



# American Legion Anderson Post 318

October 2023



### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

- Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> – SAL Monthly Mtg, 7pm
- Oct. 11<sup>th</sup> - General Meeting 7pm
- Oct. 25<sup>th</sup> - E.C. Meeting, 7:00 pm
- Oct. 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> – Karaoke 7:00 pm
- Bingo – Every Sunday 6:00 pm
- Euchre – Every Thursday 7:00 pm
- Every Friday 12:00 pm

### **Persian Gulf War**

In August of 1990, Iraq President Saddam Hussein ordered the military invasion of Kuwait. An allied coalition of 42 countries was established, including the United States, to discuss possible actions against the invasion., code name **Operation Desert Shield**. On January 17, 1991 a US led air strike against Iraq began, code name **Operation Desert Storm**, with participating aircraft from the allied coalition. On February 24 1991, coalition ground forces entered the war. On February 28, 1991, a cease fire was ordered by coalition forces. 700,000 US troops took part in Desert Storm, with resulting 300 US casualties. **Post 318 recognizes and appreciates our members who served and sacrificed in the Persian Gulf War. Thank you all.**

### **Membership**

We have begun to fall behind our past renewal trajectories! Thank you to all of you that have paid your renewal dues. You should have received your renewal notices by now. Even if you haven't received it, 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](http://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](http://www.legion.org/join/pufi)

**Quota: 165**

**Paid: 110 at 67% of quota**

**Existing members not renewed to date: 59**

**New members: 4**

**Deceased members: 2**

**Active Duty: 5**

**Transfers In: 0**

**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**

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

**513-545-5237 / [Kamman.rc@gmail.com](mailto: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](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 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.

**Karaoke:** Thursday night at 7:00 pm. For information, contact Asst. Adj. Dan Wolfangel at [dwacons@aol.com](mailto:dwacons@aol.com), or call 513-703-2287

## **OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS**

Jimmy L. Bussey	Philip J. Caito
Wayne M. Carlisle	Thomas Clegg
Walter B. Geil	Richard J. Hast
Roger Noe	William S. Ogden
Dennis C. Pohl	Frank Trainer
Richard W. Williams	

## **URGENT NEED FOR A POST FINANCE OFFICER**

As for the Finance Officer position, which currently is vacant due to no one stepping up to run for the office, 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.

**THIS IS A REQUIRED AND VERY NECESSARY AND IMPORTANT POST OFFICER POSITION, AND HOPEFULLY SOMEONE WILL STEP UP TO THE PLATE.**

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](mailto:weasellee293@gmail.com), or Commander Stegmann at (513) 967-9613, ASAP.

**Dan Wolfangel**

**Ass't Adjutant / Corporate Statutory Representative**

## **Post 318 Clubroom 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](mailto: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

We will be having Oktoberfest Social on Oct 14<sup>th</sup> starting at 430pm. The event is open to all Post & SAL Members, their families and guests. The post will be providing brats & metts for everyone. Bring your favorite Beer Stein to show off and Prost to another successful year at the Post. We ask you to bring a Traditional (or Cincinnati) German Style appetizer, side or desert to share with everyone during the feast. Please RSVP for the event to myself at [kirk.minnich@gmail.com](mailto:kirk.minnich@gmail.com) or 513-594-5339 with the number in your party and the appetizer, side or desert you will be bringing. Hope to see everyone there!

Don't forget our Halloween Dance with costume contest also featuring The Cincy Rockers on Oct 21st. Advance tickets will be available through Eventbrite starting September 8<sup>th</sup>.

The Marketing Committee meets every 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday at 7pm in the Clubroom to make sure we are coordinating all the events among all the committees.

**Kirk Minnich**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander**  
**Post Activities**

## Post Officer's & Committee Chairs

<b>Commander:</b>	Lee Stegmann	513-967-9613
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Vice:</b>	Bob Kamman	513-545-5237
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Vice:</b>	Kirk Minnich	513-594-5339
<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>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>	Don Bishop	513-474-4194
<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>Asst. Finance Officer</b>	Joe DuBois	513-582-8477
<b>Newsletter Editors:</b>	Gary Gregorio	513-307-3824
	Bob Kamman	513-545-5237

## Charities, Inc. Update

### CI Budget

The CI budget for 2024 has been approved. For program year 2024. We estimate that we will generate \$ 40,327.30 in revenues and plan to fund \$ 24,155.00 in projects. Based on historic expenses we have made several program changes. Most significant is our commitment of \$ 5,000 to Save-A-Warrior. The mission of

Save-A-Warrior is suicide prevention and our commitment is to fund one participant this year.

