AMERICAN LEGION ANDERSON POST 318

POST 318 *news*

November 2026

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Greetings, Legionnaires!

Members, please keep an eye on Post meetings, Tuesday morning clean-ups, and the items below. If you cannot attend a General Membership Meeting in person, join on Zoom so we can make quorum. If you plan to join a meeting by Zoom, please call the Post at 513-231-6477 ahead of time and leave a message so we can have the equipment set up for you.

Zoom ID: 3959722502 | **Password:** Post318 (capital P, no space)
Post phone: 513-231-6477

Reminder: This month's General Meeting has been moved to Tuesday, Nov. 10, at 6:30 PM because of Veterans Day, followed by the Marine Corps Birthday Party at 7:30 PM.

Bob Carey / Adjutant

COMMANDER'S CORNER

🇺🇸 VETERANS DAY · 🍂 THANKSGIVING

This Veterans Day, we pause to honor every man and woman who has worn our nation's uniform. Your service and sacrifice are the reason we gather as a Post, and I'm proud to serve alongside each of you. We also remember the comrades we have lost. Their service is not forgotten, and we carry their memory with us at every meeting, ceremony and event.

As Thanksgiving approaches, I wish all of you and your families a happy and safe holiday. I hope you enjoy this time with your family and loved

ones, and safe travels to everyone on the road.

I hope to see you all at the Post Christmas Party on Saturday, December 12!

Kirk Minnich
Commander, Post 318

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

NOV 10 TUE

Post 318 General Meeting

6:30-7:30 PM

Moved to Tuesday for Veterans Day. Can't be there in person? Call the Post at 513-231-6477 and leave a message so we can set up Zoom for you.

NOV 10 TUE

Marine Corps Birthday Party

7:30-10:00 PM · Post 318 Club Room

Celebration and traditional cake cutting with the ceremonial Marine Corps sword. All members and guests invited. Cake and drinks will be provided.

NOV 11 WED

Wave the Flag Fundraiser

10 AM–4 PM · Anderson Kroger

Volunteers needed for 2-hour shifts. Benefits Post 318 Charities, Inc.

NOV 11 WED

Veterans Day Dinner

Social 5:00-6:00 PM · Dinner 6:00 PM

Annual dinner at Post 318, 6660 Clough Pike. Reserve with Michelle LeGault: MLegault@andersontownshipoh.gov or 513-688-8400 ext. 1128. Multiple guests welcome; include your guest count.

NOV 14 SAT

SAL Poker Tournament

Registration 12:00 PM · Play begins 1:00 PM

NOV 25 WED

Executive Committee (EC) Meeting

7:00 PM

DEC 12 SAT

Post Christmas Party

Coming in December

Save the date! More details to come.

View the Full Calendar

Full November Schedule

When	Event	Time
Tuesdays (e.g. Nov 10, 17, 24)	Post clean-up	9:00 AM
Nov 2 (done)	Warbird Rental monthly meeting	6:30 PM
Nov 3 (done)	General election	All day
Wed Nov 4	Sons of The American Legion monthly meeting	7:00 PM
Mon Nov 9	Auxiliary Unit 318 monthly meeting	7:00 PM
Tue Nov 10	Post 318 General Meeting	6:30-7:30 PM (moved for Veterans Day)
Tue Nov 10	Marine Corps Birthday Party	7:30-10:00 PM, Club Room
Wed Nov 11	Wave the Flag Fundraiser, Anderson Kroger	10:00 AM-4:00 PM
Wed Nov 11	Veterans Day Dinner (social, then dinner)	5:00-6:00 PM / 6:00 PM
Sat Nov 14	SAL Poker Tournament	12:00 PM registration / 1:00 PM start
Wed Nov 18	Post 318 Marketing Meeting	7:00 PM
Wed Nov 25	Executive Committee (EC) Meeting	7:00 PM
Thursdays	Thursday Night Karaoke	7:00 PM
Sundays / as listed	Bengals Football / Watch Party	1:00 PM / 9:30 AM

Post clean-up: We need help cleaning up the Post on Tuesdays at 9 AM. Please come out and help!

POST HIGHLIGHTS

Veterans Day Dinner

Join us Wednesday, November 11, 2026 for the annual Veterans Day Dinner at Post 318, 6660 Clough Pike. Social hour runs 5:00-6:00 p.m., with dinner at 6:00 p.m. An evening of gratitude, fellowship, and remembrance with the Anderson

Township community. After dinner, DJ Beth will play music and open up karaoke for anyone who would like to sing.

Township Administrator Vicky Earhart has accepted her invitation and will be with us. Questions: Tina Sunderhaus, sunderhauschristina@gmail.com or 513-313-1217.

Legion Family Set to Lead Veterans Day Events

Reservations: Please email Michelle LeGault at MLegault@andersontownshipoh.gov or call 513-688-8400 ext. 1128. Members are welcome to bring multiple guests; please include your guest count when you reserve with Michelle LeGault.

