



American Legion Post 318 Newsletter



“For God and Country”

October 2022

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Oct 5th – SAL Monthly Mtg, 7PM
- Oct 7th – Color Guard AHS football, Military Night
- Oct 9th – 4th District Fall Conference
- Oct 10th – Columbus Day
- Oct 12th – General Members Mtg, 7PM
- Oct 13th, 20th & 27th – Karaoke
- Oct 15th - Post Fall Festival Oktoberfest, 4PM-7PM
- Oct 26th – EC Mtg, 7PM
- Oct 27th – Navy Day
- Nov 10th – Marine Corp Birthday



Bingo – Every Sunday

Euchre – Every Thursday & Friday

Commander’s Notes:

Thanks to Eric Howland for volunteering to take over the Americanism chair and also Girls and Boys State. There are numerous other chairs that still need to be filled. Please contact either me or another member of the Executive Committee if you are interested.

We will be having four members attending the Honor Flight. I would encourage all to sign up and get your name for future Honor Flights. For you do not know what Honor Flight is, there is a flight that will take you to Washington D.C. You will visit all of the U.S. service branch memorials in addition to this you will experience the Changing of the Guard at the tomb of the unknown soldiers. Honor Flight will be having a fund raising event (Bourbon & Bar-B-Que) at the Warbird Museum on 4021 Borman Drive, Batavia, Ohio on Saturday, November 5 from 6:00 – 10:00p.m. Stay tuned for more info!

The Marine Corps birthday is on November 10th. We will be celebrating that birthday on November 10th from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. in Hall A.

Veterans Day celebration at the post will be November 11th. This will be a first come, first serve event. Veterans may bring one guest for free. A cash

bar will open at 5:00 pm. Dinner will be served at 6:00 pm, followed by entertainment. Make reservations now at 513-688-8444.

The 4th District will be having a Bowling Tournament on Saturday, November 26th at 10:00 am. This will be at Cherry Grove Lanes on 4005 Hopper Hill Road. The entry fee is \$80.00 per four-person team. Entry deadline is October 23rd.

We will host the Christmas Party on December 17th. Watch your emails for updates.

We have had improved attendance at our monthly general membership meeting on the second Wednesday of each month. I would encourage all members to attend to find out the workings and schedules for the post.

Joe Dubois has contracted COVID. I ask that all members keep him in your prayers for a speedy recovery.

Lee Stegmann

Post 318 Commander

Membership

We are at the beginning of another great membership year. Everyone did such a fabulous job last year of getting their renewals in and in helping to recruit new members, that I know the 2023 membership year will be outstanding.

2022-23 Membership Scoreboard

Paid as of 9/26/2022	110
2022-2023 Post Goal	185
% of Goal	59.5%
2022-2023 Quota	177
% of Quota	62.1%
Required for Quota	67

Our next National target is to be at 65% by Nov 19th; we are on track to accomplish this and with your help it will be accomplished. We still have 59 of our existing members that haven't renewed. You have three (3) ways to execute your renewal:

- (1) Bring or mail your check or cash to the Post.
- (2) Renew online at: www.legion.org/renew
- (3) Or join as a Paid Up for Life (PUfL) at: www.legion.org/join/pufl

Numbers 2 & 3 can also be accessed by scanning this



QR code:

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

Robert Kamman
1st Vice Commander
Membership Chair

Kamman.rc@gmail.com

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 Activities

The Post will be hosting a Oktoberfest Social on Saturday, October 15th in the Clubroom starting at 4pm!! It is open to all Post & SAL Members and their families and guests. The Post will be providing brats & metts. Bring your favorite Beer Stein to show off and have some traditional Oktoberfest Marzen.



We ask you to bring a Traditional (or Cincinnati) German appetizer, side or dessert to share with the group. Some ideas would be pretzels and beer cheese, potato pancakes, Sauerkraut, Kaese Spaetzle, Red Cabbage, and Apple Strudel or Fritters.



RSVP through the evite sent to your email or contact me directly with the number in your party and details of what you will bring. I look forward to seeing everyone there it should be an evening of fun with plenty of food and maybe even a chicken dance!

The Post Christmas Party will be held on Dec 17th in the Main Hall. I hope to see all of you at the upcoming events and more to help support the Post. Send RSVP to me at: kirk.minnich@gmail.com or 513-594-5339.

Have a great Fall!

Kirk Minnich
2nd Vice Commander

Trivia Questions:

Question: When is "National POW/MIA Recognition Day?"

