



# American Legion Anderson Post 318

February 2023



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Feb 1st- SAL Monthly Mtg, 7pm  
 Feb 8th - General Meeting 7pm  
 Feb 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> Karaoke 7:30 pm  
 Feb 11<sup>th</sup> - Valentine's Dance 8pm  
 Feb 22<sup>nd</sup>, E.C. Meeting, 7:00 pm  
 Bingo - Every Sunday 6:00 pm  
 Euchre - Every Thursday 7:00 pm  
     Every Friday 12:00 pm  
 Fish Fry- Every Friday, Feb. 24<sup>th</sup> - April 7<sup>th</sup>  
 5:00 pm



**US Marines raise second flag on  
Mt. Suribachi, Iwo Jima, Feb. 23, 1945**

## COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

### YOU KNOW?

Veterans don't have to drive 50+ miles to a [VA](#) appointment to see a Dermatologist or any other Medical Specialist, if they can find a local civilian specialist on the [Mission Act List](#), who is closer to them? Currently, there are more than 30,000 certified medical specialists on the [Mission Act List](#) of providers.

Bob Kamman / 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander

## MEMBERSHIP

We have 25 members that have not renewed. Your membership, by Post constitution, was supposed to be paid by the end of October. Since your dues were not paid by the end of January, your access card will be deactivated, your name will be placed in a suspended file, your newsletter and American Legion magazine will cease. If you're not sure if you have paid, please reach out to me at the phone or email below.

### 2022-23 Membership Scoreboard

<b>Paid as of 12/16/2022</b>	<b>156</b>
<b>2022-2023 Post Goal</b>	<b>185</b>
<b>% of Goal</b>	<b>84.3%</b>
<b>2022-2023 Quota</b>	<b>177</b>
<b>% of Quota</b>	<b>88.1%</b>
<b>Required for Quota</b>	<b>21</b>

You have three (3) ways to execute your renewal:

- (1) Bring or mail your check or cash to the Post.
- (2) Renew online at: [www.legion.org/renew](http://www.legion.org/renew)
- (3) Or join as a Paid Up for Life (PUfL) at:

[www.legion.org/join/pufl](http://www.legion.org/join/pufl)

Numbers 2 & 3 can also be accessed by scanning this QR code:



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

**Robert Kamman** 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander Membership  
Chair [Kamman.rc@gmail.com](mailto:Kamman.rc@gmail.com)

## Contact Update!!

Going into 2023 we are trying to make sure we have updated contact information for all our members to ensure we can better communicate with you post events and activities! If you have a newer email, address or phone number or are just not receiving communication regularly please email your contact information to either Bob Kamman at [kamman.rc@gmail.com](mailto:kamman.rc@gmail.com) or Kirk Minnich at [kirk.minnich@gmail.com](mailto:kirk.minnich@gmail.com) We want to make sure you are able to take advantage of all your benefits of being a member of Post 318.

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

## 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**  
**Finance Officer**  
513-374-2099, (Call or text)

## 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**

## Fund Raising

**Bingo** – The Post conducts bingo every Sunday. Doors open at 4:30 PM, preliminary games begin at 6 PM. All your favorite “pull tabs” are available. The good news is our Bingo attendance is starting to increase. The bad news is, an increase in attendance will eventually drive a need to increase “worker bees”. You can support the Post by either coming out to play, or volunteering to work these events. Some of these support roles are only for a few hours. Please contact Bingo Manager, Ed Sears (474-0246) with any questions.

**Euchre** – Euchre tournaments are conducted every Thursday night in the Club Room. Buy-in is \$10, \$5 going to the Post and \$5 going to prize money. This is a fun evening and is open to both our members and the public. Doors open at 6:45PM, games begin at 7 PM. Contact Joe Baker (289-9044) with any questions.

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## Good of the Legion

### VA Announcement

The [Department of Veterans Affairs \(VA\)](#) announced that starting January 1, 2023, it will begin processing PACT Act benefit claims for all [veterans](#) and their survivors. If [veterans](#), their families, caregivers or survivors have questions about PACT Act and wish to speak with someone to help, they may call **1-800-MyVA411** at any time.

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### Charities Inc. Update

It seems like the impact of COVID is finally behind us. I arrived at that conclusion based on the fact that we are currently collecting enough revenue to meet our financial obligations. However, to stay viable, we still need to restore many of our fundraising activities.

To make our challenge a little more interesting, *Amazon Smiles* will stop making charitable contributions in February. The impact of this change on CI is limited. For the remainder of 2023, we only projected \$ 53 in revenue from Amazon Smiles. Our expectation is to make up this revenue shortfall by increasing the sale of “Pull Tabs”. This should occur once the Post receives its Type III Bingo licenses.

