American Legion
Anderson Post 318
December 2025

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Dec. 3rd	– SAL E.C. Meeting	6:30 pm
Dec. 3rd	– SAL Monthly Meeting	7:30 pm
Dec. 10th	– Post General Meeting	7:00 pm
Dec. 17th	– Marketing Committee	7:00 pm
Dec. 29th - E.C. Meeting		7:00 pm
Karaoke – Every Thursday		7:00 pm
No Karaoke on Dec. 25th or Jan 1st 2026		
Dec 13th	Post Christmas Party	5:00 PM
Dec.31st	Post New Years Party	7:00 PM

The Holiday Season, for most Veterans, members of the US military, and their families, are filled with fond memories. When families get together to celebrate their lives together, and what living in our great country has provided for us all. However, the cost of living in the "Land of the Free and Home of the Brave", has come at great sacrifice for some military members and their families, their memories of Christmas may not be happy one's. LEST WE FORGET! (It should not be forgotten!)



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. We hope to see you there.

Randy Lindsey

Post Finance Report

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

Randy Lindsey / Finance Officer

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.

VA Resources, we're here for you.

- For any questions or requests, 1-800-MyVA411 (1-800-698-2411) is always the right number.
- Veterans Crisis Line: 988 and press 1, Chat, or Text 838255
- Vet Centers: 1-877-927-8387
- Homeless Veteran Resources: 1-877-424-3838 or Chat
- Ask VA
- Schedule a 1-on-1 Appointment with a VA Benefits Expert
- Find a VA facility near you

For non-urgent questions, you can reach VA using the VA Health & Benefits App or MyHealtheVet secure messaging to schedule an appointment, refill prescriptions, and access your medical records.

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 Officers & Committee Chairs

Commander	Kirk Minnich	513-594-5339
1st Vice:	Morgan Sipes	513-313-2638
2nd Vice:	Tina Sunderhaus	513-313-1217
Adjutant:	Bob Carey	513-313-7369
Asst. Adjutant:	Vacant	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:	Vacant	
Service Officer:	Charlie Cleves	513-232-7767
Charities Inc. Liaison:	Dan Wolfangel	513-703-2287
Corp. Statutory Agent:	Bob Carey	513-474-9577
VA Volunteer Service:	Bob Heberly	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

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Gregory K. Brown	Chester L. Canter
David P. Cosaboom	Jim Deardorff
Eric E. Franz	Eric J. Howland
Kevin T. Kaup	Lee Lautman
John Mayer	Richard L. Peters
Roger Wade	Edward Watren
Kenneth R. Wright	

Take the USA 250 Challenge — Celebrate America's 250th in Action us

As our nation prepares to celebrate its 250th birthday in 2026, **Anderson American Legion Post 318** is joining the call to action through the **USA 250 Challenge** — a national initiative from The American Legion that combines fitness, wellness, and service in true patriotic spirit. Participants are encouraged to complete **250 miles or hours** between now and **July 4, 2026** in one or more of three categories:

- **Fitness** – walking, running, cycling, or other physical activity
- **Mental Wellness** – journaling, meditation, or counseling
- **Community Service** – volunteering, mentoring, or helping others

Registration is **$30**, and proceeds support The American Legion's **Veterans & Children Foundation**, which funds programs like Temporary Financial Assistance and accredited veteran service officers.

Every registrant will receive a **performance tech shirt** moisture-wicking, comfortable, and available in multiple adult and youth sizes. It's perfect for workouts, volunteer events, or showing your Legion pride around town.

Post 318 members are encouraged to **register as a team**, log their miles together, and represent our post throughout the challenge year. We'll recognize participants at upcoming meetings and events as we build toward America's 250th birthday!

👉 **Register today and start logging your miles or hours:**

www.legion.org/usa250

Submitted by Morgan Sipes 1st V.C.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY U.S. SPACE FORCE

On December 20, 2019, the US Space Force was enacted by Pres. Donald Trump. The USSF is, for now, a part of the US Air Force, and is under the command of the Chief of Space Operations. It's mission is to secure our nation's interests in, from, and to space.

