American Legion
Anderson Post 318
September 2026

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sept 2nd	SAL E.C. Meeting	6:30 pm
Sept. 2nd	SAL Monthly Meeting	7:30 pm
Sept. 9th	Post 318 General Mtg.	7:00 pm
Sept. 14th	Post 318 Auxiliary Mtg.	7:00 pm
Sept.16th	Marketing Committee	7:00 pm
Sept. 30th	Post E.C. Meeting	7:00 pm
Sept. 10th	Karaoke	7:00 pm

POW/MIA Recognition Day

September 19th We stand with military veterans and members of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force and Coast Guard to honor the nation's Prisoners of War and Missing in Action troops. Since World War I, almost 285,000 Americans have been taken as Prisoners of War, according to a Congressional report. The remains of almost **82,000 Americans** are still missing, according to the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency.



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
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 Editor:	Gary Gregorio	513-307-3824

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Christopher R. Beaucham	MacKenzie Bennett
Bill B. Bourquin	Paul D. Burger
Emanuelle A. Ciulla	Charles A. Cleves
Gregory T. Elpers, Jr.	Tom Fucito
Stephanie C. Humphries	Robert V. Lucke
Jonathan M. Palin	Joseph E. Popp
Thomas W. Prem	Herndon A. Price
Ronald W. Rittenhouse	Michael Thumann

HAPPY BIRTHDAY – U.S. AIR FORCE

The United States Air Force is the air service branch of the United States Department of Defense. It is one of the six United States Armed Forces, and one of eight uniformed services of the United States. Tracing its origins to 1 August 1907, as a part of the United States Army Signal Corps, the USAF was established by transfer of personnel from the Army Air Forces with the enactment of the National Security Act of 1947. The official Birthday of the US Air Force, now set at Sept. 18, 1947. It is the second youngest branch of the United States Armed Forces and the fourth in order of precedence. The United States Air Force articulates it's core missions as air supremacy, global integrated intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance, rapid global mobility, global strike, and command and control.

U.S. AIR FORCE

UNIFORM SERVICES REPORT

On August 17, Post 318 provided their customary Color Guard Detail for the annual Forest Hills School District's Staff Meeting for the beginning of the 2026-2027 school year. The Post 318 Color Guard started the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. 9 American Flags were donated to all the schools in the Forest Hills School District. All flags were donated by Post 318 Charities Inc. Detail members included Edward Sears, Walter Geil, Gary Gregorio, Bob Alfieri, Sgt. At Arms Ralph Caskey.

Submitted by Ralph Caskey – Sgt. At Arms



Please Mark Your Calendar

Oct. 2nd, 6:20 PM, AHS Football Field.

This is the annual Military Night at AHS. AHS vs THS, this is always be a big event.

Please attend and show support for our Military Veterans, and your favorite team.

Sign up at the September Meeting or text me at 513-470-6588, if you would like to join the Color Guard Detail by carrying a Service Flag, or if you would like to walk with us onto the field.

Submitted by Ralph Caskey – Sgt. At Arms

ATTEN ALL POST 318 MEMBERS
Ohio Legion Legislative Update
August 24, 2026 Update

There are multiple Ohio Senate & House Bills that will (if passed), affect Ohio Veterans and their families.
Including Discounts, Programs for incarcerated Veterans, Employment Incentives for Veterans and spouses,
Tax Credits, and Child Care Programs
For Veteran families.
For Detailed Information go on line: Click on
The following bills: S223 & S179, H529 & H759
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Clk Ohio Legislation, Clk Search Legislation

Post Updates:

Submitted by Kirk Minnich Post 318 Cdr

I hope everyone had a great Summer and was able to keep cool during those days in the 90s. September should bring us some cooler weather, football and ramps up our activities at the Post!

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Start warming up your singing voice, on September 10th, Karaoke Thursdays is back for another season! This fund-raising event, which was conceived and promoted by Dan Wolfangel, has become a destination for many in the Township on Thursday nights. It has not only increased community awareness of our American Legion and its mission but brought us new members and provided us with other marketing ideas. Dan and his wife, Ruth, have volunteered their time to set up, run the event and promote our Post each Karaoke Thursday (missing only a handful in the past few years). I anticipate this season is going to be his biggest yet!

September also brings back Bengals watch parties and Friday night entertainment to the Clubroom. This year we will be also coordinating to support other events in the community, such as our local high school football games, farmer's markets and other events through the Anderson Area Chamber of Commerce. This Fall we will also have a few musical events highlight some local bands and talents.

Losing Bingo will hurt our ability to perform our mission. Many think it will limit our time, and it may, only time will tell. Currently we have enough funds to continue our mission for a few years but our current fundraising events along with Fish Fry may not be enough to sustain us. This problem is unfortunately not limited to just us but all veterans' organizations. Finding a sustainable fundraising stream is something all have been struggling with. The other unfortunate thing is the veteran population is declining. As of 2023, there were approximately 15.8 million or 6.1% of the US adult population, with approximately 49% of those being 65 years of age or older. How do we keep going?

Do we need volunteers? Yes, most definitely. We need new ideas around marketing, fundraising avenues, community involvement and those who know how to collaborate. Then we need some people to help execute those ideas. It may take some time, and it is going to require change and a new way of thinking. The marketing committee meets every 3rd Wednesday at 7pm. That is where Karaoke Thursdays, The Brick Program, and the others listed came from.

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