



# American Legion Anderson Post 318 April 2026



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Apr. 1 <sup>st</sup>	SAL E.C. Meeting	6:30 pm
Apr. 1 <sup>st</sup>	SAL Monthly Meeting	7:30 pm
Apr. 8 <sup>th</sup>	Post General Meeting	7:00 pm
Apr. 13 <sup>th</sup>	Post 318 Auxiliary Mtg.	7:00 pm
Apr. 15 <sup>th</sup>	Marketing Committee	7:00 pm
Apr. 29 <sup>th</sup>	Post E.C. Meeting	7:00 pm
Karaoke	Every Thursday	7:00 pm
Fish Fry	Every Friday through April 3 <sup>rd</sup> 4:30 – 7:00 pm	
April 19 <sup>th</sup>	Chili Cookoff Doors Open	4:00pm

## PURPLE UP! DAY

During the [Month of the Military Child](#), Purple Up! Day on **April 15<sup>th</sup>** recognizes some of the military's most unsung heroes - their children. The day encourages everyone to wear purple representing all branches of the military and showing unity with each other. All across the country and around the world, military children play a significant role in their schools, youth organizations, and communities. When we wear purple in their honor, we let them know we support them in all branches of the military - Army, Navy, Marine, Coast Guard, Air Force, and Space Force. Whether they are a part of the military family for a short while or their entire childhood, the military child deserves to know they have the support of their community



## 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](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**

## Post Officers & Committee Chairs

<b>Commander</b>	Kirk Minnich	513-594-5339
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Vice:</b>	Morgan Sipes	513-313-2638
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Vice:</b>	Tina Sunderhaus	513-313-1217

<b>Adjutant:</b>	Bob Carey	513-313-7369
<b>Asst. Adjutant:</b>	Vacant	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>Event Coordinator:</b>	Vacant	
<b>House:</b>	Vacant	
<b>Service Officer:</b>	Charlie Cleves	513-232-7767
<b>Charities Inc. Liaison:</b>	Dan Wolfangel	513-703-2287
<b>Corp. Statutory Agent:</b>	Bob Carey	513-474-9577
<b>VA Volunteer Service:</b>	Bob Heberly	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 Editor:</b>	Gary Gregorio	513-307-3824



### CHAPLAIN'S CORNER APRIL 2026

With the recent escalation of violence in the Middle East (which almost always seems to center around the Arab countries wanting to annihilate Israel), the world now sits in awe of what is going to happen next. Now, with recent images of aluminum coffins being taken off transport planes at Andrews Air Force Base, this new Iran war is hitting home right here in the US of A. Regardless of one's support of or lack hereof, the current administration's military involvement in joint operations with Israel's military in this overarching endeavor, we as Americans who have served their country in uniform, have to embrace that it is really happening. Once again, we are going to start seeing lists of American service members who have sacrificed their lives in the pursuit of protecting freedom. Right now, these American loses are coming at a trickle, but every death is devastating to that service member's family, friends, and their unit. When things really heat up, that trickle is going to turn into a flow and will eventually touch many, many American families.

Please keep the families of these now seven US service members who have died in Iran in your thoughts and your prayers.

May our Almighty God grant them peace.

**Post 318 Chaplain Rob Heberly**

### APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Kevin A. 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	



**AMERICAN LEGION POST 318 ANDERSON TOWNSHIP FAMOUS LENTEN FISH FRY 6660 CLOUGH PIKE 4:30 PM – 7:00 PM**

### POST 318'S FAMOUS LENTEN FISH FRY

This year's Fish Fry will take place every Friday, beginning on February 20th through April 3rd, from 4:30 -7 pm. All are welcome.

Workers please report from 4:00 pm – 8:00 pm. **Volunteers Needed !!**

## \* Proposed Dues Increase \*

At the 2026 Mid-Winter Conference, the Department Executive Committee approved forwarding Resolution 26-02 to the 2026 Department Convention for consideration by the general membership. The resolution proposes a \$5.00 per capita dues increase. Rising operational costs including insurance, utilities, administrative expenses, and program support have significantly strained the department's financial resources. Despite ongoing cost-control efforts, current dues revenue is no longer sufficient to maintain existing services. Department per capita dues were last increased to \$9.00 in 2004. Since that time, membership in the American Legion Department of Ohio has declined by 73,662 members, resulting in an annual revenue loss of \$662,958. During the same period, inflation and operating costs have increased by approximately 71.58%. As a result, the Department has operated at a deficit since 2017. Over the past six years, approximately \$300,000–\$500,000 annually has been withdrawn from unrestricted investment funds to cover operating expenses. While this approach has allowed the Department to continue serving veterans, the continued reliance on these funds is not a sustainable long-term solution. Without a modest increase in membership dues, the Department will be forced to significantly reduce services and financial support at all levels. Such reductions would directly impact full-time staff support for our Legion family, veteran assistance programs, youth and community initiatives, leadership development, and advocacy efforts on behalf of veterans. The proposed \$5.00 dues increase represents a responsible and necessary step to meet our financial obligations and ensure the long-term strength and stability of The American Legion Department of Ohio. Approval of this increase reaffirms our commitment to our mission, our members, and the veterans we are proud to serve.

Please feel free to contact me with any Questions. Email: [468commander@gmail.com](mailto:468commander@gmail.com)  
Dean Boyers: Chairman, Dept. of Ohio Finance Commission

### DID YOU KNOW 02/19/26

Did you know the VA recently stopped reporting veterans to the VA Fiduciary Program for veterans who lost their 2nd Amendment right? Also, the VA is working with the FBI to remove all past VA reporting from NICS, so no veterans are unfairly deprived of their Second Amendment rights based solely on participation in VA's Fiduciary Program.

