American Legion
Anderson Post 318
October 2025

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Oct. 1st –	SAL E.C. Meeting	6:30 pm
Oct. 1st –	SAL Monthly Meeting	7:30 pm
Oct. 8th –	Post General Meeting	7:00 pm
Oct. 15th –	Marketing Committee	7:00 pm
Oct. 29th -	E.C. Meeting	7:00 pm
Karaoke	Every Thursday	7:00 pm

BINGO HAS BEEN TERMINATED

THE CUBAN MISSILE CRISIS

October 22, 1962 - President John F. Kennedy appeared on television to inform Americans of the existence of Russian missiles in Cuba. The President demanded their removal and announced a naval "quarantine" of Cuba. Six days later, the Russians announced they would remove the weapons. In return, the U.S. later removed missiles from Turkey.





Membership Update

Anderson Post 318 is off to a strong start for 2026 with **108 paid members** toward our quota of **182** and we've already **met our Early Bird goal of 50%**. Thank you to everyone who renewed! For anyone who hasn't renewed yet, **dues are $45** and can be paid **online at mylegion.org** or **in person** by **cash, card, or check**. Membership cards are ready for pickup at the Legion during our next General Meeting, or any **Thursday or Friday night** when the post is open.

Submitted by 1st V.C. Morgan Sipes

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 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!

VA Care

If you have a specific question or need help with your VA care, you may contact the VA:

1. By telephone
   a. VA Benefits: 800-827-1000
   b. Healthcare Benefits: 877-222-8387
   c. Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD): 800-829-4833
2. Information on a broad range of Veterans' benefits is available on their home page at http://www.va.gov
3. At the VA medical center: either by department or at Patient Advocate
4. If you feel you are in crisis, please call the Veterans Crisis Line: 988 then press 1

Charlie Cleves / Service Officer

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

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:	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
Technical & Security	Bob Kamman	513-545-5237

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Philip J. Caito	Thomas Clegg
Richard J. Hast	Dennis C. Pohl
Richard W. Williams	William McAdams
Wayne M. Carlisle	Walter B. Geil
Roger Noe	Jeremy Rogers

HAPPY 250th BIRTHDAY – U.S. NAVY

The Continental Congress authorized the fitting out of ships on October 13, 1775, which led to the establishment of the Marine Committee. This committee then sent the first Continental Squadron to sea. The purpose of this squadron, commanded by Esek Hopkins, was to capture munitions. The Continental Navy consisted of approximately 60 ships. After the American Revolution, the Continental Navy was disbanded, and its ships were sold. Later, the destruction of U.S. commerce by Barbary pirates led Congress to authorize the building of six frigates in 1794 and to establish the Navy Department on April 30, 1798.

Post Updates

As we move on to October and hopefully some cooler Fall weather, the activities at the Post are starting to increase. Karaoke Thursdays led by Dan Wolfangel, continues to be a major draw for community support and members. Friday night entertainment will kick off this month in the Clubroom. Even though they are off to a rough start, Bengals Watch Parties continue to be a draw. We hope you are able to attend one or more of these events to help support the Post.

Sept 28 was the last Bingo for the Post currently. I want to send out a huge thank you to Ed Sears for all the time and dedication he has given the Post over his years! You cannot imagine the amount of time and family events Ed has given up for our Post. He is a shining example of what one man can do and how they can make an impact. If all of us gave just a fourth of the commitment Ed has the potential of the Post would be limitless. Ed, I hope you enjoy your Sunday evenings going forward, it is well deserved! I know you don't drink beer but going forward your Coke's are on me.

As reminder the Marketing Meeting is on Oct 15th at 7pm. We are in desperate need of new ideas and volunteers to help keep income coming in to keep the Post alive. The more people we can get involved the more easily it will be on all of us. Karaoke Thursdays and The Brick Project has

proven that it can be done, and the community is willing to support our mission.

I am looking for more members to help us our for our Honor Guard. We recently have had some great opportunities for Flagpole dedications and Color Guard opportunities where we have struggled to get a squad together. Please get with me or Ralph and we will let you know what is required for you to participate.

