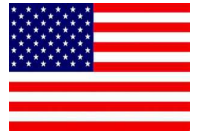




# American Legion Anderson Post 318

May 2023



### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

- May 3<sup>rd</sup> – SAL Monthly Mtg, 7pm
- May 10<sup>th</sup> – General Meeting 7pm
- May 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> Karaoke 7:30 pm
- May 31<sup>st</sup> E.C. Meeting, 7:00 pm
- Bingo – Every Sunday 6:00 pm
- Euchre – Every Thursday 7:00 pm
- Every Friday 12:00 pm

**“Decoration Day” began during the Civil War. After WWI it was renamed Memorial Day, to honor all members of the US military, who died in all US involved wars. In 1971, it was established that Memorial Day would be recognized every year, on the last Monday of May.**

### **Membership**

Well Legionnaires, it appears that for the first time in 15 years, Post 318 will not make quota. Typically, by this time in past years we have been at quota. The only reason that we are doing as well as we are is because we have added 7 NEW members and 12 members that have TRANSFERRED IN. We still have 19 members that have not renewed:

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| Hines, Howard D.    | Gilliam, Thomas R.  |
| Hinklin, Robert E.  | Gray, James W.      |
| Rimmer, James       | Hillman, Stephen M. |
| Saunders, Steve     | Howell, Bo          |
| Airhart, Thad I     | Lang, Thomas J.     |
| Bussey, William     | Nichols, Dennis A   |
| Cassell, Jeffrey N  | Smith, Craig        |
| Colson, Ned A       | Tabe, Allen         |
| Conmy, Robert A.    | Whalen, Carl        |
| Dickerson, James A. |                     |

If you know any of these members please reach out to them and get them to renew today. If you are like several other members and haven't renewed due to tight financial budgets, we might be able to help; please contact me. 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>164</b>
<b>2022-2023 Post Goal</b>	<b>185</b>
<b>% of Goal</b>	<b>88.6%</b>
<b>2022-2023 Quota</b>	<b>177</b>
<b>% of Quota</b>	<b>92.7%</b>
<b>Required for Quota</b>	<b>13</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**

### **Veteran Affairs**

The 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**  
**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 4:30pm, preliminary games begin at 6pm. 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 a few hours. Please contact Bingo Manager, Ed Sears at 513-474-0246 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 Thursdays 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.

## Charities Inc. Update



We are approaching CI's most important fundraiser of the year and again we will fall short of expectations.

For the last couple of years, we have tried to reengage with Kroger to conduct our community "Poppy Day" program. However, there always seemed to be a reason why we couldn't make it happen. After a few years of hearing excuses, the reason finally became clear. We were simply in *denial* regarding Kroger's participation. The reality is our "Poppy Program" is not important to them.

So, moving forward our plan is to create a new Community Program. It may require coming up with a new sponsor, or two. Maybe a new process. It's an open

question, we simply have to come up with a solution. Our goal is to implement in 2024.

Although our Community Program has to be restructured, all is not lost! To promote the purpose of Memorial Day and increase the visibility and symbolism of the "Memorial Poppy", CI launched a School Program three (3) years ago with the following goals in mind:

- To educate the youth of our community regarding the significance of **Memorial Day** and the symbolism of the "**Memorial Poppy**".
- To provide an opportunity for FHS D students to interact with local veterans.
- To raise funds to support veterans in need.

Because school ends prior to Memorial Day, this year's program will run from May 15<sup>th</sup> through May 18<sup>th</sup> and all 6 FHS Elementary schools will participate.

The month of April was busy for CI. On the income side of the ledger, we received:

- A contribution from Ohio Valley Productions (Dan Varner's Charity).
- 4 Bingo deposits.
- Kroger Rewards Donation

We funded the following programs:

- Monthly Rent
- Forest Hills Band Boosters
- Forest-Aires
- Volunteer Raffle
- Gifts for Yanks
- Joseph House

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

**!! URGENT REQUEST !!**  
**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)

### 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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### Post Activities

The activities at the Post continue to flourish with 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, tickets are available on EventBrite (link on our website) and a choice of Mexican specialties will be available for purchase from our in house caterer Tammy! All the details are on the Post website Dance page. Hurry and get your tickets before they sell out!