Submitted by Bob Kamman

### Take the USA 250 Challenge — Celebrate America's 250th in Action

As our nation prepares to celebrate its 250th birthday in 2026, **Anderson American Legion Post 318** is joining the call to action through the **USA 250 Challenge** — a national initiative from The American Legion that combines fitness, wellness, and service in true patriotic spirit.

Participants are encouraged to complete **250 miles or hours** between now and **July 4, 2026** in one or more of three categories:

- **Fitness** – walking, running, cycling, or other physical activity
- **Mental Wellness** – journaling, meditation, or counseling
- **Community Service** – volunteering, mentoring, or helping others

Registration is **\$30**, and proceeds support The American Legion's **Veterans & Children Foundation**, which funds programs like Temporary Financial Assistance and accredited veteran service officers.

Every registrant will receive a **performance tech shirt** moisture-wicking, comfortable, and available in multiple adult and youth sizes. It's perfect for workouts, volunteer events, or showing your Legion pride around town. Post 318 members are encouraged to **register as a team**, log their miles together, and represent our post throughout the challenge

year. We'll recognize participants at upcoming meetings and events as we build toward America's 250th birthday!

👉 **Register today and start logging your miles or hours:**

[www.legion.org/usa250](http://www.legion.org/usa250)

**Submitted by Morgan Sipes 1<sup>st</sup> V.C.**

### **“Flightless” Honor Flight Detail**

On March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026, at the Anderson Center in Anderson Township, Ohio, American Legion Post 318 participated in a “Flightless” Honor Flight Detail. Post 318 provided a full Color Guard Detail for this event. A “Flightless” Honor Flight is a heartfelt tribute for Veterans who are unable to travel to Washington D.C. due to health or mobility challenges. The attending Veterans were able to experience many of the amenities of the Honor Flight, including a video of all the displays at the Washington, D.C. location. Meals and drinks were provided to the Veterans, with a final tribute as they passed through cheering crowds of relatives and friends, and a final pass by the Post 318 Color Guard Detail.



**Submitted by Ralph Caskey Sgt. At Arms**

### **DID YOU KNOW**

Did you know President Trump recently signed into law H.R. 224 – the “Disabled Veterans Housing Support Act,” amends section 102(a)(20) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 to mandate that service-connected disability compensation be excluded when determining the income level of the individual?

### **DID YOU KNOW**

Did you know any grants received that allow a disabled veteran to make home alterations or to adapt a motor vehicle to address their disabilities are tax-exempt? So are allowances provided to replace clothing either damaged by medications or prosthetics.

### **DID YOU KNOW**

**Scam Alert!**

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is warning veterans about a new scam offering fake benefits, including monthly payments and free dental coverage.

According to the VA, the scam uses urgent language and high-pressure tactics, urging veterans to call within a limited time to claim benefits. Those who respond are then asked to provide personal and financial information, putting them at risk for identity theft.

Officials are urging veterans and their families to stay alert. If you receive one of these offers, do not call the number provided and instead discard it. Government agencies will not ask for personal information or payment through gift cards, wire transfers, cryptocurrency, or payment apps.

Experts also recommend verifying any benefits directly through the VA or official government websites.

Veterans are encouraged to monitor bank accounts and credit reports for suspicious activity. If personal information may have been compromised, consider placing a fraud alert or credit freeze.

**All Did You Know articles submitted by Bob Kamman**

**ATTEN: ALL POST 318 CHILI LOVERS**

The annual Post 318 Chili Cookoff will be held Sunday April 19<sup>th</sup> 2026 from 4:00 pm through 7:00 pm.

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 Chili for the contest.

If you are unable to bring a pot of Chili, Please bring a dessert.



**Tina Sunderhaus / 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice / Post Activities**

**POST ELECTIONS FORTHCOMING**  
**/LOOKING FOR CANDIDATES**

Each year, the Post is required to elect seven (7) Administrative Officers, which are; Post Commander; 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander; 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander; Adjutant; Finance Officer; Sergeant-at-Arms; and Chaplain. Each year at the time of elections, it is a struggle to get someone to step up to run, and were it not for some members agreeing to serve longer than they desired to, some of these elected positions would be unfilled, effecting both the efficiency of the organization, and in some cases can jeopardize the existence of the Post as several of the elected officer positions are required to remain chartered.

We will need some additional help with Officers, as some are wanting to take on other roles and step down from their time. The

outgoing officers will be around for guidance and help to all newly elected officers.

If you are interested and willing to serve as an officer of YOUR POST, please contact Charlie Cleves, Service Officer and let him know your office of interest. Candidates need to be identified at the April 8, 2026 Post General Membership Meeting, which will then be publicized to membership prior to the election which will occur at the May Post General Membership Meeting, with Installation of new officer at June Meeting, after which the new incoming officers will assume their respective duties.

There is also opportunity to serve as a non-elected "Assistant" to some of these elected positions, to become familiar with the elected officers duties, with an eye toward a future run for the elected position, through on-the-job learning experience. You can contact any of the current officer holders listed in this Post newsletter for info on their job duties.

I appreciate the service and dedication of all the existing officers and look forward to the new officers for this year. Hope to see everyone at some of the events going on this month at the Post! Cheers!

***Kirk Minnich***  
***Commander***

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