(answer at end of newsletter)

Uniformed Ceremonies

Color Guard detail was at the AHS vs THS boys Soccer game on Sept 15th with Bob Kamman, Gary Gergerio, Walt Geil and Ralph Caskey

Richard Peters (member) and Winnie Clayton helped their church get a new flag pole installed at the front side of the church on Salem Rd. They ask Post 318 Color Guard to help dedicate the new Flag Pole and raise a new Flag on Sunday Sept 18th. Color Guard for the detail: Gary G., Walt G., Ed S., Jack S. and Ralph C. The rifles were cleaned by 8 members under the supervision of Mike Gergerio so we're all set with clean rifles. Thanks Mike G. for your leadership.

Military night at AHS is on Oct 7th if you would like to participate with service flags or Color Guard or just come and join in the crowd all are welcome. 6:30 on the field at AHS contact number 513 470 6588
Thanks.

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

Calling All Vets!

Sign up now for the Veterans Day Dinner which is free to all veterans November 11 at The Patriot Center, 6660 Clough Pike (American Legion Post 318)! First come, first serve! Veterans may bring one guest for free. Cash bar 5:00PM, dinner 6:00PM, followed by entertainment. Make reservations now at 513 688-8444!

***Bob Carey
Adjutant***

Thought of the Day

Wisdom is the reward you get for a lifetime of listening when you'd have preferred to talk.

**NEED SUPPORT FOR
"KARAOKE THURSDAYS"**

Post 318 is looking for support from our Post members for our "Karaoke Thursday" Events held at the Post facility on most Thursday evenings. That support can be through volunteering to assist at the events, of just by patronizing the event by singing or just bolstering the crowd. The following excerpt from a recent media release tells you all you need to know regarding the event.

"Are you a "Karaoke" fan.? Do you sing yourself, or just like to listen to others? Want something other than Bar environment Karaoke? Whatever your pleasure is, the place to fulfill your musical desires is the Patriot Center at 6660 Clough Pike in Anderson Township which has reinstated its "Karaoke Thursday" events on almost every Thursday in October, November and December. The events are scheduled for October 13th, 20th, and 27th; November 3rd, 10th, and 17th; and December 1st, 8th, and 15th. from 7:30 PM until 11 PM each of those evenings. Join Karaoke D.J. "Chuck", of Treasured Sounds and your fellow Karaoke enthusiasts for an evening of fun and song in a family friendly Karaoke environment.

This event, sponsored and hosted by Anderson American Legion Post 318, has no admission charge, and has a cash bar and packaged snacks available. You may also bring in your favorite appetizers or finger-food for you and your group. Since this is a license permit premise, no beverages of any kind may be brought in. Get a group together for evening of fun and entertainment, and support your local American Legion Post 318, which uses revenue from this and other such fundraising events to maintain a presence in Anderson Township for over 80 years, serving our military veterans, the community and its schools and students with many programs".

Dan Wolfangel

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

Save the Date

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Celebrating 247 Years of Service

The Post will celebrate the 247th Birthday of the United States Marine Corps, November 10th. This year's event will be held in Hall A, beginning at 7pm. Come out and enjoy a piece of cake and a little Marine Corps tradition. All Marines, members of Post 318, and their families are welcome.

***Semper Fi
Don Bishop***

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***Bob Carey
Adjutant***

For the Good of the Legion

**FOURTH DISTRICT, AMERICAN
LEGION
DEPARTMENT OF OHIO**

FALL CONFERENCE
OCTOBER 9, 2022
1000 HOURS
DOORS OPEN AT 0800 HOURS
MIDDLETOWN POST 218
116 S MAIN STREET
MIDDLETOWN, OHIO 45044

**SHORT EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
AT 9 AM
PAST DISTRICT OFFICERS MEETING
AT 9:30 AM
CONFERENCE WILL START AT 10:00
AM OR IMMEDIATELY AFTER PAST
COMMANDERS MEETING**

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***

Charitable Giving

With the decline of COVID, Charities Inc. is regaining its role of leading the Post 318 philanthropic giving.

For the month of August, more than \$3,900 was contributed to support Post programs, events and local organizations. Noteworthy contributions were:

- 1 Veteran Scholarship - \$750
- The August Volunteer Raffle - \$50
- Flags for FHSD - \$214
- Awards Program - \$618
- American Legion Legacy Scholarship - \$500
- Joseph House - \$200
- Fisher House - \$ 300
- Honor Flights - \$300
- Post 318 Memberships - \$680

With our programs recovering, our next challenge is to restore our fundraising projects to pay for them. We are currently working on our Veterans Day fundraiser, “Wave the Flag” and our holiday fundraiser; “Cookies & Cocoa with Santa”.

