



# American Legion Anderson Post 318

July 2023



### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

July 5<sup>th</sup> – SAL Monthly Mtg, 7pm

July 12<sup>th</sup> – General Meeting 7pm

July 26<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

### **Korea, the “Forgotten War”**

The Korean War began on June 25, 1950, when North Korea invaded South Korea along with their allies, China and Russia. The U.S joined South Korea, along with many other allied countries, to repel the communist invaders. The U.S. military reports 36,574 K.I.A., 103,284 wounded, 11,500 POW’s. As of 2019, 7800 American POW’s still unaccounted for. An armistice was signed on July 27, 1953. The Korean DMZ was established, but no peace treaty was ever signed, technically leaving North and South Korea still at war.

\* To the Korean War Veterans of Post 318. The members of Post 318 want you to know, you are not, and never will be, “forgotten”! \*

### **Membership**

We are about to begin our new membership year, July 1<sup>st</sup>. I should be receiving the new cards in the next week or two. You should be receiving your renewal notices in the next 2 -3 weeks. 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](http://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/pufl](http://www.legion.org/join/pufl)

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**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander**  
**Membership Chair**  
**513-545-5237**

[Kamman.rc@gmail.com](mailto:Kamman.rc@gmail.com)

### **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](mailto: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.

**Post Officer's & Committee Chairs**

- Commander:** Lee Stegmann 513-967-9613
- 1<sup>st</sup> Vice:** Bob Kamman 513-545-5237
- 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

**JULY BIRTHDAYS**

- Joseph E. Baker
- William Bussey
- James W. Gray
- Frank F. Heimkreiter
- Dennis Riggs
- John J. Surdick
- William Beuke
- Terry L. Childs
- Gary Gregorio
- Thomas E. Hines
- Steven G. Stuntz
- Guy Wolf

**Attention: Viet Nam Era Veterans:**

The D.A.R. (Daughters of the American Revolution), would like to recognize and honor, those who served during the Viet Nam Era. They are wanting to schedule an event to take place on Sunday, **July 2, 2023**, at the St. Paul United Methodist Church, located in Madeira. Those of you who would be interested in participating, please contact Darrel Everman at 513-259-3004 by calling or text. If you would prefer email, the address is [evermandarrel@gmail.com](mailto:evermandarrel@gmail.com). I will send the registration forms and details of the event sent to you.

**Thank You,  
Darrel Everman**

***Charities, Inc. Update***

Charities, inc. is in the process of closing out Program Year 2023 and preparing to implement 2024.

To close out 2023, year end payments were made to:

- The Neediest Kids of All = \$25.00
- Volunteer Raffle = \$ 35.07
- Rent = \$300.00
- American Legion Awards = \$790.15

We also received contributions from:

- Bingo = \$ 2,169.00
- Amazon Smiles = \$ 55.24
- Boy State Refund = \$ 300.00
- Kroger Rewards = \$ 181.48
- Poppy Donations = \$ 3561.87

Looking forward to 2024 there have been several changes. Programs that have been discontinued are:

- VAVS
- Special Olympics
- Trunk & Treat
- Military and Family Assistance
- Americanism & Government Testing Program

Also, in 2024 we will begin support for:  
Save-A-Warrior

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

**TRIVIA QUESTION**

Who was Richard Henry Lee?

**URGENT NEED FOR A POST FINANCE OFFICER**

As for the Finance Officer position, which currently is vacant due to no one stepping up to run for the office, hopefully someone will step up **very soon**, to accept an appointment made by the Post Commander in accordance with Post By-Laws, to this position. While this position must be held by a Post Legion Member, we have been in contact with one of our SAL members who runs his own accounting and tax firm, who has agreed to assist and advise our Post Finance Officer as needed and assist with tax filings, and our past Finance Officer will also be available to give guidance and training.

**THIS IS A REQUIRED AND VERY NECESSARY AND IMPORTANT POST OFFICER POSITION, AND HOPEFULLY SOMEONE WILL STEP UP TO THE PLATE.**

If you are interested in filling his vacant position, or need further info regarding duties of the office, please contact current Finance Officer Randy Lindsey at (513) 374-2099 or email at [weasellee293@gmail.com](mailto:weasellee293@gmail.com), or Commander Stegmann at (513) 967-9613, ASAP.

**Submitted By: Dan Wolfangel Ass't Adjutant / Corporate Statutory Representative**

### **TRIVIA ANSWER**

Richard Henry Lee of Virginia, wrote the formal assertion passed by the Second Continental Congress, on July 2, 1776, stating that the thirteen colonies were "free and independent states", and separate from the British Empire, creating the United States of America.

**Bob Carey  
Post Adjutant/Trivia Master**

### **UNIFORM SERVICES**

Sgt at Arms Ralph Caskey, along with House Officer Bob Alfieri, delivered 12 large bags, containing over 1,000 American Flags, to Spring Grove Cemetery, for retiring. Thanks to Ralph, Bob, and Spring Grove Cemetery.



