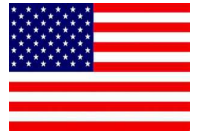




American Legion Anderson Post 318

November 2023



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Nov. 1st – SAL Monthly Mtg. 7:00 pm
- Nov. 8th – Post General Mtg. 7:00 pm
- Nov. 29th - E.C. Mtg. 7:00 pm
- Nov. 2nd, 9th, 16th, 30th Karaoke 7:00 pm
- Thanksgiving 11/23 No Karaoke**
- Bingo - Every Sunday 6:00 pm
- Euchre – Every Thursday 7:00 pm
- Thanksgiving 11/23 No Euchre**
- Every Friday 12:00 pm
- There will be Euchre Friday 11/24

World War I ended on the 11th hour, 11th day, of the 11th month, On Nov. 11, 1918. Armistice was declared for WWI. On Nov. 19, 1919, Pres. Wilson proclaimed November 11th as Armistice Day. In 1954, after lobbying by veteran’s organizations, congress amended Armistice Day to Veteran’s Day, which was signed into legislation by Pres. Eisenhower on June 1, 1954. In 1975, Pres Ford signed into law, that Veteran’s Day will be observed each year on November 11th. Veteran’s Day pays tribute to all American veteran’s, living or deceased, who served our country honorably.



Membership

We have fallen behind our past renewal trajectories! By the National Constitution all membership dues are to be paid by Veterans Day, Nov 11th. That only leaves a little over a week before your membership will be in default, if you haven’t already paid.

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 email reminder to all that haven’t renewed to date. I can still process your 2024 membership card. We have kept our membership dues at \$40 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/pufi

Quota: 165
Paid: 118 at 71.5% of quota
Existing members not renewed to date: 31
New members: 4
Deceased members: 2
Active Duty: 5
Transfers In: 1
Transfers Out: 0

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
1st Vice Commander
Membership Chair
513-545-5237

Kamman.rc@gmail.com

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

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 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

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 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 Thursday's 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.

URGENT NEED FOR A POST FINANCE OFFICER

As for the Finance Officer position, hopefully someone will step up **very soon**, to accept an appointment made by the Post Commander in accordance with Post By-Laws, to this position. While this position must be held by a Post Legion Member, we have been in contact with one of our SAL members who runs his own accounting and tax firm, who has agreed to assist and advise our Post Finance Officer as needed and assist with tax filings, and our past Finance Officer will also be available to give guidance and training. If you are interested in filling his vacant position, or need further info regarding duties of the office, please contact current Finance Officer Randy Lindsey at (513) 374-2099 or email at weasellee293@gmail.com, or Commander Stegmann at (513) 967-9613, ASAP.

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

POST 318 CLUB ROOM REVITALIZATION UPDATE

Work continues to progress on the Club Room Revitalization, and hopefully will be completed by the

Awards & Recognition Program. The re-painting is complete, the lower wall treatment (below chair rail) is under way, and a new ceiling lighting system is in process. Replacement bar stools and several high-top tables and stools (for area vacated of pool table) have been obtained. This is all being done to create a more congenial and friendly area and atmosphere where our Post and SAL members can enjoy meeting with old and new members and friends, sharing conversations and beverages. As most of you should already know, our Post 318 Club room has always been, and is still, not open to the public, but is solely for the exclusive use of our Post and SAL Members and their invited guests. Post /SAL members are responsible for their invited guests and seeing that our Honor Bar Systems is adhered to. If you are interested in a copy of the just recently adopted revised "Club Room Use Policy", please contact Dan Wolfangel, via email at dwacons@aol.com, and you can receive an electronic copy.

This Club Room Revitalization Project has resulted in many military and Legion items previously being displayed in Club Room, being relocated to the public lobby and hallway area of our facility for public viewing to give the public a better understanding of what the Legion and the Post is all about, and the Post's involvement with the community. This relocation has been well viewed and received by visitors and rentals using our Patriot Center Hall portion of our facility.

We hope to see you in our newly revitalized Post Club Room in the future. Possible additional amenities under consideration to be added in future may include electronic gaming devices, and a music system. We have already added an ATM in the lobby for use of our members, and visitors.

Dan Wolfangel

Post Activities

Annual Veterans Day Dinner

The Patriot Center in Anderson Township opens its doors for a special free Veterans Day Dinner on Saturday, Nov. 11. Sponsored by the Anderson Township Veterans Memorial Committee, the evening includes a complimentary dinner for Anderson Township veterans and one guest. The center is located at 6660 Clough Pike, a venue owned and operated by American Legion Post 318.

