



# American Legion Post 318 Newsletter



*“For God and Country”*

*November 2021*

### Commander’s Corner

Greetings to all. I am happy to report that on Tuesday October 19<sup>th</sup> I was honored to go on the Honor Flight. We checked in at Greater Cincinnati Airport at 5:00 am. We were provided a light breakfast where we were entertained by the Hamilton County Sheriff Departments Bagpipe Corps.

We left Greater Cincinnati Airport for Washington DC. Each veteran had a “guardian” to accompany them. My “guardian” was my grandson! In total (veterans and guardians) there were 172 of us. We stopped at the following memorials: Marine (Mount Suribachi), Navy, Air Force, Army, Viet Nam Wall, Korean, Tomb of the Unknown Soldier for the Changing of the Guard, Lincoln Memorial, We also saw as we passed by the Washington Monument, the White House (from a distance), the dome of the Capitol, Ford’s Theatre (where Lincoln was assassinated), and the FBI Headquarters. We had box lunches and a box dinner at the DC airport.

We returned home touching down at 10:00 pm. We never had time to get tired with such a long day. As I got off of the plane, I expected to be greeted, but not by such a large crowd. It was a great finish to such a wonderful day. I had heard that the Honor Flight was a “life changing” experience. That was an understatement. We were greeted by people throughout our entire trip.

For those of you who were in the service during Viet Nam, the entire trip was one of honor, which was definitely different from what we were greeted back then. It was GREAT. Those of you who haven’t put your name on the list for Honor Flight, and are more than 65 years old, I highly recommend you do so.

**Lee Stegmann**  
**Post 318 Commander**

### Membership Update

The great start to our membership renewal program for the 2022 year has fizzled out. The renewal window started 1 July 2021 and is to be completed by Veterans Day, 11 Nov 2022. As in past years, I am asking for your assistance in reaching our quota, 169 members by Veterans Day. There are several reasons for reaching quota by this date: 1. We will receive financial incentives, this never hurts, 2. It’s written in our Post constitution, and last and most importantly 3. It will greatly simplify my job. We have numerous members that still have not renewed their memberships. If you are one that has received an email reminder from me, please get your membership dues (\$40) into the Post. Please note on your check that it is for membership.

### 2021 Membership Scoreboard

<b>Paid as of 10/27/2021</b>	<b>152</b>
<b>2020-21 Post Goal</b>	<b>170</b>
<b>% of Goal</b>	<b>89.4%</b>
<b>2020-21 Quota</b>	<b>169</b>
<b>% of Quota</b>	<b>89.9%</b>
<b>Required for Quota</b>	<b>17</b>

We have already signed up or transferred ten (10) new members: Thad Airhart, USMC; Joe Ballenger, USA; Brad Beckett, USA; Thomas Gilliam; USA, James Gray, USA; Lance Larsen, USAF; Mike Leopold, USAF; Carl Whalen, USA; Guy Wolf, USA; Stephen Woolery, USMC. We want to wish these new members a hearty welcome and encourage them to be active members of our Post. Welcome aboard!

As a related item, if you should know of anyone that might be interested in joining our Post, please pass their contact information to me and I will follow up with them or you can give them my contact information.

**Robert Kamman**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander**  
**Membership Chairman**

### Post Clean Up Schedule

We are once again scheduling our Post clean up day on Tuesdays at 9 AM. Please come out and help!

***Ed Sears and Bob Alfieri***

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### Euchre Schedule Change

Due to a conflict with the November 11<sup>th</sup> Veterans Day activities at the Patriot Center, Thursday Euchre has been cancelled for November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021, by the vote of the Executive Committee.

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### Charities, Inc. Update

Please remember that there are two corporate programs that contribute to CI (Charities, Inc.) based on your support for their businesses. All you need to do is sign up, select CI as your cause, and they will contribute a portion of your spending to CI. Details are listed below:

**Kroger Community Rewards** – If you are a Kroger customer and are not supporting a charitable organization through ***Kroger Community Rewards***, we would encourage you to do your part to support your Post! Go to [www.kroger.com](http://www.kroger.com) and register for the Kroger Community Rewards program and select ***American Legion Post 318 Charities, Inc.*** as your cause.

**Amazon Smiles** – If you shop at Amazon.com and select ***American Legion Post 318 Charities, Inc.*** as your charity, Amazon donates 0.5% of all eligible purchases. To maximize our revenue opportunities, please share this information with family and friends.