Keep an eye on the Post Calendar for all the upcoming events and activities. There will be activities surrounding Memorial Day in conjunction with the Township at the Towne Center with the Bell Ceremony we would like to invite everyone to come out and join. The Post will host the annual Cookout Social on June 17<sup>th</sup>, I will be providing more details in the upcoming June newsletter. Our website is getting a makeover courtesy of Bob Kamman, I encourage you to go to [www.post318.org](http://www.post318.org) and check out the changes. The Post website and Facebook page are some of the best ways to keep up with everything going on.

The Clubroom is getting also getting a revitalization!! Please come down and see the great changes Dan Wolfangel and the Clubroom Revitalization Committee with support of our SAL Squadron have made. The hope is to have it completed by the Post Cookout Social to be able to show it off.

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**

### "KARAOKE THURSDAYS" EXPRESSES APPRECIATION FOR SUPPORT

As the coordinator of our "Karaoke Thursdays" Events, I wish to express my extreme appreciation to the "Mike and Mike" team (Post Member Mike Stringer and SAL Member Mike Stock), who have continuously volunteered at almost every event to handle the bar and concessions operations since day one of the event which started over a year ago. In addition they have willingly assisted with nightly event set-up of the event, as well as the nightly after-event set-ups that were required following the Karaoke events to prepare the hall for both the for both the 2022 and 2023 Lenten Fish Fry events which occurred on the subsequent Fridays. I could have not run the karaoke events without their help. I also wish to note that Post Members Ralph Caskey, Jerry Porter, Kirk Minnich, Steve Stuntz, Tad Johnson, Kevin Ackerman, and SAL Members Chris Short, Don Brauning, Jason Keifer and some of their spouses have attended periodically as guests and participants, and helped out on occasions. I am sure that I have missed mentioning someone, and I apologize if I did.

"Karaoke Thursdays" will continue weekly on Thursdays through June 8<sup>th</sup>, from 7:30 PM til 11:00 PM, and will then break for summer months, and will hopefully continue starting back for a fall season. All Post and SAL members are encouraged to stop by and support the event. There is still time.

**Dan Wolfangel**  
**"Karaoke Thursday Coordinator"**

### 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**

### Trivia Question

What is Joseph House?

## **May Birthdays**

Michael Bursk            Robert P. Carey  
Charles J. Foerster     Danny L. Garrett  
Curtis Grant            Michael Gregorio  
                                 Kirk Minnich

### **To All Members of Post 318:**

Memorial Day sign up sheets will be at the May meeting. We plan to do the traditional Memorial Day activities, starting with breakfast at the Post at 7:15 am, and ending at the Anderson Towne Center with the Bell Ceremony  
Hope you can join us.

***Ralph Caskey  
Sgt. At Arms***

### **Notice to Post 318 Membership of Election Process for Post Officers for 2023-2024 Year**

This notice is published in accordance with notification requirements of Post 318 By-Laws, Article V, VI and VII.

**At the forthcoming May 10, 2023 Post General Membership Meeting, Anderson Post 318 will conduct an election for Post Officers for the 2023 – 2024 business year.**

The slate of nominees for the election, as listed below is being submitted to the membership by the Executive Committee, following the April 26, 2023 Executive Committee Meeting, without any nomination for the office / position of "Finance Officer". The Executive Committee accepted the below listed slate of candidates for elected positions, and closed nominations for all positions, except the open position of Finance Officer, which shall remain open until time of election.

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

Since there are no contested positions at this time, the Post By-Laws provision for the availability of an absentee ballot option, will not be required. Anyone desiring to seek position of "Finance Officer" should contact Ass't Adjutant Dan Wolfangel at 513-474-9577 or [dwacons@aol.com](mailto:dwacons@aol.com) prior to May 10<sup>th</sup> General Membership Meeting.

The Post Officers elected at the May 10<sup>th</sup> Post Meeting will be installed at the June 14, 2023 Post Meeting, and will assume their respective offices / duties following such installation.

For Commander Stegmann

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

### **Trivia Answer**

Joseph House for Homeless Veterans, supported by your American Legion, located at 1526 Republic Street, meets the needs of military veterans and their families affected by addiction within the Greater Cincinnati region; providing counseling, education and support to help clients recover, reintegrate and thrive in the community, while maintaining a healthy, sustainable lifestyle. Joseph House provides clients with a safe and sober residential living environment for up to three months or upon completion of program, and follow-up services thereafter.

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

### **Fish Fry Signs**

If anyone is still in possession of any Fish Fry Yardsigns please return those to the Post as soon as you can. These can be placed in the Clubroom by the entrance and get them into storage for next year. Thank you!

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