



American Legion Anderson Post 318 November 2025



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Nov. 5 th – SAL E.C. Meeting	6:30 pm
Nov. 5 th – SAL Monthly Meeting	7:30 pm
Nov. 12 th – Post General Meeting	7:00 pm
Nov. 19 th – Marketing Committee	7:00 pm
Nov. 26 th - E.C. Meeting	7:00 pm
Karaoke – Every Thursday	7:00 pm
Dec 13 th -Post Christmas Party	5:00 pm

VETERAN'S DAY – NOVEMBER 11TH

Veteran's Day originated as "Armistice Day" on November 11, 1919, the first anniversary of the end of World War I. It was the 11th hour, of the 11th day, of the 11th month. Congress passed a resolution in 1926 for an annual observance, and November 11 became a national holiday beginning in 1938. Unlike Memorial Day, Veteran's Day pays tribute to all American Veterans, living or dead, but especially gives thanks to living Veterans who served their country honorably during war or peacetime.



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
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Event Coordinator:	Ken Knight	513-675-5234

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Charities Inc. Liaison:	Dan Wolfangel	513-703-2287
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NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Robert L. Alfieri	Rebecca Bursk
William H. Cole Jr.	Darrel G. Everman
Stephan R. Feagins	Donald P. Fechner
Dean Goering	Curt Hartman
Stephen Hillman	Michael Mannarino
James K. Marshall	James J. Mayer
Edward J. Schmerber	Craig Smith
Thomas A. Thornton	Gregory S. Troy
Roger J. Waldeck	Anthony Woeber

HAPPY 250TH BIRTHDAY – US MARINE CORP

On November 10, 1775, in the dimly lit confines of Tun Tavern in Philadelphia, the Continental Congress gave birth to what would become the mightiest fighting force the world has ever known – the United States Marine Corps. That fateful day marked the beginning of an unbroken chain of valor and sacrifice that continues to this day, as each generation of Marines adds its own chapter to our Corps' illustrious history.



American Legion Post 318 will be having our cake ceremony on Monday, November 10th, 2025 at 7:00 pm or (1900). All post members are invited to watch our Marine Veteran's hold this ceremony and enjoy some cake after! Hope to see you all there!

The Marine Corps birthday cake is a key part of the annual [Marine Corps Birthday Ball](#), which is a formal ceremony held on November

10th. The cake-cutting ceremony, which has been a tradition since the 1930s and was formalized in 1952, symbolizes the passing of tradition from the oldest to the youngest Marine.

How it started

- **Early traditions:** The first known cake cutting ceremony was held in 1937 at Marine Barracks, Washington, D.C., featuring a cake shaped like the historic Tun Tavern, the birthplace of the Corps.
- **Formalization:** The ceremony was officially formalized in 1952 by Commandant Lemuel C. Shepherd, Jr., who provided a standardized outline for the cake ceremony.
- **Official recognition:** The cake cutting ceremony was added to the Marine Drill Manual in 1956.

The ceremony's significance

- **The first slice:** The first piece of cake is traditionally given to the Guest of Honor.
 - **The oldest and youngest:** The second piece is given to the oldest Marine present, who then passes it to the youngest Marine present, symbolizing the passing of experience and tradition from one generation to the next.
 - **The sword:** The cake is traditionally cut with the Mameluke sword, a reminder of the Corps' warrior tradition.
 - The USMC celebrates 246 years of service to its nation - [Marines.mil](#)
- Nov 9, 2021 – While the first cake ceremony is unknown, the first on record took place at Marine Barracks, Washington, D.C., in 1937.**

Calling All Vets!

Tuesday November 11th. Annual Veterans Day Dinner!

