



American Legion Anderson Post 318

February 2026



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Feb. 4 th	SAL E.C. Meeting	6:30 pm
Feb. 4 th	SAL Monthly Meeting	7:30 pm
Feb. 9 th	Post 318 Auxiliary	7:00 pm
Feb. 11 th	Post General Meeting	7:00 pm
Feb. 18 th	Marketing Committee	7:00 pm
Feb. 25 th	E.C. Meeting	7:00 pm
Karaoke	Every Thursday	7:00 pm
Feb. 14 th	Valentine's Day Dance	7:30 pm
Feb. 20 th	Fish Fry Begins through April 3 rd	4:30 – 7:00 PM

The Battle for Iwo Jima

The iconic flag raising, by six Marines serving in the [5th Marine Division](#), occurred in the early afternoon on February 23, 1945, after the mountaintop had been captured and a smaller flag had been raised earlier that morning. Three of the six Marines in the photograph—Sergeant [Michael Strank](#), Corporal [Harlon Block](#), and Private First Class [Franklin Sousley](#)—would be killed in action during the battle; Block was identified as Sergeant [Hank Hansen](#) until January 1947 and Sousley was identified as [PhM2c. John Bradley](#), USN, until June 2016.^[1] The other three Marines in the photograph were Corporals (then Privates First Class) [Ira Hayes](#), [Harold Schultz](#), and [Harold Keller](#); Schultz was identified as Sousley until June 2016^[1] and Keller was identified as [Rene Gagnon](#) until October 2019.



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!

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

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
Event Coordinator:	Ken Knight	513-675-5234
House:	Vacant	
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 Editor:	Gary Gregorio	513-307-3824

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Richard S. Brusman	Steven J. Dillenburg
Lewis Ivanovich	Dennas Sakal
Edwin M. Sears	John J. Smith
Caden B. Wagner	Robert B. Williams

DID YOU KNOW

5 Places Offering Free Wills or Trusts for Veterans

Find out the various places that offer free wills or trusts specifically for Veterans. These resources are designed to make end-of-life planning easier, no matter your experience levels.

1. U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

VA's Veterans Benefits Administration makes financial planning and online will preparation services available at no cost to beneficiaries of service members' group life insurance, traumatic injury protection, family service members' group life insurance and Veterans' group life insurance.

VA also offers free legal service clinics at VA centers throughout the country. You can also contact your local VA department directly or talk to an outreach specialist at a VA Medical Center.

In addition, VA offers the Advance Care Planning via Group Visits (ACP-GV) Program to engage Veterans, their families and caregivers in advance care planning by facilitating a group discussion. The discussion elicits personal experiences and encourages participants to identify a "next step" to take in the process of planning for health care needs.

2. Military Pro Bono Project

The Military Pro Bono Project is managed by the ABA Standing Committee on Legal Assistance for Military Personnel (LAMP). They accept case referrals on behalf of active duty military personnel. All guidance from attorneys is offered pro bono, or for free.

3. Protect Our Defenders

For those who have faced discrimination or harassment in the military, Protect Our Defenders offers free legal services, guidance and aid. Protect Our Defenders helps people of all backgrounds with a variety of different needs, and it's free to reach out for assistance.

4. American Bar Association Veterans Legal Services

The American Bar Association is the federal program that approves lawyers, and they created a program specifically for Veterans to help with a wide range of legal issues. Attorneys from all states volunteer with the ABA to offer legal services for Veterans free of charge.

5. National Veterans Legal Services Program

The National Veterans Legal Services Program (NVLSP) has worked since 1981 to ensure that the government offers assistance to the nation's 22 million Veterans. Through individual representation, the NVLSP offers attorney services free of charge for those who qualify. There are also free mentorship and training opportunities for Veterans around legal issues.

