



# American Legion Anderson Post 318

October 2024



### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Oct. 2 <sup>nd</sup> – SAL Monthly Meeting	7:00 pm
Oct. 9 <sup>th</sup> – General Meeting	7:00 pm
Oct. 16 <sup>th</sup> - Marketing Committee	7:00 pm
Oct. 30 <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

### Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF)

The official name used by the [U.S. government](#) for both the first stage (2001–2014) of the [War in Afghanistan \(2001–2021\)](#) and the larger-scale [Global War on Terrorism](#). On 7 October 2001, in response to the [September 11 attacks](#), [President George W. Bush](#) announced that airstrikes targeting [Al-Qaeda](#) and the [Taliban](#) had begun in Afghanistan. Beyond the military actions in Afghanistan, Operation Enduring Freedom was also affiliated with [counterterrorism](#) operations in other countries. After 13 years, on 28 December 2014, [President Barack Obama](#) announced the end of Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan. Subsequent operations in Afghanistan by the United States' military forces, both non-combat and combat, occurred under the name [Operation Freedom's Sentinel](#). By the end of 2016, 2380 American troops were KIA.

### Membership

We were off to a very good membership renewal year; but this month we took a major hit to our renewal progress. If you have not completed your renewal, there are 59 of you that haven't, please help me by doing so. We lost 6 members last year and 2 members this year; therefore, we have a deficit to make up to make quota this year. 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 \(mylegion.org\)](http://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 PUF<sub>L</sub> (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 \(mylegion.org\)](http://Paid Up for Life(mylegion.org)) Again, you will need your Legion Member ID.

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 fees by \$5 was defeated at the Department meeting. Therefore, we won't see the \$5 increase in January, as had been previously anticipated. Our 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: 114 at 64.4% of quota**

**Needed to reach quota: 63**

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

**New members: 2 (Ken Day & John Listermann)**

**Deceased members: 2 (Jimmy Bussey, Rick Weis)**

**Active Duty: 5 (Ken Day, John Ehemann, Ted Mayer, John Mayer & Adrienne Prem)**

**Transfers In: 0**

**Transfers Out: 0**

If you ever have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me.

**Robert Kamman**

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

## **Post Activities**

The Post has started the Fall off with many activities and events! Karaoke kicked off its season with a big night! It will continue every Thursday throughout the year! Friday nights the Clubroom will be open to members and guest with occasional entertainment of DJ/Karaoke/Trivia. Bingo continues to see large attendance! Euchre continues to be a draw also on Thursday nights. The SALs had a very successful Inaugural Cornhole Tournament with 16 team and many guests! Bengals watch parties with potluck in the Clubroom has seen big crowds!

Time to break out your favorite Halloween Costume! The Post will be hosting a Halloween Dance featuring the music of The Cincy Rockers on October 26th!! Tickets will be available at the door for \$10, to reserve a table email or text me at [kirk.minnich@gmail.com](mailto:kirk.minnich@gmail.com) or 513-594-5339. The band plays from 7pm to 10pm. There will be a Costume Contest with cash prizes to be awarded! The Clubroom Bar will be open to purchase drinks, beer, wine, mixed drinks, soft drinks and snacks. Guests are able to bring in appetizers to share at their table. The Patriot Center is a Permit Premise no outside beverages are NOT allowed! I hope to see everyone there!

To reserve your seat please contact me!

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 6-12 with DJ/Karaoke/Trivia

**Saturdays** – Clubroom open for College Football, times will vary based on games

**Sundays** – Bingo from 6-9. Bengal Watch Partys with potluck to share, based on game times

***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**

Recently, we have seen an uptick in the attendance at the Post General Membership Meeting! I wanted to thank all the members you have attended and those who regularly attend. 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 Oct 9<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 Veterans Day Dinner**, sponsored by the Anderson Township Veterans 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 1 guest and includes a complimentary dinner. The event starts at 5pm with a cash bar, with dinner served at 6pm. Entertainment provided by The Cincy Rockers following dinner. Make RESERVATIONS by calling Anderston 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, 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!!**

### **Did You Know?**

#### **K9's For Warriors:**

A program dedicated to providing highly-trained service dogs to military veterans who are grappling with the profound challenges of PTSD, traumatic brain injury, and military sexual trauma. These remarkable canine companions are not just pets; they are transformative allies that can significantly enhance the quality of life for veterans, helping them navigate daily struggles and reintegrate into civilian life with renewed hope and purpose. By fostering a deep bond of companionship and support, these service dogs serve as a beacon of hope, offering emotional stability and a sense of connection that is vital for healing.



#### **Non-Service-Connected Pension**

If you are a veteran who is 65 years-old and older, or permanently and totally disabled you may be eligible for the [VA](#) Non-service Connected Disability Pension (NSC).

The [VA](#) NSC pension is a program that provides financial support to wartime veterans with a limited income. The amount payable under this program depends on the type and amount of income the veteran and his/her family members receive from other sources. Monthly payments are made to bring a veteran's total annual income (including other retirement and Social Security income) to an established level.

You may be eligible for the NSC pension if you were discharged from service under other than dishonorable conditions, and you served 90 days or more of active duty with at least 1 day during a period of war time\*, and your countable family income is below a yearly limit set by law, and you are permanently and totally disabled, OR you are age 65 or older.

See a Veterans Service Officer for more details

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

**Did You Know?** Once the [U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs \(VA\)](#) grants a service connection for a [disability](#) and it has been in place for at least ten years, the [VA](#) cannot terminate this connection unless there is evidence of fraud? This ten-year period begins from the effective date of the original service connection grant.

Did you know while the [veteran's](#) service connection becomes protected after ten years, the [rating](#) assigned to the [disability](#) does not receive the same protection until it has been in place for twenty years?

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

**Did You Know?** What is VA Special Monthly Compensation (SMC)?

For some [Veterans](#), regular [VA Disability Compensation](#) isn't enough to cover the significant impact of their [service connected disability](#).

[Special Monthly Compensation](#) is an additional [benefit](#) designed to provide extra financial assistance to [Veterans](#) who require extra care and support..

[SMC](#) is different from the regular [VA Disability Compensation](#), because it considers the [Veteran's](#) overall [condition](#), and the cumulative impact of their [disabilities](#).

There are various types of [SMC \(SMC-K through SMC-T\)](#), that cater to [specific disabilities](#) and needs.

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

**Post Officer's & Committee Chairs**

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**OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS**

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