



# American Legion Post 318 Newsletter



*“For God and Country”*

*October 2021*

### Commander’s Corner

Post 318 Commander Lee Stegmann opened the 3rd Annual Fundraiser held at Latitudes Bar and Bistro on August 29th. The Fundraiser raised a record amount to help with Post 318’s upkeep for the year so we can continue to support local veterans, our area youth, and our Anderson Township community.



Commander Lee Stegmann opening the fundraiser at Latitudes Bar and Bistro, Anderson Town Center.

### Uniformed Services

Our Color Guard presented colors at McNicholas High School on September 10<sup>th</sup>, and at Anderson High School on their annual Military night. The weather was great.

We will present colors at the Anderson HS vs Turpin HS football game on October 22<sup>nd</sup>.

We will conduct a Flag Retirement Ceremony on Saturday, October 16th from 10AM to 12 Noon, at Hillcrest Cemetery.

***Ralph Caskey***

***Sergeant-at-Arms***

### Automated External Defibrillator

Post 318 has purchased and installed a Phillips Heart Start AED defibrillator for emergency use during all events. We hope to never see the need to use it, but we feel it has long been a necessity.

Since 90% of the members are not familiar with how to use the defibrillator, we decided to get professional help. To that end we contacted Post 318 fireman of the year for 2021, Chris Kasperczyk. Chris is the Battalion Chief for the EMS division of the ATFD and is well versed in the use of the AED. Chris came to the Post General Meeting and spoke briefly to the members. His message was very informative.

He has agreed to hold two meetings to teach the proper use of our AED. His message included the use of CPR as the most important lesson to learn along with the defibrillator. Each session of the meetings will include basic use of CPR and AED. This is not a certification that would last many hours but what we need to do the job if necessary. Chris will also bring members of his EMS team to assist in the training to keep it as short as possible. (About 1 hour). Chris emphasized that members should include the wife and other members that are old enough to understand the procedure. **The training sessions are scheduled for October 6<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>. We hope you can attend one of the sessions at 7:00PM** We need to let Chris know how many will be attending so the he can bring the necessary personnel to assist.

Please call Bob Alfieri at 513-232-0309 or 513-405-2234 to let us know how many will attend and what date you would prefer.

***Bob Alfieri***

### Finance Officer’s Report

All bills are paid and up to date. The Football Mania game made money for the Post, and we already have several winners who will be contacted soon! Our thanks to all who bought tickets for this fundraiser, and congratulations to you winners!

***Randy Lindsey***

### Membership Update

We are off to a fairly good start to our membership renewal program for the 2022 year. The renewal window starts the 1 July 2021 and is to be completed by Veterans Day, 11 Nov 2022. As in past years, I am asking for your assistance in reaching our quota, 169 members by Veterans Day. There are several reasons for reaching quota by this date: 1. We will receive financial incentives, this never hurts, 2. It's written in our Post constitution, and last and most importantly 3. It will greatly simplify my job.

#### 2021 Membership Scoreboard

<b>Paid as of 9/27/2021</b>	<b>148</b>
<b>2020-21 Post Goal</b>	<b>170</b>
<b>% of Goal</b>	<b>87.1%</b>
<b>2020-21 Quota</b>	<b>169</b>
<b>% of Quota</b>	<b>88.1%</b>
<b>Required for Quota</b>	<b>21</b>

We have already signed up eight (8) new members: Thad Airhart, USMC; Joe Ballenger, USA; Brad Beckett, USA; Thomas Gilliam; USA, James Gray, USA; Lance Larsen, USAF; Mike Leopold, USAF; Carl Whalen, USA; Guy Wolf, USA; Stephen Woolery, USMC. We want to wish these new members a hearty welcome and encourage them to be active members of our Post. Welcome aboard!

As a related item, if you should know of anyone that might be interested in joining our Post, please pass their contact information to me and I will follow up with them or you can give them my contact information.

Enjoy the remainder of your summer.

***Robert Kamman***  
***1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander***  
***Membership Chair***  
[Kamman.rc@gmail.com](mailto:Kamman.rc@gmail.com)

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#### Next Meeting

Our next General Membership Meeting will be held on October 13<sup>th</sup> at 7PM. The October E.C. Meeting will be at 7PM on the 27<sup>th</sup>.

