



American Legion Post 318 Newsletter



“For God and Country”

July 2021

Remembering Dick Burnes

Post 318 recently received a donation check to the Post in amount of \$1,000.00 from Velynda Jaffe, daughter of deceased member Richard “Dick” Burnes. She advised that it was Dick’s wishes that the contribution be made on his behalf, and that the contribution be applied to directly reducing the Post’s mortgage.

The donation check has been forwarded to Finance Officer Lindsey to apply as requested. A Donation Acknowledgement has been sent, with the appreciation of the Post, to Velynda Jaffee and to the Burnes' family for their gracious donation on behalf of, and in memory of our departed member, Richard "Dick" Burnes.

*Dan Wolfangel
Adjutant*

Need Help?

If you’re a veteran and need help obtaining any of your entitled benefits, please contact our Service Officer, Charles Cleves. I can be reached at (513) 232-7767, or via email at: ccleves1@fuse.net.

*Charles Cleves
Post 318 Service Officer*

Dept. of Ohio Annual Convention

Dept. of Ohio Annual Convention will be held in Independence, Ohio, on the weekend of July 8 - 11, 2021. Post 318 Commander Lee Stegmann will be attending as our Post delegate, and will be voting on several resolutions. If you want to see the proposed changes, you can find these on the Dept. of Ohio website.

*Dan Wolfangel
Adjutant*

2021-2022 Officer Installation

Installation of the newly elected Post 318 Officers for 2021-2022 membership year was held at the Post General Membership Meeting on June 9, 2021. The installation and swearing in ceremony was conducted by long time member and several times Post Commander, Don Bishop. Those sworn in were: Lee Stegmann as Post Commander; Robert Kamman as 1st Vice Commander; Kirk Minnich as 2nd Vice Commander; Randy Lindsey as Finance Officer; Ralph Caskey as Sergeant-At-Arms; and Jerry Porter as Chaplain. We wish them all well in their new or continuing officerships. An Adjutant was not sworn in as no one ran for that office, so last year's Adjutant, Dan Wolfangel, has agreed to temporarily continuing to fill the role until a new Adjutant can be found and appointed to the position

*Dan Wolfangel
Post 318 Adjutant*



Left to Right: Commander Lee Stegmann, Past Commander Don Bishop (at podium), Chaplain Jerry Porter, Sergeant at Arms Ralph Caskey, Finance Officer Randy Lindsey, 2nd Vice Commander Kirk Minnich, 1st Vice Commander Bob Kamman.

Photo by Dan Wolfangel

Post Finance Report for 6/9/2021

Electric is switched over. Dynergy is our new provider via the aggregation. Our first payment under the new rate will be in August. At that time we will begin to see a savings. All bills are paid.

Randy Lindsey
Finance Officer

An April E.C. vote directed that any unused Memorial Day funds (as received from Hamilton County and Anderson Township), be allocated to the Hillcrest Cemetery's "Flags for Veterans Graves" project. Since it has been determined that project was fully funded, an e-mail vote was taken to redirect those unused Memorial Day funds (\$94.81) to use by Uniform Ceremonies to purchase additional flags for Post ceremonial use. The E.C. email vote passed, so the issue was approved.

Dan Wolfangel
Adjutant

Post Clean Up Schedule

We are once again scheduling our Post clean up day on Tuesdays at 9 AM. Please come out and help!

Ed Sears and Bob Alfieri

Post 318 Socials

Our first social gathering was a success! Over 40 members and family members attended our first social since the beginning of the pandemic, and we are planning for the next one!

Kirk Minnich
2nd Vice Commander

National Veterans Crisis Line:

Phone: 1-800-273-8255, then press 1 to chat.
Or, Get confidential crisis help on-line at:
www.veteranscrisisline.net Or, text to: 838255.

Charities, Inc. Finances

General Account Balance, 5/01/2021: \$8,928.56
Expenses, May Rent: - \$ 150.00
Transferred to Veterans Account: - \$500.00
May Post Volunteer Raffle Prize: - \$ 50.00
Deacon Howland Eagle Scout Project: -\$ 100.00
Bingo, (3 weeks): + \$1,365.00
Donation, (Amazon Smiles Program): + \$ 32.26
Donation, (Kroger Community Reward): +\$ 40.00
General Account Balance, 4/30/2021: \$9,565.82

Veterans Account Balance: 4/1/2021: \$ 932.93
Expenses: April 501-C-3 Rent: - \$ 150.00
American Legion Legacy Scholarship: - \$ 500.00
Transfer From General Account: + \$ 500.00
Veterans Account Balance, 5/31/2021: \$ 782.93
Total Balance of both Accounts: \$10,348.75

Walter Geil

C.I. Treasurer

With our lack of fundraising, CI is going to depend heavily on donations to fund our 2022 programs. To this point, remember there are two corporate programs that contribute to CI, based on your support for their businesses. All you need to do is sign up, select CI as your cause, and they will contribute a portion of your spending to CI. Details are listed below:

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, and register for the Kroger Community Rewards program and select ***American Legion Post 318 Charities, Inc.*** as your cause.

