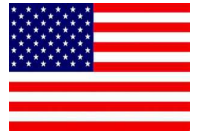




American Legion Anderson Post 318

February 2024



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Feb. 7th – SAL Monthly Meeting 7:00 pm
- Feb. 14th – General Meeting 7:00 pm
- Feb. 21st - Marketing Committee 7:00 pm
- Feb. 28th – E.C. Meeting 7:00 pm
- Feb. 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th Karaoke 7:00 pm
- Bingo – Every Sunday 6:00 pm
- Euchre – Every Thursday 7:00 pm
Every Friday 12:00 pm
- Fish Frys – Every Friday Feb. 16th – March 29th
5:00 pm – 7:00 pm



Membership

Hooray, we made quota! Thank you to all of you that have paid your renewal dues. We still have six (6) members that haven't renewed. By the National Constitution all membership dues were to have been paid by Veterans Day, Nov 11th. Your membership officially expired 31 Dec 2023. National allows a one-month grace period, so please get you renewals in to keep your membership active and to help your Post make quota. We appreciate your support to the Post and to the Veterans in our community.

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
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/pufi

Quota: 165

Paid: 167 at 101% of quota

Needed to reach quota: 0

Existing members not renewed to date: 6

New members: 5 (Joe Carroll, Mike Colton, Kevin Gassert, Perry Hixon & Marc Posalski)

Deceased members: 2 (Art Blocksidge & Al Free)

Active Duty: 5 (John Ehemann, Ted Mayer, John Mayer, Adrienne Prem & William Suter)

The Battle of Guadalcanal

On August 7, 1942, Allied Forces, predominantly US Marines, landed on the island of Guadalcanal, in the South Pacific. It was the first major land offensive by Allied Forces, against the Japanese. The Allied objective was to secure Henderson Airfield, which was used by the Japanese, to disrupt supply routes to Allied Forces. The fighting was intense during this 6 month campaign, with heavy casualties on both sides. The Japanese defenders withdrew from Guadalcanal on February 7, 1943, and after a few unsuccessful attempts to retake the island, the Japanese gave up any further efforts. Allied Forces KIA 7,100, American Troops KIA 1,600, with an additional 4,200 lost to tropical diseases. Japanese KIA 31,000.



Transfers In: 3 (Jeremy Rogers, Frank Trainor, Ed Watren) Transfers Out: 2 (Mike Leopold, John Maloney)

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

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

General Meeting Moved

The General Meeting for February has been moved to Tuesday, February 13th due to that Wednesday being Valentine's Day.

Kirk Minnich
2nd Vice Commander

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 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.

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

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Richard S. Brusman	Edwin M. Sears
Lewis Ivanovich	John J. Smith
Richard J. Reed Jr.	Shannon L. Tierney
Dennis Sakal	Robert B. Williams

Trivia Question

What military medals can be earned by military dogs?

Post Activities

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.

The Famous Lenten Fish Fry will be starting up on Feb 16th for the Lenten Season. Please consider coming down to help the Post out during the season as well as bringing your family down to enjoy some of the best fish in town! To get on the schedule to assist at the Fish Fry please contact Eric Franz.

Fish Fry Yard Signs are available in the Post Club Room for you to take and display. We ask you choose a high traffic area near a Stop Sign or Corner if possible, to increase the visibility. Since the signs do not have dates on them do not display until February 12th.

There is a lot of activities going on around the Post! Every Wednesday night from 5pm to 10pm the SAL Assembly takes place in the Club Room through April. It is open to all Post/SAL members and their guests...Stop by for a visit!! Also stop by on Thursdays during Euchre and Karaoke to see all the happenings! The Club Room is open for business then also until 1030pm. After Friday Fish Fries, Randy and I will be keeping the Club Room open until 10pm as a place to relax and enjoy some of the amenities.

The Valentines Day Dance will be on February 10th featuring The Cincy Rockers! If you have not purchased your tickets yet click on the Eventbrite link on the Post website to get some. The event is filling up fast!

