American Legion
Anderson Post 318
June 2025

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 4th	– SAL E.C. Meeting	6:30 pm
June 4th	– SAL Monthly Meeting	7:30 pm
June 11th	– Post General Meeting	7:00 pm
June 18th	– Marketing Committee	7:00 pm
June 25th	- E.C. Meeting	7:00 pm

NO KARAOKE – SUMMER HIATUS

Bingo -	Every Sunday	6:00 pm
Euchre -	Every Thursday	7:00 pm

June 6, 1944 - D-Day, the largest amphibious landing in history, began in the early-morning hours as Allied forces landed in Normandy on the northern coast of France. Operation Overlord took months of planning and involved 1,527,000 soldiers in 47 Allied divisions along with 4,400 ships and landing craft, and 11,000 aircraft. The Germans had about 60 divisions spread along France and the Low Countries. American forces landed on two western beaches, Utah and Omaha, while British and Canadian troops landed farther east on Gold, Juno and Sword beaches. By the end of the day 150,000 Allied soldiers and their accompanying vehicles had landed with 15,000 killed and wounded.





Membership

This is my last newsletter as Membership Chair, as beginning the middle of June you will have a new 1st Vice Commander to lead this endeavor. I would like to thank everyone for your year-to-year support both in your personal renewals and in soliciting new members to join Post 318. You have made it possible for Post 318 to continue its growth every year.

Here's how we finished out this past year.

		% if Target	# Reg'd
Goal	185	98.4%	3
Quota	177	102.9%	-5
Potential	182		
-	-		
Paid	182		

New	7

Xfer In	6
Xfer Out	2
Active Duty	5
Deceased	5
Not Renewing	3
Delinquent	2

Pymt Method	Qty	% of Paid
Post New	5	2.8%
Donated Mem	6	3.3%
CI-Korean	9	5.0%
CI-Active Duty	5	2.8%
CI-Hardship	3	1.7%
Cash	13	7.2%
Check	54	30.0%

LIFE	***1***	***0.6%***
POL	***65***	***36.1%***
PUFL	***15***	***8.3%***
Pre-paid	***4***	***2.2%***
Paid to OH0888	***0***	***0.0%***
Paid to OH0450	***1***	***0.6%***

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 regarding your membership, please feel free to reach out to me.

Robert Kamman - 1st Vice Commander
Membership Chair - 513-545-5237
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

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!

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 – Joe Baker is stepping down from running Euchre. As of now it will be on a hiatus until someone else steps up to take over the event.

Karaoke: NO KARAOKE, SUMMER HIATUS!!

Post Officer's & 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:	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:	Kirk Minnich	513-594-5339
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

HAPPY 250TH BIRTHDAY – U.S. ARMY

Since its official establishment, June 14, 1775, more than a year before the Declaration of Independence — the U.S. Army has played a vital role in the growth and development of the American nation. Drawing on both long-standing militia traditions and recently introduced professional standards, it won the new republic's independence in an arduous eight-year struggle against Great Britain. At times, the Army provided the lone symbol of nationhood around which patriots rallied.

"Since 1775, American Soldiers have represented the very best of our nation," said Secretary of the Army, Honorable Dan P. Driscoll. "They embody courage, sacrifice, and strength. American Soldiers have fought against any who might threaten our country. They are the most lethal land fighting force the world has ever seen. The U.S. Army has upheld this legacy for 250 years, and we will carry this legacy into the future."

A Day of Honor and Remembrance: Memorial Brick Paver and Flag Ceremony Recap:

On May 10, 2025 members of American Legion Post 318, families, and community supporters gathered for a moving **Memorial Brick Paver and Flag Ceremony** that paid tribute to the service and sacrifice of our nation's veterans as well as family, friends, and businesses in support of Post 318.

The ceremony was a powerful reminder of the deep respect and gratitude we hold for those who have served. Newly dedicated brick pavers, each etched with the names of veterans past and present, were unveiled and added to our flag pole creating a lasting tribute for generations to come.

