



American Legion Anderson Post 318

September 2025



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sept. 3rd – SAL E.C. Meeting 6:30 pm

Sept. 3rd – SAL Monthly Meeting 7:30 pm

Sept. 10th – Post General Meeting 7:00 pm

Sept. 17th – Marketing Committee 7:00 pm

Sept. 24th – E.C. Meeting 7:00 pm

KARAOKE RESUMES – SEPT. 11 7:00 pm

Bingo - Every Sunday 6:00 pm

POW/MIA Recognition Day, September 19th

We stand with military veterans and members of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force and Coast Guard to honor the nation's Prisoners of War and Missing in Action troops. Since World War I, almost 285,000 Americans have been taken as Prisoners of War, according to a Congressional report. The remains of almost 82,000 Americans are still missing, according to the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency.



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

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.

Post Officer's & 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
Bingo:	Ed Sears	513-474-0246
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 Editors:	Gary Gregorio	513-307-3824
	Bob Kamman	513-545-5237

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Christopher R. Beaucham	Mackenzie Bennett
Bill B. Bourquin	Paul D. Burger
Emanuelle A. Ciulla	Charles A. Cleves
Gregory T. Elpers Jr.	Tom Fucito
Stephanie C. Humphries	Robert V. Lucke
Jonathan M. Palin	Joseph E. Popp
Thomas W. Prem	Herndon A. Price
Ronald W. Rittenhouse	Michael Thumann

Did You Know?

Did you know compared to the general U.S. population, active-duty service members and veterans are twice as likely to develop cancer-causing HPV infections and have higher rates of HPV-associated oropharyngeal cancer?

Submitted by Bob Kamman

HAPPY BIRTHDAY – U.S. AIR FORCE

The **United States Air Force** is the air service branch of the United States Department of Defense. It is one of the six United States Armed Forces, and one of eight uniformed services of the United States. Tracing its origins to 1 August 1907, as a part of the United States Army Signal Corps, the USAF was established by transfer of personnel from the Army Air Forces with the enactment of the National Security Act of 1947. The official Birthday of the US Air Force, now set at Sept. 18, 1947. It is the second youngest branch of the United States Armed Forces and the fourth in order of

precedence. The United States Air Force articulates its core missions as air supremacy, global integrated intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance, rapid global mobility, global strike, and command and control.



Member Spotlight: Charlie “The Bomber” Cleves

American Legion Post 318 Service Officer

If you’ve ever stepped foot into the Clubroom during a Reds game, chances are you’ve met Charlie Cleves – or as he’s known around Post 318, “Charlie the Bomber.” With a cold beer in hand and a sharp wit ready, Charlie is not only a regular fixture at the Legion but also a beloved and respected member of our veteran community.

Charlie earned his unforgettable nickname during his Navy days. While serving as a Lieutenant, he pulled off an impressive five bullseyes during a mission – an achievement his fellow officers at the Officers’ Club weren’t about to let go unnoticed. From that day forward, “Charlie the Bomber” was born. Charlie served four years of active duty and two years in the Naval Reserve, with assignments that took him to Whidbey Island, WA and aboard the *USS Coral Sea*. His military role was no small task: co-pilot, navigator, Bombardier, and Nuclear Weapons Specialist. The precision, focus, and dedication required in those roles would carry over into his civilian life and beyond.

After the Navy, Charlie built a successful career as the Vice President and Commercial Underwriter for the Japanese division of Great American Insurance. But it’s his dedication to service that continued to shine. For more than 15 years, Charlie has been an active member of the American Legion, serving the past 10 years as our Post 318 Service Officer – a role in which he’s provided invaluable support to fellow veterans.

A proud native of Covington, Kentucky, Charlie has been married to his wife Judy for 58 wonderful years. Together, they raised two daughters, Julie and Cathy, and are the proud grandparents of four grandsons (all charter members of the Sons of the American Legion), two granddaughters, and a son-in-law who is also a charter member of the Sons.

Charlie's favorite travel memory was a trip to Hawaii with Judy, where they visited Pearl Harbor and enjoyed the beauty of Waikiki.

These days, when he's not at the Legion or keeping up with friends on Facebook, you'll likely find him enjoying one of his favorite hobbies – sleeping!

