



American Legion Post 318 Newsletter



“For God and Country”

December 2021

Commander’s Corner

We had a lot of things going on last month! On the 10th of November we recognized many of those generous people who got together this year and staged the “Hometown Heroes” benefit for Post 318 at Latitudes Bar and Bistro.



This followed our General Membership Meeting. After that, we adjourned to the Club Room, where we celebrated the USMC’s 246th Birthday! (See page 3)

On Veterans day, November 11th, we hosted the annual Anderson Township sponsored Veterans Day supper at the Post. We were entertained by our local band, The Varner/Netherton Revival, featuring Dan Varner, Brad Netherton and Brad Kelly.

Dan Varner and Mike Stringer held an auction for two baskets left over from the fundraiser, raising another \$450 for Post 318!

We also conducted a question/answer meeting for 8th graders interested in Veterans Day. Two teachers, Aimee Heis and Kris Naehring, from Nagle Middle School asked questions, and 7 of our members answered the questions. (See page 2).

Remember that we will be holding our annual Christmas Party on Friday, December 10th. (See details on page 5)

We are also happy to announce that the E.C. appointed member Robert Carey as Ass't Adjutant, to help with and learn the Adjutant duties, in advance of his seeking the Adjutant's office.

I hope you all have a wonderful Christmas Season!

Lee Stegmann
Post 318 Commander

Membership Update

2021-22 Quota is 169
So far our % of Quota is: 98.2%
Required for Quota is only: 3!

If you have received an email reminder from me, please get your membership dues (\$40) into the Post. Note on your check that it is for membership.

We have already signed up or transferred 14 new members: Thad Airhart, USMC; Joe Ballenger, USA; Mark Beahr, USN; Brad Beckett, USA; Martin Gilbert, USN; Thomas Gilliam, USA; James Gray, USA; Bo Howell, USN; Lance Larsen, USAF; Mike Leopold, USAF; Carl Whalen, USA; Guy Wolf, USA; Stephen Woolery, USMC; Jeff Zalar, USMC. We want to wish these new members a hearty welcome and encourage them to be active members of our Post. Welcome aboard!

We have had 5 members pass away this year: Joe Burkart, Joe Chalfant, Dan Crocker, Charles Gill, and John Wakefield. Our heart and prayers go out to their families and friends. May God bless them all.

As a related item, if you should know of anyone that might be interested in joining our Post, please pass their contact information to me and I will follow up with them or you can give them my contact information. Enjoy your Fall season!

Robert Kamman
1st Vice Commander
Membership Chairman

Good News for Dan Wolfangel!

The E.C. appointed volunteer Robert Carey to the position of Assistant Adjutant! He is training to relieve Adjutant Dan Wolfangel of his duties! Dan has been doing an awesome job, but he needs a rest--so he can call Bingo games full time! And many thanks to Bob Carey for stepping up to keep Post 318 in business!

Post Clean Up Schedule

Help us clean up the Post on Tuesdays at 9 AM. Please come out and help!

Ed Sears and Bob Alfieri

Group Answers Questions from 8th Graders



Since we couldn't visit schools this Veterans Day, teachers Aimee Heis and Kris Naehring came to the Post and asked questions for their 8th grade students. From left to right in the photo below: Joe DuBois, Gene Sawka, Charles Cleves, Lee Stegmann, Ralph Caskey, Ed Sears and Steve Stuntz.



Charities, Inc. Update

Please remember that there are two corporate programs that contribute to CI (Charities, Inc.) based on your support for their businesses. All you need to do is sign up, select CI as your cause, and they will contribute a portion of your spending to CI. Details are listed below:

Kroger Community Rewards – If you are a Kroger customer and are not supporting a charitable organization through ***Kroger Community Rewards***, we would encourage you to do your part to support your Post! Go to www.kroger.com and register for the Kroger Community Rewards program and select ***American Legion Post 318 Charities, Inc.*** as your cause.

Amazon Smiles – If you shop at Amazon.com 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.

Don Bishop

President, Charities, Inc.