The American Legion Post 318 in Anderson Township (located at 6600 Clough Pike) opens its doors for a free Veterans Day Dinner on **Tuesday, Nov. 11.**

Sponsored by the Anderson Township Veterans Memorial Committee, the evening includes a complimentary dinner for Anderson Township's veterans and their guests. The evening begins with a cash bar between 5 and 6 p.m. and dinner is served at 6 p.m. Entertainment follows the dinner. One of our Karaoke DJ's (Beth), will play background music during dinner, afterwards, she will provide a "sing along" for entertainment. The Patriot Center is owned and operated by American Legion Post 318. Reservations for the Veterans Day Dinner are first-come, first-served up to 200 attendees.

RSVP by reaching out to Anderson Township at 513.688.8443 or email Michelle LeGault at mlegault@andersontownshipoh.gov. In your email, please include your name and the number of guests you intend to bring with you.

Robert Kamman / Post Web Master

Addendum to Annual Veterans Day Dinner

****American Legion Post 318 has asked that attendees please bring a personal hygiene item, which will be donated to the Joseph House to help homeless veterans. Those donating will be eligible for door prizes.**



**Submitted by Christina Sunderhaus
Post 318 2nd V.C.**

Spotlight Member of the Month – Ed Sears

This month, American Legion Post 318 proudly shines the spotlight on longtime member Ed Sears — a dedicated Veteran, loyal Legionnaire, and all-around great guy who has been part of our Post family for 34 years. Ed served in the United States Air Force for four years, achieving the rank of E-4. His service took him to several locations including Wright-Patterson SAC, Utapao Air Force Base in Thailand, and Little Rock Air Force Base, with a six-week TDY to Howard AFB in Panama. As an Air Frame Repairman/Specialist, Ed's work was hands-on and essential — performing sheet metal and fiberglass repairs on aircraft, forming replacement tubing, and making cables to replace broken ones. His favorite memory from his service days? Spending time at the NCO Club, where camaraderie and good times were always part of the experience. A Cincinnati native and 1968 graduate of Amelia High School, Ed's roots run deep in our community. His parents once owned a carryout and lawn mower business where the Olive Garden now stands on Beechmont Avenue — a well-remembered local spot for many years. In civilian life, Ed brought the same dedication to his Legion service, holding several key positions over the years including House Manager, Post shopper, and Bingo Manager for more than 10 years. He is credited for keeping the Legion and Charities, Inc. well-funded through the successful Bingo program he managed — a contribution that continues to benefit the Post and community to this day. These days, Ed enjoys retirement life with his wife Carolyn, spending his time wood working, playing golf, and watching documentaries. He's a fan of cheeseburgers, the colors red and blue, and fondly remembers his travels to Pattaya Beach, Thailand, as one of his favorite destinations. When asked about memories that stand out, Ed recalls exactly where he was when Neil Armstrong landed on the moon — in a house on the west side of town, watching history unfold and in one unforgettable (and slightly nerve-racking) memory from his service, he remembers being in a B-52 near Bombay on a work order and seeing a man in

a hangar tapping on a nuclear bomb with a ball-peen hammer! Luckily, it ended safely — and makes for quite the story today. We're proud to honor Ed Sears this month for his dedicated service to both his country and Post318. Thank you, Ed, for your years of commitment, craftsmanship, and camaraderie!



**Submitted by Christina Sunderhaus
2nd V.C. Post 318**

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

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.

DID YOU KNOW ?

Did you know **during the month of November 2025**, the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) is offering members of the U.S. military a 30% discount off camping reservations, getaway rentals, state-operated cabins, or resort lodge stays?

The discount from **ODNR, in cooperation with U.S. Hotels, applies to both active duty and veterans.**

Submitted by Bob Kamman / Post Web Master

Post 318 Oktoberfest Celebration

On Saturday, October 18th, American Legion Post 318 and SONS Squadron 318 hosted a fun-filled Oktoberfest party at the Post. The event brought together members, families, and friends for an evening of great food, festive decorations, lively music, and plenty of laughter. The clubroom looked amazing thanks to the fall and Oktoberfest-themed decorations, and the atmosphere was full of camaraderie and good cheer. Guests enjoyed catching up with one another, sharing stories, and even joining in on the classic Chicken Dance, which had everyone smiling! A huge thank you goes out to Post member John and his wife Joselyn Sanger for their help transitioning from Oktoberfest to other clubroom activities later in the evening — your efforts kept the night running smoothly. Another big thank you to SONS Second Vice Tim Sunderhaus for the

delicious food and festive decorating — your hard work truly made the evening a success.



