



American Legion  
Anderson Post 318  
MAY 2026



**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

May 6 <sup>st</sup>	SAL E.C. Meeting	6:30 pm
May 6 <sup>st</sup>	SAL Monthly Meeting	7:30 pm
May 11 <sup>th</sup>	Post 318 Auxiliary Mtg.	7:00 pm
Apr 13 <sup>th</sup>	Post 318 General Mtg.	7:00 pm
May 20 <sup>th</sup>	Marketing Committee	7:00 pm
May 27 <sup>th</sup>	Post E.C. Meeting	7:00 pm
Karaoke	Every Thursday	7:00 pm
	<b>Last Karaoke of Season – May 21<sup>st</sup></b>	7:00 pm

**National Military Appreciation Month** is a month long observance in the United States, dedicated to people who are currently serving in, and veterans of, the United States military. Each year, the observance runs from May 1 to May 31.

**History of Memorial Day:** On May 30, 1868, Cdr. John Logan of the Grand Army of the Republic, declared “Decoration Day” in honor of Union Soldiers who died in the Civil War. By 1890, every state in the Union adopted Decoration Day and it’s purpose. The World Wars changed this, and now recognizes all members of the U.S. Military who died during these wars. In 1971, Congress declared Decoration Day to be “Memorial Day”, to be observed on the last Monday of May, every year, to honor members of the U.S Military, who died in the service of our country.

**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

### MAY BIRTHDAYS

Michael Bursk	Antonio J. Capetillo
Robert P. Carey	Douglas M. Earhart
Charles J. Foerster	Danny L. Garrett
Curtis Grant	Michael Gregorio
Kirk Minnich	

### 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.**

### WHY WE DON’T WALK BETWEEN THE COLORS - AUTHOR UNKNOWN



Between these flags that proudly fly,  
 Let no man dare to stand.  
 For here our fallen comrades lie,  
 A symbol yes, but mark it well.  
 Here let us ever humbly pause  
 In memory of the lads who fell  
 In fighting for our sacred cause.  
 On sea or land these buddies died.  
 Some lie beneath a foreign soil  
 In graves caressed by winds and tide.  
 In spots unknown to all but God,  
 And so this place is hallowed ground  
 And shall be forever blessed.  
 And though it were a grassy mound  
 Beneath which gallant heroes rest.  
 Be ever watchful, legionnaire  
 Of those two flags which signify  
 That we should guard this spot with care  
 Where our departed comrades lie.  
 And if a man should dare to tread  
 This spot where lie our gallant brave.  
 He desecrates those noble dead  
 As though he walked upon their grave.

**Submitted By Post 318 CDR Kirk Minnich**

### DID YOU KNOW

Did you know according to the National Coalition for Homeless Veterans, 13% of the homeless population are veterans? Roughly 40,000 veterans are on the streets in America on any given night, which is actually a considerable improvement over the last decade. However, even one is too many! We have a

long way to go to improve the life of our brothers and sisters in Arms.

**Submitted by Bob Kamman**

**DID YOU KNOW**

Did you know the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Health and Benefits mobile app enables veterans to send secure messages to health care providers, view upcoming appointments, view claims and appeals status, upload documentation, locate VA facilities, download veteran benefits letters to prove veteran status, and more? Veterans can also login using fingerprint or face ID. VA Health and Benefits app is available via the Apple App Store or Google Play Store.

**Submitted by Bob Kamman**



**Warrior Ridge / Reconnecting Warriors**

**PURPOSE:** Warrior Ridge was born from a spark—a simple bonfire and a powerful idea. Our founder, Landon Bentley, began hosting “Bonfires with Bentley” to bring people together. He grew up with a deeply rooted belief: take care of your own. But for many warriors, even the closest bonds forged in the fire of service begin to fade when they come home.

At Warrior Ridge, we’re here to change that. We create a safe and welcoming space where warriors can reconnect with the people who truly understand them—the brothers and sisters who stood by their side in the toughest moments.

Through our reconnection retreats, we help rebuild those unshakable bonds and remind them they’re never alone.

Our mission is simple but deeply meaningful: to send warriors home feeling recharged, supported, and deeply connected to the family they found in service. These connections aren’t just friendships—they’re lifelines. They’re a reminder that no matter how far apart life takes us we’re still in this together.

for further Information contact  
**(833-377-4789) warriorridge.org**  
**10089 KY 59 Vanceburg KY 41179**



On April 7, 2026 MSG. John Listerman USA (Ret), and his daughter MSG. Christina Sunderhaus (Ret), participated in the Honor Flight to Washington D.C. Listerman and Sunderhaus are members of American Legion Post 318. Sgt. Sunderhaus is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander of the Post.

MSG Sunderhaus stated that the Cincinnati Honor Flight did an exceptional job with planning, organizing, and implementing the perfect plan for our Veterans. There was nothing they didn't think of to make the trip manageable and safe.

**Picture submitted by Ralph Caskey Post 318 SAA**

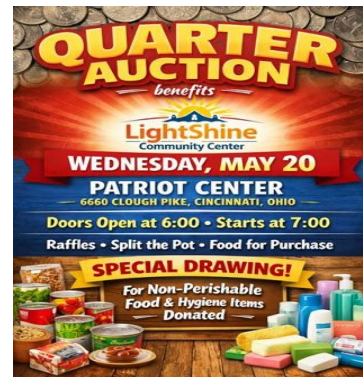
**May Schedule of Events & Activities**

**CLUBROOM**

- Friday 5/1 The Rosebud Trio 8:00 pm
- Friday 5/8 Evening with Dave Lewis 8:30 pm
- Friday 5/22 Entertainment with Billy Brown

**HALL ROOM**

Wednesday 5/20 Light & Shine Charity Group  
Quarter Auction



Thursday 5/21 **Final Karaoke of Season** 7:00  
pm

Monday 5/25 Memorial Day Ceremony:  
Breakfast 7:45 am at Post

Cemetery Honor Guard  
Muster at Anderson Ctr 0845

Bell Ceremony Anderson Ctr  
Flagpole 12:00 pm

Friday/Saturday 5/29-30 - Anderson Township  
Fire Dept. Fireman's Festival, Belterra Park  
Casino.

Post 318 will have a booth to promote our  
Post, Sons of the Legion, and Post Auxiliary.  
Stop by and Say hello!

**Submitted by Christina Sunderhaus, Post  
318 V.C.**