Post Officers & Committee Chairs:

Commander: Lee Stegmann 513-967-9613
1st Vice: Bob Kamman 513-545-5237
2nd Vice: Kirk Minnich 513-594-5339
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Finance Officer: Randy Lindsey 513-374-2099
Chaplain: Jerry Porter 513-528-1557
Sergeant at Arms: Ralph Caskey 513-470-6588
Bingo: Ed Sears 513-474-0246

Community Support, Americanism, and Fundraising are all VACANT

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House: Bob Alfieri 513-232-0309
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VA Volunteer Service: Jerry Porter 513-528-1557
Asst. Finance Officer and Newsletter Editor: Joe DuBois, joedubois@cinci.rr.com 513-582-8477

Next General Meeting on December 8th at 7PM. Next EC Meeting on December 29 at 7PM.

Post Christmas Party is on December 10th at 5:30 PM.
(See details on page 5)

Bingo

I want to thank all the people that come out to help set up for bingo, along with all of the people that come out and work Bingo for the POST. If you like to play Bingo, we play on Sunday night. Doors open at 4:30 pm. Play starts at 6 pm.

Please consider helping us out on Sundays. The jobs are easy to learn, and about half are completed by 7:30 pm. We are usually finished with all jobs by 9:30 to 10:00 pm. Thank you!

Ed Sears
Bingo Chairman

513-474-0246, emsears1969@gmail.com

All Post 318 ZOOM Meetings

ID: 3959722502, Password: Post318 (Capitol "P" and no space between Post and 318 is necessary 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!

Randy Lindsey
Zoom Chairman

Post Finance Report

The Post purchased a new Bingo machine to insure that we wouldn't be out of business when the old, old machine broke. It can't be repaired, and we have gotten good use of it for many years. \$11,000 paid.

The lengthy, detailed Form 990 has been filed with the IRS, and with the state of Ohio.

All other bills are also paid, and Post 318 is solvent!

Randy Lindsey
Finance Officer

USMC Birthday

The U.S. Marine Corps celebrated 246 years of service to our nation on November 10! Don Bishop provided the cake, and his sword, to celebrate the USMC Birthday at Post 318, after the General Meeting. Following tradition, the oldest Marine present, Gene Sawka, cut the cake, and presented the first slice to Roger Waldeck, the youngest Marine present. Don Bishop and Commander Lee Stegmann are also in the photo.



Uniform Services

Thanks to the volunteers who came for "Questions From Students" session in the Club Room. Joe D., USAF; Gene S., USMC; Charlie C., USN; Lee S., USN; Ralph C., USMC; Ed S., USAF; Steve S., USA. All branches except the Coast Guard were represented.

The Color Guard presented the Colors at IHM on November 11th. Members participating were: Randy L., Steve S., Bob A., Ed S., Ralph C., and Mike G. played the bagpipes. Thanks for all of your service! We have no activities scheduled for December.

Don't forget "Gift for Yanks" donations being collected for this year. We're off to a great start with those donations.

Also, if you have donations for Joseph House they need to be at the Post by 10 AM on Monday, December 6th. I will stop by that morning. Joseph House donations brought to the Christmas party will be delivered later in the month.

They are in need of 34 new pillows for the veterans in residence, since pillows can't be reused. They also need socks, coats and toiletries.

Ralph Caskey
SAA

Cincy Christmas Jamboree II

The Patriot Center Presents: "A Cincy Christmas Jamboree II"

For Tickets: Go to WWW.ShowClix.com
or Call 1-888-718-4253, Option 1, and ask
about Patriot Center of Cincinnati Events

December 18, 2021
Doors Open: 7:00 PM
Show Begins: 8:00 PM

Premium Seating: \$ 20.00
Select Seating: \$ 18:00
General Admission: \$ 15:00



6660 Clough Pike
Anderson Township, Ohio 45244

"Live Music" Performance

We're making the final preparations for our Christmas Show. This is a "Live Music" concert, featuring local Cincinnati performers. This event was scripted to get you into the "Christmas Spirit", and 144 tickets have already been sold, including all Premium Seats. However, should you wish to attend there are 80 Select and General Admission seats still available. Contact ShowClix at <https://www.showclix.com/event/a-cincy-christmas-jamboree-ii-december-18-2021> to make your reservations.

Seat selection will occur when tickets are purchased. If you wish to be seated with others, all tickets must be purchased at the same time.

Thank You!

We want to recognize several people who donated to Post 318. Herold St. Claire, for the large bottles of soft drinks he donated to us. (About 5 cases), John Bothwell for cash, and Anderson Care Center for several pies for Veterans Day.

