American Legion
Anderson Post 318
July 2025

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 2nd - SAL E.C. Meeting	6:30 pm
July 2nd - SAL Monthly Meeting	7:30 pm
July 9th – Post General Meeting	7:00 pm
July 16th - Marketing Committee	7:00 pm
July 30th - E.C. Meeting	7:00 pm

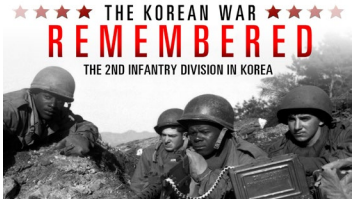
NO KARAOKE – SUMMER HIATUS

Bingo – Every Sunday 6:00 pm

EUCHRE HAS BEEN TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED

National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day

The Korean War ended with the armistice signing on July 27, 1953, however with no official Peace Treaty signed. For three brutal years, the U.N., principally the United States, fought bravely to stop the spread of communism on the Korean Peninsula. The armistice created the Korean Demilitarized Zone (DMZ) to separate North and South Korea and allowed for the return of prisoners. In honor of the millions who served, the Korean War Veterans Memorial was dedicated on July 27, 1995, in Washington, D.C**. "Freedom is not free,"** is inscribed in the memorial display. During the Korean War, Americans KIA in combat 36,686, non-combat 2853, wounded 103,284, and missing 7,564





The Post

I hope everyone is enjoying their Summer and keeping cool in this heat. I want to thank everyone to who came and participated in our inaugural Flag Day Ceremony held on June 14th. I hope to see many of your on July 12th at 7pm for our Annual Awards Night recognizing the efforts of our members and community partners over the past year. Thanks to all the volunteers who keep our Post running on a daily basis.

Kirk Minnich
Commander Post 318

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

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

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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 IS ON A TEMPORARY HIATUS

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	513-594-5339
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

Post Updates

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.

Thanks for everyone's help!

Kirk Minnich
Commander Post 318

JULY BIRTHDAYS

Joesph E. Baker	William T. Beuke
William G. Bussey	Terry L. Childs
Anthony Gatti	James W. Gray
Gary Gregorio	Frank F. Heimkreiter
Thomas E. Hines	Phillip D. Holt
Dennis Riggs	Steven G. Stuntz
John J. Surdick	Guy Wolf

Member Spotlight: Dan Wolfangel

American Legion Post 318

This month, we proudly shine our spotlight on Dan Wolfangel — a lifelong Anderson Township resident, devoted veteran, and steadfast supporter of Post 318.

Dan served in the U.S. Army as part of a Field Artillery Battalion, holding the rank of E-3 Sergeant. As a Communications Trainer, he helped ensure mission readiness and coordination among troops. While some service details remain classified, his dedication and training left a lasting impact.

Following his military career, Dan devoted over 50 years to the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office, where he retired as Patrol Division Commander. Never one to slow down, he continued to lend his expertise through his own firm — DWA Law Enforcement Consulting for 13 years.

Dan has been an American Legion member for 47 years, with 2 years of active participation and 4 years in the U.S. Army Reserves. His leadership within Post 318 has been exceptional: he has served as Adjutant, Deputy Adjutant, Corporate Statutory Agent, and a long-time member and leader of the C.I. Board, including roles as both President and Vice President. He was also our go-to Bingo Caller for many years. He currently chairs both the Law & Order Awards and Annual Awards Program.

When asked about favorite Legion activities, Dan points to our Memorial Day cemetery details, Poppy Days, Color Guard appearances, and — of course — the dances.

Dan has been married to his wife Ruth for 66 years, and family is a cornerstone of his life. His father, Francis "Bud" Wolfangel, was also a life member of Post 318 and served as Post House Chair during the Forest Road era while also leading as

Anderson Fire Chief for 15 years. Dan and Ruth had four children two boys and two girls. The oldest of the sons, David Wolfangel was a firefighter / paramedic (FF/P), serving with Anderson Fire Department for many years, before moving to Florida and a career there with St. Pete Beach Fire Department where he rose to the rank of Lieutenant until he was medically retired and passed away in 2007. Steve Wolfangel, their other son, served in the Marine Corp for four years, and then went into Law Enforcement with Columbus, OH Police Department, where he retired with 27 years of service. Kristin Wolfangel, the oldest of two daughters, has a career in the hospitality business and is currently the Co-Manager of a 4 star restaurant in Gulfport, Florida. Daughter Kerri Wolfangel remains in the local area as a successful realtor, having been named by Cincinnati Magazine "Best Realtor in the East" for several years. Kerri's spouse, Chris Short, is currently the Commander for Post 318's SAL Squadron. Dan and Ruth also have 6 Grandchildren, one of which is a 318 SAL member, and 4 great-grandchildren.
Dan's favorite place to travel is sunny Florida, and he enjoys staying active — rarely missing an opportunity to contribute to his community.
We thank Dan for his unwavering service, both in uniform and in everyday life. His legacy of leadership and dedication to Post 318 is an inspiration to us all.



