American Legion
Anderson Post 318
August 2025

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Aug. 6th –	SAL E.C. Meeting	6:30 pm
Aug. 6th –	SAL Monthly Meeting	7:30 pm
Aug. 13th –	Post General Meeting	7:00 pm
Aug. 20th –	Marketing Committee	7:00 pm
Aug. 27th -	E.C. Meeting	7:00 pm

NO KARAOKE – SUMMER HIATUS

Bingo - Every Sunday 6:00 pm

EUCHRE IS ON TEMPORARY HIATUS

August 14, 1941 – After three days of secret meetings aboard warships off the coast of Newfoundland, the Atlantic Charter was issued by President Franklin D. Roosevelt and British Prime Minister Winston Churchill. The Charter, a foundation stone for the later establishment of the United Nations, set forth eight goals for the nations of the world, including; the renunciation of all aggression, right to self-government, access to raw materials, freedom from want and fear, freedom of the seas, and disarmament of aggressor nations. By September, fifteen anti-Axis nations signed the Charter.



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.

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:	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
	Bob Kamman	513-545-5237

Did You Know: That Agent Orange exposure can take decades to fully manifest? Not all of the associated health conditions are immediately obvious or linked to the exposure right away. Some veterans may think that if they didn't experience symptoms right after their military service, they are not affected, but many Agent Orange-related health issues develop or worsen many years after exposure.

Submitted by Bob Kamman

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Lee M. Boboltz	Kenneth Bowman
Joseph A. DuBois	John Ehemann
James P. Gartin	Kevin Gassert
Wayne Hinaman	Robert King
Adrienne Prem	Eugene J. Sawka
Edward Stegmann	Thomas J. Szanti
Robert L. Wheat	Daniel F. Wolfangel
Jeffrey T. Zalar	

HAPPY BIRTHDAY – U.S. COAST GUARD

US Coast Guard was established on Aug. 4, 1790 with 10 Cutters to enforce the Tariff Act, which protected a major source of income for our new nation. In Jan. of 1915, became a branch of the U.S. Armed Forces, to enforce our Maritime Laws. In March of 2003, became part of Homeland Security. Today, during a declaration of war, by Congress, or at the direction of the President, the U.S. Coast Guard operates under the Dept. of the U.S. Navy.

Post 318 Member Spotlight: Chief Warrant Officer 3 Morgan Sipes

July 2025

Each month, American Legion Post 318 proudly highlights a member whose service, leadership, and dedication exemplify the values of our organization. This month, we are honored to recognize **CW3 Morgan Sipes**, our newly appointed **First Vice Commander** and a proud five-year member of Post 318.

Military Service

CW3 Sipes has served with distinction in the **Ohio Army National Guard** for 16 years. She is currently stationed in **Columbus, Ohio**, serving as a **922A Food Service Advisor** with the **16th Engineer Brigade**. Her career is marked by professionalism and purpose—but her most cherished moment? Receiving her first salute as a commissioned officer from her mother, a First Sergeant. A true moment of legacy, pride, and love.

🏛️ **Legion Leadership**
Morgan brings energy, vision, and heart to her new leadership role as **First Vice Commander**. A dedicated member since 2020, she's passionate about community engagement, with a favorite tradition being **marching in the 4th of July Parade**, celebrating patriotism side by side with neighbors and fellow veterans.

👨‍👩‍👧 **Family & Community**
A proud native of **Anderson Township**, Morgan comes from a family deeply rooted in service. Her husband, **Jeremy Sipes**, is a former OHARNG member, and their daughter, **Jordan**, is already growing up surrounded by the values of commitment and honor. Her parents, **Tim and Tina Sunderhaus**, have been unwavering in their support, and her grandfather, **John Listermann**—a fellow Post 318 member and retired First Sergeant with 26 years in the OHARNG—continues to inspire her service.

🏈 **Off-Duty Passions**
Off-duty, Morgan is an unapologetic superfan of **Ohio State football** and the **Cincinnati Bengals**. And here's a fun fact: **she was born on New Year's Day** and used to believe the world's fireworks were for her. Honestly? We like to think they were.



