



American Legion Anderson Post 318

August 2024



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August 7th – SAL Monthly Meeting 7:00 pm
 August 14th – General Meeting 7:00 pm
 August 21st - Marketing Committee 7:00 pm
 August 28th – E.C. Meeting 7:00 pm

**No Karaoke / Summer Break / Will Resume
Thursday Sept. 19th**

Bingo – Every Sunday 6:00 pm
 Euchre – Every Thursday 7:00 pm
 * Friday Euchre has been eliminated *

PURPLE HEART DAY – AUGUST 7TH

On August 7, 1782, Gen. George Washington originated the “Badge for Military Merit”, which was issued for exceptional military service during the Revolutionary War. This Badge was only issued to 3 members of the Continental Army.

This award was all but forgotten until 1931, when Gen. Douglas MacArthur reinstated the Badge for Military Merit. In 1932, the US War Department created the “Order of the Purple Heart. This medal was presented to all members of the US Military Forces who were killed or wounded in hostile action, and also to those who were POW’s, and were badly treated while in enemy hands.

Records indicate that over 2 million Purple Hearts have been issued, 430,000 posthumously



TRIVIA QUESTION

How can we help a military service person or Veteran, who needs a place to stay, while a family member is in a military or VA hospital?

Membership

We are off to a very good 2025 membership renewal year. Your renewal notices should have arrived by the time you read this. However, you do not need to wait until you receive your notice to renew. You have several methods of renewing:

- By cash or check made out to Post 318 and either mailed or brought to the Post.
- Online by going to: [Renew \(mylegion.org\)](https://mylegion.org) You will need your Legion Member ID number which is located on any of your membership cards. If you cannot find it, please reach out to me by phone, email or text and I will give it to you.
- If you are tired of messing around with the annual dues and price increases, you can also apply to be a PUfL (Paid Up for Life) member. This is a one time fee that will be calculated when you request consideration. This can be accomplished by using the following link: [Paid Up for Life \(mylegion.org\)](https://mylegion.org) Again, you will need your Legion Member ID.

As I have mentioned previously, National voted to increase their fees by \$5 starting with the 2025 membership year and therefore our current dues are \$45. There is also a proposal by the Department of Ohio to increase their fees by \$5, which could go into effect in January of 2025 and that would make your dues payable of \$50. Out Post Constitution states that all membership dues are to be paid by Veteran’s Day and this will also help you to avoid an extra \$5 upcharge from the Department of Ohio.

Quota: 177
Goal: 185
Paid: 74 at 42% of quota
Needed to reach quota: 103
Existing members not renewed to date: 96
New members: 2 (Ken Day & John Listermann)
Deceased members: 0
Active Duty: 5 (Ken Day, John Ehemann, Ted Mayer, John Mayer & Adrienne Prem)
Transfers In: 0
Transfers Out: 0

If you ever have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me.

For God & Country
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 the 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 Resumes September 19th 7-10:30 pm.

For information, contact Asst. Adj. Dan Wolfangel at dwacons@aol.com, or call 513-703-2287

Cornhole Tournament – The SAL Squadron has organized a cornhole tournament which will be held at the Post on September 21st. \$30 per team entry fee(must be paid in advance of event), bring your partner. The boards and bags will be provided. Double elimination format. The bar and kitchen will be open to purchase your favorite beverage and snacks! Text 513.638.0507 to sign up and enter.

Veteran Affairs

ODVS Announces Sunset of Ohio Veterans Bonus. On Aug. 30, 2021 — the United States officially ceased its military involvement in Afghanistan. As a result, the Ohio Veterans Bonus program associated with the Afghanistan Conflict, which the Ohio Department of Veterans Services (ODVS) administers, is nearing its completion.

Through the support of **Ohio Governor Mike DeWine** and the State Legislature, a \$9.5 million measure was included in the state's recently enacted biennial budget in order to sustain the program, which will sunset in one year. The Office of Budget and Management (OBM) authorized that transfer to our agency.

These funds will ensure that ODVS can make a rigorous final push to pay every eligible veteran — including those who may have been denied payment because of correctable technicalities or other impediments. The money total is based on Department of Defense deployment figures and the number of applicants and payouts that already have been made to Ohio veterans.