If you made it this far, I appreciate your commitment.

Kirk Minnich Commander 318

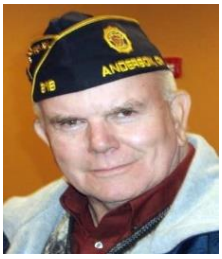
Did you know:

There is a current scam sweeping the nation that is taking advantage of veterans? Scammers are pretending to be representatives of the VA, another government agency, or a home loan servicer, threatening veteran homeowners with foreclosure or other consequences. They demand the homeowners send money, refinance their home, agree to a loan modification, redirect mortgage payments to the scammer, or even sign over the title to their property.

Submitted by Bob Kamman

✵ Member Spotlight: Jerry Porter ✵

This month, American Legion Post 318 proudly highlights longtime member Jerry Porter.
Jerry served in the United States Air Force from 1960–1964, achieving the rank of Airman First Class. During his time in service, he was stationed at Goose Bay and in Germany, where he specialized in Crypto. One of his fondest memories from his military years was working with NATO, an experience that left a lasting impression.
After his service, Jerry continued his commitment to veterans and community by joining Post 318, where he has been a dedicated member for 33 years. Over the years, he has held several leadership positions, including Commander, Chaplain, 2nd Vice, and 1st Vice. Among Post activities, his favorites are Memorial Day events and our well-loved Fish Fry.
Originally from Mingo Junction, Ohio, Jerry enjoys a variety of hobbies, including golf, woodworking, and fishing. His travels have taken him to many memorable places, but he especially treasures visiting Normandy and exploring the scenic Colorado trains.
And in true Jerry fashion, he leaves us with his fun fact: "I'm bald."
Thank you, Jerry, for your years of service—both in uniform and here at Post 318. We're proud to spotlight your story this month!



Submitted by 2nd V.C. Christina Sunderhaus

Post & Sons Picnic, Car Show, and Ice Cream Social – A Sweet Success!

On September 6, 2025, American Legion Post 318 and the Sons of the Legion came together for our annual picnic, car show, and ice cream social. The event was well attended and filled with fun, fellowship, and plenty of delicious food. Guests enjoyed hamburgers, hotdogs, brats, and metts, along with all the classic sides that make a picnic complete.
The car show featured 11 impressive entries. After everyone in attendance had the chance to cast their votes—while enjoying their ice cream treats—the winners were announced:

- **1st Place:** Rick Diver
- **2nd Place:** Ralph Caskey
- **3rd Place:** U.S. Army Jeep, generously donated by Scott Jones for Post use in parades and community events

A very special thank you goes out to **Tim Sunderhaus (2nd Vice Son), John Sanger (Post member) with wife Jocelyn Sanger, Joe Ballack (Son member), and wife of Son member Courtney Dwyer,** for their hard work setting up, cooking, and cleaning up. Your efforts truly made this event possible and successful.

It was a wonderful day of camaraderie and community spirit, and we look forward to making next year's event even bigger and better!





Above (L-R) 1st Place, 2nd Place, 3rd Place
Submitted by 2nd V.C. Christina Sunderhaus

Celebrating the Post 318 / SAL's Picnic were (L-R) Dorothy Surdick, Jack Surdick, Sue Kies, and Darrel Everman.



Raise Your Steins for Bob Carey! DE

On September 6, 2025, Post 318's very own Adjutant, **Bob Carey**, showed off his strength, stamina, and style in the finals of the Anderson Chamber of Commerce's **inaugural Stein hoisting competition**. With stein in hand and crowd cheering him on, Bob held strong for an impressive **5 minutes and 50 seconds**—earning himself a **3rd place finish** and the title of **crowd favorite**! Looking *wunderbar* in his traditional **lederhosen**, Bob brought the full Oktoberfest spirit to the event. Every second he held that stein high, the cheers grew louder—"Ein Prosit!" rang through the crowd—as he became the true life of the competition.

Prost to Bob for making Post 318 proud—and for keeping the German spirit alive in Anderson with strength, style, and a whole lot of good cheer!