With the American flag raised in solemn honor and words of reflection offered by Vicky Earhart, Anderson Township Administrator. The event struck a meaningful chord with all in attendance. The sound of The Armed Forces Medley performed by Mike Gregorio and his bagpipes echoed through the air as we remembered our fallen comrades and reaffirmed our commitment to never forget their sacrifice.

We extend heartfelt thanks to all who participated, especially those who sponsored pavers or volunteered to help make this ceremony possible. Your support and presence made the day truly special.

Together, we honor. Together, we remember.





Post Updates

Over the Summer a lot of our weekly events at the Post slow down or take a hiatus until the fall but that doesn't mean our mission or need for fundraising stops. With the great amount of rain we have seen over this Spring we have had a few more leaks in the roof pop up. After some examination by a few

companaies it has been suggested the roof needs to have some major repairs to it. Randy Lindsey has been meeting with many companies collecting quotes and recommendations on different applications. Many of these quotes are quite high and will put a major dent in our budget. The Marketing Committee is working on developing some events to help raise funds for the roof repairs so be on the look out for some new events or if you have any ideas for fundraising please contact me.

I want to thank everyone who joined the Honor Guard to perform all of the Memorial Day Ceremonies at the 9 cemetaries and the Anderson Township Bell Ceremony. The day had great weather and we were able to stay on schedule! This year we saw a bigger crowds at most cemetaries than anyone could remember, with Wolfangel having close to 40 people! The Bell Ceremony was also very well attended and the speaker, Ret LTC Steve Ackman, was fantastic. We are looking to expand our ranks in the Honor Guard, if you are interested in joining our Honor Guard plesae contact me or Ralph Caskey.

Thank you to all who volunteer their time and help keep moving us forward! I am always looking for volunteers for future events.

Kirk Minnich
Commander Post 318

Celebrating Our Volunteers with a Memorable Meal:

Post Legion 318 – Volunteer Appreciation Dinner, April 30, 2025

On Wednesday, April 30th, Post Legion 318 hosted a special dinner to honor the incredible volunteers who helped make this year's Fish Fry a resounding success. The dedication, hard work, and countless hours each of you gave made all the difference, and we couldn't let it go unrecognized.
As we gathered around the table, laughter and conversation flowed easily, reminding us of all of the strong community spirit that defines our Post. The evening's delicious meal was catered by Tammy from ***At Your Service Catering***, and she truly outdid herself. One dish in particular stole the show—her Chicken Cordon Bleu Casserole. It was a crowd favorite, and we heard more than a few requests for the recipe!

So, by popular demand, here it is:

Chicken Cordon Bleu Casserole for One:
Crumb topping: 1/3 cup panko breadcrumbs, 2 tbsp unsalted butter, 1 tbsp grated Parmesan cheese, 1 pinch black pepper
Casserole:
1 chicken breast per person cut into 1 oz pieces
½ tsp Italian seasoning
2 tbsp heavy cream
1 rounded tsp Dijon mustard
1 oz diced ham
1 oz mozzarella cheese
For topping, place panko in a small bowl; add softened butter, parmesan, and pepper. Mix until it resembles sand. Set aside.
Season chicken with Italian seasoning, cream, and add ham and mozzarella.
Place in baking dish and keep height to less than 2 inches. Spoon crumb mixture on top. Bake at 425 for 25 minutes. Let rest for 5 minutes before serving. (Bake time may vary based on thickness of chicken mixture.

Submitted by 2nd Vice Cdr. Sunderhaus

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

John H. Bothwell Jr.	Brian L. Charlton
James F. Clark	Robert J. Heberly
Paul G. Henkel	Perry Hixson
Leo Honebrink	Eugene C. Johnston Jr.
Jeffrey S. Jones	Lance E. Larsen
John P. Listermann	Harold Stringer
Brad Wenstrup	

Spotlight on Service: Bob Carey – A Life of Duty, Reflection, and Community

At American Legion Post 318, we are fortunate to have among us veterans whose lives exemplify quiet strength, enduring service, and unwavering commitment. One such member is **Bob Carey**, U.S. Army Ordnance Corps—whose journey from rural Pennsylvania to the battlefields of Vietnam, and eventually to a leadership role here at our Post, reflects the very best of American character.

