. If you would like to participate in the smaller gift exchange, please bring those the night of the event.

To ensure that we have enough food and beverages, please RSVP either responding to the Evite invitation or notifying 2nd Vice Commander, Tina Sunderhaus 513-313-1217. In your RSVP, please include the number in your party, which type of dish you will be bringing and if you have any items to be raffled off as door prizes. Also, we are asking that you provide the names of those attending so that name tags can be prepared. If you have any changes or late reservations, please notify Tina. As a reminder, The Patriot Center is handicap accessible. If you would like to come but do not have transportation, please let us know and we can make arrangements to pick you up and get you home that night.

**Looking forward to seeing everyone there!!
Happy Holidays!
For God and Country,
Kirk Minnich
Commander – American Legion Post 318**