Having met all December commitments, we ended the month with a balance of \$ 18,336.97, across all accounts. This balance should cover our projected expenses through the end of the 2023 budget year.

**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 to [www.kroger.com](http://www.kroger.com), and register for the Kroger Community Rewards program and select *American Legion Post 318 Charities, Inc.* as your cause.

**Don Bishop**  
**Charities, Inc.**

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### February 2023 Birthdays

Richard Brusman    Lew Ivanovich  
Richard Reed        Dennis Sakal  
Ed Sears              John Smith  
Robert Williams

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### Trivia Question

Which Astronaut from Ohio was a delegate to Buckeye Boys State?

## COME OUT AND SUPPORT "KARAOKE THURSDAYS"

Post 318 is continuing to look for support from our Post members for our "Karaoke Thursday" Events held at the Post facility, which are currently schedule **for every Thursday through March 30<sup>th</sup>, from 7:30 to 11 PM each event.** 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. 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.

Join Karaoke D.J. "Chuck", of Treasured Sounds and your fellow Karaoke enthusiasts for an evening of fun, singing and dancing to music and songs done in a family friendly / non-bar Karaoke environment. Our success at increasing event attendance and revenue over the balance of the first several events will determine if we can continue Karaoke Thursdays as a productive fund-raising endeavor. This event, sponsored and hosted by Anderson American Legion Post 318, has no admission charge, and has a cash bar and packaged snacks available. You may also bring in your favorite appetizers or finger-food for you and your group. Since this is a license permit premise, no beverages of any kind may be brought in. Get a group together for evening of fun and entertainment, and support your local American Legion Post 318, which uses revenue from this and other such fundraising events to maintain a presence in Anderson Township for over 80 years, serving our military veterans, the community and its schools and students with many programs."

Any Post or SAL Members needing more info on events, or wishing to volunteer to assist with the events may contact: Ass't Adjutant Dan Wolfangel at [dwacons@aol.com](mailto:dwacons@aol.com) (Please note "Karaoke" on email subject line), or at 513-703-2287.

Dan Wolfangel  
"Karaoke Thursday Coordinator".

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## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FORMS A "POST CLUB ROOM REVITALIZATION" COMMITTEE

Your Post 318 Executive Committee, at their January 25<sup>th</sup> Meeting, entertained a suggestion and offer from the Post's S.A.L. Squadron 318, regarding a make-over the Post 318 Club Room to make it more member friendly and usable. Following some high level discussion, a "Club Room Revitalization Committee" was established

to prepare a recommended proposal of what the renovation and revitalization effort would involve. Post / E.C. Member Dan Wolfangel will chair the committee, which will be inclusive of: Post E.C. Members Bob Alfieri, Bob Carey, Ralph Caskey, Steve Stuntz, and S.A.L. Commander Chris Short and S.A.L. 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander Jason Kiefer. The committee's objective will be to present a proposal to the E.C. at the earliest possible time for further discussion and evaluation. If you, as a Post or S.A.L member, have any suggestions or related comments you would like to have considered by the committee, please contact Chair Wolfangel, or any of the respective committee members ASAP.

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### Post Officer's & Committee Chairs:

<b>Commander:</b>	Lee Stegmann	513-967-9613
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Vice:</b>	Bob Kamman	513-545-5237
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Vice:</b>	Kirk Minnich	513-594-5339
<b>Adjutant:</b>	Bob Carey	513-313-7369
<b>Asst. Adjutant:</b>	Dan Wolfangel	513-474-9577
<b>Finance Officer:</b>	Randy Lindsey	513-374-2099
<b>Chaplain:</b>	Rob Heberly	513-550-6601
<b>Sergeant at Arms:</b>	Ralph Caskey	513-470-6588
<b>Bingo:</b>	Ed Sears	513-474-0246
<b>Event Coordinator:</b>	Ken Knight	513-675-5234
<b>House:</b>	Bob Alfieri	513-232-0309
<b>Service Officer:</b>	Charlie Cleves	513-232-7767
<b>Charities Inc. Liaison:</b>	Don Bishop	513-474-4194
<b>Corp. Statutory Agent:</b>	Dan Wolfangel	513-474-9577
<b>VA Volunteer Service:</b>	Jerry Porter	513-528-1557
<b>S.A.L. Advisor:</b>	Tony Capetillo	513-633-1667
<b>S.A.L. Commander:</b>	Chris Short	513-460-4560
<b>Asst. Finance Officer</b>	Joe DuBois	513-582-8477
<b>Newsletter Editors:</b>	Gary Gregorio	513-307-3824
	Bob Kamman	513-545-5237

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### Trivia Answer

Neil Armstrong was a delegate to Buckeye Boys State in 1946!