Amazon Smiles – If you shop at Amazon.com and select ***American Legion Post 318 Charities, Inc.*** as your charity, Amazon donates 0.5% of all eligible purchases. To maximize our revenue opportunities, please share this information with family and friends.

Don Bishop

President, Charities, Inc.

BINGO!

I want to thank all the people that come out to help set up for bingo, along with all of the people that come out and work Bingo for the POST. If you like to play Bingo, we play on Sunday night. Doors open at 4:30 pm. Play starts at 6 pm. Here are the results for the month of June. Money to the Post \$3650.00. Money to Charities Inc. \$1140.00. Concession sales grossed \$506.00. Please consider helping us out on Sundays. The jobs are easy to learn, and about half are completed by 7:30PM. We are usually finished with all jobs by 9:30 to 10PM --- except for me!

Ed Sears
Bingo Chairman
513-474-0246, emsears1969@gmail.com

All Post 318 ZOOM meetings:

ID: 3959722502 Password: Post318 (Capitol "P" is necessary in the password.)

Randy Lindsey
Zoom Chairman

2021-2022 Business Plan and Budget

The Business Plan was reviewed and updated last month. If you have any Business Plan or Budget questions, please address them at the July 14th Wednesday night meeting, or before. The Business Plan has to be approved by the membership, and it has to be presented to our members 10 days prior to the vote. To meet these requirements the following timeline has been established: On June 30th an E.C. vote to recommend approval will be taken. On July 2nd a copy of the recommended Business Plan & Budget will be sent by email to every member with an email address. On July 4th three (3) hardcopies will be available in the Post Club Room, for those members without email. **These Copies should not be removed!** On July 14th a membership vote will be taken to approve the Business Plan and Budget.

Don Bishop, Program Manager, Post 318
Business Plan

Post Officers & Committee Chairs:

Commander:	Lee Stegmann	513-967-9613
1st Vice:	Bob Kamman	513-545-5237
2nd Vice:	Kirk Minnich	513-594-5339
Adjutant:	Dan Wolfangel	513-474-9577
Finance Officer:	Randy Lindsey	513-374-2099
Chaplain:	Jerry Porter	513-528-1557
Sergeant at Arms:	Ralph Caskey	513-470-6588
Bingo:	Ed Sears	513-474-0246
Community Support, Americanism, and Fundraising are all VACANT		
Event Coordination:	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
Asst. Finance Officer and Newsletter Editor:	Joe DuBois, joedubois@cinci.rr.com	513-582-8477

Color Guard Events

Post 318 will be participating in the Anderson 4th of July Parade again this year. **The parade is being held on SATURDAY, JULY 3RD, starting at 10 AM at the Firehouse on Beechmont Ave., and traveling west to Anderson Towne Center.**

If you're not going to be in the Parade, come out and watch and support your Post. Post 318 will lead the Parade down Beechmont Ave. We will have a Color Guard and several convertibles carrying members. Our Post bagpiper Mike Gregorio will provide music along the way. Please come out and support your Post, and the Anderson community. Color Guard members will car pool from Bus station too.

Contact Bob Alfieri (513 404-2234) or Jerry Porter (513-235 6875) if you have any problems or concerns about the Parade details.

Thanks for participating! Hopefully the weather will cooperate. Riders please wear military ball caps or Legion caps. Small flags will be passed out at the starting point.

Ralph Caskey
Sergeant at Arms

Chaplains Report

Well for better or worse, I am back as Chaplain. It has been my pleasure to have served for many years leading up to last year. My break was short lived because Bob had family situations that caused him to step down. It is a great position if you have empathy and compassion for your fellow man.

Anyone of our members who needs my services please let me know by phone or email. We can just visit; share some stories or just to talk. I will try to be available to everyone.

If you are looking for something to do, and are organized and want to make a difference within the Legion, we still need an adjutant. Dan Wolfangel has been in that position for many years. He is willing to work with any member who will step up. If you are a person with confidence in your ability and want to take on this special position, please let any member of the executive board know.

You will probably hear more about this later, but one of our Buckeye Girl's State attendees was elected Governor. That is the highest office at Buckeye Girl's State. She attends Anderson High School.

Looking forward to the the July 4th parade to be held on July 3rd. We will lead the parade again with an Honor Guard, followed by sin cars holding our members. We still need more people to sign up to be on the Honor Guard. If interested see Ralph Caskey.
God Bless and see you around the Post.