***Don Bishop***

***President, Charities, Inc.***

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### Post Finance Report

All bills are paid, and Post 318 is solvent! Football Mania players had 3 more winners who will be paid soon!

Winners of Football Mania prizes will be paid as they are chosen by the results of upcoming games.

***Randy Lindsey***  
***Finance Officer***

### Mailchimp.com Info

It is important to note that your [mailchimp.com](http://mailchimp.com) account is your only contact for Post 318 emails! If you receive an email from Post 318 using mailchimp, you can not hit unsubscribe to stop just that particular email stream.

***Unsubscribe takes you off of mailchimp.com forever, and you will never get any email from Post 318 again!***

Bottom line---If you get an email from Post 318 you don't want, just delete it! If you unsubscribe, you never get back on mailchimp---and you never get Post 318 emails again---ever!

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### Post Officers & Committee Chairs:

***Commander:*** Lee Stegmann 513-967-9613

***1st Vice:*** Bob Kamman 513-545-5237

***2nd Vice:*** Kirk Minnich 513-594-5339

***Adjutant:*** Dan Wolfangel 513-474-9577

***Finance Officer:*** Randy Lindsey 513-374-2099

***Chaplain:*** Jerry Porter 513-528-1557

***Sergeant at Arms:*** Ralph Caskey 513-470-6588

***Bingo:*** Ed Sears 513-474-0246

***Community Support, Americanism, and Fundraising are all VACANT***

***Event Coordination:*** 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

***Asst. Finance Officer and Newsletter Editor:*** Joe

DuBois, joedubois@cinci.rr.com 513-582-8477

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### Happy Birthday USMC

**The Post will celebrate the 246<sup>th</sup> Birthday of the USMC, Wednesday, November 10, 2021, with a birthday cake.**

Festivities will begin about 8:00 PM in the Post Club Room, and all are invited to attend. The ceremonial cake cutting will be starting a little later than usual, because this event lands on a meeting night. However, we hope this doesn't keep you away. Hope to see you November 10<sup>th</sup>!

***Semper FI!***

### **Bingo!**

I want to thank all the people that come out to help set up for bingo, along with all of the people that come out and work Bingo for the POST. If you like to play Bingo, we play on Sunday night. Doors open at 4:30 pm. Play starts at 6 pm. Please consider helping us out on Sundays. The jobs are easy to learn, and about half are completed by 7:30 pm. We are usually finished with all jobs by 9:30 to 10:00 pm. Thank you,

***Ed Sears***  
***Bingo Chairman***

513-474-0246, [emsears1969@gmail.com](mailto:emsears1969@gmail.com)



### **All Post 318 ZOOM meetings:**

**ID: 3959722502, Password: Post318 (Capitol “P” and no space between Post and 318 is necessary 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 mike, and listen and observe the meeting. We need your attendance, since we can’t do business without a quorum. We need you there on Zoom!

***Randy Lindsey, Zoom Chairman***

### **Color Guard Activity**

Flag Retirement ceremony October 16th had 8 members attend and help in the retirement of over 500 flags. Thanks to all who worked at the ceremony for the good of the Legion. (Bob A., Walt G., Don B., Ed S., Carolyn S., Gary G., Lee S., Rick W., Ralph C.)



### **Flag Pole Repair**

Our flagpole is in a-one shape again, thanks to the Anderson Township Maintenance Crew! New ropes on the flagpole! With the help from Anderson Township Maintenance guys and their bucket truck, we now have new ropes on the flagpole. A Big Thanks to the crew!



Color Guard: On Oct 22<sup>nd</sup>, in pouring rain, the Color Guard Presented the Colors at the THS vs AHS football game . Thanks guys! Hope you dried out ! (Walt G., Gary G., Ed S., Charlie C., and Ralph C.)  
Next up, IHM on Nov 11: details will be sent to those who volunteered soon.

***Ralph Caskey, SAA***



**The Patriot Center Presents:**  
**Model Behavior**  
**Saturday November 13, 2021**



The *Patriot Center* is pleased to welcome *Model Behavior* to our venue. They are a high-energy cover band that plays upbeat pop, rock, dance and party music with a core focus in the 1980's.

They play the tried and true crowd favorites from bands like **Journey, Bon Jovi, Joan Jett, and Led Zeppelin** but they're unique because they also play a wide selection of songs other bands don't play.