A man of faith and conviction, Charlie is a member of St. John Fisher Catholic Church. And as he'll tell you with a smile, one of his fun facts is that he proudly supports making America great again.

Charlie the Bomber is more than just a nickname – it's a reminder of a man who has lived a life of honor, service, and loyalty to both his country and community. We're proud to have him as a cornerstone of American Legion Post 318.



Submitted by Christina Sunderhaus / 2nd V.C.

"It Takes a Village" — Honoring a Fallen Hero's Family

On Wednesday, August 6, 2025, American Legion Post 318 welcomed Lori Henderson, wife of fallen Deputy Sheriff Larry Henderson (KIA), to our post during the Sons of the American Legion general meeting. Lori was present to receive a donation raised through the heartfelt efforts of our Post, the Sons, and our greater Anderson Township community. Several months ago, Post 318 hosted a fundraising evening of live music, featuring the incredible talents of Dan Varner—a SON of the

American Legion—and David Lewis. In a moving show of unity, every tip collected that night was directed toward supporting the Henderson family. The evening served not only as a celebration of music, but also as a reminder of the strength and compassion found within our American Legion family.

But the generosity didn't stop there.

The Sons of the American Legion and Charities Inc. of Post 318 each made significant contributions, further amplifying the impact of the fundraiser. Our local firefighters from IAFF Local 3111 also joined the cause with their own donation—proving, once again, that first responders stand together not only in service, but in support of each other's families. Over 50 members of Post 318 and the Sons were present to witness Lori's visit, and many shared in offering personal condolences. It was a humbling and emotional evening—one that truly captured the spirit of service, sacrifice, and solidarity that defines who we are.

In times of loss, it's easy to feel small—but when a community shows up like ours did, it sends a clear message: **you are not alone**. We are deeply grateful to everyone who helped to make this possible. The music, the donations, the time, and above all, the compassion shown—reminded us that when one of our own is hurting, we all step forward. Together, we made a difference. Together, we honored a hero.



Submitted by Christina Sunderhaus / 2nd V.C.

Did You Know?

The Atomic Veterans Commemorative Service Medal (AVCSM) honors veterans who served in the development of the U.S. atomic and nuclear weapons programs. The Defense Threat Reduction Agency (DTRA) manages the award.

Eligibility

- Veterans who participated in the detonation of an atomic weapon or device
- Veterans who participated in the cleanup of radioactive material
- Veterans who participated in the occupation of areas with radioactive exposures
- Veterans who participated in the storage and maintenance of nuclear weapons storage facilities

Veterans who previously received the Atomic Veterans Service Certificate Automatically receive the AVCSM application process

- Veterans or their next-of-kin can apply for the AVCSM
- The DTRA has established guidelines that include an application form purpose of the medal
- To recognize the service and sacrifice of veterans who contributed to the nation's freedom and prosperity after World War II
- To recognize the service and sacrifice of veterans who played a pivotal role in the nation's defense during the Cold War

Submitted By Bob Kamman

UNIFORM SERVICES REPORT

On August 18, Post 318 provided their customary Color Guard Detail for the annual Forest Hills School District's Staff Meeting for the beginning of the 2025-2026 school year. The Post 318 Color Guard started the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Pictured L-R - Edward Sears, Walter Geil, Gary Gregorio, Martin Gilbert, Sgt. At Arms Ralph Caskey



Submitted by Ralph Caskey – Sgt. At Arms

Record-Breaking Fun at Post 318's Stein Hoisting Competition!



American Legion Post 318, in proud partnership with the **Anderson Chamber of Commerce**, hosted a wildly successful **Stein Hoisting Competition** on **August 16th**, drawing a *record number of 17 participants and 45 spectators!* The event challenged competitors to hold an authentic stein filled with liquid **parallel to the ground for as long as possible**—a true test of strength, endurance, and determination.

We're thrilled to announce that **our very own Post members took the top honors!**

- **1st Place:** Squadron 318 Sons of the American Legion member **Jay Scheffter** with an impressive time of **6 minutes and 11 seconds**
- **2nd Place:** Post 318 Adjutant **Bob Carey**, close behind with **6 minutes and 6 seconds**

Although Jay is unable to attend the **Final Stein Hoisting Competition** on **September 6, 2026, at 2:30 PM at Beech Acres**, Bob Carey will step in to represent Post 318. Let's show our support—we're **encouraging all Legion members to join us at Beech Acres and cheer Bob on to victory!**

Winners are encouraged to help promote the event and represent their host location with pride!