Bob began his military career after graduating from ROTC, going on to serve three years of active duty. As a Captain in the Ordnance Corps, he was first stationed at **Redstone Arsenal in Huntsville, Alabama** from 1967 to 1969, where he served as an instructor at the Guided Missile School. His technical acumen and leadership were soon tested in combat conditions when he was deployed to **Pleiku, Vietnam**, in the heart of the Central Highlands, from 1969 to 1970. There, he served as a **Materiel Officer in the 62nd Maintenance Battalion**, ensuring that the logistical lifelines for combat operations remained intact.

Among the many challenges he faced in Vietnam, one memory stands out as his proudest: **coordinating the replacement of M107 175mm self-propelled gun tubes across the Central Highlands** with improved, longer-lasting versions. It was a mission of precision, scale, and great consequence—ensuring that artillery units had the firepower they needed to defend themselves and support their fellow soldiers.

Bob's story starts long before the Army, on a **dairy farm near Stoneboro, Pennsylvania**, where he grew up learning the values of hard work, perseverance, and humility—values that carried him through war and continue to guide his life today.

After retiring from the Army, Bob returned to civilian life and now works part-time, staying active through **working out, reading, traveling**, and tackling house projects. His favorite travel destination? **Israel**, a land steeped in history and personal significance.

A **member of the American Legion for 16 years**, Bob has served Post 318 faithfully and now holds the position of **Adjutant**, where his dedication and reliability are an example to all. His **favorite Legion activity is participating in our Memorial Day cemetery ceremonies**—a solemn tradition that pays tribute to those who never made it home. For Bob, it is a deeply personal act of remembrance and respect.

In 2023, more than 50 years after he first walked those roads in uniform, Bob returned to Vietnam alongside 11 other veterans and their spouses. Over **10 days, they traveled through the Central Highlands**, revisiting battle sites and sharing stories of hardship, loss, and brotherhood. It wasn't just a trip—it was a powerful journey of healing and reflection.

Given a choice during his service, Bob **voluntarily chose Vietnam over Korea**, a decision that would leave an indelible mark on his life. Today, he lives with his wife, **June Van Dyke**, to whom he's been happily married for 13 years. Together, they continue to embrace each day with gratitude, purpose, and quiet strength.

Bob Carey is not one to seek the spotlight—but his service, integrity, and commitment to others speak volumes. At Post 318, we are proud to count him among our ranks and grateful for the leadership and heart he brings to our Legion family.



THANKS TO THOSE THAT HELPED TO MAKE OUR ANNUAL POPPY DAYS FUNDRAISER SUCCESSFUL

We take this opportunity to extend our appreciation to those Post 318 Veteran and SAL Members and several member's spouses, who saw fit to make time to assist with one of the major Post 318 Charities, Inc [C.I.] fundraisers of the year – "The Annual Poppy Days Program". In spite of having to shorten our Kroger Poppy Days schedule by three shifts during the prime shopper traffic hours of 4 PM to 6 PM, over the three days, after repeated requests for volunteers to give two hours of their time over May 23rd, 24th, and 25th, the C.I. program did generate much needed funds toward all of Post 318's annual benevolent programs for both veterans and the community. These are funds that C.I. budgets for Post 318's participation in: Local student attendees to Legion's "Buckeye Boys & Girls State"; "Child or Grandchild of a Veteran Scholarships"; ""Save A Warrior" Suicide Prevention program for Veterans and 1st Responders; "National Legacy Scholarship" contribution; and "numerous local veterans having needs and requesting monetary assistance"; just to name a few of the numerous programs. The C.I.'s Budget is derived solely from these C.I. Fundraisers, individual donations and a percentage of Post 318's revenue from licensed gaming conducted by the Post such as Bingo, eBingo machines, etc, which by statute must donate to a 501-C-3 organization, which our C.I. separate funding organization is (Post 318 Charities, Inc). Since it looks like our Bingo will be closing late this year, the continuation and

support of C.I. fundraising for Post 318 programs will become even more crucial.

