



# American Legion Anderson Post 318 April 2025



### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Apr. 2 <sup>nd</sup> – SAL E.C. Meeting	6:00 pm
Apr. 2 <sup>nd</sup> – SAL Monthly Meeting	7:00 pm
Apr. 9 <sup>th</sup> – Post General Meeting	7:00 pm
Apr. 16 <sup>th</sup> – Marketing Committee	7:00 pm
Apr. 30 <sup>th</sup> - E.C. Meeting	7:00 pm
Karaoke - Every Thursday	7:00 PM
Bingo - Every Sunday	6:00 pm
Euchre - Every Thursday	7:00 pm

**April 4, 1949** - Twelve nations signed the [treaty](#) creating NATO, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. The nations united for common military defense against the threat of expansion of Soviet Russia into Western Europe. By 2024, 20 additional countries are now members of NATO.



### Post Updates

I hope all of you are enjoying the Ohio Spring Weather where we get all 4 Seasons sometimes in a day. It also brings a busy time for the Post with many activities going on. Our Annual Famous Lenten Fish Fry has now completed its 4<sup>th</sup> week and continues set records in meals sold with each week hitting over 200! A huge thank you to Eric Franz and Jerry Porter for organizing this huge fundraiser for the Post. I also need to thank all the volunteers who have shown up to take on the many jobs to serve those 200 dinners! We are seeing a great turnout and teamwork from set up, kitchen prep & cooking, serving, and clean up! I hope everyone has had a chance to make it down to enjoy a great fish dinner and the overall atmosphere, 3 weeks left to make it one of our most successful yet!

The That's My Brick Project has completed its 1<sup>st</sup> stage of ordering and it looks we will have enough bricks sold to fill about one third of the area around the Flagpole! This project/fundraisiner was presented by Ralph Caskey to the Marketing Committee almost a year ago and our initial goal was to sell at least 100 brick spaces. Ralph is still counting up the numbers but it looks like we have come closes to doubling that, thanks to the time and effort Ralph

has put in. He will be placing the order for the bricks April 2 for the dedication ceremony we will hold on May 10<sup>th</sup>. Prior to the ceromony the area around the Flagpole will be prepared to set the bricks and we will be ordering additional filler bricks. Be on the lookout for an email with the time of the ceremony and further details.

Our weekly events, Bingo, Karaoke Thursdays, Euchre, & Clubroom Friday Nights continue to draw crowds and provide fundraising income to the Post. These events are successful from the dedication and commitment though the volunteering of many of our members and their spouses. Coming up in May we will have our Memorial Day Servies and Bell Ceremony at the TownCenter. If you are interested in joining our Honor Guard plesae contact me or Ralph Caskey.

I hope to see everyone at the Fish Fry or another event in the upcoming weeks! Thank you to all who volunteer their time and help keep moving us forward! I am always looking for volunteers for future events.

**Kirk Minnich  
Commander Post 318**

## **Veteran Affairs**

### **Membership**

HOOYAH! HOORAH! HOOAH! Our Post hit National's 2025 quota of 177 members. We appreciate your support to the Post and to the Veterans in our community. We are the 2<sup>nd</sup> Post in the 4<sup>th</sup> District to make quota. Thanks to everyone for getting their membership dues paid.

If you haven't renewed your American Legion 2025 membership, there are a few of you, I can still process your 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](http://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/pufi](http://www.legion.org/join/pufi)

**Quota: 177**

**Paid: 178**

**Needed to reach quota: 0**

**Existing members not renewed to date: 2**

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**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander**  
**Membership Chair**  
513-545-5237 / [Kamman.rc@gmail.com](mailto: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**

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](mailto: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](mailto: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

