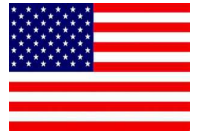




American Legion Anderson Post 318

September 2023



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sept. 6th – SAL Monthly Mtg, 7pm

Sept. 13th - General Meeting 7pm

Sept. 27th - E.C. Meeting, 7:00 pm

Bingo – Every Sunday 6:00 pm

Euchre – Every Thursday 7:00 pm

Every Friday 12:00 pm

Pres. Truman ordered members of the OSS into Viet Nam shortly after WWII, in 1945. In May 1961, Pres. Kennedy ordered 400 Green Berets into Viet Nam, as advisers to the South Vietnamese Army. The US war itself began as a result of the Gulf of Tonkin Resolution in August 1964, when North Vietnamese gunboats attacked a US Destroyer. 82,000 US troops were deployed, but increased to 200, 000. A total of 543,000 US troops were involved during the war. In January of 1973 the US and North Viet Nam signed a final peace agreement, but in 1975 DRV forces captured Saigon. The US suffered 58,281 KIA, with 2646 MIA's at the end of the war. As of 2022, 1582 MIA's still unaccounted for, 1004 in further pursuit, 488 non-recoverable, 90 deferred. The last US troops Left Viet Nam in March, 1973. **Post 318 recognizes and appreciates the members of Post 318, who served and sacrificed in the Viet Nam War. Thank you all.**

Membership

We have begun our new membership year and are off to a reasonable start with 61% of our current members having renewed. Thank you to all of you that have paid your renewal dues. You should have received your renewal notices by now. Even if you have not 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
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

Membership Status

Department Quota Target = 165
2024 Paid up memberships = 102 (62% of quota)
New members = 1
Potential from 2023 roster = 167

As noted above, we have a new member to our Post, Joe Carroll. Joe is an Anderson resident and a US Army, Gulf War veteran. Welcome aboard Joe.

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
1st Vice Commander / Membership Chair
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. 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.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Christopher R. Beaucham	Mackenzie Bennett
Bill B. Bourquin	Paul D. Burger
Charles A. Cleves	Gregory T. Elpers Jr.
Dennis L. Fries	Tom Fucito
Stephanie C. Humphries	Robert V. Lucke
Jonathan M. Palin	Joseph E. Popp
Thomas W. Prem	Ronald W. Rittenhouse
Michael Thumann	

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, 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, 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

Trivia Question

Who is Kyffin Simpson?

Bob Carey

Post Adjutant/Trivia Master

Post Activities

I want to thank everyone who had the opportunity to come out for the Ice Cream Social in August! We will be having Oktoberfest on Oct 14th, watch your email for further details. The Post has another successful dance in August featuring The Cincy Rockers! I know there were quite a few Post members in attendance and thank you for all you helped out on to make the evening a success. The next dance will be our annual Halloween Dance with costume contest also featuring The Cincy Rockers. Advance tickets will be available through Eventbrite starting September 8th.

Coming into the fall the Post will start ramping up on events so make sure to keep an eye on the calendar and your emails for detail.

If you have any ideas for future events or fund raisers, please reach out to me. The Marketing Committee meets every 3rd Wednesday at 7pm in the Clubroom to make sure we are coordinating all the events among all the committees.

Kirk Minnich
2nd Vice Commander
Post Activities

Post Officer's & Committee Chairs

Commander:	Lee Stegmann	513-967-9613
1st Vice:	Bob Kamman	513-545-5237
2nd Vice:	Kirk Minnich	513-594-5339
Adjutant:	Bob Carey	513-313-7369
Asst. Adjutant:	Dan Wolfangel	513-474-9577
Finance Officer:	Randy Lindsey	513-374-2099
Chaplain:	Rob Heberly	513-550-6601
Sergeant at Arms:	Ralph Caskey	513-470-6588
Bingo:	Ed Sears	513-474-0246
Event Coordinator:	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
S.A.L. Advisor:	Tony Capetillo	513-633-1667
S.A.L. Commander:	Chris Short	513-460-4560
Asst. Finance Officer	Joe DuBois	513-582-8477
Newsletter Editors:	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.

Save-A-Warrior Fundraiser

The mission of Save-A-Warrior[®] is suicide prevention and our commitment is to fund one participant this year. To meet this obligation, we are conducting a fundraiser in conjunction with the AHS Military Night football game, September 15th. We need approximately 8 volunteers to support this event. If you can help out contact Don Bishop at 513-290-8307, or email him at dabishop@fuse.net

Don Bishop
Charities, Inc

Trivia Answer

Kyffin Simpson is a rising star Indy NXT driver representing The American Legion. See a video about him at legion.org/legiontv or on The American Legion YouTube channel.

Bob Carey
Post Adjutant / Trivia Master

Uniform Services

On August 14, a Color Guard Detail from Post 318 participated in the annual Forest Hills School District school opening ceremony.



On September 15th, 1830 hrs., at the Anderson High School field, Post 318 will present a full 11 member Color Guard, to participate in Military Appreciation Night. **Additional members are needed to fill the positions required.** If interested, please contact Sgt. at Arms, Ralph Caskey. 513-470-6588, or email caskeyrw@gmail.com

Ralph Caskey
Sgt. At Arms / Post 318

**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 5th, 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 (Please note "Karaoke" on email subject line), or at 513-703-2287.

Dan Wolfangel
"Karaoke Thursday Coordinator"

VAMC Hoxworth Blood Drive

Hoxworth Blood Center is having a blood drive hosted by VA Medical Center on Wednesday, September 6, 2023 from 9am-11am and 12:15pm-3pm at the VA Medical Center. The donor bus will be parked near the parking garage and Fisher House. Appointments are strongly encouraged and can be made by calling Hoxworth at 513-451-0910. Every donor receives a University of Cincinnati hoodie!

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

Charles Cleves / Service Officer
We are here for you!

