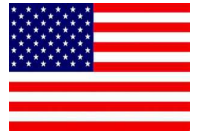




American Legion Anderson Post 318

July 2024



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 3rd – SAL Monthly Meeting 7:00 pm
 July 10th – General Meeting 7:00 pm
 July 17th - Marketing Committee 7:00 pm
 July 31st – E.C. Meeting 7:00 pm

No Karaoke / Summer Break

Bingo – Every Sunday 6:00 pm
 Euchre – Every Thursday 7:00 pm
 * Friday Euchre has been eliminated *

“Brief” History of the American Revolution

After the British imposed a Stamp Act on the colonies in 1765, the 13 colonies, claiming taxation without representation, claimed their independence from Great Britain, which eventually led to the formation of the United States of America. On June 11, 1776 the Continental Congress created a formal Declaration of Independence, which was adopted by 12 of the 13 colonies, on July 4th 1776. The American Revolution lasted from 1775-1781 and after many battles, the British surrendered at Yorktown, VA. on October 19, 1781. American deaths during the Revolution is listed as 25,324, which was 10% of the colony population at the time.



Membership

We should have the new membership cards by the beginning of July. As a reminder, the membership dues have increased to \$45, due to a \$5 increase from National. I really appreciate everyone's effort to get their dues back to me as soon as possible. Our quota for this year will be around 177. Everyone did a great job this past year getting our membership back up to pre-covid numbers. I hope to see that same great effort again this year.

If you ever have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me.

***For God & Country
 Robert Kamman
 1st Vice Commander
 Membership Chair
 513-545-5237
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

Post Finance Report

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

***Randy Lindsey
 Finance Officer***

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

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: Cancelled until Fall of 2024, date TBA. For information, contact Asst. Adj. Dan Wolfangel at [dwacons@aol.com](mailto: dwacons@aol.com), or call 513-703-2287

TRIVIA QUESTION:

What is the number two cause of death for veterans under age 45?

Post Officer's & Committee Chairs

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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

JULY BIRTHDAYS

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

2024 POST 318 "AWARDS & RECOGNITION PROGRAM"

Mark your calendars now so you don't miss out on this annual event, which will be coming up on **SATURDAY – JULY 20th, at 7 PM**, at the Post. We will provide more detailed info in July issue, but as this time we will be recognizing: 30 Post Members for continuous

membership-service awards; 6 Child of a Veteran Scholarships; numerous Boys and Girls State attendees; our Law Officer of Year and Firefighter of Year; and our annual deceased members recognized through Ohio's Veterans Honors Program; just to name a few. **We hope to see many of you there.**

By: Dan Wolfangel – Awards Program Coordinator

ATTENTION ALL VETERANS OF POST 318

Did you know [veterans](#) are entitled to be buried or have their ashes interred in any [National Cemetery](#) that has available space at no charge? Currently, the [Veterans Benefits Administration \(VBA\)](#) operates [125 national cemeteries](#), of which 65 are open for new casketed interments, and 21 are open to accept cremated remains only. Burial options are limited to those available at a specific [cemetery](#) but may include an in-ground casket or interment of cremated remains in a columbarium, the ground, or a scatter garden.

Bob Kamman / 1st Vice Commander

Post Activities

I hope everyone is having a great Summer and will be able to celebrate the 4th with family and friends. The Post Activities is a bit slower over the summer months, but we are already planning activities for you and your family this coming fall. The Awards Night is July 20th with doors opening at 6pm, hope to see many of you are able to make it down to celebrate the achievements of your fellow Post Member and community. For anyone who has not been down to the Post lately to see some of the changes and improvements which have been completed, I would invite you to make a trip. In August we will have our Ice Cream Social with more details to come. Dances are scheduled in September and October, check the Post Website for details. Our SALs will be host a Cornhole Tournament on Sept 21. Things are going to start picking up towards the end of August so stay tuned!

**Kirk Minnich
Commander**

TRIVIA ANSWER:

Suicide. What can you do about it? The American Legion's "Be the One" mission encourages people to engage in conversation with a veteran whose life may be at risk to suicide. For help to be the one who may save a veteran from suicide go to betheone.org/resources.

Bob Carey / Post Adjutant / Trivia Master

4th OF JULY PARADE DETAIL

0700, there will be a breakfast sponsored by Post 318 S.A.L. Squad, at Post 318. Members and spouses welcome. Please contact Kerri Wolfangel at 513-265-3125 or kerri.wolfangel@outlook.com asap if you plan to attend.

The parade meeting locations are as follows: Color Guard, SAL Members, and the Red Cadillac meet at the same place as last year, across from Dunkin Donuts, no later then 0900 . Rifles, flags, flag holders, and large flag, to be carried by SAL Members, will be there, along with the Parade Sign.

Post 318 Commander Kirk Minnich and Chaplain Rob Heberly will ride in the Red Cadillac.

Those members who will ride, will meet behind the Anderson Fire Station on Beechmont Ave., no later then 0900 hrs. Riders, you will need to have someone drop you off at your designated location. Pick up location will be at the end of the parade, by CVS, at the Anderson Town Center.

Members in the Color Guard detail will wear full dress Color Guard uniforms. Any other participating members can wear casual dress, and are asked to wear a cap signifying the branch of the military they served.

**Any questions, contact Ralph Caskey SAA Post 318
513-470-6588 or caskeyrw@gmail.com**

Did You Know?

Did you know the [Fisher House Foundation](#) is known for supporting the [military community](#), including providing a "home away from home" for military and [veteran](#) families near [military medical centers](#) while their loved ones are hospitalized? Also, the nonprofit foundation created the [Scholarships for Military Children](#) program in 2001 in partnership with the Defense Commissary Agency (DeCA) to recognize the contributions of military families to the readiness of the fighting force and celebrate the role commissaries play in enhancing the military quality of life.

Bob Kamman / 1st Vice Commander