Happy 389th Birthday US Army National Guard
"Always Ready, Always There"

We recognize Dec. 13 as the birthday of the National Guard. On this date in 1636, the first militia regiments in North America organized in Massachusetts. Based upon an order of the Massachusetts Bay Colony's General Court, the colony's militia was organized into three permanent regiments to defend the colony better. Today, the

descendants of these first regiments – the **181st Infantry**, the **182nd Infantry**, the **101st Field Artillery**, and the **101st Engineer Battalion** of the Massachusetts Army National Guard – share the distinction of being the oldest units in the U.S. military. Dec. 13, 1636, thus marks the beginning of the organized militia, and the birth of the National Guard's oldest organized units is symbolic of the founding of all the state, territory and District of Columbia militias that collectively make up today's National Guard.

November 11th Sherwood School: Veteran's Appreciation, and Musical Program. Post 318 members attending, (L-R) Gary Gregorio, Bob Carey, Steve Stuntz



On November 6th Immaculate Heart of Mary School presented it's annual Veteran's Appreciation Program and Prayer. A breakfast Buffet followed. This event was very well Attended by staff, students, and parents of IHM School. Post 318 provided a Color Guard detail for this event. (L-R) Gary Gregorio, Jack Surdick, Darrel Everman, Bob Alfieri, Ed Sears, SAA Ralph Caskey



On Nov. 11th a Flag Dedication and Veteran's Day Appreciation was held by the YMCA on Clough Pike. Post 318 provided a Color Guard detail for this event. Also participating were members of the Anderson Fire Dept. This detail was followed by a luncheon for all involved. Post 318 Color Guard detail (L-R Marty Gilbert, Jerry Porter, Gary Gregorio, Walt Geil. Ralph Caskey SAA in Charge



Nov. 11th Summit School Veteran Appreciation Program. Post 318 members attending, (L-R) Jerry Porter, 2nd V.C. Christina Sunderhaus, Ralph Caskey SAA. Also pictured is Ralph Caskey with his daughter Cara Reising, a teacher at Summit School.





On Nov. 10 a Veteran's Appreciation Program was presented by the staff and students of Wilson School. Post 318 members attending were Ralph Caskey SAA, Walt Geil, 1st VC Morgan Sipes, Bob Williams and Gary Gregorio (no pictures available)

Say Goodbye 2025!
American Legion-Anderson Post 318.
New Year's Eve Party, brought to you by Brauning & Company LLC. This is 3rd year for this event.
(Sold out every year!)

Doors open at 7:00 pm. DJ from 7:30 pm until 9:00 pm. Marsha Brady Band 9:00 pm until 1:00 am.

Tickets and VIP Table Sponsorships now available for purchase.

Individual tickets are $25.00. Use link to Purchase tickets – https://post318.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=12f840a26ebd727a69af764f7&id=22d2eba6e6&e=03eee71640

(Limited) VIP Table Sponsorships $500.00
8 Guaranteed Reserved Seats and Table.
8 Drink Tickets
8 Split the Post Tickets
8 Raffle Tickets for 65 Inch TV
2 Bottles of Champagne
Company/Family/individual Logo or name On Hall Banner.

To book a VIP Table Sponsorship call or text 513-638-0507 or 513-460-4560 by December 22, 2025.

Full Cash Bar in Post 318 Club Room. ATM On site, slot machines, TV's

Complementary chips and pretzels for each Table.

**** Attendees can also bring their own food (dinners, appetizers, snacks) into the venue. NO OUTSIDE ALCOHOL PERMITTED.**

Must be 21 years of age or older to attend NYE party.





Submitted by 2nd VC Christina Sunderhaus

November 10th the US Marine Corp celebrated their 250th Birthday. Marine Veterans and their guests attended this annual event at American Legion Post 318. The cutting of the Marine Corp Birthday Cake, with the ceremonial Marine Corp Sword, was completed by Senior Marine Gene Sawka and Youngest Marine Veteran William McAdams. Photo (L-R): William McAdams, Bill McAdams, Bob Ruppel, John Sanger, Vince Sunderhaus, Phil Holt, Ralph Caskey, Tony Capetillo, Gene Sawka.