Submitted by Christina Sunderhaus
2nd V.C. Post 318

🎃 Halloween Monster Bash a Spooktacular Success! 🎃

American Legion Post 318 was alive with ghouls, goblins, and great music on Saturday, October 25th, for our annual Halloween Monster Bash! The **Cincy Rockers** rocked the night away, keeping the dance floor packed with costumed partygoers showing off their best moves.

The **costume contest** drew a *record number of participants* this year, making it quite the challenge for our judges to narrow it down to just four winners!

- 🏆 **1st Place:** One of our newest Post members **Mike Giordano** and his girlfriend **Tammy Asterino**, dressed as Jeff and Mrs. Bezos.
- 🏆 **2nd Place:** **Susan Caskey**, wife of Post member Ralph Caskey, as the Grammar Police.
- 🏆 **3rd Place:** Guests of the Cincy Rockers dressed as Good and Evil.
- 🏆 **4th Place:** Another Cincy Rocker guest as the creative Stick Person!

As the judges deliberated, the crowd danced along to the *Monster Mash* and showed off some serious dance floor talent!

Our own Charlie Cleeves the Bomber won the 50/50 raffle walking away with \$70.00 in cold hard cash!

A huge **thank you** to **SAL member Tim Sunderhaus**, who once again transformed our hall into a festive Halloween wonderland. Additional thanks to **1st Vice Commander Morgan Sipes** and spouse **SAL/Post member Jeremy Sipes**, along with **Post/SAL member Vince Sunderhaus**, for keeping the bar running smoothly throughout the night. And a special shoutout to **Mandy Storck** (daughter of Tina and Tim) for handling registration and helping guests get settled in for a frightfully fun evening!

The night was filled with laughter, music, and community spirit—everything a Post 318 event should be.

Mark your calendars for our **next big event** — the **Post 318 Christmas Party on Saturday, December 13th**, beginning at 5:00 PM. We can't wait to celebrate the holiday season with all of you!





November Notes

As you can see October was filled with a lot of activities and happenings down at the Post! I hope each of you were able to participate in at least one of the events.

November will continue to bring more events for you to attend. The Annual Veterans Day Dinner sponsored and provided by the Anderson Township Veterans Memorial Committee will take place on Veterans Day. You must call for reservations for your party (see the number listed above). Get your reservations in due to seating being limited to 200 people, it is a nice evening with a great dinner!

Veterans Day also has many opportunities throughout Cincinnati where organizations and local businesses show their support for Veterans by offering discounts or free services

and meals. Check out links for 365 Cincinnati or Hamilton County Recorder's Office (a great source which shows offers available throughout the year).

<https://365cincinnati.com/veterans-day-celebrations-in-cincinnati/>

https://recordersoffice.hamilton-co.org/additional_services/military_discounts.html

Our Sgt of Arms, Ralph Caskey with members of our Color Guard will also be busy with many events throughout the Community.

On Nov 6th the Color Guard will be at IHM Church to lead the students in a parade from the church to the Reception Center starting at 845am. Monday, Nov 10th there is a concert at Wilson Elementary, 1st concert at 2:05pm and 2nd concert at 2:40pm. On Veterans Day, at 11am till noon the Color Guard will be at the YMCA the Flagpole. Ralph has volunteers for all these events, but we are always looking for additional volunteers for the Color Guard. Now is a great time to join and get uniform ready for upcoming events in the Spring. We will definitely need more people for our Memorial Day events. Reach out to me for more details.

I hope to see all of you at the Veterans Day Dinner at the Post.

"Honoring the sacrifices many have made for our country in the name of freedom and democracy is the very foundation of Veterans Day." — Charles B. Rangel

Thank you for all for your sacrifice

Kirk Minnich
Commander Post 318