

MINUTES  
AMERICAN LEGION POST 318  
REGULAR MEETING

**MAY 10, 2017** (Pending Approval)

The Post meeting, conducted at Post 318's facility, was called to order by Commander Don Bishop at approximately 7:00 PM. Colors were in place and were saluted. Opening Prayer was given by Chaplain Jerry Porter. Commander Bishop then gave the recognition of POW-MIA's, with the POW-MIA Chair Cover put in place by Ass't Sgt.-at-Arms Gary Gregorio. 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander Bob Kamman then led the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance. Commander Don Bishop led the reciting of the American Legion Preamble. Commander Bishop then opened meeting for the normal order of business.

Attendance: Acting Sgt.-At-Arms Gary Gregorio noted that there were fifteen Post 318 members present, which represented a quorum. There were no guests.

**Roll Call of Post Officers and Committee Chairs:** Adjutant Dan Wolfangel conducted roll call, indicating Post Officers: Commander Don Bishop; 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander Bob Kamman; Adjutant Dan Wolfangel; Finance Officer Ron Yersky; Chaplain Jerry Porter and SAA Ralph Caskey were present, as were Committee Chairs Bob Alfieri (House) and Jimmy Bussey (Event Coordination); and Committee Co-Chairs Dennis Sakal.

Excused with prior notice were 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander Matt Lilly, Service Officer Tom Clegg and Committee Co-Chair Ed Sears (Bingo). Absent were vacant positions of Chairs of Americanism, Fund-Raising and Community Support committees.

**Minutes:** Adjutant Wolfangel noted that the minutes from the April 12, 2017 Post Meeting had been produced in printed format, and placed in the Post Meeting Minutes binder located in the clubroom bookcase. *A motion was made (Dan Wolfangel), seconded (Ron Yersky), and passed unanimously to accept the minutes as printed.*

**Executive Committee Notes:** Adjutant Wolfangel advised that the April 26, 2017 E.C. Meeting Minutes, in full printed format, had been placed in the E.C. Meeting Minutes binder in the clubroom bookcase., and distributed to all E.C. members. A summary of noteworthy items or actions from the April E.C. Meeting were reported as follows:

- Approved \$75 contribution, from C.I. funds for Anderson H.S Band Boosters – Band Extravaganza.
- Approved \$105 payment from Post funds for renewal of Post's membership dues in AACCC.
- Approved purchase of replacement American Flag, from C.I. funds, for HCSO - District 5.
- Were advised that Adjutant has filed the required "Certification of Continued Existence" for Post 318 Corporation, with the Ohio Secretary of State" office, which will next expire in 2022.
- Reviewed request from owner of Family Pet Center to negotiate a cross-parking agreement. E.C. reaffirmed it's February 2016's actions that would be required for this to occur, and directed Commander Bishop to so notify owner in writing, that Post E.C. has indicated there would be no change from the previous terms and conditions for establishment of a cross-parking agreement.
- Approved proceeding forward with a proposal for accepting business advertisements in Post newsletter, at a cost of \$10 per months, with minimum of three months.
- Authorized further exploration and consideration of Carroll Company ATM Service's offer to install an ATM at Post 318, at no cost or maintaining responsibility to Post.
- Commander Bishop appointed Ralph Caskey as SAA to complete the current term of Rick Simpson, who has resigned as SAA. Appointment effective April 26, 2017.

**Finance Report:** Finance Officer Ron Yersky submitted finance report for the month of April 2016, with copies available for distribution to membership, and to Adjutant for filing with May Post meeting minutes. He advised our financial balance was in fairly good shape, and that we had balances of approximately \$13,000 in Operating Account, and \$3,700 in Capital Projects Savings Account. He currently has about \$2,000 in known expenses to be paid. *Upon motion (Bob Alfieri) to accept and file the Financial Report, subject to audit, and second (Gary Gregorio), the motion was passed unanimously.*

**Membership Report:** (Chair - 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander).

Chair Bob Kamman, noted the following:

- We are at quota of 154, which makes ten straight years as a Quota Post, which is believed to be longest streak in 4<sup>th</sup> District.
- Recognized April birthdays of Post members.