<b>Commander</b>	Kirk Minnich	513-594-5339
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Vice:</b>	Bob Kamman	513-545-5237
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Vice:</b>	Tina Sunderhaus	513-313-1217
<b>Adjutant:</b>	Bob Carey	513-313-7369
<b>Asst. Adjutant:</b>	Dan Wolfangel	513-474-9577
<b>Finance Officer:</b>	Randy Lindsey	513-374-2099
<b>Asst. Finance Officer</b>	Joe DuBois	513-582-8477
<b>Chaplain:</b>	Rob Heberly	513-550-6601
<b>Sergeant at Arms:</b>	Ralph Caskey	513-470-6588
<b>Bingo:</b>	Ed Sears	513-474-0246
<b>Event Coordinator:</b>	Ken Knight	513-675-5234
<b>House:</b>	Kirk Minnich	
<b>Service Officer:</b>	Charlie Cleves	513-232-7767
<b>Charities Inc. Liaison:</b>	Dan Wolfangel	513-703-2287
<b>Corp. Statutory Agent:</b>	Dan Wolfangel	513-474-9577
<b>VA Volunteer Service:</b>	Jerry Porter	513-528-1557
<b>S.A.L. Advisor:</b>	Tony Capetillo	513-633-1667
<b>S.A.L. Commander:</b>	Chris Short	513-460-4560
<b>Newsletter Editors:</b>	Gary Gregorio	513-307-3824
	Bob Kamman	513-545-5237

## April Birthdays

Kevin Ackerman	Mark W. Beahr
David A. Bishop	Brian Brooks
Ralph W. Caskey	Kenneth G. Dietz
Richard Diver	Dennis C. Fehlinger
Kenneth E. Knight	Raymond Krimple
Theodore Mayer	Gerald L. Oaks
Greg Oliver	Richard D. Simpson
Charles R. Smith	

## 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 2<sup>nd</sup> VC Sunderhaus, Cdr. Minnich, or SAA

**The dedication for the “That’s My Brick Project” will be at the Post on May 10<sup>th</sup>.**

**RALPH CASKEY / SGT. At ARMS**

## 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**

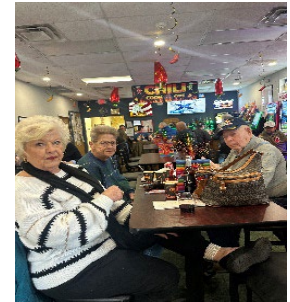
## Post 318 Member Promotion

Post 318 congratulates member Morgan Sunderhaus-Sipes, daughter of Post 318 & SAL members, Christina and Tim Sunderhaus, upon her promotion to Warrant Officer 3 during March Of 2025. US Army WO3 Sunderhaus-Sipes has been

a member of the Ohio Army National Guard for 15 years and oversees food service for the 16<sup>th</sup> Engineer Brigade in Columbus, Ohio. She deployed for 1 year with the 16<sup>th</sup> E.B. in 2020, to Kuwait, as their Unit Movement Officer. Pictured is her husband, Jeremy Sipes (Member of Post 318 & SAL), who also served 8 years in the Ohio Army National Guard's Air Defense Artillery Unit. Their 2-year-old daughter Jordan, is also pictured.



Pictured below are other Post 318 & SAL Members enjoying the Chili Cook Off.



**The Post 318 "Chili Cook Off"**

The annual Chili Cook Off took place on March 1<sup>st</sup>, with SAL members invited. The event was very well attended.

There were 9 Chili entries resulting in the following 3 winners:

- 1<sup>st</sup> place SAL member Jeff Pond
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place SAL member Chris Short
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place SAL member Tim Sunderhaus

Thank you to everyone for bringing their favorite Chili's and desserts.



Chili Winners L to R: Tim Sunderhaus 3<sup>rd</sup> place, Jeff Pond 1<sup>st</sup> Place, Chris Short 2<sup>nd</sup> place.

**POST 318 SAL WINS BIG AT DISTRICT 4 "BLUE JUG AWARD NIGHT"**

Congratulations to members of Post 318 SAL, for winning the "Blue Jug Award" for the 3<sup>rd</sup> year in a row. Post 318 SAL has won this award every year since becoming members of Post 318's SAL. The Blue Jug Award is for achieving their membership goal each year. This award was delivered by District 4, at American Legion Post 72 in Mt. Carmel.



L-R: SAL Members Steve Stuntz, Todd Sledge, Chris Short, Jeff Sunderhaus, Tim Sunderhaus

## Brad Wenstrup – Member Post 318

Brad Wenstrup was elected in 2012 to represent the people of Ohio's Second Congressional District in the United States House of Representatives. He brought experience as a doctor, Army Reserve Officer, Iraq War Veteran, and small business owner, to help Congress tackle the economic and security challenges facing the nation.

