



American Legion Anderson Post 318

March 2024



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Mar. 6th – SAL Monthly Meeting 7:00 pm

Mar. 13th – General Meeting 7:00 pm

Mar. 20th - Marketing Committee 7:00 pm

Mar. 27th – E.C. Meeting 7:00 pm

Mar. 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th Karaoke 7:00 pm

Bingo – Every Sunday 6:00 pm

Euchre – Every Thursday 7:00 pm
Every Friday 12:00 pm

Fish Frys – Every Friday Mar. 1st – March 29th
5:00 pm – 7:00 pm

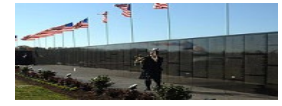
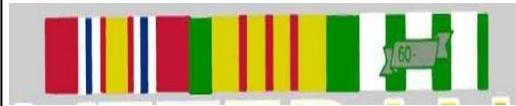


National Vietnam War Veteran’s Day – March 29th

On March 28, 2017, President Donald Trump signed the Vietnam War Veteran’s Recognition Act of 2017, designating March 29th as National Vietnam War Veteran’s Day, which will be observed every year. This declaration was in honor of the more than 3 million Americans who served in and around Vietnam, including 58,318 named on the Vietnam Veteran’s Memorial, plus many more who have succumbed, or are now suffering from the effects of Agent Orange, PTST, and other war related causes. Be sure to welcome home a Vietnam Veteran, or any Veteran you know or do not know, when you have the opportunity.

Post 318 recognizes and appreciates our members, who served and sacrificed during the Vietnam War. Thank you all.

This article proudly submitted by Bob Carey, Post 318 Adjutant and Vietnam Veteran



Membership

Thank you to all of you that have paid your renewal dues. We still have five (5) members that haven’t renewed. By the National Constitution all membership dues were to have been paid by Veterans Day, Nov 11th. Your membership officially expired 31 Dec 2023. National allows a one-month grace period, which is past. For these 5 individuals; your Legion benefits have ceased and your keycards have been deactivated. For everyone else, we appreciate your support to the Post and to the Veterans in our community. We still have one more target to reach and that is to achieve our target Goal of 177 members. Therefore, if you know of anyone that may be interested in joining, please have them contact me.

As I mentioned in a previous email, National voted to increase their fees by \$5 starting the next membership year, 2025. There is also a proposal by the Department of Ohio to increase their fees by \$5, most likely the following year. National is currently offering a 3-year membership renewal option (\$120 for the 3 years) that will save you from these increases for 3 years (a \$15 to \$25 savings). This renewal savings is only available online from National: <https://www.legion.org/renew> Several members have already taken advantage of this offer.

Quota: 165
Paid: 170 at 103% of quota
Needed to reach quota: -5
Existing members not renewed to date: 5

New members: 9 (Joe Carroll, Mike Colton, Kevin Gassert, Perry Hixon, Jeff Lindsey & Marc Posalski)
Deceased members: 2 (Art Blocksidge & Al Free)
Active Duty: 5 (John Ehemann, Ted Mayer, John Mayer, Adrienne Prem & William Suter)
Transfers In: 5 (Tony Ciulla, Julia Denton, Jeremy Rogers, Frank Trainor, Ed Watren)
Transfers Out: 2 (Mike Leopold, John Maloney)

This month we transferred in Tony Ciulla a USAF, Viet Nam veteran and added 3 new members: James Gray a USA, Viet Nam veteran, Tony Gatti a USA, Gulf War veteran and Jeff Lindsey a USMC, Gulf War veteran. We welcome all of you to Post 318 and hope to see you around the Post in the days and months ahead.

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

Robert Kamman

1st Vice Commander / Membership Chairman
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

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

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.

Karaoke: Thursday night at 7:00 pm. For information, contact Asst. Adj. Dan Wolfangel at dwacons@aol.com, or call 513-703-2287

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Michael Colton	Randell L. Lindsey
Robert H. Conmy	Ron Loebker
Edwin L. Franz	Gene W. Melton
Clinton R. Freeland Jr.	Ronald V. Mercurio
Martin D. Gilbert	David M. Neumann
Anthony J. Hussey	Gerald Porter
Richard J. Keating	Tom Turner

Post Activities

Spring is ramping up the activity at the Post. Here are some of the events you will want to make sure you and your families are able to attend.

The Annual Lenten Fish Fry continues every Friday through April 5th. It is seeing good numbers in attendance and is receiving high praise. Many of our patrons are not only enjoying a great dinner but also stay for socializing with others. During the Fish Fry the Club Room is open for patrons of the Fish Fry and will remain open until 10pm.

Karaoke and Euchre continue Thursdays with high attendance supporting the events. The Club Room is open for members and guests during these events until 1030pm. Make sure you get down on a Thursday evening to support these events along with Bingo.

Make sure you check out the Post Calendar and website to keep up to date with all the ongoing events. Some upcoming events will include a Post Social on April 20th (more details to come); a Cinco 'de Mayo Dance featuring The Cincy Rockers on May 4th, tickets available through Eventbrite or if you would like a table reserved, please contact me via email or phone, at 513-594-5339 or kirk.minnich@gmail.com

The Marketing Committee meets every 3rd Wednesday at 7pm in the Clubroom to make sure we are coordinating all the events among all the committees.

