



# American Legion Anderson Post 318

January 2023



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Jan 4th– SAL Monthly Mtg, 7pm  
 Jan. 11<sup>th</sup> – General Meeting 7pm  
 Jan. 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> Karaoke 7:30 pm  
 Jan. 25<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



**WISHING OUR TROOPS A SAFE NEW YEAR**

## COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Welcome to all members. I hope everyone had a very joyous Christmas and that Santa Claus was very good to all. At this writing, New Years has not arrived. I wish everyone a prosperous New Year. If you are traveling, please be careful on the roads wherever you may go.

I would like to request that we start off the New Years on the right foot. There are numerous positions that are still open and need to be filled. Please consider trying to fill one of those positions. If you have any questions what those positions are and what the responsibilities are required, please contact me or Bob Kamann or Kirk Minnich. You are welcome to come to a general membership meeting and we will answer any questions you might have.

There is also a need to increase our membership. If you know of anyone who might be interested, please encourage them to come to one of our general membership meetings. Also, if you talk to someone when you are out and about, who was in the military, ask them to come to one of our meetings.

Our karaoke nights are doing well and it might be interesting to one and all to come out and support those nights. Even if you don't want to participate, you still might enjoy it.

Please think about coming out to enjoy a night of Bingo on Sunday evenings.

**Lee Stegmann  
Commander**

## MEMBERSHIP

We picked up 12 membership renewals this past month. Since we were supposed to be at 100% by the end of December, that puts us way below the curve. Therefore,

if you haven't renewed your membership, we would greatly appreciate you doing so soon. We have 37 existing members that haven't renew their membership to date. Your membership, by Post constitution, was supposed to be paid by the end of October. If your dues are not paid by the end of January, your access card will be deactivated and your name will be placed in a suspended file. 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>147</b>
<b>2022-2023 Post Goal</b>	<b>185</b>
<b>% of Goal</b>	<b>79.5%</b>
<b>2022-2023 Quota</b>	<b>177</b>
<b>% of Quota</b>	<b>83.1%</b>
<b>Required for Quota</b>	<b>30</b>

I would like to welcome aboard another transferee, Bill Odgen. Bill is a US Navy vet serving in the Viet Nam era. Please welcome Bill to our Post.

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/pufi](http://www.legion.org/join/pufi)

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)

### **Activities Report**

We had a great turnout for our Post Christmas Party!! I hope everyone had a great time and missed everyone who was unable to attend. During the party Lee Boboltz was presented with a Quilt of Honor for his service. Thank you for everyone who brought some food to share and helped with clean up!



The Post needs some help to find a couple of Co Leads for this years Fish Fry. If you are able to help out please let me know immediately. Jerry Porter and Ralph Caskey have done this for the past few years and will be available for advice and guidance. The Marketing Committee has all the information you will need and is also there for your help. If we don't have anyone step up to take the lead, we will not be able to hold Fish Fry's this year.

For 2023, I will be putting out a full list of the Post Social's in the February Newsletter.

**Happy New Year!**  
**Kirk Minnich**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander**

### **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**

### **ARE YOU BORED??**

Legionnaires: Do you sit around watching TV, doing puzzles, reading, etc.? Are you looking for something to do that can have meaning, or just an outlet so you have some purpose? Well, there are opportunities for you that do not take a lot of time or tire you out. Your American Legion Post can use your help.

Our Post has almost 180 members. Right now, only is about 25 to 30 members help out when they can. There Tuesday morning clean up and set up from 9 until 10 followed by coffee and conversation. Sunday night is Bingo from 4:30 until 9:30 but many jobs are finished by 7:30. You can be on a call list so when we have a rental, you can assist with Set Up. Our Fish Fry starts at the end of February and runs until Good Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup>. This event starts around 4:30 and is finished by 7:15. There is a need for 20 to 24 people to run this successfully. Of course, you can also volunteer to hold an office. All we ask if for you to step up for two to four hours a month, or when you can. Talking with other veterans can be fun and take you mind off of mundane activities at home. Maybe you just want to come to coffee at on Tuesday, around 9 AM. Don't forget we have a regular meeting on the second Wednesday of each month from 7 until 8:30.

We would love to get to know more members better. We see your name on the roster but have no idea who you really are. Come join us and get to know other members.

