



# American Legion Anderson Post 318

March 2023



## Happy 104<sup>th</sup> Birthday, American Legion

Began on March 15, 1919, in Paris, France, by caucus members of the American Expeditionary Force. The American Legion was chartered by the U.S. 66<sup>th</sup> Congress, on Sept. 16, 1919. The Legion's primary political activity, was to lobby on behalf of the interests of Veterans, Service Members, and Community Service. There are almost two million members, and 12 thousand Posts.

### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

- Mar 1st- SAL Monthly Mtg, 7pm
- Mar 8th – General Meeting 7pm
- Mar 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> Karaoke 7:30 pm
- Mar 29<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
- Fish Fry- Every Friday, Mar. 3<sup>rd</sup> – April 7<sup>th</sup>  
5:00 pm

### **Membership**

We have 22 members that have not renewed. Your membership, by Post constitution, was supposed to be paid by the end of October. Since your dues were not paid by the end of January, your access card will be deactivated, your name will be placed in a suspended file, your newsletter and American Legion magazine will cease. If you're not sure if you have paid, please reach out to me at the phone or email below.

### **2022-23 Membership Scoreboard**

<b>Paid as of 2/24/2023</b>	<b>160</b>
<b>2022-2023 Post Goal</b>	<b>185</b>
<b>% of Goal</b>	<b>86.5%</b>
<b>2022-2023 Quota</b>	<b>177</b>
<b>% of Quota</b>	<b>90.4%</b>
<b>Required for Quota</b>	<b>17</b>

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**

### **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**  
**Finance Officer**  
513-374-2099, (Call or text)

### **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**

### **Fund Raising**

**Bingo** – The Post conducts bingo every Sunday. Doors open at 4:30 PM, preliminary games begin at 6 PM. All your favorite "pull tabs" are available. The good news is our Bingo attendance is starting to increase. The bad news is, an increase in attendance will eventually drive a need to increase "worker bees". You can support the Post by either coming out to play, or volunteering to work these events. Some of these support roles are only for a

few hours. Please contact Bingo Manager, Ed Sears (474-0246) with any questions.

**Euchre** – Euchre tournaments are conducted every Thursday night in the Club Room. Buy-in is \$10, \$5 going to the Post and \$5 going to prize money. This is a fun evening and is open to both our members and the public. Doors open at 6:45PM, games begin at 7 PM. Contact Joe Baker (289-9044) with any questions.

**Trivia Question:**

**What is a "quorum?"**

**Announcement**

For patients of The Urology Group: If you haven't received your invitation to the 50th Anniversary Tribute to Vietnam Veterans, check with The Urology Group. The event will be at the Cintas Center on March 29. It is free, but you must make a reservation.

**Charities Inc. Update**

Things at Charities, Inc. are going well. We've been able to meet all of our commitments and it appears that our "cash on hand" will fund our commitments through the end of this program year. For February, our big expenses were for the tuition payments associated with the Boys State / Girls State programs. So far this year, we're sending 2 girls and 3 boys at a cost of \$1,700.

Next month it will be time to make our annual contribution to several of the veteran causes we support; including Gifts for Yanks, Joseph House and Fisher House.

Planning is also underway for our annual "Poppy Day" programs. We will once again take our poppies into the six (6) FHSD elementary schools, along with our Memorial Day message. Our biggest challenge is coming to grips with our community program. We need to do something, but I have little confidence that Kroger is going to support us. So, we have to come up with some ideas, if you have any thoughts, please let me know!

**Don Bishop  
Charities, Inc.**



**ATTENTION ALL POST MEMBERS  
FINANCIAL OFFICER NEEDED**

Are you good with numbers? Do you have some spare time? For personal reasons, Randy is leaving the

Financial Officer position, **effective May 15, 2023**. This is a great way to help out your Legion.

**Job Description**

- \* Keeping track of finances for the Post
- \* Attending Bi-Monthly meetings
- \* Making sure cash is available for different fundraisers
- \* Filing the 990 with the IRS (Randy will help you with this specifically)

Randy will be available to train and guide you through the learning process. Most of the tracking is done via Quicken and most bills are on automatic pay. To inquire and apply, call Randy, 513-374-2099 or email at [weasellee293@gmail.com](mailto:weasellee293@gmail.com)

**COME OUT AND SUPPORT "KARAOKE THURSDAYS"**

Post 318 is continuing to look for support from our Post members for our "Karaoke Thursday" Events held at the Post facility, which are currently scheduled **for every Thursday through March 30<sup>th</sup>, from 7:30 to 11 PM each event, with probable extension of his session into April and May, before probable summer hiatus**. 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", and possibly in future the sale of "pull-tabs", are the only sources of revenue to our Post to compensate our Karaoke DJ and earn funds for the Post. 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](mailto:dwacons@aol.com) (Please note "Karaoke" on email subject line), or at 513-703-2287.