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:	Don Bishop	513-474-4194
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

Post 318 Loyal and Future Karaoke Singers, Dancers and Fans:

We hope to see you at our upcoming Karaoke session on **THURSDAY - FEBRUARY 1st, from 7 PM to 10:30 PM.** Our fill-in Karaoke D.J. (Beth) will be back again this week, and will do a superb job as she did last week filling in for DJ "Chuck" who was out of town. As always, your favorite beverage or bag snacks is available, through our friendly and ready to serve you concession/beverage staff (Mike & Mike) in our newly renovated Club Room, and we will have Split-The-Pot, and plenty of room for dancers in our hall's non-bar style environment, where you can hear yourself and others sing, without other distractions. You can also bring in your favorite appetizers or finger foods for you or your group to enjoy, or enjoy some of our bagged snacks, however, this is a liquor permit premise and no beverages may be bought in..

HOWEVER, WE STILL NEED HELP IN PROMOTING AND ATTENDING THE EVENT. We had a fairly good attendance last week, and hopefully that will continue to improve even more in the weeks going forward, so we can continue the event into Spring 2024. "Word of Mouth" continues to be the best advertisement we can have, so tell your friends about our: Karaoke Thursdays". Please remember that this is a Post 318 fund-raising endeavor, and as fun as it is for all, if we don't make revenue through concessions and Split-The- Pot, we cannot continue to hold these events

Feel free to pass this on to any friends or acquaintances you believe may be also be interested in the weekly event.

Thanks for you past support, and we certainly hope to see many of you there, along with hopefully some new

faces. Post 318 and SAL Squadron 318 members support also appreciated.

Dan Wolfangel
Karaoke Event Coordinator
Anderson American Legion Post 318
6660 Clough Pike,
Anderson Twp., OH 45244

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

POST 318 CHARITIES. INC. LOOKING TO EXPAND CONTROL BOARD

One of your first questions you may ask, if you are not currently actively involved in your Post's activities and make up, is "what and who is Post 318 Charities, Inc?". To make the explanation as short and simple as possible, Post 318 Charities, Inc. (C.I.) is the entity, which is a separate 501-c-3 corporation, which provides funds for

Post 318's Legion and Post programs approved by the Post 318 Executive Committee. C.I. gets its funds from several sources such as Poppy Days, a percentage of 501-c-3), and other fundraisers, as well as direct donations. If Post 318 C.I. did not exist, any Post 318 fundraising activities such as Bingo, where the percentage required to go to a 501-c-3, would have to go The Legion's Department of Ohio C.I. or some other established 501-c3 with Post 318 receiving no benefit from it, or having any control as to its usage.

Now for topic of this item. Post 318 C.I. has its own Articles of Incorporation, and By-Laws, chartered by Ohio in 2011. Post 318 C.I. Is currently governed and controlled by a five (5) member Board of Trustees. Currently the Board consist of three (2) Post 318 Members (Walt Geil & Dan Wolfangel) and two (2) non-Post members (Donna Prues & Lisa Banks).

The currant By-Laws permit the Board, at their discretion, to expand to seven (7) Trustees. The C.I. Board at its recent Quarterly Meeting, discussed consideration of increasing the members of C.I. Board to the maximum permitted, with at least one being a member of Post 318, and the second being either a Post Member or non-Post member person.

Anyone interested in being considered for appointment as a C.I. Board Member, or wishing more detailed info, should feel free to contact one of the existing Post Members on the C.I. Board of Trustees.

Dan Wolfangel
Vice Chairperson - Post 318 Charities, Inc.

TRIVIA ANSWER

None! However, that could be corrected if the provision in the house version of the annual defense bill in Congress is passed. Of the approximately 1600 military working dogs currently in service around the world, some who are killed in action, or who perform courageous acts, may receive formal canine-specific decoration for their service.