**The E.C. Committee / Post 318**

**January 2023 Birthdays**

Bradford Beckett  
Arthur Blocksidge  
Thomas Bursk  
Jeffrey Cassell  
Paul Fritinger  
Michael Hartzler  
Robert Kamman  
Jimmie Nugent  
Jeremy Sipes  
Christina Sunderhaus  
Daniel Ticotsky

***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.

**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 on-line and sign up for **Kroger Rewards**, selecting **American Legion Post 318 Charities**, Inc. as your cause.

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**Trivia Questions**

1. What year was the US Constitution ratified?
  2. How many amendments to the US Constitution have been ratified?
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***Good of the Legion***

Attention Members:

Many of our members received a letter regarding **free accidental death coverage**, from Securian Life, for members of the American Legion. It states that **no action is required**. This is not completely true. A member must call Securian Life to obtain the form to establish a beneficiary. Without a specified beneficiary, the coverage is not valid!

Ken Knight /Post 318 Event Coordinator

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**NOTICE OF VOTE ON AMENDED / REVISED POST 318**

**“CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS”**

This notice is published in accordance with requirements of Post 318’s “Constitution” (Article XVII) and “By-Laws” (Article XVII) requirements of providing Post membership with a minimum of ten (10) day notice of a ratifying vote on amendments and revisions to the Post 318 “Constitution” and “By-Laws”. The proposed amendments and revisions are a combination of: corrections in grammar and wording format; to properly reflect changes in operational procedures of the Post; and changes required as a result of the formation of the Post’s new “Sons of the American Legion Squadron 318. On November 30, 2022, Post 318’s Executive Committee unanimously voted to adopt the proposed amendments and revisions, and to recommend them to the Post Membership for a ratification vote at the forthcoming Post 318 General Membership Meeting on Wednesday – January 11, 2023 to be held at Post 318’s facility at 7 PM.

In preparation for this ratification vote, copies of the “amended / revised Constitution and By-Laws” can be advance reviewed by Post membership in two ways.

- 1) There will be several copies available in Post 318 Club Room as of December 29, 2022 for viewing purposes, **but not to be removed from Club Room**, to permit access for as many members as possible.
- 2) The second method of membership viewing would be to request your personal electronic copy for review, by emailing your request to Ass’t Adjutant / Corporate Statutory Agent – Dan Wolfangel at [dwacons@aol.com](mailto:dwacons@aol.com) . (**Be sure to note “Post 318 C & B Document Request” on subject line of email so it does not get missed.**) An electronic copy will then be sent to you for your viewing.

Dan Wolfangel

Ass’t Adjutant / Corporate Statutory Agent

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**SUPPORT NEEDED FOR OUR RETURNING “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 will be returning in the new year. **The first one scheduled for Thursday January 12<sup>th</sup> and on subsequent Thursdays (January 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>., and March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, and 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.

The following excerpt from a recent media release tells you all you need to know regarding the event.

“Are you a “Karaoke” fan.? Do you sing yourself, or just like to listen to others? Want something other than Bar environment Karaoke? Or we even have dancers. Whatever your pleasure is, the place to fulfill your musical desires is the Patriot Center at 6660 Clough Pike in Anderson Township which has reinstated its “Karaoke Thursday” events. 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 in 2023. 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”

**Charities Inc. Update**

For the month of December, things were relatively slow for Charities Inc. Across all accounts we took in \$2,906.35, and had expenditures of \$ 350.00. Overall, we will start the new year off with \$18,296,78

Noteworthy expenses were:

- Rent - \$300
- November Volunteer Raffle - \$50

Looking ahead to December our primary anticipated expenses will be:

- The Annual Post Christmas Party - \$700
- Rent - \$300
- December Volunteer Raffle - \$50



**Don Bishop  
Charities, Inc.**

**Joseph House Christmas Solicitation**

Post 318 has received a Christmas Solicitation from Joseph House. On an annual basis Charities, Inc contributes \$ 300 to this organization, in support of Homeless Veteran’s. Our membership also contributes clothing, pillows, and other items on a regular basis. If you would like to make a Christmas contribution, it can be directed to Joseph House by accessing their website at [www.josephhouse.com](http://www.josephhouse.com).

**Don Bishop  
Charities, Inc.**

**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 Officers & Committee Chairs:**

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<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
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	Bob Kamman	513-545-5237

**Trivia Answers**

1. The US Constitution was ratified in Sept. 17, 1787.
2. There are 27 amendments to the US Constitution, the first 10 (Bill of Rights), were ratified on Dec. 15, 1791

Bob Carey/2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander / Trivia Master