**Dan Wolfangel  
"Karaoke Thursday Coordinator"**

**Post Officer's & Committee Chairs**

<b>Commander:</b>	Lee Stegmann	513-967-9613
<b>1st Vice:</b>	Bob Kamman	513-545-5237
<b>2nd Vice:</b>	Kirk Minnich	513-594-5339
<b>Adjutant:</b>	Bob Carey	513-313-7369
<b>Asst. Adjutant:</b>	Dan Wolfangel	513-474-9577
<b>Finance Officer:</b>	Randy Lindsey	513-374-2099
<b>Chaplain:</b>	Rob Heberly	513-550-6601
<b>Sergeant at Arms:</b>	Ralph Caskey	513-470-6588
<b>Bingo:</b>	Ed Sears	513-474-0246
<b>Event Coordinator:</b>	Ken Knight	513-675-5234
<b>House:</b>	Bob Alfieri	513-232-0309
<b>Service Officer:</b>	Charlie Cleves	513-232-7767
<b>Charities Inc. Liaison:</b>	Don Bishop	513-474-4194
<b>Corp. Statutory Agent:</b>	Dan Wolfangel	513-474-9577
<b>VA Volunteer Service:</b>	Jerry Porter	513-528-1557

<b>S.A.L. Advisor:</b>	Tony Capetillo	513-633-1667
<b>S.A.L. Commander:</b>	Chris Short	513-460-4560
<b>Asst. Finance Officer</b>	Joe DuBois	513-582-8477
<b>Newsletter Editors:</b>	Gary Gregorio	513-307-3824
	Bob Kamman	513-545-5237

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**WHAT ARE YOU DOING TO PERPETUATE  
THE EXISTANCE AND  
EFFECTIVENESS OF YOUR ANDERSON  
POST 318.**

While my comments may offend some, I hope maybe some will re-examine what their membership in the American Legion, and ***specifically Anderson Post 318***, means to not only them, but also to the veteran and citizen community. Every organization seems to have the same problem, with a relatively small part of the membership which are very active and involved and volunteer for all or many Post events and activities. Some of these organizations, like us, have a relatively sizable group of members that seem to be satisfied to carry a membership card, and profess to be a Legionnaire. It is important to note that this group generally consists of two categories. First, those who have been active in past, but it has taken its toll. My following comments are not directed to them, other than to say ***“thanks for your service to the nation, and your Post, it is and has been appreciated”***. The second group is those, that their paying of dues to the Post, seems to be all they feel is needed for then to say they are Post 318 Legionnaires. Rest assured that your nominal payment of annual dues (less than 50% of which is retained by your Post annual dues) does very little to keep the Post afloat or support the veteran and community Legion and Post programs. The Post and these programs, and the on-going operational expenses of maintaining the Post facility and the Post 318 presence in the community are being totally funded by Post 318 fund-raising activities and event, inclusive of: Bingo, Euchre, Dances; Fish Fry; Karaoke; Hall Rentals; and others. These events do not run themselves. All take varying degrees of staffing to carry out. This is where the membership and their families become an important tool. We always need help, and any training for most of these duties are usually very minimal and can be accomplished quickly. We just need more members to step up and volunteer.

In addition to staffing for fund-raising events, the other need is in the Post Administration. There are currently several important and beneficial Program Committee Chair positions vacant for lack of volunteers. They are “Fund-Raising” and “Community Support & Recognition”, and most Committees Chair’s are currently a committee of one person, the Chair. Additional volunteers on committees are more effective and efficient, and share the effort involved. Committee members are appointed and assigned by the Post Commander. Many of the existing Chairs have served for many years, and are, or

will be, stepping down in the very near future. Some of these require some degree of training and knowledge of the objectives and operation of the programs, which comes from serving on the committees.

Each year, the Post is required to elect seven (7) Administrative Officers, which are; Post Commander; 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander; 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander; Adjutant; Finance Officer; Sergeant-at-Arms; and Chaplain. Each year at the time of elections, it is a struggle to get someone to step up to run, and were it not for some members agreeing to serve longer than they desired to, some of these elected positions would be unfilled, effecting both the efficiency of the organization, and in some cases can jeopardize the existence of the Post as several of the elected officer positions are required to remain chartered. This year, Post Commander Stegmann will be appointing a Nomination Committee at March General Membership Meeting, who will then be responsible for reporting back a slate of candidate nominees at the April General Membership Meeting, which will then be publicized to membership prior to the election which will occur at the May General Membership Meeting. These elected positions also provide for opportunities for on-the-job learning experience in the position as an “Assistant” to the respective elected officer position.

In closing my comments, I sincerely ask that you look inward to see if you are able, and willing to be more than “just a card carrying member” of The American Legion and Post 318, and can serve, assist, or volunteer in some capacity to continue the existence and viability that the Post provides to our fellow veterans and the community. If so, or you need more info, contact Commander Stegmann, or any of the individuals listed relative the position or program committee of interest to let them know of your willingness and desire to become more involved in Post leadership.

