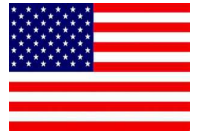




American Legion Anderson Post 318

September 2024



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sept. 4 th – SAL Monthly Meeting	7:00 pm
Sept. 11 th – General Meeting	7:00 pm
Sept. 18 th - Marketing Committee	7:00 pm
Sept. 25 th – E.C. Meeting	7:00 pm
Karaoke - Every Thursday	7:00 pm
Starting on Sept. 19th	
Bingo – Every Sunday	6:00 pm
Euchre – Every Thursday	7:00 pm
* Friday Euchre has been eliminated *	

TRIVIA QUESTIONS

1. The military personnel who served in Vietnam, constituted what percent of their generation?
2. What percent of Vietnam Veterans are still alive?

MEMBERSHIP

We are off to a very good membership renewal year. 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 \(mylegion.org\)](https://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 PUFL (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 \(mylegion.org\)](https://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

AGENT ORANGE – SILENT ENEMY

From 1961-1971, 19 million gallons of Agent Orange was used to eliminate ground cover used by the enemy. 2.7 million Americans serving in Viet Nam were exposed. 850,000 are still alive today.

Since 2002, 400 Viet Nam Veterans die each day. While no one dies directly from exposure to Agent Orange, they die from diseases that have been connected to Agent Orange, including Cancer, Heart Disease, Kidney Disease, and more. Also, there are children of Veterans who are born with birth defects, believed to be a result of the Veteran's exposure to Agent Orange.

In 1991, Congress enacted the Agent Orange Act. In August of 2022 the PACT (Promise to Address Comprehensive Toxics) ACT was passed by Congress. This act eased benefit rules for Veterans who were exposed to Agent Orange and other toxins while serving in the US Military. This could assist over 5 million Veterans. For further information and eligibility, contact your local VA Office.



membership year and therefore our current dues are **\$45**. There is also a proposal by the Department of Ohio to increase their fees by \$5, which could go into effect in January of 2025 and that would make your dues payable of \$50. Our Post Constitution states that all membership dues are to be paid by Veteran's Day and this will also help you to avoid an extra \$5 upcharge from the Department of Ohio.

Quota: 177

Goal: 185

Paid: 110 at 62.1% of quota

Needed to reach quota: 103

Existing members not renewed to date: 67

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

*For God & Country
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

Post Finance Report

All bills are paid, we have a positive cash flow, and Post 318 is solvent!

Randy Lindsey / Finance Officer

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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

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 a 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!

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 **Starting on Sept. 19th** after our summer hiatus. For information, contact Asst. Adj. Dan Wolfangel at dwacons@aol.com, or call 513-703-2287. **Still looking for volunteers to assist in staffing and coordinating this weekly event!!**

Did You Know?

The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) is a federal agency within the U.S. Department of Defense? Its mission is to recover and account for U.S. Service members and Civilians who have been missing from past conflicts. These conflicts include World War II (WWII), the Korean War, the Vietnam War, the Cold War, and other related conflicts. The DPAA works diligently to provide the fullest possible accounting for these missing personnel, offering closure to their families and honoring their sacrifice for the nation. DPAA is responsible for upholding that promise and performing that sacred duty.

Bob Kamman / 1st Vice Commander
513-545-5237 Kamman.rc@gmail.com

Post Activities

The Return of 'Wild Rice' - The Fall Dance Season will kick off on September 28th when the Post will host its first dance of the season featuring Wild Rice! Consider partying and dancing, or just listening to the fabulous variety of their music, including classic rock and country from 60's, 70's, 80's and 90's. Get a group together and reserve your table today! Appetizers and finger food may be brought in for you or your group. The Clubroom bar will be open for full service to purchase your favorite drinks. Tickets are on sale for the low price of \$13.00 via Eventbrite online or to reserve a table contact Kirk Minnich at 513-594-5339 or kirk.minnich@gmail.com.

Cornhole Tournament – The SAL Squadron has organized a cornhole tournament which will be held at the Post on September 21st. \$30 per team entry fee (must be paid in advance of event), bring your partner. Play begins at 11:00am. Boards and bags will be provided. Double elimination format. The bar and kitchen will be open to purchase your favorite beverage and snacks! Text Todd Sledge at 513.638.0507 to sign up and enter.

Make sure you keep an eye on the Post Calendar for all upcoming events and activities! As we move into the Fall months the activities at the Post continue to increase and we hope to see you all down there.

Kirk Minnich / Post Commander

Open Chairs and Volunteer Positions

American Legion – Anderson Post 318 is committed to the support of veterans, active-duty military, their families and the Anderson Township community.

As members of the Executive Committee have been working on updating our Post Business Plan for the 24-25 Fiscal Year, there are a few programs we would like to be able to continue but need some help with their implementation. The programs have been a part of the Post for quite a few years and help with our mission to support Veterans, their families and the Anderson Township Community. Each of these programs has a big impact on the veterans and community members they affect. Please look at the programs with Open Positions which I've listed below to see if you may have an interest in helping implement them. A few of the Programs we are looking for additional help and expertise with, where you will communicate with other members. The full Program Description can be found in the Post Business Plan listed on our Post website.

I want to thank all the Legionnaires, their family members and the SAL Squadron members who continue to volunteer each week to support the programs which allow us to accomplish our mission in the community. We continue to look for additional ways to serve local veterans and become more involved in the community. A couple of Committees are working on a couple of great programs which will add great value to the Post. I hope you find an area that interests you; I think you will find it rewarding when you see the results.

- Community Support Liaison
- Eagle Scout of the Year
- Hillcrest Cemetery Liaison
- Red Cross Shelter Liaison
- Information Technology
- 4th of July Parade
- Special Events / Ceremonies – Honor Guard
- Fundraising

If you have any questions, please reach out. Thanks

Kirk Minnich / Post Commander

Post Officer's & Committee Chairs

Commander	Kirk Minnich	513-594-5339
1st Vice:	Bob Kamman	513-545-5237
2nd Vice:	Tina Sunderhaus	513-313-1217
Adjutant:	Bob Carey	513-313-7369
Asst. Adjutant:	Dan Wolfangel	513-474-9577
Finance Officer:	Randy Lindsey	513-374-2099
Asst. Finance Officer	Joe DuBois	513-582-8477
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:	Dan Wolfangel	513-703-2287
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
Newsletter Editors:	Gary Gregorio	513-307-3824
	Bob Kamman	513-545-5237

TRIVIA ANSWER

1. They made up 9.7 % of their generation.
2. Only 31.4 % of Vietnam Veterans are alive.
Bob Carey / Post Adjutant / Trivia Master

Did You Know? / Vocational Rehabilitation

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) offers a Vocational Rehabilitation Program to help veterans with service-connected disabilities achieve success in the workforce. This program provides a range of services, including career counseling, job training, and employment assistance. Veterans who are eligible for this program can receive financial assistance for tuition, books, and other supplies needed for their education or training. Through the VA Vocational Rehabilitation Program, veterans can gain the skills and knowledge they need to succeed in their chosen career path and achieve their goals. The VA is committed to helping veterans thrive in their post-military lives, and the Vocational Rehabilitation Program is just one way it is fulfilling that mission.