New Year's Eve Celebration

The Patriot Center's New Year's Eve Dance Featuring The Cincy Rockers Friday, December 31, 2021



Doors Open at 8:00 PM
Band Performs From 9:00 to 1:00 AM

For Tickets: Go to www.ShowClix.com or Call
1-888-718-4253, Option 1 and ask about
Patriot Center of Cincinnati Events

The *Cincy Rockers* will once again host our New Year's Eve celebration. This is a great event hosted by one of Cincinnati's premier bands. Whether you want to get up and dance or sit back and enjoy the music, you will be with friends making lifetime memories.

The Patriot Center event will provide traditional party favors; hats, tiaras and horns, with champagne at midnight to toast in the New Year.

Tickets for this event are \$25 and can be purchased in advance from ShowClix, by following this link <https://www.showclix.com/event/CiincyRockersNYE-123121>, or by calling the ShowClix box office at 1-888-718-4253, Option 1 and ask about *Patriot Center of Cincinnati* events. All fees and taxes are included.

Seat selection will occur when tickets are purchased. If you wish to be seated with others, all tickets must be purchased at the same time.

Advance sales end at 12:00 PM on the day of the event. If seats are available, tickets can be purchased at the door.

Because New Year's Eve generates a large crowd, all seating is assigned and there will be table sharing.

We Need Ideas!

As always, we are looking for new ideas for events you would like to see at the Post and look forward to having you and your families out during them. Please reach out to me with any ideas.

***Kirk Minnich
2nd Vice Commander***

513-594-5339 or: kirk.minnich@gmail.com

Post Annual Christmas Party

Season's Greetings from American Legion Post 318. We will be holding our annual Christmas Party on Friday, December 10th. There will be an Open Bar and appetizers starting at 5:30pm. The Open Bar will consist of draft beer, wine and soft drinks. Mixed drinks can be purchased in the Club Room. Our "Pot Luck" dinner will begin at 6:30pm, followed by our Christmas Program at 7:30pm.

As always, this is a family event and is free of charge. To insure that we have enough food and beverages, please RSVP by December 6th to 2nd Vice Commander, Kirk Minnich at 513-594-5339 or email kirk.minnich@gmail.com. Also, we are asking that you provide names of those attending so that name tags can be prepared. 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 will make arrangements to pick you up and get you home that night.

The party will be a "Pot Luck" with dinner and dessert provided by the Post. Please plan to bring a salad or side dish to share with other. Please include in your RSVP to Kirk Minnich which dish you plan to bring.

We will also be looking for some items to be given away as door prizes should you have something. Please contact Kirk Minnich with that information. Looking forward to seeing everyone there!! Happy Holidays!

Kirk Minnich
2nd Vice Commander

Selected Notes from **Dept. of Ohio Commander Jean Wilson**

Greetings to my fellow Legionnaires. I wanted to reach out to you to stay connected with everyone since the Department Convention in July. I have been remarkably busy traveling through the Department visiting Districts and Posts. It has been a great honor for me to be out encouraging membership through reinstating, renewals, and recruiting. Since the Department Convention, not only have I been visiting Posts and Districts, but I have traveled to the National Convention in Phoenix and to the Legion Insurance Trust trip to Williamsburg, VA.

As you should be aware, my special project this year is Suicide Prevention and Education and Awareness. I am donating all monies raised to **Save A Warrior** (SAW). I encourage your Post to have a fundraiser, whether it be a breakfast, dinner, split the pot or whatever works for you.

Make your check payable to: Department of Ohio American Legion and mail to: Department of Ohio at: P.O. Box 8007; 60 Big Run Rd.; Delaware, Ohio 43015. Memo section put SAW. We will present one check to Save A Warrior at the Department Convention on July 3rd, 2022. We are off to a great start. At my homecoming on September 25th, 2021, I received over \$7,500. Save A Warrior is based right in Hillsboro, Ohio. I hope that you are taking care of yourself, that you are still doing your Buddy Checks and staying safe.

Jean L. Wilson
Department of Ohio Commander

The Department of Ohio **2022 Mid- Winter Conference**

This is an American Legion family event for The American Legion, Sons of The American Legion, The American Legion Auxiliary and The American Legion Riders. The conference will be held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel North, 6500 Doubletree Avenue, Columbus, OH 43229, on Friday, January 21, 2022 thru Sunday, January 23, 2022.