### Chaplains Report

This is a month to be satisfied because the building never looked so good inside with the new tile and Bob Alfieri's handiwork and leadership. . We are solvent money wise with donations from deceased members, and with the Hometown Heros Fund raiser organized again by the Wolfangel family, Latitudes Bar and Bistro, and with strong support from Mike Stringer.

Our membership is up even with the loss of seven members this year due to their passing to "Post Everlasting." Of course we would not be where we are without Ed Sears running our Sunday night bingo. That alone brings in most of the operating funds of the Legion. Football Mania, Dances, Euchre, and concessions bring in money also. We are blessed to have the leadership and hard workers who spend some of their time to make sure we stay afloat.

I do not think most members know how much we try to do for our community. We work in the schools, with the Anderson Township Administration, support Hillcrest cemetery, work with the Boy Scouts, provide programs and gravesite Honor Guards, and much more.

These programs are getting harder to do because we still are not getting enough of our members out to fill leadership positions, or help with Bingo or Dances and other activities. These members who have taken on roles of responsibility need helpers. Most jobs take little time and would make our Legion even more productive in our Community.

Please consider being more active. At least attend a meeting once in a while. See what we are doing. We meet every second Wednesday of the month at 7 PM.

We have had a few knee replacements, a couple of heart attacks, but our Legion members are getting up in age overall. Continue to pray for our members and for the Legion. Please come out and learn what our Legion does and get involved.

***Jerry Porter***  
***Chaplain***

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#### Euchre Schedule Change

Due to a conflict with the November 11<sup>th</sup> Veterans Day activities at the Patriot Center, Thursday Euchre has been cancelled for November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021, by the vote of the Executive Committee.

### Post Clean Up Schedule

We are once again scheduling our Post clean up day on Tuesdays at 9 AM. Please come out and help!

***Ed Sears and Bob Alfieri***

### Uniformed Services

Our Post 318 Color Guard opened the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual fundraiser at Latitudes Bar and Bistro with the support of the Drum and Bagpipe Corp. The event was well attended, and raised a record amount for the Post!



Don't forget to bring items of clothing and toiletries for the veterans at the Joseph House. The container is in the Club room, on the left as you enter the building.

***Ralph Caskey***  
***Sergeant-at-Arms***

### Charities, Inc. Update

Please remember that there are two corporate programs that contribute to CI (Charities, Inc.) based on your support for their businesses. All you need to do is sign up, select CI as your cause, and they will contribute a portion of your spending to CI. Details are listed below:

**Kroger Community Rewards** – If you are a Kroger customer and are not supporting a charitable organization through ***Kroger Community Rewards***, we would encourage you to do your part to support your Post! Go to [www.kroger.com](http://www.kroger.com) and register for the Kroger Community Rewards program and select ***American Legion Post 318 Charities, Inc.*** as your cause.

**Amazon Smiles** – If you shop at Amazon.com 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.

***Don Bishop***

***President, Charities, Inc.***

### Post Officers & Committee Chairs:

***Commander:*** Lee Stegmann 513-967-9613

***1st Vice:*** Bob Kamman 513-545-5237

***2nd Vice:*** Kirk Minnich 513-594-5339

***Adjutant:*** Dan Wolfangel 513-474-9577

***Finance Officer:*** Randy Lindsey 513-374-2099

***Chaplain:*** Jerry Porter 513-528-1557

***Sergeant at Arms:*** Ralph Caskey 513-470-6588

***Bingo:*** Ed Sears 513-474-0246

***Community Support, Americanism, and Fundraising are all VACANT***

***Event Coordination:*** 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

***Asst. Finance Officer and Newsletter Editor:***

Joe DuBois, joedubois@cinci.rr.com 513-582-8477

### **Bingo!**

I want to thank all the people that come out to help set up for bingo, along with all of the people that come out and work Bingo for the POST. If you like to play Bingo, we play on Sunday night. Doors open at 4:30 pm. Play starts at 6 pm.