Gerald Porter
Chaplain: 513-235-6875
Gerryporter7952@gmail.com

House Report

1. The electrical system open neutral is fixed.
2. Dave reset the sensor for the Flag Pole light, but the big bush may be the cause of the light blinking.
3. All the signs on the front door from the Covid era have been removed and the glass cleaned.
4. The icemaker has been repaired. Replaced three thumbscrews inside the ice maker that held up the discharge board inside the ice storage box.

Ed Sears for Bob Alfieri

AMERICAN LEGION POST 318

Announcing the Third Annual Fundraiser Celebrating Post 318's Heroes. The Latitudes Bar & Bistro, 7454 Beechmont Ave. will host the event. The fundraiser will be held on Sunday, August 29th, 2021.

Doors Open at Noon, and Music starts at 1:00 PM. The sponsors are thanking our Veterans for their service to our country & to Anderson Township! With Special Guests: DJ Glen Hock & Jon Wayne Hatfield. Entertainment will Feature "The Varner/Netherton Revival": Dan Varner & Nick Netherton. **General Admission: \$10.00 at the door, for outside tables, or for standing room.** All proceeds from event will be donated to American Legion Post 318!

Fundraising features; Silent Auction Baskets, Raffles, Split the Pot, and the outdoor Tiki Bar! Food and beverages will also be available from Latitudes' regular menu!

Reserve your Pre-Sale VIP Tables Now! 6 person table: \$200.00, 4 person: \$150.00, 2 person: \$75.00. These prices include: Admission tickets (bracelets), one split the pot and one raffle ticket per seat, one champagne bottle for each table to share. (Two bottles for 6 persons). Table service is included. Contact Kerri Wolfangel at 513-265-3125 or kwolfangel@comey.com to purchase a table!



Awards and Recognition Program

Anderson Post 318 will hold their Annual Awards & Recognition Program on Saturday - July 17, 2021 starting at 7 PM, at the Post. This year we will be recognizing and presenting awards to:

- 15 students from area schools for participation or selection in the following Legion and Post 318 Programs, inclusive of: “Child/Grandchild of a Veteran Scholarships; Buckeye Boys & Girls State Participation”; Citizenship Participation”; and “Uniform Ceremonies Support”.
- 2 Public Service Awards for “Firefighter of the Year” and “Law Officer of the Year”.
- 26 Post Members for “Continuous Membership in American Legion (5 Years to 70 Years).

Ohio Senator Steve Wilson, through his “Veterans Honors Program.” will be present and recognize 10 deceased members of Post 318 who passed on to “Post Everlasting” in 2020. Senator Wilson will make presentations to Post 318, and to members of the deceased veterans families, if they are present.

Light refreshments will be served following the ceremonies. We would like to have as may Post 318 members attend as possible to show our support for all of the awardees and the programs they represent. If you would like to attend, we would appreciate if you would contact Dan Wolfangel at (513) 474-9577 or dwacons@aol.com , by July 9th, and let him know, and if you will have any one accompanying you, so we can properly plan for the event.

Dan Wolfangel
Adjutant Post 318
Coordinator, Awards Program

Next Meeting

Our next General Membership Meeting is scheduled for 7:00 PM, Wednesday, July 14th. We will go through our committee reports, updating our projects and programs. We will have the drawing for the monthly volunteer’s award, and split the pot at the end of the meeting. Following the meeting we will have snacks and socialize in the Club Room!

The success of Post 318 depends on your support, so feel free to bring a veteran friend and come out and join us for this important meeting!

Next E.C. meeting will be on Wednesday, July 28th, 2021, at 7:00 PM.

Charities Inc Fundraising

With COVID behind us, American Legion Post 318 Charities, Inc. (CI) is planning its fundraisers for program year 2022. Our goal is to raise \$37,000. If successful, this level of funding will support all of Post 318’s expected philanthropy and program expenses; Boys State, Girls State, the Oratorical Contest, scholarships, Eagle Scout projects and much, much more.

Our primary challenge is that after 14 months of being closed down, it is going to take a significant effort to execute these programs. We start by getting everyone re-engaged in our mission, by understanding what we do and why.

The projects we’re taking on this calendar year are listed below. Some are old standby’s; others are new opportunities. All will contribute to the money needed to fund our programs.

Dates	Event
November 6, 2021	Wave the Flag
November 26 thru December 31, 2021	Christmas Lights Old Coney (2 days/week for 6 weeks)
December 4, 2021	Cookies and Cocoa with Santa
May 23 thru May 28, 2021	Poppy Programs (Schools & Community)

The success of our fundraising efforts, and the programs we support, are directly related to your support and participation. Please consider how you can help.

Santa Needed

CI is planning its Christmas fundraiser, *Cookies and Cocoa with Santa*, and is in dire need for someone to play the role of Santa Clause.

