



American Legion Anderson Post 318

January 2025



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Jan. 1 st – SAL E.C. Meeting	6:00 pm
Jan. 1 st - SAL Monthly Meeting	7:00 pm
Jan. 8 th – Post General Meeting	7:00 pm
Jan. 15 th - Marketing Committee	7:00 pm
Jan. 29 th – E.C. Meeting	7:00 pm
Karaoke - Every Thursday	7:00 pm
NO KARAOKE ON JAN 2nd	
Bingo – Every Sunday	6:00 pm
Euchre – Every Thursday	7:00 pm

The Battle of the Bulge (aka Ardennes Defensive)

This battle was the 3rd deadliest battle of WWII, for the American Army. Starting on December 16, 1944, and ending on January 25, 1945. The German offensive hoped to push back the battle-fatigued Americans, from the German home territory. This battle took place, in the densely wooded area of the Ardennes Forest, during extremely harsh weather conditions. At one time, members of the 101st Airborne Division were surrounded. The German command officer asked for their surrender. The response from Brig. General McAuliffe, "NUTS!". The battle ended on January 25, 1945. 500,000 Americans participated, with 19,000 KIA, 47,500 Wounded, 23,000 MIA. There were 15,000 cold related injuries. Germany surrendered in May of 1945.



Membership

We have fallen behind on our membership renewals. We are typically at 95+% by this time of year and we are currently at 88%. We picked up a few more renewals but we still have 21 existing members that haven't renewed. If you have not completed your renewal, please help me by doing so. We had 6 members pass away last year and 4 members this year; therefore, we have a deficit to make up. We've also had 1 member transfer out and 2 that decided not to renew. You have several methods of renewing:

- By cash or check made out to Post 318 and either mailed or brought to the Post.
- Online by going to: [Renew \(mylegion.org\)](https://mylegion.org) You will need your Legion Member ID number which is located on any of your membership cards. If you cannot find it, please reach out to me by phone, email or text and I will give it to you.
- If you are tired of messing around with the annual dues and price increases, you can also apply to be a PUfL (Paid Up for Life) member. This is a one time fee that will be calculated when you request consideration. This can be accomplished by using the following link: [Paid Up for Life \(mylegion.org\)](https://mylegion.org) Again, you will need your Legion Member ID.

As I have mentioned previously, National voted to increase their fees by \$5 starting with the 2025 membership year and therefore our current dues are **\$45**. Our Post & National's Constitutions state that all membership dues are to be paid by Veteran's Day, 11/11/2024. Getting your dues in quickly helps all Legion governing levels establish and set their budgets for the 2025 year.

Quota: 177

Goal: 185

Paid: 156 at 88.1% of quota

Needed to reach quota: 21

Existing members not renewed to date: 21

New members: 4 (Scott Asbury, Ken Day & John Listermann & William McAdams)

Deceased members: 4 (Jimmy Bussey, Robert Saffin, Charles Stein, Rick Weis)

Active Duty: 4 (John Ehemann, Ted Mayer, John Mayer & Adrienne Prem)

Transfers In: 4 (Becky Bursk, Jim Deardorff, Leo Honebrink, Barry King)

Transfers Out: 1 (Jeff Zalar)

If you ever have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me. If you know of anyone interested in joining or transferring to our Post please have them contact me

either by email: kamman.rc@gmail.com or by cell: 513-545-5237.

Randy Lindsey / Finance Officer

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Robert Kamman
1st Vice Commander
Membership Chair

Post Activities

The Post will continue to host events like Bingo, Karaoke, Euchre, Football Watch Parties and Clubroom events through the winter months. These events have seen increasing attendance and give our members and their guests options for an evening out. I would encourage you to consider attending one of the events listed on our calendar to help support the Post.

Thursdays – Karaoke/Euchre

Friday – Clubroom Open

Watch for Special Events surrounding entertainment, trivia and Football Watch Parties.

The Dance Committee, after several meetings and negotiations with local bands, has decided to cancel the upcoming Spring events. This was a hard decision for us but the effort of the volunteers involved and the revenue the Post would make does not warrant us to continue on the current path. After the Covid Pandemic the attendance and support were never able to recover to pre pandemic numbers. The Dance Committee is looking at other types of events outside of our traditional dance format. We appreciate all of the support from our members throughout the years.

Kirk Minnich/Commander
Marketing Committee

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

Post Finance Report

All bills are paid, we have a positive cash flow, and Post 318 is solvent!

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 a message for me.

Veterans Crisis Support is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year, call 1-800-273-8255, press 1. Patients and caregivers are encouraged to report concerns about the safety of this/these prescriptions (**TERAZOSIN HCL 2MG CAP**) by contacting their local VA Pharmacy at (513) 487-6606

Charles Cleves / Service Officer
We are here for you!

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 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. Contact Joe Baker at 513-289-9044 with any questions.