When was the last time you saw a live band cover dance and party tunes from artist such as **A Flock of Seagulls, The Knack, Til Tuesday, Aldo Nova or The Talking Heads** just to name a few?

They create a party atmosphere wherever they go. They'll have you dancing and singing along with them in no time and don't be surprised if they invite you on stage and give you the "rock star" treatment.

If you're looking for fun, the answer is Model Behavior! Come party with them! You'll be glad you did.

Tickets can be purchased in advance for \$10 at ShowClix, by following the link below, or by calling the ShowClix box office at 1-888-718-4253, Option 1 and ask about *Patriot Center of Cincinnati* events. All fees and taxes are included.

**Seat selection will occur when tickets are purchased. If you wish to be seated with others, all tickets must be purchased at the same time.** Advance sales end at 12:00 PM on the day of the event. Tickets purchased at the door are \$12.50.

**Veterans Day Celebration**

*The Anderson Township Veterans Memorial Committee will once again host a Veteran Day Celebration at the Patriot Center (Post 318), on Thursday, November 11<sup>th</sup>.*

Anderson Township  
 Veterans Day Celebration  
 Thursday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021  
 American Legion - Anderson Post 318 - 6660 Clough Pike



Reservations Required:  
 • Anderson Township Veterans & 1 Guest  
 • Seating for 200 - 1<sup>st</sup> Come / 1<sup>st</sup> Serve  
 • For Reservation - Call 688-8400 x 8444

Anderson Township and Post 318 will conduct our annual Veterans Day Celebration on November 11<sup>th</sup>. This event includes a cash bar, a complimentary dinner with dessert, and live entertainment. Doors open at 5:00 pm. Dinner at 6:00 and The entertainment portion of the Veteran's Day Celebration will be our own Anderson Township's "The Varner/Netherton Revival". They will entertain us, beginning about 7:30 pm. Except for the Cash Bar, this event is complimentary and open to all Anderson Township Veterans and one (1) guest. However, reservations are required. Please call: (513)-688-8400, extension: 8444

**The Patriot Center Presents:**  
**"A Cincy Christmas Jamboree II"**



Interest in our Christmas show is strong. Half the tickets have already been sold, and we expect the remainder to be gone before showtime. If you wish to attend, Tickets can be purchased at: <https://www.showclix.com/event/a-cincy-christmas-jamboree-ii-december-18-2021> or by calling the ShowClix Box Office at 1-888-718-4253, Option 1, and ask about Patriot Center of Cincinnati Events. Ticket sales close at 12 noon on December 18th. Tickets can be purchased at the door, *if available*.

Seat selection is required at purchase. Groups wishing to be seated together must purchase all ticket at the same time.

**UP COMING OPENING FOR POST "ADJUTANT"**

**The American Legion requires each Post to have a Commander and an Adjutant to maintain its Post Charter.**

As you should all be aware of by now, we moved forward into the current 2021-2022 membership year, without having elected one of the major Post Officer positions, that of Post Adjutant. I am not saying that merely because I currently serve, and have served in that position since July 2004, a total of almost 17 years, with one break of about 15 months when Ed Ruffennach served, and I served as his Assistant Adjutant until his death, in late 2020. At that time I agreed to fill out his term, and I was appointed by E.C. to serve out his term. Since no one stepped up to run for the position, I further agreed to temporarily serve as Adjutant until a replacement stepped forward. However, that never occurred, and the time has come for me to step down.

We have continued to ask that someone step forward to served as an Assistant Adjutant to "learn the ropes" in preparation to run in the last election, and now in the forthcoming election, however, the efforts have gone unanswered.

**I have advised the Executive Committee on October 27, 2021, that I wish to exit the Adjutant position as soon as possible, and will not serve passed June 30, 2022. Hopefully, someone will step forward to learn the position allowing for a smooth transition for going into the 2022-2023 year.**

I have noted here an excerpt from the Post Business Plan, which describes the primary responsibilities of the Adjutant: "The Adjutant shall have charge of and keep a full and correct record of all proceedings of all meetings, keep such records as the Department and National Organizations may require, render reports of membership annually or when called upon at a meeting, and under direction of the Commander handle all correspondences of the Post".