Thus, we want to thank the following Post / SAL Members / spouses who worked a minimum of one shift, or more, to cover a total of 32 two hour shifts.

Post Members: Bob Alfieri / Bob Carey / Ralph Caskey / Charlie Cleves / Joe Dubois / Walt Geil / Martin Gilbert (3) / Rob Heberly / Robert Kamman / Ken Knight /John Listermann / Kirk Minnich (2) / Jerry Porter (2) / Tom Prem / Ed Sears / Steve Stuntz (2) / Tina Sunderhaus / John Surdick / Dan Wolfangel (2).

SAL Members: Joe Balick / Devin Carroll / Jay Scheffter / Todd Sledge / Tim Sunderhaus.

Spouses: Kerri Wolfangel / Janice Porter.

We also wish to thank the following Post Members who volunteered for the Forest Hills School District (FHSD) "Poppy Challenge" Program, distributing Poppies to students at the six FHSD elementary schools on May 9th: Charlie Cleves / Robert Kamman / Ed Sears / Steve Stuntz / Bob Williams / Dan Wolfangel.

Dan Wolfangel – C.I. Board Chair / Poppy Program Co-Chair.
Martin Gilbert - C.I Board Treasurer / Poppy Program Co-Chair.

KARAOKE THURSDAYS ENDED 2ND SUCCESSFUL SEASON

Post 318'S **"KARAOKE THURSDAYS"** had it's final session of the 2024-2025 Fall / Winter / Spring season on May 29th, as we break for the summer hiatus. The Marketing Committee has already scheduled the 2025–2026 Fall / Winter / Spring season to restart on September 11th, 2025 through May 2026, on almost every **Thursday from *7:00 PM to 10:30 PM .*** I want to thank those Post and SAL members who assisted with the event, who are: Tina and Tim Sunderhaus; Mike Stock; Steve Stuntz; Todd Sledge; Kirk Minnich; and my wife Ruth Wolfangel and sister Sue Wolfangel. We continue to look for more support from our Post and SAL members, as well as the public.

Any Post or SAL Members needing more info on events, or wishing to volunteer to assist with the upcoming events may contact Dan Wolfangel at dwacons@aol.com (Please note "Karaoke" on email subject line), or via cell at 513-703-2287.

Dan Wolfangel
"Karaoke Thursday" Coordinator

UPCOMING POST 318 AWARDS & RECOGNITION PROGRAM

Mark your calendars for ***Saturday, July 12, 2025, at 7 PM, at the Post***, for the **Post 318 Annual Award & Recognition Program.** We will be honoring our "recently deceased Post Members", and presenting certificates for " 5 year increment Post Memberships" to over 30 of our Post members. We will also be recognizing our "Law Officer and Firefighter of the Year", as well as our "Post Child/Grandchild of a Veteran Scholarship" winners, and attendees to Legion "Buckeye Boys and Girls State", and awards for a multitude of other Legion and Post Programs. Light refreshments will follow. Come out and support the participants, as well as your fellow Legionnaires responsible for coordination of these programs.

Dan Wolfangel
2025 Awards Program Coordinator

EUCHRE COORDINATOR REPLACEMENT

Joe Baker, our long-time euchre coordinator has decided that it is time for him to step down from his role. Thank you, Joe, for the many years that you have filled this role and the time and effort you've spent.
We are, therefore, in need of a replacement.
Euchre has currently been held on Thursday evenings at 7pm. However, if another day and time would better fit your schedule that can be negotiated. Joe has a euchre box with everything one would need to pick up this role.
If you are interested in filling this role and enjoy playing euchre this could be your opportunity to help the Post. For more information, please contact the Post at 513-231-6477.