Submitted by Robert Kamman

The "Immortal Chaplains" of the SS Dorchester of WWII

These were four [chaplains](#) who died rescuing civilian and military personnel as the American

troop ship [SS Dorchester](#) sank on February 3, 1943, in what has been referred to as one of the worst sea disasters of [World War II](#). The *Dorchester*, a civilian liner, had been converted for military service in World War II as a troop transport. The ship left New York on January 23, 1943, in route to Greenland, carrying approximately 900 as part of a convoy of three ships escorted by Coast Guard Cutters *Tampa*, *Escanaba*, and *Comanche*.^[2] During the early morning hours of February 3, the vessel was torpedoed by the German Submarine U-223, off Newfoundland in the North Atlantic.^[3] The chaplains helped the other soldiers board lifeboats and gave up their own life jackets when the supply ran out.^[4] The chaplains joined arms, said prayers, and sang hymns as they went down with the ship. Each of the four chaplains was posthumously awarded the [Distinguished Service Cross](#) and the [Purple Heart](#).^[5] The chaplains were nominated for the [Medal of Honor](#), but were ineligible as they had not engaged in combat with the enemy. Instead, Congress created a medal for them, with the same weight and importance as the Medal of Honor.



Lt. John P. Washington



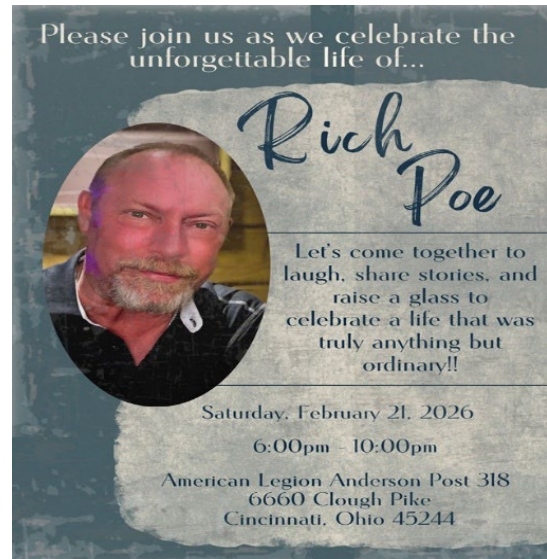
Lt. Alexander D. Goode



Lt. George L. Fox



Lt. Clark V. Poling



Richard Roe, a member of American Legion Post 318 Son's of the Legion

MARK YOUR CALENDAR & REGISTER EARLY TO GET \$2,500.00

Poker at The Post (318)

Get ready for an exciting night of cards, competition, and community support!

Saturday, February 28, 2026

Live Poker Sessions: 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM (warm up before the tournament!)

Poker Tournament Start: 5:00 PM

Tournament registration must be completed before 5:00 PM on February 28th

Early Registration Bonus!

Register on or before February 21st → receive \$2,500 in chips

Register after February 21st → receive \$2,000 in chips

Register here:

Poker Tournament at the Post Tickets, Sat, Feb 28, 2026 at 4:00 PM | Eventbrite

Poker Tournament at the Post

Date: Feb 28 • 4:00 pm

Location: 6660 Clough Pike, Cincinnati, OH 45244

<https://www.eventbrite.com/.../poker-tournament-at-the...>

Food & Drinks

Full cash bar available

Food available for purchase

ATM available onsite

Important Details:

Must be 21 years of age with valid ID to play
Self-dealing tournament

Rebuys available

Top 10 finishers will receive a percentage of
the purse

Proceeds benefit:

Post 318 Son's Squadron & Anderson
Firefighters Charitable Foundation

Grab a seat, shuffle up, and play for a great
cause!



Introducing the American Legion Auxiliary – Post 318

My name is **Mandy Storck**, and I am honored
to serve as the newly elected **Commander of
the American Legion Auxiliary for Post 318**.

We are excited to announce the formation of
our **new Auxiliary**, which proudly begins with
12 charter members. Our Auxiliary is eager to
support **American Legion Post 318 and the
Sons of the American Legion (SAL)** as we
work together to serve our community and
assist local charitable organizations.

Auxiliary meetings are held on the **second
Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at
American Legion Post 318
6660 Clough Pike**

We are actively welcoming **new members** to
join our growing Auxiliary. Eligibility is simple:
You may join if your **mother, father,
grandmother, grandfather, or spouse
served in the U.S. military**. Proof of service is
required, along with a completed application.
Annual membership dues are **\$35.00**.

We look forward to building a strong Auxiliary
presence and working alongside our Post and
SAL members in service to veterans, our
community, and worthwhile causes.

If you have any questions or would like more
information, please feel free to contact me at:

✉ post318auxiliary@gmail.com



**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 !!**