The conference is focused on training and education of the American Legion and its offices/programs through Buckeye American Legion College. Anyone is welcome to attend the conference and any meetings and classes offered.

To make reservations please call 614-885-1885 Select option 112 to receive the discounted group rate of \$103.00 plus tax. Please reference "American Legion Mid-Winter", or the three- letter code "AAL" when making reservations. Please visit:

<https://www.ohiolegion.com/department-mid-winter-conference>

The Department of Ohio will also be hosting a formal awards banquet on January 22. Registration for the Department Award Banquet can be downloaded and mailed to The Department or filled out on-line. E-mail confirmations will be sent to verify your banquet ticket purchase. If you do not receive an email after purchasing a ticket, please contact Department Headquarters. Tickets are \$40.00 per person. Deadline for hotel reservations is January 13th. For more information on the event contact Christie White at: programs@ohiolegion.com or call (740) 362/7478. SEE YOU THERE!

The American Legion
Department of Ohio

Sent: 11/10/2021 10:17:33 PM Eastern Standard Time
Subject:

Veterans Day Thank You

I want to personally thank "ALL" of you for your service this Veterans Day. Veterans Day is the time that we honor all who have worn the uniform. It does not exclude any veteran, especially those "known but to God." I am particularly proud of the 4th District and all of its' members and the support you have given me and our Executive Board members. We have been able to overcome this last pandemic and are growing stronger. Once again, thank you for your service and remember to thank a veteran! Have a great Veterans Day! **For God and Country,**

Steven N. Ervin
Fourth District Commander
Fabulous Fourth District of Ohio

Brown Jug Congratulations

First of all, I want to "Congratulate" the following Posts for getting quota before the cutoff: Posts 199, 288, 318, 406, 484, 631, 744, and 790. This should be money for these posts.

I also want to thank all Posts within the 4th District for their support. This is the 3rd year in a row that the 4th District has won the Brown Jug. This could not have been done without each Post in the district supporting our efforts.

We still have a lot of work to do to win the "Race to The Top" and getting all of our Posts to quota. There is still money available to be won! The next date is January 12th, 2022, then March 31st, 2022.

Once again "Thank You" all for working to maintain the 4th District, the number 1 District in the State. *For God and Country.*

Steven N. Ervin
Fourth District Commander
Fabulous Fourth District of Ohio

Formation of a "Sons of the American Legion" Squadron (SAL)

Post 318 does not currently have a SAL Squadron, but we have a few people who qualify to be SAL members and they are interested in joining one---if we get one! This group needs at least 10 members, so if you have anyone in your family who qualifies, and is interested in joining, please read the information below and pass it on to them. I joined in 1939, son of a Legionnaire who joined the American Legion in 1919 following service in France during WWI!

The SAL was created in 1932 as an organization within the American Legion that exists to honor the service and sacrifice of Legionnaires. The SAL is made up of male descendants, grandsons, adopted sons or stepsons of veterans of all ages whose parents or grandparents served in the U.S Military and were eligible for membership in the American Legion. To form such a Post 318 SAL Squadron we need at least ten (10) eligible males to serve as Charter Members of the Squadron, including several who will agree to serve as Squadron Officers. If we have enough interest, we will conduct an "Informational / Orientation Meeting" to determine if we can move forward with the formation of a Post 318 SAL Squadron. Anyone interested in possible membership in a Post 318 SAL Squadron, should contact Post 318 Adjutant, Dan Wolfangel, via email to: dwacons@aol.com. Please provide email and phone contact info for follow-up, and indicate "SAL" on subject line of email so it doesn't get missed.

Edited by Joe DuBois

Bingo Information

I'm thinking about moving Bingo to Monday night since the Boy Scouts are moving out. The change to Monday Bingo will not happen until sometime in January of 2022. The change also depends on whether I have enough people who are willing to help out with Bingo on Monday nights. I will also need to have the approval of the EC. I don't think getting the approval will be a problem. The tentative plan is to open the doors at 5 pm and start Bingo at 7 pm. Pull tabs will start selling about 5:30 pm. The kitchen would need to be set up by 5:30 pm. I would keep the same schedule that we use now for kitchen help. If you are a volunteer, please think it over and let me know what you think.

Ed Sears
Bingo Chairman