



American Legion Anderson Post 318 JUNE 2026



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 3rd	SAL E.C. Meeting	6:30 pm
June 3rd	SAL Monthly Meeting	7:30 pm
June 8th	Post 318 Auxiliary Mtg.	7:00 pm
June 10 th	Post 318 General Mtg.	7:00 pm
June 17 th	Marketing Committee	7:00 pm
June 24 th	Post E.C. Meeting	7:00 pm

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!

June 6, 1944 - D-Day: The largest amphibious landing in history, began in the early-morning hours as Allied forces landed in Normandy on the northern coast of France. Operation Overlord took months of planning and involved 1,527,000 soldiers in 47 Allied divisions along with 4,400 ships and landing craft, and 11,000 aircraft. The Germans had about 60 divisions spread along France and the Low Countries. American forces landed on two western beaches, Utah and Omaha, while British and Canadian troops landed farther east on Gold, Juno and Sword beaches. By the end of the day 150,000 Allied soldiers and their accompanying vehicles had landed with 15,000 killed and wounded.



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:	Vacant	
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
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S.A.L. Advisor:	Tony Capetillo	513-633-1667
S.A.L. Commander:	Chris Short	513-460-4560
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JUNE BIRTHDAYS

John H. Bothwell Jr.	Brian L. Charlton
James F. Clark	Robert J. Heberly
Paul G. Henkel	Perry Hixson
Leo Honebrink	Eugene C. Johnston Jr.
Jeffrey S. Jones	Lance E. Larsen
John P. Listermann	Harold Stringer
Brad Wenstrup	

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

Submitted by Morgan Sipes 1st V.C.

HAPPY 251st BIRTHDAY – U.S. ARMY



Since its official establishment, June 14, 1775, more than a year before the Declaration of Independence — the U.S. Army has played a vital role in the growth and development of the American nation. Drawing on both long-standing militia traditions and recently introduced professional standards, it won the new republic's independence in an arduous eight-year struggle against Great Britain. At times, the Army provided the lone symbol of nationhood around which patriots rallied. "Since 1775, American Soldiers have represented the very best of our nation," said Secretary of the Army, Honorable Dan P. Driscoll. "They embody courage, sacrifice, and strength. American Soldiers have fought against any who might threaten our country. They are the most lethal land fighting force the world has ever seen. The U.S. Army has upheld this legacy for 250 years, and we will carry this legacy into the future."

DID YOU KNOW 4/27/26

- U.S. Customs searched 55,318 devices in 2025, up 32% in two years. January 2026: Authority expanded to include smartwatches, SIM cards and car infotainment systems.
- No warrant required under long-standing border search authority.
- One action protects you. Most travelers don't know their rights.

A customs officer pulls you aside, asks for your phone and starts scrolling through your photos, your texts, your emails. No warrant. No stated reason. No suspicion of any crime. You can't stop him, either. This is completely legal, and it's getting more common. Here's something no one tells you.

No, this isn't random. Border agents can search your devices without a warrant, without suspicion and without explanation. There are two kinds of searches.

Basic: An agent manually scrolls through your phone. They can read texts, look at photos, check your apps and review your emails there at the counter.

Advanced: They connect your device to forensic software that extracts everything on your phone, including texts, email, photos, videos, deleted files, cached data, app usage history, location logs and passwords. That happened to 4,396 travelers in 2025.

It's not limited to your phone. Agents can search your smartwatch, SIM card, flash drives, GPS devices and even your car's infotainment system. If it stores data and you crossed a U.S. border, it's fair game.

Device searches have jumped 32% in two years, from 41,767 in 2023 to 55,318 in 2025. The EFF and ACLU filed a brief in the Third Circuit in March 2026 arguing a warrant should be required. No ruling yet.

Do this before going through customs. Power your phone completely off before you reach the customs area. Not sleep mode. All the way off. Here's why. A phone that's fully powered down requires your PIN or password to unlock. Face ID and Touch ID won't work until after that first unlock. That's the whole point. Border agents can legally demand your fingerprint or your face scan. They cannot legally compel you to hand over your passcode. A powered-off phone forces the password situation. You can refuse. They may seize your device, but they cannot make you give up the code.

If you travel with sensitive work files, client data or anything you'd rather keep private, think about carrying a dedicated travel phone. Load only what you need for the trip. If you travel with sensitive work files, client data or anything you'd rather keep private, think about carrying a dedicated travel phone. Load only what you need for the trip.