***Submitted by: Dan Wolfangel – Post 318 Ass’t  
Adjutant / Corporate Statutory Agent***

**TRIVIA ANSWER**

ANSWER: According to Robert's Rules of Order, a quorum is set in an organization's by-laws and should approximate the largest number that can be depended on to attend any meeting except in very bad weather or other extremely unfavorable conditions. The quorum for Post 318's meetings is 50% of officers and chairs for Executive Committee meetings and 10% of members for regular membership meetings. This includes those attending remotely. If quorum is not met, the Post cannot conduct official business.

***Bob Carey /  
Trivia Master/ Post Adjutant***

**Members of Interest**

Our Post has a lot of members but only about fifteen percent do most of the work. Over the years the number of workers who keep the Post operating has not grown as hoped but yet our Post stays operational. There is no doubt that our Post is one of the cleanest and enjoyable places to attend. Bob Alfieri has been House Chair for a long time and has a crew of reliable workers who come in every Tuesday at nine AM to clean and set up for special activities. They also come in other days as needed. They can always need more help. Thanks Bob.

Our main money maker is Bingo. Ed Sears has been running this for many years. He finally is going to call it an end this year. He has developed a crew that sell bingo faces, sell pull tabs, run concessions, and does the calling of Bingo. The members and their wives, do a great job. They can always use more help. Thanks Ed.

There are others whom I will address later. But there is one guy who does a heck of a lot for the Legion and you never hear about him. It is Mike Stringer. He comes regularly to set ups and clean ups. He works the Bar for countless events and the tips he gets goes to the Legion. Because of his contacts, we have gained equipment, and attendees. Mike just volunteered to put on the Valentine Dance. With the help of his volunteers, this dance was very successful with over 160 people attending. Thanks Mike.

**Jerry Porter**  
**EC Volunteer Services**

### **POST ACTIVITIES**

Thank you to everyone who came out for the Chili Cookoff on Feb 25<sup>th</sup>! It was great time with some great chili! April 15<sup>th</sup> will be our next Post Social so keep an eye on the calendar and your email. It is the weekend after Easter Sunday, so I promise no fish! There is a lot happenings at the Post the next couple of months – between the Fish Fry, Karaoke Thursdays, Euchre, Bingo, Dances and the Queen of Hearts drawing. I hope to see some of you down there to join in the fun! The Post will host The Cincy Rocker on May 6<sup>th</sup> for Cinco de Mayo dance, details are in the works. As always if you have any questions or ideas for events please reach out to me (call, text or email), thanks!

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

### **WOULD YOU LIKE A “POOL TABLE”??**

The recently formed “Club Room Revitalization Committee” has had two meeting. As a result, of the proposals for the revitalization, the existing “Pool Table”, with “Ping Pong” table covering (pictured above), which has received minimal usage since it's donation to Post some ten years ago, and which encompasses a large portion of the Club room, will be disposed of as part of the revitalization process. Therefore, we are first offering

it to any Post Member for free (with recipient being responsible for any cost with removal and transport). This is a regulation size slate pool table, and appears to have to be dismantled to remove as it was when it was move into club room. Included are pool cues, bridge, wall rack, , balls, ball racks, ping pong top, net and paddles. This offer will be good until March 15<sup>th</sup>, after which it will be offered to any other Legion Post that would want it, and if no takers there, it will be placed on internet as of April 1<sup>st</sup>. If you are interested contact Committee Chair Dan Wolfangel at [dwacons@aol.com](mailto:dwacons@aol.com). (NOTE: Pool Table on email subject line).



### **March 2023 Birthdays**

<i>Edwin L. Franz</i>	<i>Richard J. Keating</i>
<i>James A. Dickerson</i>	<i>Gene Melton</i>
<i>Anthony Hussey</i>	<i>Robert A. Conmy</i>
<i>Randell L. Lindsey</i>	<i>Martin D. Gilbert</i>
<i>Ronald V. Mercurio</i>	<i>Clinton R. Freeland Jr.</i>
<i>Gerald Porter</i>	<i>Tom Turner</i>

### **Fish Fry News**

The Fish Fry event started on February 24<sup>th</sup> and runs all the way to April 7<sup>th</sup>, on Friday nights from 5 till 7. We have had great success with this event for the past few years. One reason is the great volunteers who step up each year to assist. It takes about 20 to 26 volunteers to work these events. If any of you are interested in working on this event just let the Post know and we will get in touch with you. One way to see if this is your kind of event, **why not come and eat with us**. You will see the fun and working together and meeting all the people who come in.

This is the first year that the SAL, Sons of the American Legion, as a group is learning about how to run this event, and in the future, they might even be able to help run it. Last year there were a couple of SAL members who assisted even though the SAL was not yet recognized as an Official group. Now they are nearly 40 strong. They are looking for new members, so let the Post know and Chris Short, the SAL Commander, will have someone get in touch with you.

**Jerry Porter**  
**EC VA Volunteer Service**