



American Legion Anderson Post 318

March 2025



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Mar. 5 th - SAL E.C. Meeting	6:00 pm
Mar. 5 th - SAL Monthly Meeting	7:00 pm
Mar. 12 th – Post General Meeting	7:00 pm
Mar. 19 th - Marketing Committee	7:00 pm
Mar. 26 th – E.C. Meeting	7:00 pm
Karaoke - Every Thursday	7:00 pm
Bingo – Every Sunday	6:00 pm
Euchre – Every Thursday	7:00 pm

HAPPY 106th BIRTHDAY – AMERICAN LEGION



The American Legion was established in Paris, France, on March 15 to 17, 1919, by a thousand [commissioned officers](#) and [enlisted men](#), [delegates](#) from all the units of the [American Expeditionary Forces](#) to an organization [caucus](#) meeting, which adopted a [tentative constitution](#) and selected the name "American Legion".

The **American Legion**, commonly known as the **Legion**, It was subsequently chartered by the [66th U.S. Congress](#) on September 16, 1919. The Legion played the leading role in drafting and passing the Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944, commonly known as the "[G.I. Bill](#)". In addition to organizing commemorative events, members assist at [Department of Veterans Affairs](#) (VA) [hospitals and clinics](#). It is active in issue-oriented U.S. politics. Its primary political activity is [lobbying](#) on behalf of [veterans](#) and [service members](#), including for [benefits](#) such as pensions and the [Veterans Health Administration](#)

Membership

We are very close to making our Post quota for the 2024-2025 membership year; but are 1 short from doing so. I am asking that if you haven't renewed your membership, please do so as soon as possible! 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, so please get renewals in to keep your membership active and to help your Post make quota. We appreciate your support to the Post and to the Veterans in our community. At the end of January all delinquent members with access cards will be removed from the system. Also all National, Department and Post correspondence will cease.

Thank you to all of you that have paid your renewal dues. You should have received your renewal notices by now and I have sent out an email reminder to all that haven't renewed to date. I can still process your 2025 membership card. The Legion membership dues are \$45 for this coming year. As in previous years you will be able to renew by several methods:

- 1. Online at 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

Quota: 177

Paid: 176 at 99.4% of quota

Needed to reach quota: 1

Existing members not renewed to date: 4

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 regarding your membership, please feel free to reach out to me.

Robert Kamman

1st Vice Commander/ Membership Chair
513-545-5237 / Kamman.rc@gmail.com

Post Activities

The Post will continue to host events like Bingo, Karaoke, Euchre, Football Watch Parties and Clubroom events through the winter months. These events have seen increasing attendance and give our members and their guests options for an evening out. I would encourage you to consider attending one of the events listed on our calendar to help support the Post.

Thursdays – Karaoke/Euchre

Friday – Clubroom Open

We appreciate all of the support from our members throughout the years.

**Kirk Minnich/Commander
Marketing Committee**

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 a message for me.

Veterans Crisis Support

Is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year, call 1-800-273-8255, press 1. Patients and caregivers are encouraged to report concerns about the safety of this/these prescriptions (**TERAZOSIN HCL 2MG CAP**) by contacting their local VA Pharmacy at (513) 487-6606

**Charles Cleves / Service Officer
We are here for you!**

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: Every Thursday 7-10:30 pm. For information, contact Asst. Adj. Dan Wolfangel at dwacons@aol.com, or call 513-703-2287. **Still looking for volunteers to assist in staffing and coordinating this weekly event!!**

UNIFORM SERVICES

“That’s My Brick Project”

Be a part of the Paver Project by purchasing a brick for display around the Flag Pole at Post 318. Choose In Honor of, in Memory of, A friend of, or one for yourself or your family. Help us with your support to upgrade and beautify our Flag Pole area, with a brick designed by you or a loved one. The design can be done on our brochure, or online at our website. The information will be on display in our lobby at Post 318. Two sizes are available, \$35.00 (4x8), \$65.00 (8x8). Pay by check or by credit card. Please join us in this project, by picking up details (brochure) in the lobby at Post 318. Project to be dedicated in 2025. See 2nd VC Sunderhaus, Cdr. Minnich, or SAA

Deadline for ordering first phase, April 1st. The dedication for the “That’s My Brick Project” will be at the Post on May 10th.

RALPH CASKEY / SGT. At ARMS

Post Officer’s & Committee Chairs

Commander	Kirk Minnich	513-594-5339
1st Vice:	Bob Kamman	513-545-5237
2nd Vice:	Tina Sunderhaus	513-313-1217
Adjutant:	Bob Carey	513-313-7369
Asst. Adjutant:	Vacant	513-474-9577
Finance Officer:	Randy Lindsey	513-374-2099
Asst. Finance Officer	Joe DuBois	513-582-8477
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:	Dan Wolfangel	513-703-2287
Corp. Statutory Agent:	Bob Carey	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
Newsletter Editors:	Gary Gregorio	513-307-3824
	Bob Kamman	513-545-5237

POST 318 CHARITIES, INC. (C.I.) UPDATE:

Post 318 Charities, Inc, (the primary funding source for Post 318's Post 318's Veteran and Community Programs), is continuing he planning for our upcoming "Poppy Days Program" Fundraiser at Kroger on the weekend prior to Memorial Day, and the "Wave-The-Flag Program" held on the weekend prior to Veterans Day. These two fundraising events are the primary sources of revenue for C.I. to fund the Post's veteran's and community programs. We hope we can count on many of our Post and SAL members to volunteer to cover the two hour shifts for both events.