**Post Activities Report:** (Chair - 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander).

Commander Bishop, in the absence of Chair Matt Lilly, noted no report, but reminded all that that the Post Annual Awards Program will be held on Saturday – July 22, 2017 at 7 PM, and we would like to have a good representation of Post members to support our award recognitions.

**Adjutant Reports and Correspondence:**

Adjutant Wolfangel noted the following items of correspondence, or articles of interest that were received and/or posted over the last month on the Adjutant's bulletin board located in the Post clubroom:

New or Recent Correspondence / Items:

- Info from Legion on National American Legion College – October 29<sup>th</sup> – November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Posted on BB.
- Cinti V.A. Hospital Holiday Support Campaign for 2017: Posted on BB.
- 4<sup>th</sup> District Newsletter (2<sup>nd</sup> Qtr): Posted in Legion Newsletter Binder.
- Invite to Attend Leahr-Heilman (Tuskegee Airmen) Memorial Dedication at North Avondale Montessori School – May 12, 2017: Posted on BB.
- Notice of 4<sup>th</sup> District Summer Convention – June 4, 2017 – Post 534 (Riverside): Posted on BB.
- Notice of 4<sup>th</sup> District 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Picnic – June 25, 2017 – Post 450 (Milford): Posted on BB.
- Thank You from Family of Florence Knoechel for Post Support and Establishment of Memorial Grouping in Post Lobby: Posted on BB. Adjutant noted that grouping had been provided by Jerry and Janice Porter.
- Yellow Ribbon “Let Us Never Forget Scholarship” Fundraiser Program Booklet - Listing Post 318 as Donor: Posted on BB.
- Fisher House Newsletter (First Edition): Posted on BB.
- Notice of Service-Based Fundraiser to Received “Free Legal Services” - Post 484 – May 18<sup>th</sup>: Posted on BB.
- Thank You from Turpin H.S. After-Prom Committee for \$100 Contribution: Posted on BB.
- Copy of Correspondence to Post 318 FFOY Bradley Baker Advising of Selection as Dept. of Ohio FFOY – Recognition at Ohio Convention on July 8, 2017.
- Newspaper Article from Cincinnati Enquirer Regarding “Issuance of Veteran I.D. Cards by Ham. Co. Recorder Office: Posted on BB.
- Acknowledgment of \$50 Contribution to Operation Homefront: Posted on BB.
- Request from Dept. of Ohio for Post 318 to Contribute a Sponsorship for Ohio Convention: Due to May E.C. Meeting not being timely to meet deadline for submission, the matter was brought before membership at Post Meeting. *Upon motion made (Don Bishop) to contribute at the \$250 sponsorship level, and second (Stan Dillon), membership voted unanimously in support of motion.* Funds will come from C.I. Budget.
- “American Legion Riders State Romp” - July 14 – 16, 2017 – Post 199 (Harrison): Posted on BB.
- Notification of Arlington Memorial Gardens Cemetery (Mt. Healthy, OH) “Lunch With A Veteran” Event on May 28<sup>th</sup>: Posted on BB, along with previous notice of week-long schedule of events at the cemetery in conjunction with Memorial Day.

Adjutant Wolfangel advised the following outgoing correspondence:

- \* Post 318's “Consolidated Post Report” has been timely submitted to Dept. of Ohio, regarding Post activities for period of May 1, 2016 through April 30, 2017. Copy is posted on BB for review.

**Chaplain's & VAVS Report:** (VAVS Chair - Chaplain):

Chaplain Porter commented on, or noted, following:

- Don McLaughlin is still in Atlantis Care Center for rehab.
- Post will be hosting next VAVS event at VAMC on June 6<sup>th</sup>. Need 4 to 5 volunteers.

**Committees and Liaison Reports:**

■ **Americanism Committee:** (Chair – (OPEN).

Commander Bishop noted that the Committee Chair position for this committee is still open, and noted that all non-supported projects and programs are suspended at this time, but will be reinstated once our new Americanism Chair – Randy Lindsey fully assumes the position in the new membership year. (July 1<sup>st</sup>).

