American Legion
Anderson Post 318
AUGUST 2026

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Aug. 5th	SAL E.C. Meeting	6:30 pm
Aug. 5th	SAL Monthly Meeting	7:30 pm
Aug.10th	Post 318 Auxiliary Mtg.	7:00 pm
Aug. 12th	Post 318 General Mtg.	7:00 pm
Aug 19th	Marketing Committee	7:00 pm
Aug. 26th	Post E.C. Meeting	7:00 pm

ATTEN: TENTATIVE RETURN FOR KARAOKE

SEPT. 10TH, 7:00 PM – 10:30 PM

NATIONAL PURPLE HEART DAY



The origins of Purple Heart Day trace back to **August 7, 1782**, when General George Washington established the ***Badge of Military Merit***, the forerunner to the modern Purple Heart. Though awarded sparingly during the Revolutionary War, it symbolized Washington's intent to recognize valor and devotion among enlisted soldiers. The decoration fell into disuse until **February 22, 1932**, Washington's 200th birthday, when General Douglas MacArthur revived it as the **Purple Heart medal**, honoring those wounded or killed in action. Official observance of **National Purple Heart Day** began in **2014** to ensure that the sacrifices of its recipients are remembered and appreciated annually on August 7.



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.

T.J. Cruikshank / 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

Post Officers & 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

Event Coordinator:	Vacant	
House:	Vacant	
Service Officer:	T.J. Cruikshank	859-743-6395
Charities Inc. Liaison:	Dan Wolfangel	513-703-2287
Corp. Statutory Agent:	Bob Carey	513-474-9577
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S.A.L. Advisor:	Tony Capetillo	513-633-1667
S.A.L. Commander:	Chris Short	513-460-4560
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AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY – U.S. COAST GUARD

The 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.

DID YOU KNOW

Did you know in order to qualify for a VA home loan, **you must have a minimum 580 FICO** score? **VA home loans have the lowest interest rates** out of all the various loan options, and you **can finance up to 100%; meaning you do not need a down payment.**

Anderson Township Independence Day Parade:

The annual Anderson Township Independence Day Parade, was held on July 4, 2026. The spectator turnout was as usual to say the least, overwhelming, despite the very hot temperatures. 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, members of American Legion Post 318 Son's of the Legion, and Post 318's Women's Auxiliary 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. Without their help, many of our Veterans could not participate in this event.

Submitted by Kirk Minnich / Post Commander























CHAPLAINS CORNER – JULY 2026

As I, and most of America, was tuned into the nations fireworks display on July 4th, I'm reminded once again how we Americans need to start bridging our differences and finding what we have in common, instead of what we don't have in common. Needless to say, there were people from all walks of life and undoubtedly all political persuasions involved across this nation in the celebration of our 250th Anniversary, it is each one to try to bridge what appears to be an ever increasing polarization of left and right. Fact of the matter is, my own beliefs are somewhere in the middle, but definitely right leaning. In any event, we all need to remember that we are still a democracy and pray that the democracy of the people, by the people, and for the people continues into the next century and beyond. "**IN GOD WE TRUST**" is still our motto**!** **Chaplain Rob**



RSVP to American Legion Post 318
or Tina Sunderhaus 513-313-1217

American Legion Anderson Post 318
2026 Awards Program
July 11, 2026 – 7:00 PM

Veterans Still Serving Our Comrades, Our Community, Our State, and Our Nation.

Post 318 conducted their annual Awards & Recognition Program. This involved the presentation of awards and recognition for participants in several of Post 318's student and civic programs. Also to honor 21 Post 318 members for years of continuous service to the American Legion.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commander Kirk Minnich. The Invocation was delivered by Post 318 Member Steve Stuntz.

Ohio Senator Louis Blessing presented Honors to Post 318 deceased members**, Lee Boboltz** and **Thomas Andes** in the form of US American Flags that were flown over the US Capital Building. The included picture is of the Boboltz family receiving the award.







Meritorious Achievement and Service Recognition Award. Presented by Commander Kirk Minnich to:
Post 318 Member **Edwin M. Sears**

Child/Grandchild of Veteran Scholarships: Presentation by Commander Minnich

Amelia Caskey **Anderson High School**
Gracie Mastruserio **Anderson High School**
Nora Zellen Anderson High School
(All Absent- No Pictures)

Girl's State Recognitions: Presentation by Commander Minnich;

Aanya Shah **Anderson High School**
Maggie Hartong **Anderson High School**
Nirali Patel **Anderson High School**
Amaya Seitanakis **Anderson High School**
(All Absent – No Pictures)

Poppy Program Supporter: Kroger Store (Anderson Towne Center) Manager, Eric Deel. Presentation by Martin Gilbert:
(Eric Deel Absent)



Uniform Ceremonies/Honor Guard Support:

Presentation by Ralph Caskey Post 318 SAA, to Mr. Joey Sumpter, Bugler, Anderson High School.
(Joey Sumpter Absent)



Law Enforcement Officer of the Year: Presentation by Martin Gilbert and Commander Minnich:
Sgt. Thomas Lange HCSO, Dist. 5



Firefighter of the Year: Presentation By Commander Minnich:
Firefighter/Paramedic Wade Cooley ATFD



Continuous Membership Incremental Service Awards: Presentations by Commander Minnich:

Five (5) Years Service Awards
Mark Beahr MacKenzie Bennett
Philip Caito Martin Gilbert
Jeremy Rogers Ruby Schultz



Ten (10) Years Service Awards
David Cosaboom Eric Franz
James Marshall

Fifteen (15) Years Service Award
Michael Gregorio Robert Wheat



Twenty (20) Years Service Award
Herndon Price

Twenty- Five (25) Years Service Award
Richard Simpson

Thirty-Five (35) Years Service Award
William Becker Eugene Sawka



Forty (40) Years Service Award
Jimmie Nugent Jr.

Forty-Five (45) Years Service Award
Richard Brusman

Fifty (50) Years Service Award
Michael Mannarino Charles Smith

Fifty-Five (55) Years Service Award
Thomas Prem



Service Award Members pictured are listed in RED, all others are absent.