Kirk Minnich
2nd Vice Commander
Post Activities

Post Officer's & Committee Chairs

Commander:	Lee Stegmann	513-967-9613
1st Vice:	Bob Kamman	513-545-5237
2nd 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

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Event Coordinator: Ken Knight 513-675-5234
House: Bob Alfieri 513-232-0309
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Corp. Statutory Agent: Dan Wolfangel 513-474-9577
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Hall A Dedication



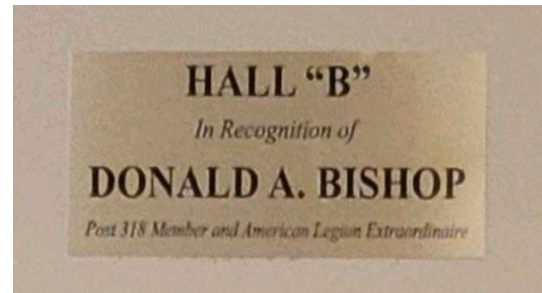
Veteran Affairs

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



On February 13, 2024, American Legion Post 318 renamed Hall B, at Post 318, the “Donald A. Bishop Hall B”, out of respect for the many years of service Don provide to Post 318, the American Legion, and the community. In attendance were members of Don’s family, Wife Mary, Daughter Christine, and Son David. Dedication was performed by Dan Wolfangel (r) Asst Post Adjutant and Post Commander Lee Stegmann (l). Also many members of Post 318, Post 318 SAL, and their families attended.

ATTENTION VETERANS OF POST 318

Did you know MyHealthVet on VA.gov gives you access to trusted health tools and information like secure messaging, prescription refills, appointments and your [health records](#)? Coming soon, the VA will add features like the ability to manage your travel reimbursement claims

Bob Kamman / 1st Vice Commander

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.

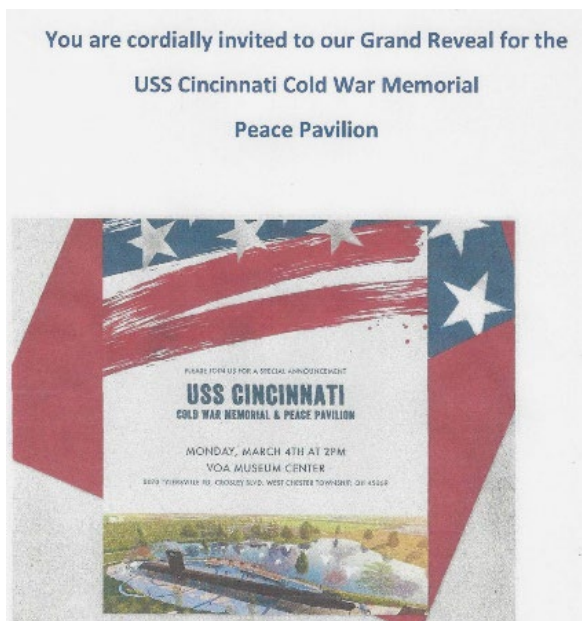
Bob Kamman / 1st Vice Commander

“KARAOKE THURSDAYS”

Post 318'S "KARAOKE THURSDAYS" current Season is scheduled to continue every Thursday through May 30th, from **7:00 PM to 10:30 PM each event**. We continue to look for support from our Post and SAL members. 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", are the only sources of revenue to our Post to compensate our Karaoke DJ and earn funds for the Post operations. As "Karaoke Thursday" Coordinator, I am also in search of a backup Ass't Coordinator to help keep the event going.

Any Post or SAL Members needing more info on events, or wishing to volunteer to assist with the events may contact: Deputy Adjutant Dan Wolfangel at dwacons@aol.com (Please note "Karaoke" on email subject line), or via cell at 513-703-2287.

Dan Wolfangel
“Karaoke Thursday Coordinator”



Benefit for SAL Member
Rob Herking

On Saturday March 16th at Anderson Tap House there is a Benefit for Rob Herking and his family. Rob is one of our SAL Squadron's Charter Members and Squadron Adjutant. Please see the details below on the event and a brief statement from Rob's wife Erin Herking concerning Rob's condition.

If you are able please consider attending the event.

Please consider attending or donating for our boy and his family!!!
This is a statement from Erin for anyone that isn't up to speed:

7 weeks ago Rob suffered a medical emergency in court and for the last 6 weeks has been in the hospital. While doctors are unsure of what is causing the infection in his brain, they are doing their best to treat him and give us the best possible prognosis. Rob has a long road to recovery ahead of him.

A composite image containing two parts. On the left is a poster for "HERKING'S HEROES RECOVERY BENEFIT FOR ROB HERKING" on Saturday March 16. The poster lists the schedule: 4-Doors Open, 5-Scott Ryan, 6:30- TBD, 8- Varner-Netherton REVIVAL (VNR), 9:30- Raffle, 10:30- VNR, and Midnight- DJ. It also features a cartoon illustration of Rob Herking and logos for "Sons of the American Legion Post 318 Cincinnati, OH" and "Anderson Tap House Social & Gaming". On the right is a Venmo QR code with the text "Erin Herking @Erin-Herking-1" and the Venmo logo.

Kirk Minnich
2nd Vice Commander
for
Jason Kiefer
SAL 1ST Vice Commander