



American Legion Post 318 Newsletter



“For God and Country”

October 2020

Commander’s Notes

I hope everyone is enjoying the cooler weather as our seasons begin to change. Please take a minute and review all the post activities we have going on in the upcoming months. If able please come out to our next Post Meeting and some of the activities. As always be safe and thank you for your service.

***Sincerely, Chester Canter
Commander, Post 318***

FABULOUS 4th DISTRICT ACTIVITIES, 2020-2021

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
<u>District Corn Hole Tourney</u>	Oct. 11, 2020,	Post 199
<u>District Bowling Tournament</u>	Nov. 28, 2020,	Madison Bowl
<u>DECEMBER</u> -No events scheduled.		
<u>Outlaw Turkey Shoot</u>	Jan. 24, 2021,	Post 237
<u>Billiards Tournament</u>	Apr. 11, 2021,	Roc’s Billiards
<u>2021 District Picnic</u>	TBA	Post 450.

***Al Buxton
4th Dist. 2nd Vice Commander***

House

Clean up is scheduled at 9am every Tuesday if you can come out and help. We can also use help on Saturday mornings at 9am to setup for the dances and again on Sunday at 3pm for Bingo. Any help is appreciated with all the new cleaning we are required to keep the hall operational.

***Bob Alfieri
House Chairman***

Next Meeting

Our next General Membership Meeting will be on Wednesday October 14^h at 7pm. We will be wearing masks and maintaining 6 ft. social distancing.

We will have a Split-the-Pot, and we will have a drawing for Volunteer of the Month. Refreshments will be served after the meeting in the Club Room.

We will be also have the Post meeting available on Zoom meeting.

Randy Lindsey will be the host.

You should have received an email with the link.

Meeting ID is 785 8589 3224

Passcode is Post318AL

***Chester Canter
Commander, Post 318***

Joseph House

Al Buxton, 4th District Adjutant, wrote: “Joseph House stepped up big time. They continue to do the right thing for all veterans.”

If you can, please add Joseph House to your monetary donation list during this crisis. We are still collecting toiletries and clothing for the veterans at Joseph House. You can drop off your donations inside the members entrance at the Post, just to the left, inside the door.

Ralph Caskey

October "Live Music" Events

We have three (3) "Live Music" events scheduled for October. First up, October 3rd, is *Saffire Express*. This group has been a mainstay in local music for over 20 years. Playing their unique blend of contemporary, classic rock, 50s-60s, country, and standards, the Cincinnati-based band appeals to all generations.

The Patriot Center Presents:
Saffire Express
Saturday October 3, 2020



On October 17th we welcome back "*Wild Rice Musical Revue*". This highly seasoned group brings together vocal virtuosity along with master musicians. You will marvel at the vibrancy, verve, and vivacity brought to every appearance of *Wild Rice*. This is a great band, playing the music you want to hear.

Patriot Center Presents:
Wild Rice Musical Revue
Saturday, October 17, 2020



Mark October 31st on your calendar, then join the "*Cincy Rockers*" as they host our Halloween celebration. Not only will you be treated to some great music, but you'll have an opportunity to participate in the costume contest. Cash prizes will be paid for the best costume, or couple, as voted on by the audience; 1st Place (\$100), 2nd Place (\$50) and 3rd Place (\$25). Over the years, this has become one of our most popular events.

Halloween
Featuring The Cincy Rockers
October 31, 2020



Tickets for all events can be purchased in advance for \$10 by going to the Post web site www.post138.org, then click on the Special Events Tab, or you can call the ShowClix box office at 1-888-718-4253, Option 1, and ask about Patriot Center of Cincinnati Events. Advanced sales end at 12:00p on the day of the event. Tickets purchased at the door are \$12.50.

Post 318 Club Room Reopened!

The Club Room was reopened on May 21st, as long as we comply with the 10 person limit, wear face masks when moving around the area, and keep the 6 foot spacing between social groups. Everyone using the area will have to clean the whole area before they leave the Club Room.