*(Editor's note: Ed Sears has virtually no weeknnds off, since he has been running Post 318 Bingo for many years! Bingo is our biggest fundraiser, and we do what we do based on these funds!)*

Please consider helping us out on Sundays. The jobs are easy to learn, and about half are completed by 7:30 pm. We are usually finished with all jobs by 9:30 to 10:00 pm. Thank you,

***Ed Sears***  
***Bingo Chairman***

513-474-0246, [emsears1969@gmail.com](mailto:emsears1969@gmail.com)

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### **All Post 318 ZOOM meetings:**

**ID: 3959722502, Password: Post318 (Capitol "P" and no space between Post and 318 is necessary 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 mike, and listen and observe the meeting. We need your attendance, since we can't do business without a quorum. We need you there on Zoom!

***Randy Lindsey***  
***Zoom Chairman***

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### **Post 318 Activities**

We are having a "Tailgate Party" at the Post on Saturday, October 16<sup>th</sup> at 4 PM. We are also having snacks following our General Membership Meetings. We are planning to have guests attending our after meeting social on November 10th, including the annual cutting of the USMC Birthday Cake with a ceremonial sword!

***Kirk Minnich***  
***2nd Vice Commander***

### **Veterans Day Celebration**

The Anderson Township Veterans Memorial Committee will once again host a Veteran Day Celebration at the Patriot Center (Post 318), Thursday, November 11<sup>th</sup>.

This event includes a cash bar, a complimentary dinner, dessert, and live entertainment. It is open to all Anderson Township Veterans, but capacity is limited to 200. Reservations will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis. Each veteran can include one (1) guest in their reservation. To make your reservation call: 688-8400 extension 8444.

The event program is as follows:

5:00p – 5:45p - Cash Bar  
5:45p – 6:00p - Welcome & Short Program  
6:00p – 7:30p - Dinner & Dessert  
7:30p – 9:00p - Live Entertainment

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### **Last Call for Photos**

A few years back we began collecting photographs of our members, when they were on active duty. Using these photographs, we created a slide show that we use on special occasions. We will be showing these photos at the Veterans Day Celebration. If you're a new member, or a long time member with additional photos to contribute to our collection, please email a copy of these photos to [dabishop@fuse.net](mailto:dabishop@fuse.net)

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### **Our October Dance Calendar** **includes more than Halloween!**

For the month of October, three (3) dance events are scheduled. We've booked three (3) great bands to entertain you. The month starts off with a fan favorite **The Remains**. **The Remains** specialize in playing very well-known pop and rock tunes and they get their crowds singing along and dancing at their performances.

Patriot Center of Cincinnati Presents: 

**The Remains**  
**Saturday, October 9, 2021**



## Wild Rice Musical Revue

The Patriot Center will welcome back The **Wild Rice Musical Revue**, October 23<sup>rd</sup>. This high energy dance band, made up of Cincinnati music legends, specializes in making sure their audience has a great time! Whether you want to get up and dance, or sit back and enjoy the music, you will be entertained.



## Cincy Rockers

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; 1<sup>st</sup> Place (\$100), 2<sup>nd</sup> Place (\$50) and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place (\$25). Over the years, this has become one of our most popular events.



Tickets can be purchased in advance for all events at ShowClix. Tickets purchased in advance are \$10 (a 25% discount), or they can be purchased at the door for \$12.50. All fees and taxes are included. Advance sales end at 12:00 PM on the day of the event.

## "IN SEARCH OF A POST ADJUTANT "

We are currently moving ahead into the new 2021-2022 membership year, without having elected one of the major Post Officer positions, that of Post Adjutant. I am not saying that merely because I currently serve, and have served in that position since July 2004, a total of almost 16 years, with one break of about 15 months when Ed Ruffenach was our Post Adjutant. I served as his Assistant Adjutant until his death in late 2020, when I was appointed to serve the balance of his term.

The American Legion requires each Post to have a Commander and an Adjutant to maintain its charter. We have tried over the past few months to find someone to serve as Assistant Adjutant to "learn the ropes" in preparation to run in this last election, however our efforts have gone unanswered. I have noted here an excerpt from the Post Business Plan: "The Adjutant shall have charge of and keep a full and correct record of all proceedings of all meetings, keep such records as the Department and National Organizations may require, render reports of membership annually or when called upon at a meeting, and under direction of the Commander handle all correspondences of the Post.