Last issue we expressed our appreciation for Post Member Martin Gilbert joining the C.I. Board, filling an existing C.I. Board vacancy, and accepting the C.I. Treasurer's position, which was just vacated by Post Member / C.I. Member Walt Geil, who has done a superb job over many years. Geil will continue to serve as a non-board C.I. Member of the C.I. Advisory Group. We are happy to report that we now have a full seven person C.I. Board, as Post Member Eric Franz has stepped up for the remaining Board vacancy, and been appointed as of February 24th's Quarterly C.I. Meeting. .

Dan Wolfangel - President / Chair – Charities, Inc. Board.

FORMER U.S. REPESENTATIVE WENSTRUP TO BE HONOR BY POST

Post 318 will be recognizing Post 318 Member and former U.S. Representative Brad Wenstrup for his Meritorious Achievement at our **Post General Membership Meeting** on **WEDNESDAY – MARCH 12th at 7 PM**. This recognition was originally scheduled for the Post Awards Program last July, however, due to still being active in his U.S. Representative position at the time in Washington D.C., he was unable to attend to be recognized at the Awards Program. **We would like to make this presentation recognition, with as many of his fellow Post 318 Members as possible attending. If you have any sort of Legion attire, we would request that you wear it.**

TRANSFER OF POST SUPPORTING DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Post Member Dan Wolfangel, at the January Post Meeting, requested to be relieved of some of his accumulated tasks assumed over the years, which resulted in he following task reassignments:

- 1) **Corporate Statutory Agent (Post Corporation representative to State of Ohio): Assumed by Adjutant Bob Carey.**
- 2) **Ass't Adjutant (Backup and assistant to Post Adjutant.) Currently vacant.**

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

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

Did You Know?

More military spouses will now be eligible for the Defense Department's \$4,000 tuition assistance Program? Starting October 1, 2024, the program will expand eligibility for the My Career Advancement Account, or MyCAA program to include spouses of service members in pay grades E-7, E-8, E-9 and W-3.

Bob Kamman / 1st Vice Commander

"KARAOKE THURSDAYS"

Post 318'S "KARAOKE THURSDAYS" new Winter / Spring 25 Season continues to build in this new year continuing to be held every Thursday from **7:00 PM to 10:30 PM every Thursday**. We continue to look for more support from our Post and SAL members, as well as the public. 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, or one of the new "baked-on-site" pizzas we are offering this year. 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 volunteers to assist 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 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***

- 3) **Post Monument Signs Coordinator (Post event posting on Post exterior signs): Assumed by 2nd Vice Tina Sunderhaus.**
- 4) **Post Phone Answering Machine Messages: Assumed by 2nd Vice Tina Sunderhaus.**
- 5) **Exterior Post Communications: (Post Media Release publishing): Assumed by Adjutant Bob Carey.**

Any needs regarding these items should be referred to the above members.

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

Did You Know?

The [Department of Veterans Affairs \(VA\)](#) now requires a single account for direct deposit of all [benefits](#)? This means that [veterans](#) must use only one account for receiving all their [VA benefits](#). This change is aimed at streamlining the process and ensuring efficient delivery of [benefits](#) to our honored [veterans](#)

Bob Kamman / 1st Vice Commander

Post Updates

A big thanks to everyone who attended the latest Chili Cookoff! We had a record of 10 entries and a crowd as well. There was lot of good chili in the running but in the end SAL Member Jeff Pond received the most votes to take home the top prize! Thanks to 2nd Vice Tina Sunderhaus for putting, it all together and decorating the Clubroom.

As we move into Fish Fry season, Eric Franz with the help of Jerry Porter and Ralph Caskey, has put together a plan to make this one of our most successful years yet. We will be having our Famous Fish Fry every Friday through the Lenten Season with serving from 5pm to 7pm. I hope to see many of you down there enjoying some of the best fish on the Eastside or volunteering with your fellow members. If you are interested in volunteering, make sure to contact Jerry Porter with which Fridays you will be helping out.

After the Fish Fry on Fridays the Clubroom will be open with entertainment for those who are looking to stay or have a night out. The entertainment on Fridays continues to be successful through the efforts of Randy Lindsey, Tim Sunderhaus and Todd Sledge. It has built

upon the success of Karaoke Thursdays which was piloted by our very own Dan Wolfangel. Both evenings are open to members and friends.

The storage container, purchased by our SAL Squadron to help with our every growing storage problem, has been delivered and put in place behind the Post. Ralph Caskey and I are working on setting up shelving to begin moving items there. It will help out tremendously with the congestion in our backroom, armory and kitchen areas. Thanks to the Squadron for donating and coming up with that idea.

I am in search of a few volunteers to help with areas around the Post in various chairs and on committees. We need some help to keep the day-to-day operations of the Post and our fundraising efforts going in the future to be able to accomplish our mission of supporting the veterans and their families and our community. Time and how we spend it is very important to all of us, I want to respect the members' time. I am researching and proposing some changes to help cut down the commitments of the chairs and make more effective use of their time spent volunteering at our Post.

I hope to see many of you at this month's General Membership Meeting to help recognize Representative Wenstrup.

Thanks for everyone's help!
See you at the Fish Fry!

Kirk Minnich
Commander Post 318