



# American Legion Anderson Post 318

November 2024



### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Nov. 6 <sup>th</sup> – SAL Monthly Meeting	7:00 pm
Nov. 13 <sup>th</sup> – General Meeting	7:00 pm
Nov. 20 <sup>th</sup> - Marketing Committee	7:00 pm
Nov. 27 <sup>th</sup> – E.C. Meeting	7:00 pm
Karaoke - Every Thursday	7:00 pm
Bingo – Every Sunday	6:00 pm
Euchre – Every Thursday	7:00 pm

### REMEMBER OUR VETERANS ON VETERAN'S DAY

Veterans Day originated as “Armistice Day” on November 11, 1919, the first anniversary of the end of [World War I](#). Congress passed a resolution in 1926 for an annual observance, and November 11 became a national holiday beginning in 1938. [Unlike Memorial Day](#), Veterans Day pays tribute to all American veterans, living or dead, but especially gives thanks to living veterans who served their country honorably during war or peacetime



### TRIVIA QUESTION

What are the four biggest employers in the world?

### Membership

We were off to a pretty good membership renewal year. We picked up a few more renewals but we are falling under the glidepath to be at 100% by Veteran’s Day, Nov 11<sup>th</sup>. If you have not completed your renewal, there are 44 of you, please help me by doing so. We had 6 members pass away last year and 4 members this year; therefore, we have a deficit to make up. You have several methods of renewing:

- By cash or check made out to Post 318 and either mailed or brought to the Post.
- Online by going to: [Renew \(mylegion.org\)](#) You will need your Legion Member ID number which is located on any of your membership cards. If you cannot find it, please reach out to me by phone, email or text and I will give it to you.
- If you are tired of messing around with the annual dues and price increases, you can also apply to be a PUfL (Paid Up for Life) member. This is a one time fee that will be calculated when you request consideration. This can be accomplished by using the following link: [Paid Up for Life \(mylegion.org\)](#) Again, you will need your Legion Member ID.

fees by \$5 was defeated at the Department meeting. Therefore, we won't see the \$5 increase in January, as had been previously anticipated. Out Post & National's Constitutions states that all membership dues are to be paid by Veteran's Day, 11/11/2024. Getting your dues in quickly helps all Legion governing levels establish and set their budgets for the 2025 year.

**Quota: 177**  
**Goal: 185**  
**Paid: 133 at 75.1% of quota**  
**Needed to reach quota: 44**  
**Existing members not renewed to date: 44**  
**New members: 2 (Ken Day & John Listermann)**  
**Deceased members: 2 (Jimmy Bussey, Robert Saffin, Charles Stein, Rick Weis)**  
**Active Duty: 5 (Ken Day, John Ehemann, Ted Mayer, John Mayer & Adrienne Prem)**  
**Transfers In: 4 (Becky Bursk, Jim Deardorff, Leo Honebrink, Barry King)**  
**Transfers Out: 0**

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

### Post Activities

As I have mentioned previously, National voted to increase their fees by \$5 starting with the 2025 membership year and therefore our current dues are **\$45**. The proposal by the Department of Ohio to increase their

The Post continues to have a lot of activity going on throughout the Fall! Karaoke continues to draw large crowds on Thursday nights and is heavily attended by Post and SAL members. It will continue every Thursday throughout the year! Friday nights the Clubroom has been open to members and guests and have had good attendance with occasional guest bartenders and entertainment of DJ/Karaoke/Trivia. Bingo continues to see large attendance! Euchre continues to be a draw also on Thursday nights. Bengals watch parties with potluck in the Clubroom has seen big crowds!

Here is a recap of the ongoing events at the Post. If you have not been down in a while, please stop by to check out the activities. Family and friends are all welcome! Events listed on our Post Calendar on our website and our Facebook pages.

**Thursdays** – Euchre and Karaoke, Clubroom Open 7-11

**Fridays** – Clubroom Open 6p-12a; On Dec 6th Music by Nick from 8pm – 11p

**Saturdays** – Watch for College Tailgates to be announced.

**Sundays** - Bengal Watch Party's with potluck to share. [Please see Bengal's Schedule on Page 5](#)

**Kirk Minnich  
Commander**

### **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**

### **Post Finance Report**

All bills are paid, we have a positive cash flow, and Post 318 is solvent!