October US Military Events & History

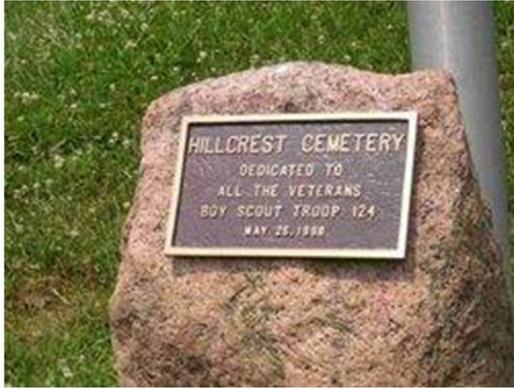
Oct 13 – U.S. Navy (USN) Birthday. Official birthday of the United States Navy is October 13th, 1775. Originally known as the Continental Navy. It will be celebrating 245 years of service.

Oct 25 – 1983 U.S. Forces invaded the island of Grenada.

Oct 26 – National Day of the Deployed. A day set aside to honor our deployed troops and their families for their bravery and sacrifice they are making for our country.

Oct 27 – Navy Day. The original observance of military service in the Navy. The date was chosen to coincide with the birthday of President Theodore Roosevelt.

Hillcrest Cemetery Recovering from COVID



Hillcrest Cemetery, the final resting place for approximately 1400 veterans has been significantly impacted by the COVID Pandemic. Routine maintenance, and projects to improve the conditions of Hillcrest, are dependent on recruiting volunteers. With the enactment of “*Stay at Home*” orders, work at the cemetery was halted for many months. That’s the bad news! The good news is that we’re now in recovery mode and have had many volunteers stepped up to lend a hand. For example, **Tim Curry** and all the crew members he pulled together, mowed the grounds for the first time since March. The **Red, White & Blue** group and a group of individual volunteers were out to help rake up the mounds of grass that the mowing produced and helped with general clean up. Then there’s **St Mary’s Seminary** they have defined Hillcrest a service project and send 40 men to the cemetery each week to reset headstones and work other maintenance projects.

Over the next few months, our hope is to reach out to volunteers to lend a hand at Hillcrest. As a veteran, we hope that you’ll consider our request and come help us preserve the dignity of those veterans interred at Hillcrest.

Charities Inc Fundraising

Post 318 Charities, Inc. (CI) continues to struggle in its efforts to raise money. Bingo distributions and “tax exempt” contributions are currently CI’s primary sources of income. For August, these sources accounted for approximately \$2,000. However, due to the COVID-19 Pandemic most fundraising has been suspended. The most recent causality appears to be our “*Wave the Flag*” fundraiser. CI has reached out to Kroger for permission to conduct this event in their locations at Anderson Town Center and Cherry Grove. To date, we; have received no response. This is similar to our request earlier this year, to distribute “Poppies”. We never received a response to the Poppy request, we’re waiting

for a response to our “*Wave the Flag*” request. The revenue anticipated from this event was estimated at \$2,300.



Post 318 Activities & Events

We will be having snacks and refreshments after our Post Meeting starting this month. Please attend if you are able.

Kirk Minnich
2nd Vice Commander

Post Adjutant Appointment

Due to the unexpected passing of Post Adjutant Ed Ruffennach, Post 318 Commander Canter has made an appointment in accordance with the Post Constitution, to fill the vacancy. Effective October 3, 2020, Commander Canter has appointed current Assistant Adjutant Dan Wolfangel to serve as Post Adjutant for the balance of Ruffennach's elected term which runs through June 2021.

Fund Raising Update

Bingo continues to be a big success each week! We need to get at least 17 volunteers every Sunday to carry on the work! Bingo is the life blood of Post 318, so it is up to you to help keep us in business! Please let Ed Sear know when you are available to help!

Euchre has resumed on Thursdays at 7pm and Fridays at 12:30pm in the Club Room. For information including the Covid 19 Waiver please contact Joe Baker.

Dances have resumed with some success see upcoming events in the newsletter, on our Post website and Facebook.

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.

Amazon Smiles – American Legion Post 318 Charities, Inc. is now registered with Amazon Smiles. So, if you shop at Amazon 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.

Bingo!

Thanks to everyone who has been helping out at Bingo!! We have seen some steady crowds and some revenue start to come in for the Post and Charities.

The results for September are
\$2500.00 to the Post
\$715.00 to Charities Inc
\$311.00 made by Concessions

If you would like to help let me know. Most of the jobs are done by 7:30 pm, The jobs are not hard to do. Most of them are selling paper to players. (513) 373-9133 or e-mail: emsears1969@gmail.com.

Ed Sears Bingo Chairman

Post Officers & Committee Chairs:

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Americanism:	Paul Henkle	513-413-4293
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House:	Bob Alfieri	513-232-0309
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