The Ohio Veterans Bonus program offers a bonus for those who served in the U.S. Armed Forces after October 7, 2001. Once a veteran has received \$500 for service anywhere in the world or \$1,000 for service in a designated country, or the maximum \$1,500 bonus, the veteran is not eligible for additional funds, even if they served in multiple conflicts. Those service members who completed their deployments in Afghanistan and have not yet applied for the Ohio Veterans Bonus can do so up until Aug. 30, 2024.

Apply for your bonus today:
www.ohiovets.gov/veteransbonus

Charles Cleves / Service Officer
We are here for you

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Lee E. Boboltz	Adrienne Prem
Kenneth P. Bowman	Gene W. Rosek
Joseph A. DuBois	Eugene J. Sawka
John Ehemann	Edward Stegmann
James P. Gartin	Charles Stein
Kevin Gassert	Thomas J. Szanti
Wayne Hinaman	Robert L. Wheat
Robert King	Daniel F. Wolfangel
Jeffrey T. Zalar	



Post 318 Awards & Recognition Program

On July 20th at 7:00 pm, Post 318 conducted their annual Awards & Recognition Program. This involved the presentation of awards and recognition for participants in several of Post 318's student and civic programs. Also to honor 29 Post 318 members for years of continuous service to the American Legion. Also honored Firefighter and Law Enforcement Officer of the Year, 6 child/grandchild of Veteran's Scholarships, 1 child/grandchild Veteran's Scholarship from Post 318 SAL. Also, numerous Boy's & Girl's State Attendees. Ohio Senator Steve Wilson of the Ohio Veteran's Honor Program recognized and honored our annual Post 318 deceased members.

Dan Wolfangel – Post 318 Awards Program Coordinator



Post Activities

On August 30st the Post will be hosting an Ice Cream Social in the Clubroom starting at 6pm. The Post will provide the ice crame, cones and bowls. We ask you to bring your favortie topping or sweet treat to share. Please RSVP to Tina Sunderhaus at 513-313-1217 or Kirk Minnich 513-594-5339 with how many will be attending and what you will bring.

On September 28th the Post will be hosting a dance, Return of the "Wild Rice" featuring live music by the new line up of Wild Rice! Tickets are on sale via Eventbright online or to reserve a table contact Kirk Minnich at 513-594-5339 or kirk.minnich@gmail.com.

Kirk Minnich / Post Commander

TRIVIA ANSWER

Fisher House Foundation provides free housing in a 16 suite home in Cincinnati. We can contribute to this cause. Visit fisherhouse.org. Your Anderson Post 318, regularly supports Fisher House.

BOB CAREY / POST ADJUTANT / TRIVIA MASTER

Post 318 Installation of Officers

On June 12, 2024, American Legion Post 318 conducted an Installation of Officers Ceremony, during the Post 318 General Membership Meeting. Conducting the Installation was Legionnaire Don Chandler of American Legion Post 450. The elected officers assumed their duties, directly after their installation. The elected officers are as follows: (L to R) Rob Heberly - Chaplain, Bob Carey - Adjutant, Bob Kamman - 1st VC, Randy Lindsey - Finance Officer, Lee Stegmann –

Outgoing Cdr., Kirk Minnich – Post Cdr. Ralph Caskey – Sgt. At Arms (absent), Christina Sunderhaus – 2nd VC, (absent), Charles Cleves – Service Officer (absent)



Anderson Township Independence Day Parade

The annual Anderson Township Independence Day Parade, was held on July 4, 2024. The spectator turnout was, as usual to say the least, overwhelming. People of all ages lined Beechmont Ave, waving flags, calling out “thank you”, and showing other signs of patriotic support. As every year, American Legion Post 318 was a participating entry, with 29 members of American Legion Post 318, and 10 members of American Legion Post 318 Son’s of the Legion participating.

Post 318 wants to send out a big “THANK YOU” to members of the Anderson Township Maintenance Dept., and Anderson Township Fire Dept. for their cooperation in supplying the trailer, vehicle, and driver, which our members rode upon in the parade.



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
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