American Legion
Anderson Post 318
May 2025

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 7th - SAL E.C. Meeting	6:30 pm
May 7th - SAL Monthly Meeting	7:30 pm
May 14th – Post General Meeting	7:00 pm
May 21st - Marketing Committee	7:00 pm
May 28th - E.C. Meeting	7:00 pm
Karaoke - Every Thursday	7:00 pm
Bingo – Every Sunday	6:00 pm
Euchre – Every Thursday	7:00 pm

National Military Appreciation Month

Also known as **Military Appreciation Month**, is a month-long observance in the United States, dedicated to people who are currently serving in, and veterans of, the United States military. Each year, the observance runs from May 1 to May 31.

History of Memorial Day

On May 39, 1868, Cdr. John Logan of the Grand Army of the Republic, declared "Decoration Day" in honor of Union Soldiers who died in the Civil War. By 1890, every state in the Union adopted Decoration Day and it's purpose. The World Wars changed this, and now recognizes all members of the U.S. Military who died during these wars. In 1971, Congress declared Decoration Day to be "Memorial Day", to be observed on the last Monday of May, every year, to honor members of the U.S Military, who died in the service of our country.

Membership

As we wrap up our 2025 membership renewal, I wish to thank everyone that promptly paid their dues and a big thanks to everyone that brought in new members. We are a quota Post again this year thanks to everyone's support. We appreciate your support to the Post and to the Veterans in our community. We were the 2nd Post in the 4th District to make quota. Thanks to everyone for getting their membership dues paid.

After being the Membership Chair for the last 10 years, I will be handing this role off to a new 1st Vice Commander, that will be appointed in June. I want to thank everyone for their support over these many years. Every year, except the covid year, we exceeded National's quota. Without you, we wouldn't have been able to achieve this outstanding record. Thank you too all.

Current status:
Quota: 177
Paid: 179
Needed to reach quota: -2
Existing members not renewed to date: 2

If you know of anyone that would be interested in joining the American Legion, please send them my way and I will 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

Veterans Crisis Support

Is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year, call 1-800-273-8255, press 1. Patients and caregivers are encouraged to report concerns about the safety of this/these prescriptions (TERAZOSIN HCL 2MG CAP) by contacting their local VA Pharmacy at (513) 487-6606

Charles Cleves / Service Officer
We are here for you!

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 **THROUGH MAY 29th**. 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!!

UNIFORM SERVICES

"That's My Brick Project"

Be a part of the Paver Project by purchasing a brick for display around the Flag Pole at Post 318. Choose In Honor of, in Memory of, A friend of, or one for yourself or your family. Help us with your support to upgrade and beautify our Flag Pole area, with a brick designed by you or a loved one. The design can be done on our brochure, or online at our website. The information will be on display in our lobby at Post 318. Two sizes are available, $35.00 (4x8), $65.00 (8x8). Pay by check or by credit card. Please join us in this project, by picking up details (brochure) in the lobby at Post 318. See 2nd VC Sunderhaus, Cdr. Minnich, or SAA

The dedication for the "That's My Brick Project" will be at the Post on May 10th at 10am.

RALPH CASKEY / SGT. At ARMS

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:	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:	Bob Alfieri	513-232-0309
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:	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

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Michael Bursk
Robert P. Carey
Charles J. Foerster
Curtis Grant
Kirk A. Minnich
Antonio J. Capetillo
Douglas M. Earhart
Danny L. Garrett
Michael Gregorio

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.

Did You Know?: the Fisher House Foundation is known for supporting the military community, including providing a "home away from home" for military and veteran families near military medical centers while their loved ones are hospitalized? Also, the nonprofit foundation created the Scholarships for Military Children program in 2001 in partnership with the Defense Commissary Agency (DeCA) to recognize the contributions of military families to the readiness of the fighting force and celebrate the role commissaries play in enhancing the military quality of life

"Did You Know articles" submitted by:
Bob Kamman / 1st Vice Commander

Post Updates

Fridays, the Clubroom will be open with entertainment for those who are looking to stay or have a night out. The entertainment on Fridays continues to be successful through the efforts of Randy Lindsey, Tim Sunderhaus and Todd Sledge. It has built upon the success of Karaoke Thursdays which was piloted by our very own Dan Wolfangel. Both evenings are open to members and friends.
The storage container, purchased by our SAL Squadron to help with our every growing storage problem, has been delivered and put in place behind the Post. Ralph Caskey and I are working on setting up shelving to begin moving items there. It will help out tremendously with the congestion in our backroom, armory and kitchen areas. Thanks to the Squadron for donating and coming up with that idea.
I am in search of a few volunteers to help with areas around the Post in various chairs and on committees. We need some help to keep the day-to-day operations of the Post and our fundraising efforts going in the future to be able to accomplish our mission of supporting the veterans and their families and our community. Time and how we spend it is very important to all of us, I want to respect the members' time. I am researching and proposing some changes to help cut down the commitments of the chairs and make more effective use of their time spent volunteering at our Post.
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Thanks for everyone's help!