Your phone holds your entire life. Know your rights before you land. This applies specially to U.S. Customs. Foreign customs, depending on the country, can be even more aggressive. So, if you don't want your life shared with the world, think about what you take with you. IE in Brazil, I was challenged as to what I had in my phone and computer; somewhat, because I was entering with a business visa.

Submitted by Robert Kamman



On April 19th, the annual **Post 318 Chili Cookoff** was held. This event was well attended by participants who submitted their Chili Recipes, as well as Post 318 members, SAL members, Post 318 Auxiliary members, and the general public.

After the voting was in, the following Chili Recipe results were announced:

1st Place - Tim Sunderhaus (SAL)
2nd Place - June Van Dyke (friend of the Legion)
3rd Place - Jeff Pond (SAL)

A good time was enjoyed by all those attending.

We would like to thank our Post 318 Auxiliary for assisting with set up, tear down and bartending this event. Hope to see everyone next year.

Submitted by Tina Sunderhaus / 2nd V.C. Post 318

BETHEL AMERICAN LEGION POST 406

34th ANNUAL CAR SHOW

JULY 25th 2026

Open to all vehicles Cars / Trucks / Motorcycles / Golf Carts

(Rain Date August 1st 2026)

Awards – Door Prizes – Split the Pot – Music – Food – Drinks

Dash Plaques to first 150 entries



Top 20 (1989-Older)

Top 5 Bikes

Top 20 (1990-Newer)

Top 5 Golf Carts

Plus CHOICE AWARDS and BEST OF SHOW

\$20 entry / registration 9am-1pm / awards@3pm / free spectator admission

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For God and Country
Jerry E Perry
American Legion
4th District of Ohio
Adjutant

Subject: Women Veterans Memorial in Eden Park

Hi Jerry,

Last week I attended a special event in Batavia concerning the Women Veterans Memorial in Eden Park. It was originally placed by the Colonial Dames in Eden Park in 1985. It was the first memorial to women veterans in the Country!

Over the years the memorial was forgotten. It was discovered by a couple Vietnam vets who were visiting their memorial in Eden Park a couple years ago.

The Colonial Dames are in the process of having a new memorial built. The attached flyer gives all the details. The representative from the Colonial Dames said they will have a special ceremony there on Veterans Day. **They are hoping the memorial will be completed by June 12, 2027 for Women Veterans Day.**

Would the District be willing to send this out to all Posts? I think the ladies would be very interested. Some of the men might be too.

Thanks for your help. Enjoy your Sunday.

Peg

DID YOU KNOW :

Did you know a pilot program being conducted by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) will use a private contractor and the Internet to speed claims decisions and cut down the time it takes to receive healthcare records from private physicians? VA officials said the pilot aims to validate initial estimates that a specialized contract can yield records required to process Veterans' disability compensation claims in seven to 10 days instead of VA's average 40 days. The pilot is expected to involve about 60,000 records requests among regional benefits offices in Phoenix; New York City; St. Louis; Portland, Oregon; Chicago; Anchorage, Alaska; Indianapolis, and Jackson,

Mississippi. VA officials said at the conclusion of the pilot they will decide whether to cancel, modify or expand any changes in procedures nationwide.

Submitted by Robert Kamman

ANNUAL JULY 4th PARADE DETAILS

Details for the annual Anderson Township 4th of July Parade. Flatbed riders will need to muster behind the Fire Station on Beechmont Ave., no later than 0930 hrs.

Cars, Color Guard, banner carriers, and big flag carriers need to be across the street from Dunkin Donuts, on the side street as we have in the past.

Members need to arrange for their drop off and pick up. Dress this year, red, white, and blue for the 250th celebration. Signup sheets and details will be available at the June Post Meeting.

On Monday, May 25, 2026, American Legion Post 318's Honor Guard/Color Guard conducted its long-standing practice of rendering Military Honors to 33 former members of Post 318, at 9 local cemeteries. This detail included the customary Rifle Salute, followed by the playing of Taps. At 12:00 pm the customary Bell Ceremony at the Anderson Township Center was held. Flags were lowered to half-staff, while Post 318 member Walt Geil rang the Ceremonial Bell as the names were read of local deceased Veterans. Our Guest Speaker was Col. John Detling US Army. Post 318 Honor Guard delivered the ceremonial Rifle Salute, followed by placing the Memorial Wreath at the Veteran's Memorial, the playing of Taps, and a bagpipe rendition of Amazing Grace.