Once details are complete, to execute these fundraisers, we will need the support of Post 318 and SAL members. Watch for information!

Don Bishop
Charities Inc. Liaison

Sons of the American Legion (SAL)

The SAL continues to meet on a monthly basis despite their charter being stuck in State limbo. They have raised over \$2,000 in the Football Mania, have assisted the Post with Bingo and will continue to help with the upcoming Karaoke Nights.

They are planning on co-hosting, with the Post, the Halloween party and will host the New Year’s Eve bash. They have booked the Marsha Brady Band for the event, sounds like its going to be a blast.

Regarding the New Year’s Eve party, the Post is collecting the bar profit for which we will have to provide bar tenders on the 31st of December.

Tony Capetillo
SAL Liaison

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. For the month of August bingo earned \$ 4,669 and contributed \$ 868 to **Charities, Inc.** to meet our legal obligations.

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 6:45 PM, games begin at 7 PM. Contact Joe Baker (289-9044) with any questions. For the month of August Euchre contributed about \$ 500 to the Post.

Kroger Community Rewards – If you are a Kroger customer and are not currently supporting a charitable organization through **Kroger Community Rewards**, we would encourage you to do your part! Go on-line and sign up for **Kroger Rewards**, selecting **American Legion Post 318 Charities, Inc.** as your cause.

October Birthdays

Bussey	Jimmy L
Caito	Philip J
Carlisle	Wayne M.
Clegg	Thomas
Free	Alan J.
Geil	Walter B.
Hast	Richard J.
Hinklin	Robert E.
Noe	Roger
Ogden	William S
Pohl	Dennis C.
Rimmer	James
Saunders	Steve

Good of the Legion

Veterans Day Celebration

Post 318 will once again host the Veterans Day celebration sponsored by the Anderson Township Veterans Memorial Committee. This event will be held on Friday, November 11th, beginning at 5:00 PM with a cash bar and a display of artifacts presented by the Cincinnati Traveling Veterans Museum. Dinner will follow at 6:00 PM with entertainment being planned for about 7:30 PM.

Reservations will be required for this event, and each veteran will be able to bring 1 guest. Total reservations will be limited to 200. Reservations are on a first come, basis, and can be made by calling 513-688-8444.

Honor Flight Tri-state

Honor Flight Tri-state recently sent Charlie Cleves on a one-day visit to Washington DC. They have one more flight scheduled for this year on Oct 25th. The cost of this is free to the veteran. We currently have three members scheduled to attend: Bob Carey, Don Bishop and Dick Peters. This is a great service that this organization provides to veterans. One way to support this is by attending the event below.

BOURBON & BBQ
To Benefit
HONOR FLIGHT TRI-STATE
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2022
5:30-10:00 PM
at the
WARBIIRD MUSEUM
4021 Borman Drive • Batavia, OH 45103

A SOLDIER'S STORY
Docudrama Short Film
SHOWING in MUSEUM LIBRARY Every 30 minutes

BBQ Buffet
by **Elegant Fare**
Catering & Events

Bucket RAFFLES

CASH BAR

Music by Party Pleasers
Credibly unique events
- DJ spinning classic music from the 60's and 70's

\$50/PERSON Business Casual

NO WALK-INS ALL TICKETS ONLINE

Only 250 Tickets Available! Tickets Available at **honorflihttristate.org** (513) 277-9626

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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
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:	Don Bishop	513-474-4194
Corp. Statutory Agent:	Dan Wolfangel	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
Asst. Finance Officer and		
Newsletter Editor:	Joe DuBois	513-582-8477

General Meeting is on October 12th at 7PM.

EC Meeting is on October 26th at 7PM.

S.A.L. Meeting is on October 5th at 7PM.

Trivia Answers:

Answer: "National POW/MIA Recognition Day" is observed in the United States on the third Friday in September. It is one of the six national observances when the POW/MIA Flag can be flown. The other five observances are Armed Forces Day, Memorial Day, Flag Day, Independence Day, and Veterans Day. On National POW/MIA Recognition Day, the flag is flown on the grounds of major military installations, veterans memorials, government agencies, federal national cemeteries.

Bob Carey
Trivia Master