



American Legion Post 318 Newsletter



“For God and Country”

November 2022

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Nov 2nd – SAL Monthly Mtg, 7pm
- Nov 10th – Marine Corp birthday
- Nov 11th – Veterans Day Celebration, 5pm
- Nov 9th – General Members Mtg, 7pm
- Nov 3rd, 10th & 17th – Karaoke
- Nov 30th – EC Mtg, 7pm
- Bingo – Every Sunday
- Euchre – Every Thursday & Friday



Commander’s Notes:

Controversy About 100% Rating

[Veterans](#) should consult with their [VSO](#), [VA Accredited Attorney](#), or VA Accredited Claims Agent for advice on filing claims for [disability](#). Should a [veteran](#) put an existing [service-connected rating of 100%](#) at risk by filing claims for newly found [service-connected disabilities](#) (caused injuries, wounds, illnesses, and hazardous material contaminations while serving) or not is a complex issue that should be consulted.

From an informal survey of several [VSOs](#), “[VSOs](#) tend to recommend against filing claims for [disability](#) after a [veteran](#) has reached a [100% service-connected disability rating](#) from the [VA](#).”

Did You Know?

Did you know organic [pollutants](#) in drinking water seldom exceed trace concentrations: a few parts per billion (ppb) or even a few parts per trillion (ppt)? But, in cases of increased trace levels, health impacts can occur. Toxicity is the inherent ability to impair health. Toxic substances can cause cancer, birth defects, and other illnesses. The severity of the effect usually depends on the dose, defined as the weight of the [contaminant](#) consumed per day divided by body weight. Keep in mind that some [contaminants](#) that cause no detectable health problems at low doses can cause death at high doses.

Lee Stegmann

Post 318 Commander

Trivia Question

When and where was the first Honor Flight?

Membership

We picked up 12 membership renewals this past month. That’s a bit behind where we typically are at this point in time. Therefore, if you haven’t renewed your membership, we would greatly appreciate you doing so soon. We have 57 existing members that haven’t renew their membership to date. If you’re not sure please reach out to me at the phone or email below

2022-23 Membership Scoreboard

Paid as of 10/25/2022	122
2022-2023 Post Goal	185
% of Goal	65.9%
2022-2023 Quota	177
% of Quota	68.9%
Required for Quota	55

Our next National target is to be at 75% by Dec14th; we are slightly off track to accomplish this and with your help it can be accomplished. 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

Hope everyone is enjoying this great fall weather we are having! I want to say Thank You for everyone coming out and supporting the Oktoberfest Social. Everyone had a great time who came out; enjoyed a sampling of German mustards; as well as comparing our favorite beer stein! Again, thank you to all who participated!

I also want to thank everyone for using the evite invitations for this social! I hope you found it a bit more personal with more information surrounding the event. I will be making some changes to smooth out the process for our upcoming Christmas Party.

As the end of the year approaches the activity in the Post is increasing! Make sure to keep an eye on your email, the Post Calendar and website for all upcoming events.

November 11th will be the Veterans Day Celebration sponsored by the Anderson Township Veterans Memorial Committee. The event starts at 5:00pm with a cash bar and a display of artifacts presented by the Cincinnati Traveling Veterans Museum. Dinner will follow at 6:00pm with entertainment being planned for about 7:30pm. You must have a reservation to attend this event by calling the Township at 513-688-8444. They are first come first serve and limited to 200.

Other events include Bingo every Sunday! Karaoke Thursdays starting at 7:30! Euchre on Thursdays and Fridays morning!

A reminder about the Post Christmas Party will be held on Dec 17th in the Main Hall. Invitations and evites will be going out in the next week so be sure to get your reservations back into me. I hope to see all of you at the upcoming events and more to help support the Post.

Send suggestions for future events and RSVPs to me at: kirk.minnich@gmail.com or 513-594-5339.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Kirk Minnich
2nd Vice Commander

**NEED SUPPORT FOR
"KARAOKE THURSDAYS"**

Post 318 is continuing to look 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: participating as a singer; volunteering to assist at 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 concessions, plus a nightly "Split-The-Pot", are the only source of our Post 318 revenue to pay our Karaoke DJ and earn funds for the Post due 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. Join Karaoke D.J. "Chuck", of Treasured Sounds and your fellow Karaoke enthusiasts for an evening of fun and song in a family friendly / non-bar Karaoke environment".

Remaining scheduled dates for Karaoke Thursdays are: November 3rd, 10th, and 17th; and December 1st, 8th, and 15th. from 7:30 PM until 11 PM each of those evenings. Our success at increasing event a attendance and revenue over the

balance of this Fall session will determine if we can continue Karaoke Thursdays as a productive fund-raising endeavor in 2023,

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.

Any Post or SAL Members needing more info on events, or volunteering may contact: Ass't Adjutant Dan Wolfangel at dwacons@aol.com (Please note "Karaoke" on email subject line), or at 513-703-2287

Dan Wolfangel

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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*

Uniformed Ceremonies



Oct. We had 3 CG details for AHS sports teams .In November looks to have several visits to schools for Veterans Day concerts. If you would like to join us call 513 470 6588. We will be visiting Sherwood on Veterans Day 9:20 am and Wilson Elementary in the afternoon on Thursday November 10.The Color Guard is set for IHM on the morning of November 10.I will be delivering to Joseph House on November 3 rd have donations at the Post by Tuesday morning November

*Ralph Caskey
Sgt.-At-Arms*

All Post 318 ZOOM Meetings

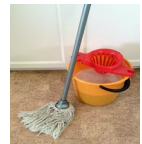
ID: 3959722502, Password: Post318 (Capitol "P" and no space between Post and 318 in the password.)

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 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

Service Officer Notes

We have been advised by the Veterans Service Office in Batavia to check with their Office before joining the Lawsuit regarding Camp Lajune. By joining the lawsuit, you could be jeopardizing benefits from the VA. It's relatively normal for any organization to cease voluntary benefits if they are sued. So, check with the VSO in Batavia or Cincinnati for their advice.

*Charlie Cleves
Service Officer*

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. Their Charter has been signed by National and Department and membership cards for the original 21 members will be issued shortly.

They will be hosting the New Year’s Eve bash. They have booked the Marsha Brady Band for the event, sounds like it’s 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.

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.

November Birthdays

Airhart	Thad I
Alfieri	Robert L.
Bilwin	Zenon
Cole	William H. Jr
Colson	Ned A
Dettmer	John
Feagins	Stephan R.
Fechner	Donald P.
Goering	Dean
Hartman	Curt
Hillman	Stephen M.
Klein	Henry R.
Knechtly Jr	Louis
Mannarino	Michael
Marshall	James K.
Mayer	James J
Nichols	Dennis A
Schmerber	Edward J.
Smith	Craig
Troy	Gregory S.
Waldeck	Roger J.
Whalen	Carl B

Veteran's Day Discounts

In honor of Veterans Day, the [Ohio Department of Natural Resources \(ODNR\)](#), in cooperation with U.S. Hotels, will offer U.S. military, both [active duty and veterans](#), a 30% [discount](#) off one camping, getaway rental, state-operated cabin, or resort lodge stay during the month of November 2022.

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General Meeting is on November 9th at 7PM
EC Meeting is on November 30th at 7PM
S.A.L. Meeting is on December 7th at 7PM

Trivia Answers:

The first Honor Flight was in May 2005, in small private planes from Springfield, Ohio. Its purpose was to facilitate WWII veterans to visit the new WWII memorial on the Washington Mall. To date, over 244,000 veterans have taken Honor Flights to visit the military and war memorials in the Washington area.

Bob Carey
Trivia Master