American Legion
Anderson Post 318
February 2025



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Feb. 5th – SAL E.C. Meeting	6:00 pm
Feb. 5th – SAL Monthly Meeting	7:00 pm
Feb. 12th – General Meeting	7:00 pm
Feb. 19th - Marketing Committee	7:00 pm
Feb. 26th - E.C. Meeting	7:00 pm
Karaoke - Every Thursday	7:00 pm
Bingo – Every Sunday	6:00 pm
Euchre – Every Thursday	7:00 pm

US Military Installations Around the World

There are worldwide networks of U.S. Military installations In order to maintain its interests, the U.S. Military has a vast array of personnel deployed in over 150 countries around the world. In 2005, there was an estimated 737 military bases in foreign countries. Japan has the most currently active bases with 120, but Germany follows it with a close 119. South Korea comes in third with 73.

The United States has military bases in at least 74 countries. There are more than 800 military bases around the world. This is more than any other country in history.

Bottom Line, the U.S. Armed forces are an ever-changing, multi-faceted set of systems, the scope of which is hard to comprehend.

TRIVIA QUESTION

How many members are there in the American Legion?

MEMBERSHIP

We are getting close to making our Post quota for the 2024-2025 membership year; but are 11 short from doing so. I am asking that if you haven't renewed your membership, please do so as soon as possible! By the National Constitution all membership dues were to have been paid by Veterans Day, Nov 11th. Your membership officially expired 31 Dec 2023. National allows a one-month grace period, so please get you renewals in to keep your membership active and to help your Post make quota. We appreciate your support to the Post and to the Veterans in our community. At the end of January all delinquent members with access cards will be removed from the system. Also all National, Department and Post correspondence will cease.

Thank you to all of you that have paid your renewal dues. You should have received your renewal notices by now and I have sent out email reminder to all that haven't renewed to date. I can still process your 2025 membership card. The Legion membership dues are $45 for this coming year. As in previous years you will be able to renew by several methods:

1. **Online at www.legion.org**
2. **By sending checks to the Post address: American Legion Post 318, PO Box 54390, Cinti, OH 45254-0390**
3. **Pay with cash or checks at the Post**
4. **Sign up as a Paid Up for Life (PUfL) member at: www.legion.org/join/pufl**

Quota: 177
Paid: 166 at 93.8% of quota
Needed to reach quota: 11
Existing members not renewed to date: 10

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

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 – 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. 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!!

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:	Dan Wolfangel	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:	Dan Wolfangel	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

TRIVIA ANSWER

1.6 million wartime Veterans belong to the American Legion.

Bob Carey / Post Adjutant / Trivia Master

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Richard Brusman	Steven Dillenburg
Lewis Ivanovich	Richard J. Reed Jr.
Dennis Sakal	Edwin M. Sears
John J. Smith	Caden B. Wagner
Robert B. Williams	

DID YOU KNOW?

As of 2024, the VA will reimburse round-trip mileage at 41.5 cents per mile if the travel is related to care at VA-approved healthcare facilities? The VA requires a small

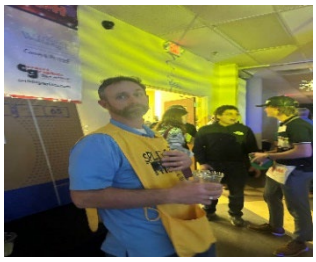
deductible before reimbursing you for travel-related expenses. The current (2024) deductible is $3 one-way or $6 round-trip, up to $18 per month. If you surpass the $18 deductible, the VA will pay the full cost of your travel for the remainder of the month.

Bob Kamman / 1st Vice Commander

Post 318's New Years Eve Party

The SAL sponsored New Years Eve Party held at American Legion Post 318 was a resounding success. This event was attended by members of Post 318, SAL members of Post 318, their families and guests.






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. Project to be dedicated in 2025. See 2nd VC Sunderhaus, Cdr. Minnich, or SAA

Deadline for ordering first phase, April 1st. The dedication for the "That's My Brick Project" will be at the Post on May 10th.

RALPH CASKEY / SGT. At ARMS



TAPS / POST 318

The following members of American Legion Post 318 passed during the year 2024. RIP

Donald A. Bishop	USMC	Viet Nam
Jimmy L. Bussey	USN	Viet Nam
Peter H. Lowry	USA	Gulf War
Stanley D. Rogers	USA	Viet Nam
Robert Saffin	USAF	Viet Nam
Charles Stein	USN	Korea
Frank Trainor	USA	Korea
Richard Weis	USA	Viet Nam

"LEGIONNAIRES WHO HAVE BEEN CALLED TO THE HIGH COMMANDER, AND HAVE GONE TO REPORT TO THE COMMANDER OF US ALL".

ROB HEBERLY / CHAPLAIN / POST 318

"KARAOKE THURSDAYS"

Post 318'S "KARAOKE THURSDAYS" new Winter / Spring 25 Season has started off real good for the first four sessions in the bag, continuing to be held every

Thursday from ***7:00 PM to 10:30 PM every Thursday.*** *W*e continue to look for more support from our Post and SAL members, as well as the public. 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 one of the new "baked-on- site" pizzas we are offering this year.. After all, the latter reference to the sale of beverages and concessions, plus a nightly "Split-The-Pot", are the only sources of revenue to our Post to compensate our Karaoke DJ and earn funds for the Post operations. As "Karaoke Thursday" Coordinator, **I am also in search of volunteers to assist to help keep the event going.**

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:

The 1st Quarter Meeting of Post 318 Charities, Inc, (the primary funding source for Post 318's Post 318's Veteran and Community Programs), is scheduled to be held on February 10th. At which time we will planning for our upcoming "Poppy Days Program" Fundraiser at Kroger on the weekend prior to Memorial Day, and the "Wave-The-Flag Program" held on the weekend prior to Veterans Day. These two fundraising events are the primary sources of revenue for C.I. to fund the Post's veteran's programs. We hope we can count on many of our Post and SAL members to volunteer to cover the two hour shifts for both events.