Veterans Day Dinner Honors Our Heroes
Hosted by Anderson Township Board of Trustees – November 11, 2025 Anderson Township once again showed its heartfelt appreciation for our nation's heroes by hosting a free Veterans Day Dinner on November 11th for all Veterans and their families. The event, held in partnership with Belterra Park Cincinnati, featured a delicious meal prepared and served by Belterra's talented culinary team. The evening was well attended, with over 90 Veterans and family members gathering to share stories, camaraderie, and community spirit. Several Post 318 members were in attendance, proudly representing our Legion, and we're thrilled to share that the event inspired a few new Veterans to join our Post! As part of our ongoing outreach to support Veterans in need, Post 318 collected hygiene items for The Joseph House, a Cincinnati-based organization dedicated to helping homeless Veterans rebuild their lives. The generosity of attendees helped make a meaningful impact for those who served. A special thank you goes to Steve Stuntz, who donated a stunning stained glass piece that was raffled off as a door prize—an appreciated and memorable highlight of the evening. Entertainment was provided by DJ Beth, whose mix of dinner and dance music kept spirits high and encouraged many guests to hit the dance floor—or grab the mic for a round of karaoke! Laughter, music, and friendship filled the night, reminding everyone of the strength and unity of our Veteran community. Post 318 extends a huge thank-you to the Anderson Township Board of Trustees, Belterra Park Cincinnati, DJ Beth, Steve Stuntz, and all who

attended or contributed to this memorable celebration of service.







American Legion Post 318 – Spotlight of the Month Honoring Post Member Rob Heberly:

American Legion Post 318 is proud to recognize Rob Heberly as this month's Spotlight Legionnaire. A dedicated Veteran, nurse, and longtime servant to the Veteran community. Rob's military journey spans both the United States Naval Reserve and the United States Army, where he served a total of six years in uniform. After two years in the USNR, Rob transitioned to the Army, serving four years on active duty and rising through the ranks from E-4 to 2LT to 1LT, eventually serving as a Captain. His primary role in service was as an Army Nurse, a position that placed him in diverse and challenging environments including Texas, Colorado, Fort Knox, and Mogadishu, Somalia in 1993. Among his most memorable experiences, Rob recalls meeting General Frederick Franks, who toured his field hospital in 1992 while Rob was the senior officer on site. Another vivid memory was sitting atop a MILVAN with fellow officers watching tracer rounds arc across the night sky between Somali fighters and Pakistani forces — a surreal moment in a tense and historic deployment. Rob's dedication to Veterans extends far beyond his military years. A VFW Life Member since 1993, he has been a member of American Legion Post 318 since 2012. He has spent seven years serving as Post Chaplain, as well as Chaplain for the VFW and for Kentucky District 4 (2014–2015). His favorite Post activity is the annual Memorial Day breakfast and cemetery memorials, an event that deeply reflects his devotion to honoring those who served. Born and raised in Cincinnati's Anderson Township, Rob is part of a proud legacy of military service. His father, 1LT William Heberly, served as an Infantry officer in the Philippines during WWII. His family's history reaches even farther back — one of Rob's maternal ancestors served as a Colonel under George Washington during the American Revolution. In his civilian life, Rob continues his calling as a Registered Nurse, caring for others with the same commitment he demonstrated in uniform. His hobbies include music, off-road jeeping, and traveling, with Israel and Ireland standing out as two of his favorite destinations. A fun fact: Rob has sailed extensively throughout the Gulf of Mexico — or as he jokingly calls it, the "Gulf of America." Post 318 is grateful for Rob's leadership, compassion, and years of service to our Veterans and our community. We proudly salute him as this month's Spotlight Legionnaire.



Submitted by 2nd V.C Christina Sunderhaus

DID YOU KNOW?

Sophisticated Scam Bilking Veterans!!

The latest scam targeting veterans" benefits is more sophisticated than many other tactics. It involves a direct-mail postcard claiming to offer eligible veterans an additional $160 per month through something called the "Veteran Savings Program 2025". **This Fake Program does not actually exist!** The postcard appears official at first glance using formal language and referencing real programs such as **CHAMPVA** and **TRICARE** for life.

It urges veterans to call within five days to "help manage call volume", a tactic often used to, pressure veterans into responding quickly.

Again, this is a scam!! Be mindful.

Submitted by Bob Kamman

Annual Post Christmas Party

Dec 13 – 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 7th, to 2nd Vice Commander, Tina Sunderhaus at 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 / Post 318 Commander