Submitted by 2nd V.C. Christina Sunderhaus

Post and Clubroom Activities for October

Bengals games in clubroom –10/5 (Sunday)
10/12 (Sunday)
10/16 (Thursday)
10/26 (Sunday)

Friday night clubroom entertainment –
10/3 Perry Waldron Karaoke
10/10 Music by Scotty Ryan
10/24 Music by David Lewis

Karaoke with Dan Wolfangel every Thursday in hall B from *7:00pm – 10:30pm*

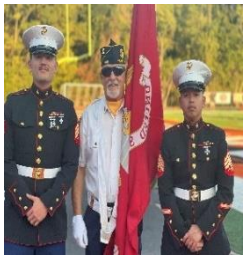
Halloween Dance – Saturday, Oct 25th, 7:00pm-11:00pm with Cincy Rockers in hall A&B *(doors open at 6:00)*

Chris Short celebration to beat cancer – 10/19 at Anderson Taphouse *(1:00pm-8:00pm)*

Submitted by 2nd V.C. Christina Sunderhaus

Uniform Services Report





On September 9th & 12th, respectively, Post 318 Color Guard provided their yearly 11 member full Color Guard Detail, for the AHS Girls Soccer Team and AHS Football Team's salute to Military Appreciation Night. These two details were organized by Post 318 Sgt.at Arms Ralph Caskey, who was also in charge of the detail. (See Pictures Below)

Submitted by Ralph Caskey – Post 318 SAA

Did You Know?

Did you know research indicates that a veteran must take the initiative to make sure details of his claim are seen, viewed, and

processed? One way of doing that is to highlight all relevant information. For instance, a veteran who experienced combat trauma must highlight the details on his/her C-file or stressor letter. If a veteran was wounded in a firefight, he must highlight the details of the battle. Yellow highlighters seem to work best. Like a moth to a flame, raters are drawn to bright colors.

Submitted by Bob Kamman

Post 318 Bingo

By the time you read this letter, Post 318 Bingo will be closed.

First, I would like to thank Dennis Sakal for all the hard work he put into to getting Bingo started back in 2013. Without his hard work, it would not have happened. He ran Post 318 Bingo until the summer of 2015.

At that time, I started to learn how to run a Bingo Hall. There was a lot to learn. I learned a lot about working on a computer, especially Excel. I worked with the State of Ohio Attorney General office in dealing with Bingo regulations and keeping lots of documentation. Also, I learned how to keep bingo going during Covid.

I also want to thank ALL of the people that have worked Bingo over the years. Most of workers were Post members and their wives. Also, there were many friends of the Post who also gave their personal time to help Bingo keep going. Over the years, it was something like 45 or more people that have helped out at Bingo, which has helped fund the Post, its activities and Charities.

Respectfully,
Ed Sears

Editor's Note:

There are so many members who have worked hard to provide a cash flow to keep our Post financially viable. Ed Sears is certainly one of them. Ed has been in charge of our Sunday evening Bingo for the past 10 years. Bingo has been a major contributor to the finances needed for Post operations. Ed's work went far beyond Sunday's, but also into his personal time.
Thank You Ed for a job **WELL DONE!**

Chaplain's Corner

Rob Heberly Post 318



This is your Post Chaplain, Rob Heberly, and this is my first installment for chaplain's corner. With the recent event in the news about the assassination of Charlie Kirk, I want to stress to my Post members that it's so important for us all, regardless of political standing, to stand together as Americans. Political assassination is never OK and should never be celebrated by anyone. We are Americans and we must stand together for free speech always. May God bless you all. Thank you for reading.

Lower Your Tax while Supporting Your Post!

50% of our members are receiving Required Minimum Distributions (RMD) if they have conventional IRAs. That RMD is taxable on your 1040. If you don't need the entire amount of your RMD, please instruct your IRA manager to designate whatever amount you can spare for American Legion Post 318 Charities Inc., PO Box 54390, Cincinnati, OH 45255. Your income tax will be lower, and your Post 318 Charities will be better able to fund programs to benefit fellow veterans, active service men and women, and your community. Please consider doing this today. Many thanks from Post 318 Charities!

Submitted by Bob Carey