



American Legion
Anderson Post 318
January 2024



CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2024

- Jan. 3rd – SAL Monthly Mtg, 7pm
- Jan. 10th - General Meeting 7pm
- Jan. 17th – Marketing Committee 7:00 pm
- Jan. 31st. E.C. Meeting, 7:00 pm
- Jan. 4th, 11th, 18th, & 25th Karaoke 7:00 pm
- Bingo - Every Sunday 6:00 pm
- Euchre – Every Thursday 7:00 pm
- Every Friday 12:00 pm

The Gulf War was an armed conflict between Iraq and a 42 Country coalition, led by the U.S. The coalitions efforts against Iraq were carried out in two key phases. Operation Desert Shield, which marked the military buildup from August 1990 to January 1991, then Operation Desert Storm, which began with the aerial bombing campaign against Iraq, on January 17, 1991, and came to a close with the American led liberation of Kuwait, on February 28, 1991. 113 Americans died during this war by enemy fire, 70 by friendly fire or by accident. Post 318 thanks all of it's members who served in Desert Storm.



******* CORRECTION *******

Dates reported for the articles regarding the Marine Corp Birthday Party, and the Veteran's Day Dinner/Dance, were incorrect in the December Newsletter. Dates were reported as 12/10 and 12/11, when actually occurred on 11/10 and 11/11. I apologize for this error, especially to the members involved in these two events. Gary

Membership

Hope you all had an enjoyable Christmas and fulfilling past year. We are getting close to making our Post quota for the 2024 membership year; but are still several shy from doing so. I am asking that if you haven't renewed your membership, please do so as soon as possible! 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.

Thank you to all of you that have paid your renewal dues. You should have received your renewal notices by now and I have sent out email reminder to all that haven't renewed to date. 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

Commanders Message

Hello to all,

I hope all of you had a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I also hope you all have a very prosperous new year. I am planning on attending the Department of Ohio 2024 Mid-Winter Conference in Dublin, Ohio on Jan. 19-21, 2024. I will do my best to represent Post 318. I wish to apologize for not staying in touch. I will try to do better. I want to thank all of the members who have stepped up to assume positions in the Post. I would request that you try to attend our general membership meetings on the second Wednesday of each month. You do have a voice of the happenings in our Post. If it is at all possible, please consider taking some type of position. There is plenty of help in whatever position you might decide to assume. I know I have had plenty of help within the past few years that I have been your Commander. If it wasn't for everyone's help, I don't know where I would be. Thanks to everyone's assistance and help.

**Lee Stegmann
Commander Post 318**

**Quota: 165
Paid: 1158 at 95.8% of quota
Needed to reach quota: 7
Existing members not renewed to date: 12
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)
Transfers In: 3 (Jeremy Rogers, Frank Trainor, Ed Watren)
Transfers Out: 2 (Mike Leopold, John Maloney)

Ed Watren is our newest transfer-in member. His wife's name is Cheryl and Ed was is an Air Force Vet that joined the service near the end of the Viet Nam war. Welcome to Post 318 Ed.

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 Chair
513-545-5237
Kamman.rc@gmail.com

TRIVIA QUESTION

What is Zulu Time? (Do you remember using it?)

Bob Carey
Post Adjutant/Trivia Master

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

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

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Bradford Beckett	Michael Hartzler
Jack Buchwald II	Kathern Hassoune
Thomas A. Bursk	Robert Kamman
Joe J. Carroll	Jimmie L. Nugent Jr.
Noel D. Fenner	Jeremy Sipes
Paul R. Fritinger	Christina Sunderhaus
Daniel Ticotsky	

Post Activities

Happy New Year! In 2024 there will be a lot of happenings and activities at the Post. The Post calendar on our website will be the best way to keep up to date on all events, along with the Post Newsletter and Post emails. Make sure myself or Bob Kamman have a current email address on file for you. I would like to know what type of Post Socials and Events would be of interest to you this coming year. Please reach out to me by email or phone with any ideas, at 513-594-5339 or kirk.minnich@gmail.com

Upcoming activities will be Bingo, Euchre, Karaoke and our Annual Lenten Fish Fry.

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.

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

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 as 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 it's funds from several sources such as Poppy Days, a percentage of Post 318 bingo revenues (as required by Ohio to go to a 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 it's 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 (3) Post 318 Members (Don Bishop / 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 it's 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.

“KARAOKE THURSDAYS”

Post 318'S "KARAOKE THURSDAYS" Winter Season continues into the new year with the first session on **Thursday – January 4th**, and we continue to look for support from our Post and SAL members. This event is held every Thursday, at the Post facility, from **7:00 PM to 10:30 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 operations.

Join Karaoke D.J. “Chuck”, of Treasured Sounds and our 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 continuing to increase event attendance and revenue will determine if we can continue Karaoke Thursdays as a productive fund-raising endeavor. This event, sponsored and hosted by our 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 it's 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 (Please note “Karaoke” on email subject line), or at 513-703-2287.

Dan Wolfangel
“Karaoke Thursday Coordinator”

TRIVIA ANSWER

Zulu Time is the aviation and military name for Greenwich Mean Time (GMT), which is the current time at 0 degrees longitude in Greenwich, England. It's also sometimes referred to as Coordinated Universal Time (UTC). To use Zulu Time, first convert your local time (example 6:00 PM) to 24-hour time (example 1800 hours), then offset the hours based on your local time zone relative to GMT (example 1800 hours in Anderson Township becomes 2300 GMT).

Bob Carey
Post Adjutant/Trivia Master

DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know, MyHealthVet on VA.gov, gives you access to trusted health tools and information, like secure messaging, prescription refills, appointments and your [health records](#)? Coming soon, the [VA](#) will add features like the ability to manage your travel reimbursement claims.

Robert Kamman / 1st Vice Commander