**Randy Lindsey / Finance Officer**

### **Upcoming Dates and Post Meetings**

At our upcoming General Membership Meeting on Nov 11<sup>th</sup> the Post will be presenting a donation to the "Sava-A-Warrior Foundation" for all who would like to attend. This a project which was started by Don Bishop and on the Post & Charities Inc plan to continue since Don's passing. I encourage you to visit their website at

<https://saveawarrior.org/> to read on their mission and how they are making a difference in saving our fellow veterans. The General Meeting is on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of every month at 7pm and as a reminder refreshments are always provided in the Clubroom! If you have some time this month on Nov. 13<sup>th</sup>, I hope to see you there! The meetings are open to all Post members & SAL.

A few upcoming dates of importance for all Post members and their families.

**NOV 11 – The Annual Veteran's Day Dinner**, sponsored by the Anderson Township Veteran's Memorial Committee, at the American Legion Post 318, Patriot Center. Reservations are required and limited to the first 200 attendees. The event is open to all Veterans and their guests, and includes a complimentary dinner. The Township has recently extended the invitation for Veterans to bring more than 1 guest and to our SAL Squadron to attend. The event starts at 5 pm, with a cash bar, with dinner served at 6 pm. Entertainment provided by the Cincy Rockers, following dinner. Make reservations by calling Anderson Township at 513-688-8443 or email [mlegault@andersontownshipoh.gov](mailto:mlegault@andersontownshipoh.gov)

**Dec 21 – Annual Post Christmas Party**, this is a family event open to all Post Members, SALs, their family and/or guests. The festivities will start at 5pm with appetizers and a cocktail hour. There will be an Open Bar for the party which will consist of draft beer, wine, and soft drinks. Mixed drinks & bottled beer can be available for purchased in the Club Room. The party will be a "Pot Luck" with entre provided by the Post & Charities Inc. Please plan to bring a salad, side dish or dessert to share with others.

This year we will again be conducting a raffle of donated door prizes. If you have a larger item, you would like to add to the door prize raffle please include that in your RSVP. The tickets for the door prizes will be sold throughout the night. If you would like to participate in the smaller gift exchange, please bring those the night of the event.

Invitations will be going out near the middle of November via email, so be on the lookout for those. To ensure that we have enough food and beverages, please RSVP by December 7<sup>th</sup>, to 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander, Tina Sunderhaus at [sunderhauschristina@gmail.com](mailto:sunderhauschristina@gmail.com) or 513-313-1217. In your RSVP, please include the number in your party, which type of dish you will be bringing and if you have any items to be raffled off as door prizes.

**Kirk Minnich**

**Commander**

**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](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 a message for me.

**Charles Cleves / Service Officer**  
*We are here for you!*

**Uniform Services**

**WANTED:** Uniforms for display at Veteran’s Day dinner this year. If you have a uniform that you would like to display, contact Ralph at [513-470-6588](tel:513-470-6588).

Also, if possible, submit a picture of yourself in your uniform, to place on display. Thank You

**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**

**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 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. Contact Joe Baker at 513-289-9044 with any questions.

**Karaoke:** Every Thursday 7-10:30 pm. For information, contact Asst. Adj. Dan Wolfangel at [dwacons@aol.com](mailto:dwacons@aol.com), or call 513-703-2287. **Still looking for volunteers to assist in staffing and coordinating this weekly event!!**

**UNIFORM SERVICES**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY U.S.M.C**



**Celebrating 249 years of Service**

On November 10, 2024, Post 318 honors the 249<sup>th</sup> Birthday of the United States Marine Corp. A celebration and traditional “cutting of the cake” with the ceremonial Marine Corp Sword, will take place in the Post 318 Club Room at 7:00 pm. All members and guests are invited to attend. An article with picture of this event will appear in the December Newsletter.