Kirk Minnich

Commander Post 318

American Legion Post 318 SAL Squadron "Over the Top" in Dist. 4 Awards

The Sons hosted their District 4 Spring Conference at Post 318 on April 13th.They cleaned up in awards!
Commander Chris Short received the Pat "Bubba" Shea award. He was named "District 4 Leader of the Year". Award presented by Ohio District 4 1st Vice Commander, SAL Squadron. SAL Squadron 318 received the Robert McBride Award. This was for "District 4 Squadron of the Year". Squadron 318 also received an award for having the most in attendance at the District 4 meeting.

Submitted By: Christina Sunderhaus, 2nd Vice Commander, Post 318







"KARAOKE THURSDAYS ENDING CURRENT SEASON"

Post 318'S **"KARAOKE THURSDAYS"** is in it's wind-down for the 2024-2025 Fall / Spring season **as we will break for the summer hiatus, with our last event on May 29th**. If you have not yet attended, we will continue to be there **every Thursday from *7:00 PM to 10:30 PM , through May 29th.*** *We* continue to look for more support from our Post and SAL members, as well as the public. As we end this season, and hopefully look forward to the

upcoming 2025-2026 Fall / Spring season, we need your, as well as the publics support to continue. That support can be through: participating as a singer; volunteering to assist staffing the events; or just by patronizing the event and listening to the varied singers, while enjoying a cold beverage or bagged snacks, or partaking of one of the new "baked-on-site" pizzas we offered this year . After all, the reference to the sale of beverages and concessions, plus a nightly "Split-The-Pot", and concession tips, are the only sources of revenue to our Post to compensate our Karaoke DJ and earn funds for the Post operations.

Any Post or SAL Members needing more info on events, or wishing to volunteer to assist with the 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

POST 318 CHARITIES, INC. (C.I.) UPDATE:

Post 318 Charities, Inc, (the primary funding source for Post 318's Veteran and Community Programs), will be conducting two **Memorial Day Poppy Program Fundraising Events in May**, for which many Post and SAL volunteers will be needed: Both of these events need to be successful fundraisers to fund our Post's Veteran and Community Programs

As I have previously noted, we have been requested / invited by Forest Hills School District to once again conduct the ***FHSD "Poppy Challenge" Fundraising and Poppy Educational Program*** in the six FHSD Elementary Schools. This will involves a Post member for an approximate two hour shift at each school on Friday May 9th, or a total of 6 Post Members to distribute Memorial Poppies to each student at the six schools.

The Annual **"Poppy Days Program" Fundraiser at Kroger Store [Anderson Towne Center]** on the weekend prior to Memorial Day, ***(Friday - May 23rd / Saturday – May 24th / Sunday – May 25th)***. We plan to try to cover all 4 accesses to store for maximum benefit, which means **we will need Post and SAL volunteers** to cover a minimum of 16 two-hour shifts daily, or a minimum of a total of 48 shifts over the three day period.

While we basically have the FHSD Poppy Challenge detail covered, **we are in serious need of POST and SAL members to fill the three day Kroger Poppy Days shifts. Sign up for these shifts is going on now., and will be filled on a first come first serve basis, The two hour shifts are 10 AM – 12 Noon / 12 Noon – 2 PM / 2 PM to 4 PM / 4 PM to 6 PM. *IF YOU WANT TO SCHEDULE , FOR ONE OR MORE SHIFTS, PLEASE CONTACT DAN WOLFANGEL , ASAP, at 513 -703-2287***, or ***dwacons@aol.com, [Note "POPPY "on subject line.]***

Your assistance will be very much appreciated.
Dan Wolfangel – President / Chair-
Charities, Inc., Board

Support Those Who Support Us:

I have added a few more businesses to highlight this month. Please check these out and support them if you can.

There are many times businesses and organizations that provide us with services or donations at a reduced or no cost for us. Going forward I would like to highlight those businesses so you as members are aware of them. I would like to highlight these businesses which help Veterans and our American Legion to help complete our mission.

If any of you are aware of or own a business which has a service, you can offer the Post and its members please send me over your information and I will add it to the list.

Mission Statement: American Legion Post 318 is committed to the support of veterans, active-duty military, their families and the Anderson Township Community.



Finishing Touches who sits behind our Legion Hall, has been a great neighbor and provided support for many projects. Most recently, helping move the Conex into place with their forklift and storing and moving our bricks around for the Flagpole project.



Tufts' has recently been aiding us in the proper disposal of all the flags the community drops off at the Post by using their crematorium to speed up the process and then returning the ashes from you.



Village Quick Lube located on Main St in Newtown is a full service shop who offers 10% to all Veterans. If you are in need some repairs or just an oil change head down and see fellow Post Memberr, Kevin Ackerman. Phone #513-272-0677

Kirk Minnich / Commander Post 318