In the 118<sup>th</sup> Congress, Brad served on the House Committee on Ways and Means and the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence. He also served as Chairman of the Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Pandemic. Previously, Congressman Wenstrup spent six years on the Armed Services Committee and the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. As a member on the Ways and Means and Intelligence Committees, Brad worked to address the national health and systemic poverty issues, while strengthening our national security. He has long been a voice of support for southern Ohio's veteran community. He also served as a Co-Chair of the GOP Doctors Caucus.

A Cincinnati native, Brad graduated from Saint Xavier High School and the University of Cincinnati. He went on to earn a medical Degree in Chicago as a podiatric physician and after completing his surgical residency he established private practice in Cincinnati, treating patients for twenty-six years.

Brad served in the U.S. Army Reserve from 1998-2022, retiring with the rank of Colonel. In 2005-06, he served a tour in Iraq as a combat surgeon and was awarded a Bronze Star and Combat Action Badge for his service. In 2018, Colonel Wenstrup was awarded the Soldier's medal for Heroism. During his time in Congress, Brad fulfilled his Reserve duties by serving as the Medical Policy Advisor for the Chief of the Army Reserve, as well as seeing patients at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center in Bethesda. Brad and his wife, Monica reside in Southern Ohio with their two children



### MERITORIOUS ACHIEVEMENT AND SERVICE RECOGNITION AWARD

PRESENTED TO

**BRAD WENSTRUP**

**In recognition of your years of service to the citizens of the United States and the State of Ohio, through your Military Service In the U.S. Army, and your service in the U.S. House of Representatives, as well as through your many years of membership in the American Legion and Anderson American Legion Post 318**

**Presented By  
The American Legion  
Anderson Post 318  
July 20, 2024**



**(L-R): Dan Wolfangel Post 318 / Col. Brad Wenstrup**

### **"KARAOKE THURSDAYS"**

Post 318'S **"KARAOKE THURSDAYS"** continues to be held **every Thursday from 7:00 PM to 10:30 PM , through May 29<sup>th</sup>**. We 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 reference to the sale of beverages and concessions, plus a nightly "Split-The-Pot", and concession tips, 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](mailto: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:**

Post 318 Charities, Inc, (the primary funding source for Post 318's Veteran and Community Programs), will be conducting two **Memorial Day Poppy Program Fundraising Events in May**, for which many Post and SAL volunteers will be needed:

The Annual **"Poppy Days Program" Fundraiser at Kroger Store [Anderson Towne Center]** on the weekend prior to Memorial Day, (Friday - May 23<sup>rd</sup> / Saturday – May 24<sup>th</sup> / Sunday – May 25<sup>th</sup>). We plan to try to cover all 4 accesses to store for maximum benefit, which means we will need Post and SAL volunteers to cover a minimum of 16 two-hour shifts daily, or a minimum of a total of 48 shifts over the three day period.

We have also been requested / invited by Forest Hills School District to once again conduct the **FHSD "Poppy Challenge" Fundraising and Poppy Educational Program** in the six FHSD Elementary Schools. This will require a Post member for an approximate two hour shift at each school on Friday May 9<sup>th</sup>, or a total of 6 Post Members to distribute Memorial Poppies to each student at the six schools.

We will begin putting the two Memorial Poppy Fundraising Programs shift schedules together after April 1<sup>st</sup>. **IF YOU WANT TO SCHEDULE EARLY, FOR EITHER OR BOTH, PLEASE CONTACT DAN WOLFANGEL AT [dwacons@aol.com](mailto:dwacons@aol.com), or 513 -703-2287,**

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

### **Support Those Who Support Us**

For the past year and this upcoming year Case Lawn Care LLC has provided the Post Lawn Care and other yard services at no cost to us. There are many times businesses and organizations that provide us with services or donations at a reduced or no cost for us. Going forward I would like to highlight those businesses so you as members are aware of them. The Post is always in need of a repair and many of the businesses we use were obtained through a contact of one of our members. Bob Alfieri has developed and maintained this contact list for years. The first person to send me a text wins a fish dinner on me.

I would like to highlight these businesses which help Veterans and our American Legion to help complete our mission. If any of you are aware of or own a business which has a service, you can offer the Post and its members please send me over your information and I will add it to the list.

The FaceBook link for Case Lawn Care is listed below.



<https://www.facebook.com/share/1BE1PXZSnS/?mibextid=wwXlfr>

**Kirk Minnich  
Commander**

***Mission Statement: American Legion Post 318 is committed to the support of veterans, active-duty military, their families and the Anderson Township Community.***