**SEMPER FI**

**RALPH CASKEY / SGT. At ARMS**

**TRIVIA ANSWER**

India Ministry of Defense (2.99 million), US Dept. of Defense (2.93 million), China’s People’s Liberation Army (2.55 million), Walmart (2.3 million)

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

**Post Officer’s & Committee Chairs**

<b>Commander</b>	Kirk Minnich	513-594-5339
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Vice:</b>	Bob Kamman	513-545-5237
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Vice:</b>	Tina Sunderhaus	513-313-1217
<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>Asst. Finance Officer</b>	Joe DuBois	513-582-8477
<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>	Dan Wolfangel	513-703-2287
<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>Newsletter Editors:</b>	Gary Gregorio	513-307-3824
	Bob Kamman	513-545-5237

**Did You Know:** Tinnitus, is a ringing, swishing, buzzing, or other type of noise that seems to originate in the ear or head. The sound may seem to come from one ear or both, from inside the head, or from a distance. It may be constant or intermittent, steady or pulsating. Most tinnitus is subjective, meaning that only you can hear the noise, while those around you cannot. Chronic tinnitus, which many veterans suffer from, is present frequently or continuously. The National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders defines chronic tinnitus as occurring for more than three months. What Veterans May be affected? Combat Veterans, Veterans who worked around military aircraft, Veterans who worked around motor engines on ground and at sea

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

**“KARAOKE THURSDAYS”**

Post 318'S "KARAOKE THURSDAYS" new Fall 24-Spring 25 Season got off to a fairly good start on September 19th, continuing to be held every Thursday from **7:00 PM to 10:30 PM each event**. We continue to look for support from our Post and SAL members. 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, or one of the new "baked-on- site" pizzas we are offering this year.. 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 operations. As "Karaoke Thursday" Coordinator, **I am also in search of volunteers to assist to help keep the event going.**

Any Post or SAL Members needing more info on events or wishing to volunteer to assist with the events may contact Dan Wolfangel at dwacons@aol.com (Please note "Karaoke" on email subject line), or via cell at 513-703-2287.

**Dan Wolfangel  
Karaoke Thursday Coordinator**

**POST 318 CHARTIES, INC. (C.I.) UPDATE:**

A delayed 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Meeting of Post 318 Charities, Inc, (the primary funding source for Post 318's Post318's Veteran and Community Programs), held on September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024, resulted in the following items of business:

1. Election of C.I. Officers thru August 2026.was held with following results: President – Dan Wolfangel; Vice President - (Vacant); Secretary – Donna Prues; Treasurer – Lisa Banks (who is a CPA). Post Member Walt Geil, long-time C.I. Treasurer, is stepping down due to some forthcoming medical issues, but will remain a C.I. member at this time to assist with the Treasurer position transition.
2. We are looking possibly re-instituting the Veterans Day "Wave-the-Flag Fundraising" effort if we can do a one or two day fundraiser on Fri 11/8/24 and/or 11/9/24.
3. Have secured Cincy Rockers Band for "A/T Veteran Recognition Event Entertainment" on November 11<sup>th</sup> at Post.
4. **“Save-the-Warrior [SAW] Foundation Donation Presentation” on behalf of Post 318 will be made in amount of \$5,000 will be made at the Post 318 General Membership Meeting on November 13<sup>th</sup>, at 7 PM. All Post Members welcome and encouraged to attend. Wear some sort of Legion attire if you have any.**

***C.I. is still looking for two Post Members to volunteer to fill the current two vacancies on the seven member Board, to replace Post Members Randy Lindsey (who resigned in April, and Walt Geil (who will be resigning after the C.I. Treasurer transition. Also looking for two Post Members to oversee an audit of the C.I. Treasurer records as part of that transition. ANYONE INTERSTED PLEASE CONTACT ME AT 513-703-2287 or dwacons@aol.com.***

Dan Wolfangel - President / Chair – Charities, Inc. Board

**Veteran's Day Activities Around Anderson Township**

You are invited to attend any of the activities listed below.