Reservations are first-come, first-served up to 200 attendees.

A cash bar is open between 5 and 6 p.m., with dinner served at 6 p.m. Entertainment follows the dinner.

Make reservations by calling Anderson Township at 513.688.8444 or email JSanders@AndersonTownshipOH.gov

If you have any ideas for future events or fund raisers, please reach out to me. The Marketing Committee meets every 3rd Wednesday at 7pm in the Clubroom to make sure we are coordinating all the events among all the committees.

Kirk Minnich
2nd Vice Commander
Post Activities

Post Officer's & Committee Chairs

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| Commander: | Lee Stegmann | 513-967-9613 |
| 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 | Joe DuBois | 513-582-8477 |
| Newsletter Editors: | Gary Gregorio | 513-307-3824 |
| | Bob Kamman | 513-545-5237 |

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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| Robert Alfieri | William H. Cole Jr. |
| John Dettmer | Darrel G. Everman |
| Stephan R. Feagins | Donald P. Fechner |
| Dean Goering | Curt Hartman |
| Louis Knechtly Jr. | Michael Mannarino |
| James K. Marshall | James P. Mayer |
| Edward J. Schmerber | Gregory S. Troy |
| Robert J. Waldeck | |

UNIFORM SERVICES
VETERAN'S DAY EVENT SCHEDULE

Nov. 9th - 9:00 am IHM Color Guard Detail
 Nov. 9th – Time TBA Wilson School – Concert
 Nov. 10th 9:30 am Sherwood School – Concert
 Nov. 10th 11:00 am Anderson Senior Center
 Color Guard Detail
 Any member of Post 318 or other Veteran's are welcome to attend these events

Ralph Caskey / Sgt. At Arms

TRIVIA QUESTION

Who is "The Father of Veterans Day?"

COME OUT AND SUPPORT OUR
UPCOMING Fun at the Post

On October 14th, there was an afternoon "German Day" created by Kirk Minnich, our 2nd Vice Commander. German food was served. People who came shared a dish. Fun was had by those attending, but it was not a big crowd.

October 21st, there was a Halloween dance sit up by Mike Stringer. A crowd of about 90 danced to the Cincy Rockers. Many came in costume and prizes were handed out. Food was available for purchase from our kitchen. A hardy thank you should go out to all who helped. Mike Stringer, Mike Short (SAL) Bob Kamman, Kirk Minnich, Martin Gilbert, Joe DuBois, Bob Williams, and Ken Knight. Sunday Night Bingo as usual went on led by Ed Sears. It is our main money maker for the Post and Ed still is having a hard time getting enough help. One night there was no cook, so our kitchen was closed. COVID hit Bill and Gisela Cole, but good old Jack and Dorothy Surdick did double duty. Then there were our regulars who help make this a success like Wayne and Bobbie Hinaman, Misty and Eric Howland, Joe Baker, Randy Lindsey, and out of town or not scheduled were Steve Stuntz, Darrell Evermann, Sue Kies, Ralph Caskey, Rick Diver, Walt Geil, Gary Gregorio and Jerry Porter. Ask anyone of these people and they will tell you the jobs are not hard and can be fun.

Tuesday morning clean up from 9 AM until 10 AM led by our House Chairman Bob Alfieri. If you want to get out and just do something that can be fun and fraternal, just show up. Good conversation and coffee and donuts. Please come out and spend some time with us.

COME OUT AND SUPPORT OUR
"KARAOKE THURSDAYS"

Post 318 continues our "KARAOKE THURSDAYS" Fall and Winter Season on every Thursday in November, except on Thursday – November 23rd (Thanksgiving), and is continuing to look for support from our Post and SAL members. This event is held at the Post facility, from **7:00 PM to 10:30 PM each event**. 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. 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.

Join Karaoke D.J. "Chuck", of Treasured Sounds and your fellow Karaoke enthusiasts for an evening of fun, singing and dancing to music and songs done in a family friendly non-bar Karaoke environment. Our success at increasing event attendance and revenue over the balance of the first several events will determine if we can continue Karaoke Thursdays as a productive fund-raising endeavor. 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 wishing to volunteer to assist with the events 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

TRIVIA ANSWER

In 1945 Raymond Weeks, a World War II veteran, suggested changing Armistice Day to Veterans Day, to honor all veterans instead of only World War I veterans. General Eisenhower endorsed the idea, and made it official while he was President in 1954.

Bob Carey / Post Adjutant / Trivia Master

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Celebrating 248 Years of Service
On November 10th, Post 318 honors the 248th Birthday of the United States Marine Corp.

Semper Fi
Don Bishop