Anderson Township Independence Day Parade: The annual Anderson Township Independence Day Parade, was held on July 4, 2025. The spectator turnout was, as usual to say the least, overwhelming. People of all ages lined Beechmont Ave, waving flags, calling out "thank you", and showing other signs of patriotic support. As every year, American Legion Post 318 was a participating entry, with 35 members of American Legion Post 318, and members of American Legion Post 318 Son's of the Legion participating. **Post 318 wants to send out a big "THANK YOU" to members of the Anderson Township Maintenance Dept., and Anderson Township Fire Dept. for their cooperation in supplying the trailer, vehicle, and driver, which our members rode upon in the parade**.
Submitted by Kirk Minnich / Post Commander

ANDERSON TOWNSHIP 2025 4TH OF July PARADE AWARDS
Again, Post 318 took the 'Best Patriotic' in this year's Anderson Twsp July 4th parade. Here are the results from Anderson Township for this year's winners:
"Thank You Anderson for a Great Parade!

It was a beautiful July 4th in Anderson and it was great to see the nearly 8,000 spectators and nearly 1,200 participants in 70 groups, celebrating on Beechmont Avenue!

There were so many colorful, lively, and patriotic entries! The judges selected the following group as this year's parade winners:

Best Neighborhood or Organization – Sponsored by the Anderson Towne Center … Forest Hills Marching Band

Best Business – Sponsored Mt. Washington Care Center … Pet Vet 365

Best Float – Sponsored by Kroger … Anderson Park District

Best Patriotic – Sponsored by Riverbend … American Legion Post 318

Most Spirited – Sponsored by Mercy Health… Nagel Cheerleaders

See you next year at 10 a.m. on Saturday, July 4!"
Submitted by Bob Kamman














American Legion Post 318 2025 Awards Program

Post 318 conducted their annual Awards & Recognition Program. This involved the presentation of awards a and recognition for participants in several of Post 318's student and civic programs. Also to honor 33 Post 318 members for years of continuous service to the American Legion. Also honored Firefighter and Law Enforcement Officer of the Year, 3 child/grandchild of Veteran's Scholarships, and 6 Boy's & Girl's State Attendees. Ohio Senator Louis Blessing of the Ohio Veteran's Honor Program recognized and honored our annual Post 318 deceased members, Jimmy L. Bussey, Robert Saffin, Charles Stein, Frank Trainor, Richard Weis.

Pictured Below (L-R) Post Commander Kirk Minnich welcoming participants and guests. Post Chaplain Robert Heberly delivering Invocation.




Ohio Senator Louis Blessing presenting honors to families of deceased members of Post 318





The following members received **Meritorious Achievement and Service Recognition**: (L-R) Ralph Caskey, Robert Alfieri




The following received the **Child/Grandchild of Veteran Scholarships**: Megan Berger (absent)

(L-R) Owen McGregor AHS, Benjamin Strausbaugh THS.



The following received **Boys & Girls State Recognition**: (Boys L-R) Ben Trigg AHS, Cameron Adams AHS, Brendon Lands AHS, Andrew Platton AHS (absent). (Girls) Pervin Kucukkaya AHS, Sosena Tefera AHS (both absent)
(picture below)



Poppy Program Supporters: Presented by Post 318 Charities Board Member Martin Gilbert. FHSD represented by Kristen Hundemer





FHSD Elementary Schools: Ayer, Maddux, Mercer, Sherwood, Summit, Wilson
Donna Prues – Post 318 Charities, Inc. Board - Program Coordinator / Kroger Store – Anderson Towne Center.

Uniform Services / Honor Guard Support
Joey Sumpter – Bugler – AHS (absent)

Law & Order Awards:
Law Enforcement Officer of the Year:
Deputy/Cpl./K-9 Matthew Alexander
HCSO Dist. 5



Firefighter of the Year:
Firefighter/Paramedic David Ames
ATFD



Continuous Membership Increment Service Awards:
5 Year: Brian L. Charlton, Michael Hartzler, Thomas E. Hines, Robert King, Lance E. Larson, Jeremy Rogers, Jeremy Sipes, Morgan Sipes, Christina Sunderhaus (all absent)

10 Year: Wayne M. Carlisle (pictured), William H. Cole Jr., Gregory T. Elpers Jr., Lee Lautman, Anthony Woeber



15 Year: Michael Bursk, Tom Fucito, Dennis C. Pohl, Joseph E. Popp, Thomas J. Szanti,

Pictured together (L-R) Randell Lindsey, Cdr. Minnich, Robert Kamman



20 Year: Kenneth Knight



25 Year: Jack Buchwald II, Paul R. Fritinger (absent)

30 Year: Bill B. Bourqin, Paul D. Burger, Terry L. Childs, Jack J. Surdick (pictured)



35 Year: Jeffrey S. Jones (absent)\

40 Year: Joseph A. DuBois



45 Year: James F. Coldiron



55 Year: James F. Clark (absent)

60 Year: Eugene C. Johnston Jr. (absent)