### **INSTALLATION OF 2023 – 2024 POST OFFICERS**



(Left to right: Don Bishop [Officiating] / Cmdr Lee Stegmann / 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Bob Kamman / Adjutant Bob Carey / 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Kirk Minnich / Sgt-at-Arms Ralph Caskey / Chaplain Rob Heberly / Ass't Sgt-at-Arms Gary Gregorio [Installation Guide])

The Installation Ceremonies for your Post 318 Officers was conducted at the June 14<sup>th</sup> General Membership Meeting. Those officers installed were:

Commander	- Lee Stegmann
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice Commander	- Bob Kamman
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander	- Kirk Minnich
Adjutant	- Robert Carey
Finance Officer	- <b>(OPEN)</b>
Chaplain	- Rob Heberly
Sgt-At-Arms	- Ralph Caskey

The Installation was officiated by long-time Post 318 member Don Bishop, who has officiated over several Post Officer Installations, and himself has served in a variety of Post Officer positions over his 50 years of Legion membership, including several stints as Post Commander, and continues as a member of the Post Executive Committee as Post 318 Charities, Inc Liaison. Congratulations to all of the newly elected officers, and thanks for their willingness to continue serving the Post in their respective roles/positions, we will still be a chartered American Legion Post.

### **2023 AWARDS & RECOGNITION PROGRAM**

Mark Saturday – July 22<sup>nd</sup> on your calendar, as the date of the 2023 Awards & Recognition Program. The event will start at 7 PM, and will involve recognition of, and presentations of, awards and recognition, for both participants in several of the Post 318 student and civic program and honoring many Post members for years of continuous membership and service as well as our recent deceased members. Included in those being recognized are: Firefighter and Law Officer of year; 5 Child / Grandchild of a Veteran Scholarships; 4 Boys & Girls State Attendees; 10 Poppy Days Program Supporters; 26 Continuous Membership-Service Awardees; and 10 deceased Post Members receiving the Ohio Senate's Veteran Honor Program recognition which will be presented to by Ohio Senator Steve Wilson. Light refreshments will follow the Award Program

If you are scheduled for a recognition, you received an invite with a RSVP date of July 14<sup>th</sup>, to Dan Wolfangel at 513-474-9577. Please respond if you have not already done so. All Post Members are welcome to attend and encouraged to show their support for our various program participants, as well as your fellow veterans being recognized. No RSVP is necessary for supporting Post Members.

**Dan Wolfangel  
Post 318 Awards & Recognition Program  
Coordinator**

## **POST 318 CLUB ROOM REVITALIZATION UPDATE**

Work continues to progress on the Club Room Revitalization, and hopefully will be completed by the Awards & Recognition Program. The re-painting is complete, the lower wall treatment (below chair rail) is under way, and a new ceiling lighting system is in process. Replacement bar stools and several high-top tables and stools (for area vacated of pool table) have been obtained. This is all being done to create a more congenial and friendly area and atmosphere where our Post and SAL members can enjoy meeting with old and new members and friends, sharing conversations and beverages. As most of you should already know, our Post 318 Club room has always been, and is still, not open to the public, but is solely for the exclusive use of our Post and SAL Members and their invited guests. Post /SAL members are responsible for their invited guests and seeing that our Honor Bar Systems is adhered to. If you are interested in a copy of the just recently adopted revised "Club Room Use Policy", please contact Dan Wolfangel, via email at [dwacons@aol.com](mailto:dwacons@aol.com), and you can receive an electronic copy.

This Club Room Revitalization Project has resulted in many military and Legion items previously being displayed in Club Room, being relocated to the public lobby and hallway area of our facility for public viewing to give the public a better understanding of what the Legion and the Post is all about, and the Post's involvement with the community. This relocation has been well viewed and received by visitors and rentals using our Patriot Center Hall portion of our facility.

We hope to see you in our newly revitalized Post Club Room in the future. Possible additional amenities under consideration to be added in future may include electronic gaming devices, and a music system. We have already added an ATM in the lobby for use of our members, and visitors.

***Dan Wolfangel***

### **Post Activities**

Thank you to everyone who came out to the Annual Cookout and enjoyed some burgers and bratts with a lot of great sides and desserts! We had a little over 30 people attend and always have room for more! Hope to see you at the next one in August.

This month things at the Post do slow down a bit due to the Summer months. The Color Guard will be participating in the Anderson Townships Annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade along with many riders in various convertibles. Hopefully we will see some of you showing your support

out in the crowd. The Post will be holding it's Annual Awards & Recognition Program on Saturday, July 22<sup>nd</sup> starting at 7pm in the Main Hall. (See the article submitted by Dan Wolfangel for more details).

Upcoming events in August we will be having an Ice Cream Social in the Clubroom on Saturday the 19<sup>th</sup>. I will send more communication out later this month and in next month's newsletter. On Saturday the 26<sup>th</sup> the Post will be hosting a Back-to-School Dance featuring The Cincy Rockers! Presale tickets are available through Eventbrite and highly recommended, we have seen increasing numbers of attendees and are very optimistic this will be a sell out!! Our Cinco de Mayo dance came very close to selling out with 182 tickets being sold. This will kick off our Fall session of Dances with The Cincy Rockers returning with their variety of music, including classic rock & country from the 60's, 70's, 80's and 90's.

Not only will the evening be filled with great music and entertainment, but there will also be food available for purchase brought to you by At Your Service NOW catering. There will be some Summer themed choices available, including Hamburger/Cheeseburgers & Brat/Mett with a few other options. Food will be available when the doors open until 10pm.

We will also be looking for staff support the night of the event. The past couple dances we have been able to manage with about 6 volunteers, but more would make the evening go much smoother. If you are available to help, please contact Mike Stringer or myself. The area of clean up it needed the most which can be supported that night after the dance or on Sunday with Bingo Clean up at 3pm, moving the tables back to the Bingo set up is the biggest thing.

Thursday Karaoke will be also starting back up in the Fall so watch for further communication and the Post Calendar with dates.

If you have any ideas for future events or fund raisers, please reach out to me. The Marketing Committee meets every 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday at 7pm in the Clubroom to make sure we are coordinating all the events among all the committees.

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