Veterans Day, Wednesday, Nov. 11, marks the anniversary of the armistice that ended World War I in 1918 and is now a day to honor all veterans. The American Legion reports that posts across the country will observe it with parades, luncheons, ceremonies and other events. In Washington, Legion Family leaders will lay wreaths at Arlington National Cemetery and the Vietnam Wall. Here in Ohio, Post 257 in Loudonville will hold a ceremony with its color and honor guards, and Post 539 in North Baltimore will host a ceremony and dinner.

Read the Full Article

Source: The American Legion, legion.org, November 4, 2026 (no author listed).

Volunteers Needed: Wave the Flag on Veterans Day

In honor of Veterans Day, Post 318 Charities, Inc. will host a Wave the Flag fundraiser at Anderson Kroger on Wednesday, Nov. 11, from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Funds raised support the charitable efforts of Post 318.

Volunteer shifts (2 hours each): 10:00 AM–12:00 PM · 12:00–2:00 PM · 2:00–4:00 PM. Whether you can spare two hours or stay for more, Post, Sons and Auxiliary members are all welcome.

To volunteer or ask questions, contact Martin Gilbert at 513-678-8216.

Honor a Veteran: Brick Project Phase II

Phase II of the Post 318 Veteran Brick Project begins this Veterans Day. Engraved bricks fill in the memorial area around the Post flagpole, and they are a

lasting way to honor a family member or friend who served. Phase II designs now include the Auxiliary and Sons of The American Legion logos.

Choose a brick In Honor of, In Memory of or A Friend of a veteran, or one for yourself or your family. Bricks come in two sizes, 4x8 and 8x8, and you can add a service emblem or logo.

How to order: Design your brick online through our That's My Brick page. Phase II minimum donations: $40 for a 4x4 Personal / Individual brick, and $70 for an 8x8 Sponsor / Friend of Legion brick. The standard brick holds up to 3 lines of text, 18 characters per line. You can pay by check or money order; credit card payments are processed at the Post, so call ahead to set up a time.

Design Your Brick

Questions or need an order form? Contact Ralph Caskey at 513-470-6588.

Veterans Day Deals Around Cincinnati

Offers below are for Wednesday, Nov. 11 unless noted. Most are at participating locations only.

Cincinnati Zoo – Free admission for active and retired military; up to 6 discounted family tickets

Cincinnati Lager House (The Banks) – Free meal from its Veterans Menu

Gold Star Chili – Complimentary meal, up to $12 off with proof of service; dine-in, carryout or drive-thru

Applebee's – Free meal from a select menu; dine-in only

Bob Evans – Free meal from a select menu; dine-in only

Chili's – Free meal from select items; in-restaurant only

Denny's – Free Original Grand Slam, 5 a.m. to noon; military ID required

Golden Corral – Free "thank you" meal, 4 p.m. to close; dine-in

Olive Garden – Free entrée from a special menu; dine-in, proof of service required

Red Robin – Free Red's Big Tavern Burger and Bottomless Fries; dine-in

White Castle – Free individual or breakfast combo meal; dine-in

Texas Roadhouse – Free meal voucher, picked up 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.; good through May 31, 2027

Starbucks – Free tall brewed coffee (hot or iced) for veterans, service members and military spouses

Great Clips – Free haircut, or a card for a free haircut later

Kohl's – 30% off in-store purchases, Nov. 10-11; some exclusions

Target – 20% off one purchase, Nov. 5-11, for Target Circle members

Bring your military ID, VA card or other proof of service, and check with your local location before you go. Offers can change.

See the Full List

Sources: WLWT, “Veterans Day in Cincinnati: How you can honor those who served” (updated Nov. 5, 2026); The American Legion, “Veterans Day 2026 Free Meals, Freebies and Deals” (Nov. 5, 2026); EverythingCincy (Cincinnati Lager House).

THIS MONTH IN MILITARY HISTORY

Nov 10, 1775: The Continental Marines (today's U.S. Marine Corps) are established in Philadelphia.

Nov 11, 1918: The Armistice ending WWI takes effect at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month.

Nov 11, 1921: The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier is dedicated at Arlington National Cemetery.

Nov 13, 1982: The Vietnam Veterans Memorial is dedicated in Washington, D.C.

Nov 19, 1863: President Lincoln delivers the Gettysburg Address.

Nov 20, 1943: U.S. Marines land on Betio Island, Tarawa Atoll, in one of the Pacific war's fiercest battles.

Happy Birthday, U.S. Marine Corps

Celebrating the birthday of the United States Marine Corps on Tuesday, November 10, 2026. A celebration and traditional cutting of the cake with the ceremonial Marine Corps sword is planned in the Post 318 Club Room at 7:30 PM (after the 6:30 PM General Meeting). All members and guests are invited. Cake and drinks will be provided.