**Don Bishop**  
**Charities, Inc**

## Uniform Services

On Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>, members of Post 318 and Post 318 SAL, performed a full Color Guard Detail at Anderson High School, on behalf of Military Appreciation Night, and to benefit the Save-A-Warrior foundation.



**Ralph Caskey**  
**Sgt. At Arms / Post 318**

## Trivia Question

What is 'Stockhands Horses for Healing?'

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

## COME OUT AND SUPPORT OUR UPCOMING RESTART OF "KARAOKE THURSDAYS"

Post 318 will be restarting our ""KARAOKE THURSDAYS" Fall and Winter Season on Thursday October 5<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto:dwacons@aol.com) (Please note “Karaoke” on email subject line), or at 513-703-2287.

**Dan Wolfangel**  
**“Karaoke Thursday Coordin**

**Veteran Affairs**

**ODVS Announces Sunset of Ohio Veterans Bonus**

On Aug., 30, 2021 — the United States officially ceased its military involvement in Afghanistan. As a result, the Ohio Veterans Bonus program associated with the Afghanistan Conflict, which the Ohio Department of Veterans Services (ODVS) administers, is nearing its completion.

Through the support of **Ohio Governor Mike DeWine** and the State Legislature, a \$9.5 million measure was included in the state's recently enacted biennial budget in order to sustain the program, which will sunset in one year. The Office of Budget and Management (OBM) authorized that transfer to our agency.

These funds will ensure that ODVS can make a rigorous final push to pay every eligible veteran — including those who may have been denied payment because of correctable technicalities or other impediments. The money total is based on Department of Defense deployment figures and the number of applicants and payouts that already have been made to Ohio veterans.

The Ohio Veterans Bonus program offers a bonus for those who served in the U.S. Armed Forces after October 7, 2001. Once a veteran has received \$500 for service anywhere in the world or \$1,000 for service in a designated country, or the maximum \$1,500 bonus, the veteran is not eligible for additional funds, even if they served in multiple conflicts. **Those service members who completed their deployments in Afghanistan and have not yet applied for the Ohio Veterans Bonus can do so up until Aug. 30, 2024.**

**Apply for your bonus today:**  
**[www.ohiovets.gov/veteransbonus](http://www.ohiovets.gov/veteransbonus)**  
**Charles Cleves / Service Officer**  
**We are here for you!**

**Trivia Answer**

Stockhands Horses for Healing is a non-profit organization in Delaware, OH., providing therapeutic equine assisted services to veterans, adults, and children with disabilities and Autism related challenges. It is supported by the Ohio American Legion. For more information and to donate, see [stockhands.org](http://stockhands.org).

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

**CAN YOU FIND YOUR NAME ON THIS LIST?**

**THESE ARE THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE HELPED THE Post stay afloat by spending at least one day or more volunteering at our Post. We have one of the best Post in all of Cincy. We do not have enough people willing to take a position, so we do not have Treasurer, and we need some to take over Bingo or at least, share the load. If not, our reputation will drop, and we will not have enough money to continue to operate. Please step up and become an active member, even for one day a month.**

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| Lee Stegmann              | Eric Franz             |
| Bob Kamman                | Tom Prem               |
| Dan Wolfangel (Ruth)      | Darrell Evermann (Sue) |
| Bob Carey (June)          | Rob Heberly            |
| Kirk Minnich (Christy)    | Martin Gilbert (Kelly) |
| Ralph Caskey (Susan)      | Charlie Cleves         |
| Steve Stuntz              | Tom Thornton           |
| Bob Alfieri (Linda)       | Joe Baker              |
| Ed Sears (Carolyn)        | Don Bishop (Mary)      |
| Mike Stringer             | Eric Howland (Misty)   |
| Jack Surdick (Dorothy)    | Ken Knight             |
| Jerry Porter (Janice)     | Dennis Woeber          |
| Randy Lindsey (Meredith)  | Mike Stock (SAL)       |
| Joe DuBois                | Bill Cole (Gisela)     |
| Walt Geil (Cindy)         | Mike Gregorio          |
| Rick Diver (Judy)         | Rick Weis (Helen)      |
| Wayne Hinaman (Bobbi)     | Gene Sawka (Teresa)    |
| Richard Peters (Winifred) |                        |

(There may be a couple more names but if I missed your name, I am sorry.) We thank all who have helped make this Post as great as it is.

**Jerry Porter / VA Volunteer Service**