Bob Carey/ Post Adjutant / Trivia Master-

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### Military History

US Marines landed on Iwo Jima, Feb. 19, 1945. The US Flag was raised on Mt. Suribachi on Feb. 23, 1945. Iwo Jima was secured on March 26, 1945. 7,000 US Marines and support personnel were killed, another 25,000 were wounded.

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## ***Wreaths Across America - Hillcrest Cemetery***

On December 17<sup>th</sup>, the ***“Coalition to Save Hillcrest Cemetery”*** participated in the national Wreaths Across America program. This was the second year that the veterans interred at Hillcrest were recognized in this manner, and it turned out to be a great success. The Anderson Township community sponsored 1167 wreaths, the most sponsored wreaths in the state of Ohio, and more than 100 volunteers came out to place these wreaths. Thanks to all who took the time to recognize these Veterans.



## **POST ACTIVITIES**

It's time to heat up the Post with our Annual Chili Cook-Off!! On February 25<sup>th</sup> starting at 4pm. The Social Event is open to all post members, their families, and guests. The Post will be providing a couple sides to go with the Chili but all are welcome to bring a side or desert to share. Drinks will be available for purchase at the bar. We look forward to seeing everyone in attendance!!

If you have a pot of chili, you think will make the grade, please contact me to put your name in the pot! Cell 513-594-5339 or email [kirk.minnich@gmail.com](mailto:kirk.minnich@gmail.com) Please send a quick RSVP if you and your family plan to attend.

Thanks

In 2023 all our Post Socials will typically be on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of even months in the Clubroom. The dates this year are Feb 25<sup>th</sup>; Apr 15<sup>th</sup>; June 17<sup>th</sup>; Aug 19<sup>th</sup>; Oct 21<sup>th</sup> & Dec 9<sup>th</sup>. Make sure to check the Post Calendar and Newsletter for the details of each event and for all the events at the Post! We plan to have a busy 2023 and look forward to seeing you!

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

## **VALENTINES DAY CELEBRATION WITH CINCY ROCKERS BAND**

Make your plans for celebrating Valentines Day yet? Consider starting a little early, and enjoying just listening or dancing to the fabulous “Rockin' the Decades” musical sounds of The Cincy Rockers Band, as they

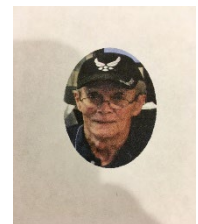
are back by popular demand at the Anderson American Legion Post 318's Patriot Center, 6660 Clough Pike in Anderson Township, for a Valentines Day celebration event. The event will be held on Saturday - February 11<sup>th</sup>, from 8 PM until 11 PM, with doors opening at 7 PM.

Tickets are required, and are available on-line at \$10.00 each plus service charge through **eventbrite.com**. Should there still be any available tickets on the evening of the event, they will be \$13.00 each at the door. Individual seating at the event is on a first come-first select basis starting at 7 PM on date of event. However, groups of six or more persons, after being confirmed to have purchased advance on-line tickets, may contact Kirk Mininch at 513-594-5339 to reserve a table. The event includes an evening of good music, dancing, and a full-service cash bar available for your beverage desires. Since this is a license permit premise, no beverages of any kind may be brought in, and you must be 21 years of age to attend. Table snacks are provided, and appetizers and finger foods may be brought in for you or your group. Get a group together for an entertaining evening of music, dancing, and fun. Reservations for the event is strongly recommended as many of the Patriot Center band / dance events sell out in advance.

All event proceeds go toward the continuation of Post 318's presence, and the presentation of the American Legion's and Post 318's veteran, community and educational programs, within the Anderson area, as Post 318 enters it's eighty-fourth year of existence and service. The community's continuing support of Post 318 over the years is much appreciated. We hope to see you at the Valentine Day Celebration live band event.

## ***Uniform Ceremonies***

It is with deep sadness, that Post 318 reports the passing of Legionnaire Keith Musselman. Keith served the American Legion for 21 years, actively participating in Post 318 Color Guard / Honor Guard. He is a Veteran of the US Air Force, serving during the Viet Nam War. A Celebration of Life was held at 318. Post 318 Honor Guard performed a Poppy Ceremony, along with the folding of the American Flag, which was presented to Keith's wife Vida. Keith will be missed.



## **Ralph Caskey / Sgt. At Arms**