C.I. Also wishes to express our appreciation for Post Member Martin Gilbert joining the C.I. Board, filling an existing C.I. Board vacancy, and accepting the C.I. Treasurer's position, which was just vacated by Post Member / C.I. Member Walt Geil, who has done a superb job over many years. Geil will continue to serve as a non-board C.I. Member of the C.I. Advisory Group. We still need another volunteer for the vacancy created by Geil stepping down from the Board. ***If you are interest in the position, please contact C.I. Board President Dan Wolfangel at 513-703-2287 or dwacons@aol.com***.

Dan Wolfangel - President / Chair – Charities, Inc. Board

Eagle Scout Project

Turpin High School Junior Jack Mullens described his Troop 112 Eagle Scout project to design, procure, and install shelving units and computer wall-mounts to better organize and store tools, equipment, and supplies for the engineering classroom/computer lab at Turpin. The current budget is $5,000; he solicited partial sponsorship from the Post. The Post through Charities Inc will be contributing $250 towards his project. Jack will be speaking to the SAL Squadron at their upcoming meeting for sponsorship.



ATTN: ALL POST 318 CHILI LOVERS!

The Annual Post 318 Chili Cookoff will be held on Saturday March 1st, 2025 from 4:00pm-7:00pm.

Time to test your Chili recipe against your fellow members! If you have a pot of chili you have perfected over the years and would like to enter it in the contest please let me know. Make sure to bring enough to share with everyone!

RSVP's should be sent to Tina Sunderhaus at 513-313-1217 with the number of people and if you are bringing a chili for the contest.

If you are unable to bring a pot of chili, please bring a dessert!



Tina Sunderhaus / 2nd Vice / Post Activities

POST 318'S FAMOUS LENTEN FISH FRY



This year's Fish Fry will take place every Friday, beginning on March 7 through April 18, from 5-7 pm. All are welcome.

Dinners – Include French Fries, one side.
Fried Cod Platter (5.3oz Filet
Baked Cod Platter (8 oz) Filet
Breaded Shrimp Platter (5 pcs)
Fried Chicken Tenders
Fried Cod Sandwiches – served on a bun

Side Items:
Cole Slaw
Apple Sauce
Green Beans
French Fries

Super Side Items & Additional Fish:
Mac-N-Cheese
Shrimp (per pc)
Fish

Deserts:
Cake/Pie

Complimentary Beverages:
Ice Tea, Lemonade
Beer, Wine, and Soda available for purchase at the Clubroom Bar.

Eric Franz / Fish Fry Manager

VALENTINES DAY CELEBRATION WITH CINCY ROCKERS BAND

Make your plans for celebrating Valentines Day yet? Consider starting a little early and enjoying just listening or dancing to the fabulous "Rockin' the Decades" musical sounds of The Cincy Rockers Band, as they are back by popular demand at the Anderson American Legion Post 318's Patriot Center, 6660 Clough Pike in Anderson Township, for a Valentines Day celebration event. The event will be held on Saturday - February 8th, from 7pm until 10pm, with doors opening at 6pm.

Tickets are will be available for purchase at the door the night of the event door $10.00 each. Individual seating at the event is on a first come-first select basis at the time of purchase. However, groups of 8 or more persons may contact Kirk Mininch at 513-594-5339 to reserve a table for their party.

The event includes an evening of good music, dancing, and a full-service cash bar available for your beverage desires. Since this is a license permit premise, no beverages of any kind may be brought in, and you must be 21 years of age to attend. Appetizers and finger foods may be brought in for you or your group. Get a group together for an entertaining evening of music, dancing, and fun. Reservations for the event is strongly recommended as many of the Patriot Center band / dance events sell out in advance.

All event proceeds go toward the continuation of Post 318's presence, and the presentation of the American Legion's and Post 318's veteran, community and educational programs, within the Anderson area, as Post 318 enters its eighty-fourth year of existence and service. The community's continuing support of Post 318 over the years is much appreciated. We hope to see you at the Valentine Day Celebration live band event.

Mike Stringer / Dance Manager

Post 318

As always, there are many things happening down at the Post as we continue to move forward to help achieve our goals of helping the community's veterans and their families and providing services to the Township. A big goal of mine during this next year is to increase awareness of the mission of our Post and the American Legion throughout the community. This past Thursday, January 30th, Ralph Caskey and I were able to attend an event hosted by Sherwood Elementary called Arrows of Kindness. Their goal was to connect their families with organizations in the community that are positively the Township and how they can become more involved. We were able to set up a table along with other community organizations such as the Historical Society and IPM Food Pantry to name a couple. We were able to talk to many families about who the American Legion is, its mission and the many projects our Post supports throughout the community. It was a great event to get out and meet with a small portion of the community. Almost all asked how they could support us, which gave us an opportunity to talk about our That's my Brick Project. Many families and a few organizations took brochures to order a brick for a family member they knew in the service. We were also able to talk about our upcoming Fish Fry and other events which they can support. I have already started talking with the Township on organizing the Bell Ceremony on Memorial Day and increasing awareness of the annual Veterans Day Dinner.
This year be on the lookout for other opportunities for us to get out into the Township. **Continue to promote That's My Brick Project to help us reach our goal of 150 bricks!!**

Kirk Minnich / Commander