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Ralph Caskey / Sgt. at Arms

Thanks to Our Election Day Poll Workers

The November 3, 2026 general election is behind us. Thank you to every Legionnaire and neighbor who served as a poll worker. Fair elections depend on trusted hands at the precinct, and Ohio's Boards of Elections still welcome volunteers for future elections. You can also contact your county Board of Elections in person or by phone.

Sign Up for Future Elections

Bob Carey / Adjutant

Taking Care of Our Own

Post 318 exists to serve veterans, and that starts with our own members and neighbors. Here is some of the help the Post Family has given over the past few months:

- **August:** The Sons of The American Legion collected toiletry donations for veterans at the VA.
- **September:** Financial assistance was provided toward rent for a Post member in need.
- **September–October:** The Post bought a metal wheelchair ramp for a Post member in need, with the cost shared by the Post, the Sons of The American Legion and the Auxiliary. The ramp is now installed.
- **October:** Our Service Officer followed up on a request for help with a VA appeal, and the Auxiliary continues to deliver donated toiletries to the VA. Members who donate toiletries get an extra split-the-pot ticket at Post events.

About Post 318 Charities, Inc.: Post 318 Charities, Inc. is the funding arm of the Post. It helps veterans in need and supports the programs and services the Post provides, including assistance for veterans, the Veterans Day Wave the Flag fundraiser, help with the wheelchair ramp above, and scholarships planned for 2027.

Know a member or local veteran who is in need? Please let Service Officer T.J. Cruikshank know at 859-743-6395.

Names are withheld to protect the privacy of those we help.

POST UPDATES

It’s Official: American Legion Anderson Post 318

Members voted unanimously at the Oct. 14 General Meeting to revise the Post Constitution and By-Laws, changing the Post’s official name to “American Legion Anderson Post 318.” The Executive Committee approved the revision on Sept. 30, and Adjutant Bob Carey issued notice of the amendments to all members on Oct. 10.

Thank you to everyone who took part.

Dues Reminder: 2027 Dues Are Due Now

Please renew your 2027 membership now. Dues are due by Jan. 1; members who have not paid by then become delinquent. You can renew online at legion.org/renew or through your MyLegion.org account, mail in the renewal notice you received, or pay at the Post.

Your membership card: Once your renewal is recorded, your 2027 card will be placed behind your nametag at the Post. If you need it mailed, please let 1st Vice Commander Morgan Sipes know at 513-313-2638. You can also print your card from MyLegion.org or carry a digital card in the Legion+ app.

Renew Online

Source: The American Legion membership FAQ (legion.org/faq).

Finance

All bills are paid, we have a positive cash flow, and Post 318 is solvent! The Post building has been paid off.

Randy Lindsey / Finance Officer

Veteran Affairs

Post 318 is here for veterans that need any kind of help. Call 513-231-6477 or email contact@post318.org. VA Vet Crisis Line: 988 then press 1, or text 838255.

T.J. Cruikshank / Service Officer

Have News to Share?

Going forward, please send newsletter articles, news and photos directly to Kirk Minnich (kirk.minnich@gmail.com) and Tina Sunderhaus

(sunderhauschristina@gmail.com). Submissions for the December issue are welcome.

VA & BENEFITS UPDATES

3.6% Raise Coming for VA Disability and Military Retirement Pay

VA disability compensation, survivor benefits (DIC) and military retirement pay are on track to rise 3.6% for 2027, matching the Social Security increase announced Oct. 14. The VA increase is pending Congress's annual COLA bill; it takes effect Dec. 1 and is paid starting with the Dec. 31 or early January payment. No paperwork is needed.

Source: Stars and Stripes, Oct. 14, 2026

Scam Alert: Fake Medicare and VA Calls

Scam calls and texts spike during Medicare open enrollment, often using spoofed caller ID or promising "free gifts," refunds or extra VA benefits. Never give your Social Security, Medicare or bank numbers to an unexpected caller, and don't call back numbers on suspicious postcards or texts. When in doubt, call VA directly at 1-800-827-1000.

Source: FCC, updated Nov. 5, 2026; VA News, June 10, 2026

Legislative Update: Take Care of America's Veterans Act

The Take Care of America's Veterans Act (H.R. 9237 / S. 4744) bundles 62 veterans bills, including the Major Richard Star Act, covering benefits, health care and support for survivors and families. The House vote was postponed, and The American Legion is urging members to contact their senators through its Grassroots Action Center. Some veterans groups have raised concerns about one section of the bill.

Source: The American Legion, legion.org/advocacy/legislative

New Cincinnati VA Clermont Outpatient Clinic

The Cincinnati VA opened its new Clermont Outpatient Clinic on Aug. 31, 2026, at 4327 Ivy Pointe Boulevard, Cincinnati, OH 45245. The clinic offers primary care and specialty services, including mental health, vision care and prescriptions, closer to home for East Side veterans.

Source: VA Cincinnati Health Care, va.gov

Need help with VA benefits, claims or services? Contact Post 318 Service Officer T.J. Cruikshank at 859-743-6395.

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