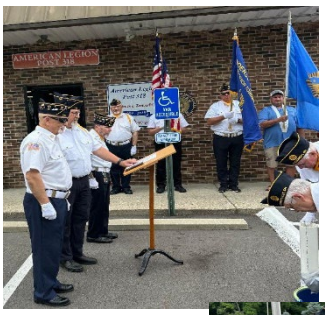
Submitted By 2nd Vice Commander
Christina Sunderhaus

INSTALLATION OF POST 318'S NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS: The following are the elected officers for the 2025- 2026 Post business year, following their election at the May 11th General Membership Meeting. Congratulations to all! (R-L): Commander Kirk Minnich - 1st Vice Commander Morgan Sipes - 2nd Vice Commander Christina Sunderhaus - Adjutant Robert Carey - Sgt. At Arms Ralph Caskey – Chaplain Robert Heberly – (Finance Officer Randy Lindsey Missing). The new officers were installed on June 11, 2025 at the Post General Membership Meeting, and will assume their respective offices / duties following such installation. Installation Officer Dan Wolfangel, Post 318 Charities Inc., Liaison



Post 318 Uniform Services Honor Guard Celebrates Flag Day 2025, June 14th

Flag Day is celebrated on June 14 in the United States. It commemorates the adoption of the flag of the United States on June 14, 1777 by resolution of the Second Continental Congress.[1] The Flag Resolution stated "That the flag of the thirteen United States be thirteen stripes, alternate red and white; that the union be thirteen stars, white in a blue field, representing a new constellation." In 1916 Pres. Woodrow Wilson proclaimed June 14 as the official date for Flag Day, and in 1949 the U.S. Congress permanently established the date as National Flag Day.

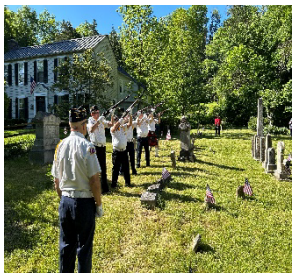




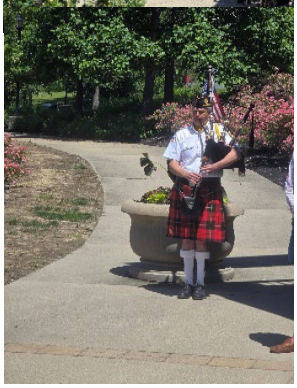


MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY, MONDAY MAY 26th, 2025

American Legion Post 318's Honor Guard/Color Guard conducted its long-standing practice of rendering Military Honors to 33 former members of Post 318, at 9 local cemeteries. This detail included the customary Rifle Salute, followed by the playing of Taps. At 12:00 pm the customary Bell Ceremony at the Anderson Township Center was held. Flags were lowered to half-staff, while Post 318 member Walt Geil rang the Ceremonial Bell as the names were read of local deceased Veterans. Post 318 Honor Guard delivered the ceremonial Rifle Salute, followed by placing the Memorial Wreath at the Veteran's Memorial, the playing of Taps, and a bagpipe rendition of Amazing Grace.
This year's guest speaker was US Air Force Veteran and current WCPO-TV news anchor Craig McKee.





Interested in Joining the American Legion Auxiliary?
American Legion Post 318 is excited to announce two upcoming opportunities for anyone interested in becoming a member of our new Auxiliary Unit.
Join us on either Monday, August 25, 2025, or Thursday, August 28, 2025, at 7:00 PM at the American Legion Post 318, located at **6660 Clough Pike, Anderson Township, Cincinnati, OH**.
These informational meetings are open to anyone interested in learning more about what the American Legion Auxiliary is, what it does, and how you can get involved. We'll also share details on the key positions we'll need to fill to officially establish our Auxiliary Unit.
Who Can Join the Auxiliary?
Membership in the American Legion Auxiliary is open to women and men with a direct connection to a U.S. veteran who served honorably during wartime, as defined by the American Legion. You may be eligible if you are:

- A spouse (wife or husband) of a veteran eligible for American Legion membership
- A mother, grandmother, daughter, granddaughter, sister, or great-granddaughter of an eligible veteran
- A step-relative in any of the above categories (e.g., stepdaughter, stepsister, etc.)

If the veteran is living, they must be a current American Legion member. If the veteran is deceased, they must have served honorably during eligible wartime dates (membership in the Legion is not required for deceased veterans).
Whether you're ready to sign up or just want to learn more, we invite you to come out and meet fellow community members who are eager to serve and support our veterans and their families.
Refreshments will be provided.
We look forward to seeing you there!

Submitted by 2nd Vice Cdr. Christina Sunderhaus