1. Nov 6th, 2pm - concert - Wilson Elementary
2. Nov 7th, 8am - Color Guard detail - IHM (need 2)
3. Nov 11th, 8:30am, Breakfast and parade - Summit Elementary
4. Nov 11th, 9-10 am program Sherwood Elementary (if you would like to attend send name to 513-470-6588 , coffee and bagels following program.
5. Nov 11th, 8:30-9am - Breakfast & Patriotic performance by the 2nd graders, Maddux Elementary



If you can attend any of these invitations contact R Caskey at 513 470 6588 asap.

Thanks,  
RALPH CASKEY / SGT. At ARMS

## UNIFORM SERVICES

*“That’s My Brick Project”, kicks off on  
Veteran’s Day!*

### Did You Know – “Question?”

What is the name of the annual football game between the Army and Navy?

- The Military Bowl
- The Commander’s Cup
- Army-Navy Classic
- America’s Game

### NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 2024 – BENGAL’S WATCH PARTYS

#### AND POTLUCK - POST 318 CLUBROOM

11/3 - Bengals/Raiders (doors open at 12:00 pm, game time 1:00 pm)

11/7 – Bengals/Ravens (game time 8:15 pm)

11/17- Bengals/Chargers (doors open at 12:30 pm, game time 1:25 pm)

12/1 - Bengals/Steelers (doors open at 12:00 pm, game time 1:00 pm)

12/9 - Bengals/Cowboys (doors open at 6:00 pm, game time 7:15 pm)

12/15 -Bengals/Titans (doors open 11:00 am, game time 12:00 pm)

12/19- Bengals/Browns (game time 8:15 pm)

12/29- Bengals/Broncos (game time TBA)

\*Members, please save this schedule for further personal use \*

### Did You Know “Answer”

“America’s Game”

**Bob Kamman / 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander**

Be a part of the Paver Project by purchasing a brick for display around the Flagpole at Post 318. Choose In Honor of, in Memory of, A friend of, or one for yourself or your family. Help us with your support to upgrade and beautify our Flagpole area, with a brick designed by you or a loved one. The design can be done on our brochure, or online at our website. The information will be on display in our lobby at Post 318, at the Veteran’s Day Dinner, Nov. 11<sup>th</sup>. Two sizes are available, \$35.00 (4x8), \$65.00 (8x8). Pay by check or by credit card. Please join us in this project, by picking up details

(brochure) in the lobby at Post 318. Project to be dedicated in 2025.

See 2<sup>nd</sup> VC Sunderhaus, Cdr. Minnich, or SAA Caskey for more details. Eric will also post our Paver Project on our website.

**Ralph Caskey / Sgt. At Arms**

**Here are a couple of pictures from the prepping of the area around the flagpole on a chilly Saturday morning.**



### NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Robert L. Alfieri	Rebecca Bursk
William H. Cole Jr.	John Dettmer
Darrel G. Everman	Stephan R. Feagin
Donald P. Fechner	Dean Goering
Curt Hartman	Michael Mannarino
James K. Marshall	James J. Mayer
Edward J. Schmerber	Craig Smith
Thomas A. Thornton	Gregory S. Troy
Roger J. Waldeck	Anthony Woeber



*“Honoring the sacrifices many have made for our country in the name of freedom and democracy is the very foundation of Veterans Day.” — Charles B. Rangel*

**Kirk Minich**  
**Commander Post 318**

### **66<sup>th</sup> Annual Veterans Day Commemoration**

Monday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, 10:30am  
Downtown Main Library Atrium

Featuring keynote remarks from Persian Gulf War and the Bosnian War Veteran Kelly Knox. The event will also feature participation from local veterans groups and patriotic music from the Hamilton County Sheriff’s Office and the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra. A reception will follow at the Library’s new Veteran History area with commemorative keepsakes, while supplies last.



### ***That’s My Brick Project Brochure***

Please follow the link below to download a copy of the brochure with an order form to get your bricks reserved today.

<https://post318.org/wp-content/uploads/Thats-My-Brick-Brochure.pdf>

### **Veterans Day**

There are many events and activities around and on Veterans Day, many of them around the Township which Ralph has listed above, to include the dinner at the Post provided by the Township. I hope all of you can attend some of these events which are held to honor and thank you for your service, sacrifices and valor in protecting and defending our great country and its citizens.