The final event will be filled with fun, camaraderie, and great food—including **ice-cold beer, brats, metts, and hotdogs**. It will be a fantastic time for all, and we encourage everyone to come out to participate and support this event.

Submitted by Christina Sunderhaus / 2nd V.C.



(L-R) Jay Scheffter SAL, Bob Carey Post 318, Jay Scheffter, Charlie Cleves Post 318, Cathy Scheffter (Jay's Wife, Charlie's Daughter)

ATTEN ALL POST MEMBERS:

If any member(s) of our Post 318 families have a **SERGER SEWING MACHINE**, would you be willing to make 11"-12" dishcloths from towels we get for our Legion kitchen. This would prevent the towels we use from unraveling. We would provide the towels for this effort. These towels are used for Post Cleaning Details. THANK YOU.

If you can help, please contact **Bobbie Hinaman** at 513-528-0095

Post Updates

I hope everyone had a great Summer and was able to keep cool during those days in the 90s. September should bring us some cooler weather, football and ramps up our activities at the Post! This Saturday September 6th our own, Bob Carey will compete in the Inaugural Stein Hoisting Contest at 2:30pm during the Anderson Area Chamber of Commerce's Oktoberfest activities being held at Beech Acres. Let's all get out to cheer him on to victory!

On Saturday afternoon, the Post will host our annual Picnic and Ice Cream Social with a car show starting at 5pm. The Post will provide hamburgers, hot dogs and ice cream. We ask you to bring a side or desert to share. All members and their families are invited to attend. RSVP 2nd Vice Tina Sunderhaus.

Start warming up your singing voice, on September 11th, Karaoke Thursdays is back for another season! This fund-raising event, which was conceived and promoted by Dan Wolfangel, has become a destination for many in the Township on Thursday nights. It has not only increased community awareness of our American Legion and its mission but brought us new members and provided us with other marketing ideas. Dan and his wife, Ruth, have volunteered their time to set up, run the event and promote our Post each Karaoke Thursday (missing only a handful in the past few years). I anticipate this season is going to be his biggest yet!

September also brings back Bengals watch parties and Friday night entertainment to the Clubroom. This year we will be also coordinating to support other events in the community, such as our local high school football games, farmer's markets and other events through the Anderson Area Chamber of Commerce. This Fall we will also have a few musical events highlight some local bands and talents. On Thursday, September 18th I will be

attending Sherwood Elementary's Arrow of Kindness. It is a program the Sherwood PTO has started to highlight community organizations and their contributions to the community. Ralph Caskey and myself attended last year talking about our mission and the Brick Program.

This September also marks the final month of the Post major fundraiser over the years, Bingo. The last Bingo session will be held on Sunday, September 28th. Ed Sears has given up many hours and Sunday's to make Bingo a successful fund raiser for the Post. His dedication and attention to detail made Bingo the lifeline of the Post coming out of the pandemic years. Unfortunately, no one has stepped up to volunteer to head up Bingo.

Losing Bingo will hurt our ability to perform our mission. Many think it will limit our time, and it may, only time will tell. Currently we have enough funds to continue our mission for a few years but our current fundraising events along with Fish Fry may not be enough to sustain us. This problem is unfortunately not limited to just us but all veterans' organizations. Finding a sustainable fundraising stream is something all have been struggling with. The other unfortunate thing is the veteran population is declining. As of 2023, there were approximately 15.8 million or 6.1% of the US adult population, with approximately 49% of those being 65 years of age or older.

How do we keep going?

Do we need volunteers? Yes, most definitely. We need new ideas around marketing, fundraising avenues, community involvement and those who know how to collaborate. Then we need some people to help execute those ideas. It may take some time, and it is going to require change and a new way of thinking. The marketing committee meets every 3rd Wednesday at 7pm. That is where Karaoke Thursdays, The Brick Program, and the others listed came from.

If you made it this far, I appreciate your commitment.

I hope to see everyone Saturday at the picnic and good luck to Bob!

Kirk Minnich
Commander 318