Karaoke: Every Thursday 7-10:30 pm. For information, contact Asst. Adj. Dan Wolfangel at dwacons@aol.com, or call 513-703-2287. **Still looking for volunteers to assist in staffing and coordinating this weekly event!!**

Post Officer’s & Committee Chairs

Commander	Kirk Minnich	513-594-5339
1st Vice:	Bob Kamman	513-545-5237
2nd Vice:	Tina Sunderhaus	513-313-1217
Adjutant:	Bob Carey	513-313-7369
Asst. Adjutant:	Dan Wolfangel	513-474-9577
Finance Officer:	Randy Lindsey	513-374-2099
Asst. Finance Officer	Joe DuBois	513-582-8477
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:	Dan Wolfangel	513-703-2287
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
Newsletter Editors:	Gary Gregorio	513-307-3824
	Bob Kamman	513-545-5237

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

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

Post 318 Christmas Party - 2024

On December 21st, American Legion Post 318 held their annual Christmas Party for Post Members, S.A.L., and their guests. This event was well attended, with a wonderful Christmas Pot Luck Supper, with main entrée's provided by Post 318 and Charities, Inc. Post Commander Kirk Minnich was Master of Ceremonies, while USMC Col. Tony Capetillo delivered the POW/MIA prayer. **The success of this event was a result of many people giving their time, door prizes, raffle prizes, food, etc. Their names are most certainly worth mentioning.** Kirk Minnich Post CDR., Bob Kamman 1st VC, Christina Sunderhaus 2nd VC, Tim Sunderhaus (SAL), Todd Sledge (SAL), Randy and Meredith Lindsey, Terry and Troy Haggard (SAL), Steve Stuntz, Tammy McCauley (At Your Service Now), Courtney and Jeremy Dwyer (SAL), John Listermann.

There are also many other folks who donated door prizes. I did not get all the names, my apologies for that.





ALL MEMBERS PLEASE READ CAREFULLY!!

WASHINGTON — Today, the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs announced the launch of the redesigned [Airborne Hazards and Open Burn Pit Registry](#) (Burn Pit Research Registry). The Burn Pit Registry is a database that combines Veteran and service member data to help VA better understand, research, and ultimately improve treatment for the health challenges facing Veterans exposed to airborne hazards and burn pits during their military service. Addressing the health issues associated with military related toxic exposure is a priority for VA and the entire the Biden-Harris Administration, and this announcement marks an important milestone in that effort.

The registry is an important research tool that enables VA to identify and study health challenges spanning the Veteran and service member population as a whole — providing Veterans and service members an opportunity to help improve the care and benefits of Veterans and service members in generations to come. The registry will now include more than 4.7 million Veterans and service members who meet participation criteria based on Department of Defense records.

Importantly, participating in or opting out of the registry does not impact nor determine eligibility for Veterans' individual VA health care or benefits. Those who do not wish to participate in the Registry can opt out by completing this [online form](#).

"The Burn Pit Registry is fueling groundbreaking research and enabling VA's ability to identify and proactively address health challenges that toxic-exposed Veterans face at a population level," said **Under Secretary for Health Shereef Elnahal, M.D.** "While the registry does not impact an individual Veteran's health care or benefits, it does serve as a catalyst for advancing new and innovative treatments for the Veteran population as a whole — including informing decisions related to presumptive conditions, more precise predictive medicine, and proactive Veteran care. This redesign massively expands the registry and reduces the participation requirements for Veterans, paving the way for critical research in the coming years."

"This tool is a significant improvement in making data available in a way that better serves all those who were exposed to burn pits and other hazards," said Department of Defense **Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs Lester Martinez-Lopez, M.D.** "Being part of the Registry is a way for individuals to help and improve our understanding of the challenges faced by service members and Veterans affected by these exposures."

While this research database does not impact individual care and benefits, there are many avenues for Veterans to reach VA for the services they deserve. We encourage Veterans seeking screening, health care, or benefits for toxic exposures to visit [VA.gov/PACT](#) or call 1-800-MYVA411.

This redesigned version of the registry incorporates extensive Veteran feedback, expands participation criteria, automatically includes participants in the registry, and simplifies participation requirements.

Veterans and service members (living or deceased) who, according to DOD records, served in the military campaigns or theater of operations listed below during the designated time frame will be automatically included:

Operations and Campaigns: Desert Shield and Desert Storm; Iraqi Freedom; Enduring Freedom; and New Dawn.

- Iraq, Afghanistan, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Djibouti, Gulf of Aden, Gulf of Oman, Oman, Qatar, United Arab Emirates, waters of the Persian Gulf, Arabian Sea, Red Sea, Syria, Uzbekistan, and Egypt between Aug. 2, 1990, and Aug. 31, 2021.
- Somalia since Aug. 2, 1990.
- The Southwest Asia theater of military operations and Egypt any time after Aug. 2, 1990
- Afghanistan, Djibouti, Jordan, Lebanon, Syria, Uzbekistan, or Yemen any time after Sept. 11, 2001.
- Associated airspaces with the countries listed above as well as the waters of the Persian Gulf, Arabian Sea, Gulf of Aden, Gulf of Oman, and the Red Sea.

This list is in addition to those who were based or stationed at a location on or after Sept. 11, 2001, where an open burn pit was used in Afghanistan, Iraq, Uzbekistan, Egypt, or Syria.

The data included in the registry includes deployment locations, military personnel information, and demographics to include gender, race, and ethnicity. No medical information will be stored in the registry. Veteran and service member data will be accessible only to select VA epidemiologists and researchers and institutional review board-approved researchers. It will be used to conduct research on the cohort over a period of time. The results will inform the policy decision-making efforts of VA executive leaders, including those related to presumptive conditions.

To learn more, visit www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/burnpits/registry.asp. VA Center for Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships (CFBNP)
810 Vermont Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20420
Email: VACFBNP@va.gov / Website: www.va.gov/cfbnp/
Check us out on [Facebook](#)

Did You Know?

More military spouses will now be eligible for the Defense Department's \$4,000 tuition assistance Program? Starting October 1, 2024, the program will expand eligibility for the My Career Advancement Account, or MyCAA program to include spouses of service members in pay grades E-7, E-8, E-9 and W-3.

Bob Kamman / 1st Vice Commander