Santa, in full costume, will be greeting our young guests, listening to their Christmas wishes, and having your picture taken many times. Our previous Santa did a great job, but retired to “Post Everlasting”, so we’re in need of a new Santa!

If something like this would interest you, please contact Don Bishop at dabishop@fuse.net, or by calling 513-474-4194.

Don Bishop
President, Charities Inc.

Christmas Show – December 18th

Due to the overwhelming success of our last Christmas show, “*A CINCY CHRISTMAS JAMBOREE*”, we’re collaborating with the Cincy Rockers to produce another one. Our goal is not to replicate what we did in the past, but to make it different. However, it will still be a concert, not a dance, with seating for about 226.

Event planning begins June 29th. The Christmas show is scheduled for December 18th. Tickets will be sold through ShowClix, beginning in mid-October.

Fall Dance Schedule Complete

Our fall dance schedule is complete and we are literally ready to “*Rock & Roll*”. All we need now is to have you come out and enjoy live music at the Patriot Center.

Our fall schedule begins, August 28th, with the *Wild Rice Music Revue* and goes through New Year’s Eve, featuring the *Cincy Rockers*. Other groups on our schedule include: *Slow Burn*, *The Remains*, and *Model Behavior*. Our complete schedule is listed below.

Patriot Center Fall Dance Schedule

Date	Event
August 28, 2021	Wild Rice Musical Revue
September 11, 2021	Cincy Rockers
September 25, 2021	Slow Burn
October 9, 2021	The Remains
October 23, 2021	Wild Rice Musical Revue
October 30, 2021	Cincy Rockers (Halloween)
November 13, 2021	Model Behavior
December 4, 2021	The Remains
December 31, 2021	Cincy Rockers (New Year’s Eve)

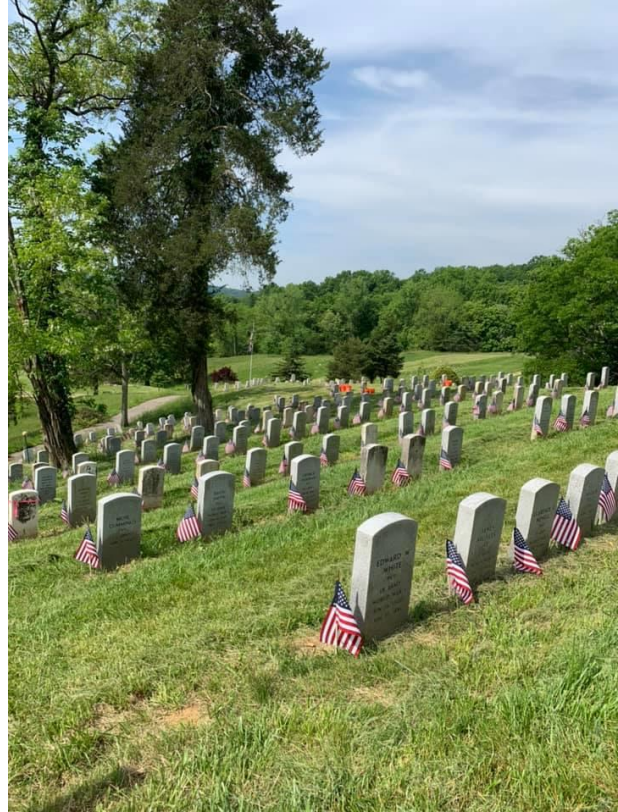
2021-2022 Business Plan and Budget

The Post 318 Business Plan and Budget will be presented for membership approval at our July 14th General Membership meeting. The timeline and deliverables associated with this task are as follows:

- 6/30/21- EC to recommend approval
- 7/2/21 - Electronic distribution to all members with email addresses
- 7/5/21 - 3 copies available in the club room for review. **These copies should not be removed.**
- 7/14/21 – Plan review, Q&A, membership vote.

Don Bishop, Program Manager, Post 318 Business Plan

Hillcrest Dressed Up for Memorial Day



For the first time ever, flags were placed to recognize the Veterans interred at Hillcrest Cemetery. This project was funded by the community through “*Go Fund Me*”. contributions. 1,400 flags were purchased, and a little over 1,100 were placed, by community volunteers. On June 5th, the flags were collected, cleaned and stored for use next Memorial Day.

The Hillcrest Veterans were recognized for their participation in one of the following conflicts; the *Civil War*, the *Spanish American War*, *WW I*, *WW II*, *Korea*, or *Vietnam*.

Firewood Available

In recent days, a significant amount of work has been done at Hillcrest Cemetery. One result of this effort is that several trees were taken down, and now there is some firewood that needs a new home. This offer is being made on a first come basis. If you have any interest, please contact Don Bishop via email at dabishop@fuse.net, or call 513-474-4194.

***Don Bishop
Program Manager, Hillcrest Cemetery***