Other responsibilities of the Adjutant include, but are not limited to:

- 1) Chairs the Internal / External Communications Committee (see Standing Committee Responsibilities).
- 2) Maintains membership records in cooperation with membership Chairperson.
- 3) Records and maintains meeting minutes.
- 4) Publishes and posts official orders, announcements, instructions, and various articles of correspondence as necessary.

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- 5) Maintains custody of all Post records.
- 6) Maintain a copy of the Post Adjutant's Manual.
- 7) Has primary access to the Post mailboxes (and distribution of all Post mail)."

I am hoping there is someone within our membership, that will be willing to step up to be appointed, at least as an Assistant Post Adjutant, in advance of running for election to Post Adjutant in June 2022 to help assure that American Legion – Anderson Post 318 will continue in existence to serve our veteran and our community. I will be willing to discuss the Adjutant responsibilities with any members interested in serving Post 318 in the position, and am also even willing to continue in an limited Assistant Adjutant role for period of time to assist newly appointed or elected Adjutant in training.

***Dan Wolfangel  
Adjutant - Post 318***

**FORMATION OF A "SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION (S.A.L.)" SQUADRON???**

The S.A.L was created in 1932 as an organization within the American Legion that exists to honor the service and sacrifice of Legionnaires. The S.A.L is made up of male descendants, grandsons, adopted sons or stepsons of veterans of all ages whose parents or grandparents served in the U.S Military and were eligible for membership in the American Legion. To form such a Post 318 S.A.L. Squadron we need at least ten (10) eligible males to serve as Charter Members of the Squadron, including several who will agree to serve as Squadron Officers.

If we have enough interest, we will conduct an "Informational / Orientation Meeting" to determine if we can move forward with the formation of a Post 318 S.A.L. Squadron.

***Anyone interested in possible membership in a Post 318 S.A.L. Squadron, should contact Post 318 Adjutant, Dan Wolfangel, via email to: [dwacons@aol.com](mailto:dwacons@aol.com). Please provide email and phone contact info for follow-up, and indicate "S.A.L." on subject line of email so it doesn't get missed.***

***Dan Wolfangel  
Adjutant, Post 318***

**2021 Silent Auction for “Healthy Baskets”**

Below are photos, and descriptions on content, on two Silent Auction items that were part of the recent highly successful “Hometown Heroes Benefit” that was held on August 29<sup>th</sup> for sole financial benefit of Post 318. These two items were not claimed or paid for, and thus are being placed on the auction block for our Post members. If you are interested in either item, please submit your bid to **Adjutant Dan Wolfangel** via email at [dwacons@aol.com](mailto:dwacons@aol.com), or if you do not have a computer access by phone at 513-474-9577. All on bidder list will be notified as bids increase. **Bids will be accepted starting MONDAY – NOVEMBER 1<sup>st</sup> and remain open through Post Meeting on WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2021.** Bids should be submitted in a minimum of \$10 increments. **All funds raised in this “Healthy Baskets Auction” benefit Post 318.**

**PLEASE NOTE:** Caption all email bids with “Post 318 Auction” on subject line, so they are not overlooked.

**#1 “Mercy Healthplex” Basket: [Opening Bid \$125.00] Includes:**

- Three (3) Month Mercy HealthPlex Membership – (Value up to \$585.00) (Individual, Couple or Family) (\* Must be activated by December 31, 2021).
- Package of Imperial Nuts Energy Blend.
- Lilly Pulitzer Thermo Tumbler w/straw.
- Hydration Multiplier Drink Mix Package.



**(2021 Silent Auction for “Healthy Baskets” continued)**

**#2 “M.E. Lyons YMCA” Basket: [Opening Bid \$75.00]**

**Includes:**

- Three (3) Month Lyons YMCA Family Membership – (Value up to \$298.00)
- Bottle of Life Water.
- Blender Bottle (“Mixes as you shake”).
- Pro-Strength Active Waistband (“keeps cell phone out of way during workouts”).



If you are interested in either item, you may submit your bid to **Adjutant Dan Wolfangel** via email at [dwacons@aol.com](mailto:dwacons@aol.com), or if you do not have a computer access by phone at (513) 474-9577.

All on bidder list will be notified as bids increase. **Bids will be accepted starting MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1<sup>st</sup> and remain open through Post Meeting on WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2021, 9PM.**

Bids should be submitted in a minimum of \$10 increments. **All funds raised in this “Healthy Baskets Auction” go to benefit Post 318.**

**Dan Wolfangel  
Post 318 Adjutant**