Bob Carey / Post Adjutant / Trivia Master



Donald A. Bishop 1948-2023

It is with saddened heart, that I inform you, that Don Bishop passed away on January 6, 2024. Don is a Veteran of the US Marine Corp, serving in Viet Nam. Don was also a 50-year member of the American Legion. Don was an extremely active member of the American Legion, specifically Post 318 in Anderson Township. He has held almost every position within Post 318 and served as its Commander numerous times. He was a leader and organizer of many of the fund raisers for the Post. Dances, Poppy Days, Wave the Flag, Christmas Jamboree, Fish Frys, and many other events, which contributed financially to support essential funding for Post operations. Don was also Post 318's liaison to our Charities, Inc. Organization. This organization funds all our Veteran Community Outreach Programs. To Don and his family, we stand with a salute for all you have given, and been in our lives.

For God and Country
Robert Kamman
1st Vice Commander, Post 318



Donald A. Bishop Funeral Service

On January 15, 2024, Donald A. Bishop, member of American Legion Post 318, Anderson Township, Ohio, and Viet Nam Veteran of the US Marine Corp, was laid to rest at the Dayton National Cemetery in Dayton, Ohio. Members of the US Marine Corp Honor Guard folded the casket draped American Flag, and presented it to Mary Bishop, Donald's wife. The Dayton National Cemetery's Honor Guard delivered the ceremonial Rifle Salute, and the playing of Taps. In attendance were Mary Bishop, her three children, Christine, David, and Andrew, and six members of American Legion Post 318's Honor Guard, including Post 318 Chaplain Rob Heberly. Also attending were many other friends of the Bishop Family.



**Eric Howland
Americanism**

James Adam Mansfield

It is with anguish the SAL Squadron has report that on January 27, 2024, James Adam Mansfield passed away after wonderful efforts from the team at the University of Cincinnati Medical Center to save his life. Adam worked at 360 Title and was a graduate of Glen Este High School, he lived his entire life in Eastern Cincinnati. He was a devoted and loving husband to Kelly Mansfield and father of Cohen, 16, Caleb, 15 and Cooper 13.

Visitation services were held on Jan 31st and well attended by members of the SAL and Post. A Go Fund me has been set up to assist the family in their immediate needs <https://gofund.me/12b6b2da>

For further information please contact SAL 1st Vice
Jason Kiefer

**Kirk Minnich
2nd Vice Commander**

On January 14th, 2024, during the visitation of Donald A. Bishop’s Memorial Service, a traditional Poppy Ceremony was performed by members of American Legion Post 318, in honor of member Donald A. Bishop. At that time, Daniel Wolfangel, Asst. Adjutant of Post 318, presented Mary Bishop, Donald’s wife, and children, Christine, David, and Andrew, with a Resolution of Recognition renaming Hall B, located at Post 318, as the Donald A. Bishop Hall. A vote was held on December 27th, 2023, by the Executive Committee of Post 318, which unanimously passed, affirming this resolution.

Americanism

The American Legion - Anderson Post 318 Veteran Scholarships will be awarded to the deserving children (dependents), or grandchildren, of active-duty military and “Honorably Discharged” veterans. Students applying for these scholarships must be in the graduating class of 2024 at Anderson, Turpin, or McNicholas High School, or be the child or grandchild of an American Legion - Anderson Post 318 member in good standing. The entire application must be completed and received by American Legion - Anderson Post 318, P.O. Box 54390, Cincinnati, OH. 45254-0390, on or before, April 26, 2024. A copy of the sponsoring veteran’s DD 214, active duty orders or letter from their unit commander stating current status, must be submitted with this [application](#). All scholarship winners must attend the American Legion - Anderson Post 318 Annual Awards Program to be scheduled in July 2024.

Buckeye Boys/Girls State interviews were completed the week of Jan 8th. 10 students were interviewed (6 boys/4 girls) and we are happy to report all 10 were selected to attend. Charities Inc were able to fund 8 students, 6 were budgeted and 2 extra gained approval; The SAL Squadron funded 1 student and Jerry Porter personally financed another. Thank you to Jerry, SAL and Charities for making it possible to send all 10 students this year.

Special thanks to Jerry Porter, Bob Williams and Misty Howland for conducting the interviews for all 10 students.