Other responsibilities of the Adjutant include, but are not limited to:

- 1) Chairs the Internal / External Communications Committee (see Standing Committee Responsibilities)
- 2) Maintains membership records in cooperation with membership Chairperson.
- 3) Records and maintains meeting minutes.
- 4) Publishes and posts official orders, announcements, instructions, and various articles of correspondence as necessary.
- 5) Maintains custody of all Post records.
- 6) Maintain a copy of the Post Adjutant's Manual.
- 7) Has primary access to the Post mailboxes (and distribution of all Post mail).

I am hoping there is someone within our membership who will step up and assume the responsibilities of Post Adjutant. This is necessary to assure that American Legion, Anderson Post 318, Ohio, will continue to serve our veterans and our community. Please volunteer to serve as Assistant Adjutant in preparation to assume the role.

I will be willing to discuss the Adjutant responsibilities with any members interested in serving Post 318 in the position, and I will continue in an Assistant Adjutant to assist a new Adjutant in training.

**Dan Wolfangel**  
**Adjutant, Post 318**

## Veterans Day Celebration

The entertainment portion of the Veteran's Day Celebration has been finalized, and we're pleased to announce that it will be The Varner / Netherton Revival.



This event is scheduled for November 11<sup>th</sup> and will be held at American Legion Post 318. The evening is to recognize all Anderson Township Veterans and will include a complimentary dinner and live entertainment.

Reservations are required and will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis. Each veteran can include one (1) guest in their reservation. To make your reservation call 688.8400 x 8444.

## National Commander



On Sept.2 in Phoenix during the 102nd National Convention, Paul E. Dillard of Texas was elected as The American Legion's national commander for 2021-22. Dillard, a Vietnam War U.S. Navy veteran, joined The American Legion in 1969 and is a Paid Up For Life member of American Legion Post 265 in Lake Kiowa, Texas. He has served in leadership roles on every level of The American Legion, including post and department commander, national vice commander, alternate National Executive Committeeman, and chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, the Veterans Employment & Education Commission, and the Legislative Commission.

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## "A Cincy Christmas Jamboree II"

**The Patriot Center Presents:**  
**"A Cincy Christmas Jamboree II"**

For Tickets:  
Go to [www.showclix.com](http://www.showclix.com) or Call  
1-888-718-4253, Option 1, and  
ask about Patriot Center of  
Cincinnati Events

December 18, 2021  
Door Open: 7:00 PM  
Show Begins: 8:00 PM

In 12 weeks, *The Patriot Center* will be presenting "A Cincy Christmas Jamboree II". The all-star cast of *Bobby Harlow, Jeanne Blessing, Jeff Wilson, Doug Morgan, Ann Chambers*, and the *Cincy Rockers* are deep into rehearsals preparing to provide another great show. All you need to participate is a ticket. You can obtain yours at <https://www.showclix.com/event/a-cincy-christmas-jamboree-ii-december-18-2021>.

There are three (3) ticket options; **Premium Seating** at \$20.00, **Select Seating** at \$18.00, and **General Admission Seating** at \$15.00. You can purchase tickets on-line by following the link provided above, or by calling the ShowClix Box Office at 1-888-718-4253, Option 1, and ask about Patriot Center of Cincinnati Events. On-line ticket sales close at 12 noon on December 18th. Tickets can be purchased at the door, if available.

Seat selection will be required when tickets are purchased. Groups wishing to be seated together must purchase all tickets at the same time. Seating for tickets purchased at the door will be determined based upon availability.

### About the Patriot Center:

This venue is intended for adult audiences. Doors open at 7:00 pm – Show Begins at 8:00 pm. Located at 6660 Clough Pike, Cincinnati, 45244. Beautiful newer facility in Anderson Township with ample off-street parking. All fees and taxes are included in ticket price. Table sharing is used to accommodate large crowds. Cash bar for beer, wine, mixed drinks and soft drinks. **The Patriot Center is a Permit Premise, outside beverages are not allowed. No BYOB!** You are welcome to bring in appetizers and festive snacks.