Jerry Porter, who has volunteered to coordinate several of the individual committee programs, commented on the following:

- Scholarship Program, noting three \$1,000 scholarships recipients have been selected from the total of five applications received. The three recipients are from Anderson, Turpin and McNicholas High Schools. Letters notifying each, and their respective schools have been sent out by Commander Bishop.
- Buckeye Boys State Program, noting BS orientation will be on May 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> at Post 72 and Post 484 respectively.
- He noted that he had introduced our new incoming Americanism Chairman - Randy Lindsey to Dave Kammerer and several others he will be working with at Anderson H.S. Hopefully Lindsey will also be able to attend at least one of the BBSP orientation sessions.

Porter also commented on his current efforts to research the history of our Post, indicating he just got started reviewing several boxes of documents and materials that were brought from our old Post location files. He would welcome the assistance of anyone interested in helping in this research.

■ **Community Support & Recognition Committee:** (Chair – OPEN)

Commander Bishop advised that the Community Support Committee Chair position is still open for this current year, and there is really nothing to report. Bishop indicated he would be attending an Anderson Area Chamber of Commerce (AACC) upcoming seminar on “Marketing on a Small Budget “.

■ **Service, Veterans Affairs, Economic & Legislation Committee:** (Chair - Service Officer)

Commander Bishop, in absence of Service Officer Tom Clegg, advised noting to report.

■ **Bingo Committee** (Co-Chairs– Dennis Sakal / Ed Sears)

Co-Chair Dennis Sakal advised that bingo in the month of April produced approximately \$3,500 to the Post, \$700 to C.I., and \$366 from concessions.

■ **Fund-Raising Committee:** (Chair – OPEN).

Commander Bishop noted that while this Committee Chair position remains open for the current year, it will be filled by Ken Knight with the start of the new membership year. Bishop further noted the current results for fund-raising programs still currently being supported through specific program team leadership :

- Dances: Last dance of the Spring season is May 13<sup>th</sup>, with Cincy Rockers, and will include the raffle for the dance loyalty cards for this past season. Still needs a couple of volunteers for the dance. The Fall Dance Schedule is about wrapped up, with 10 events, and involved adding a new band (Blue Stone Ivory) and dropping one of our current bands (Slow Burn Band).
- Poker-Mania: Commented on the proposed event being planned by the Marketing Committee, for a date in August, and is being projected to result in an estimated \$1,200 for C.I., \$2,200 for Post. Decision on the event and dates expected to occur at May 23<sup>rd</sup> Marketing Committee meeting.
- Post Newsletter Advertising: Noted will begin offering advertising within our Post newsletter, with the June issue, at a rate of \$10 per month, minimum of three issues, for a 2” X 3” camera ready ad.

■ **Event Coordination Committee:** (Chair – Jimmy Bussey).

Chair Bussey commented on several forthcoming event rentals of hall. Advised had transferred \$3,500 to Post account in April from Event Coordination account.

■ **House Committee:** (Chair – Bob Alfieri).

Chair Alfieri, commented on, or noted following:

- Clean Up / Set Up of Hall: Expressed thanks for help on clean up / set up work parties.
- Roof Leak: Noted another leak had developed, and has been fixed.
- New Cushioned Chairs: Noted that a benefactor will be donating 200 cushioned chairs. Discussion indicated some of the existing folding chairs (old brown ones) may be offered for purchase to members, or may just be sold outright. Plans are to retain the newer folding chairs.
- Storage Shed: Indicated may try to put a loft shelf in storage shed to increase storage space.

■ **Internal / External Communications Committee:** (Chair – Adjutant).

External Communications: Adjutant Wolfangel reported that:

- Media release of Post 318 Memorial Day activities had been sent to the FHJ.

- FHJ May 3<sup>rd</sup> issue included article on upcoming last seasonal dance (May 13<sup>th</sup>).
- FHJ calendar of events listing today included upcoming May 13<sup>th</sup> dance.

Internal Communications: Commander Bishop reported or commented on:

- Mailchimp: He is currently experimenting with a new email marketing application called Mailchimp, which should permit sending messages to large audiences without being blocked by various ISP's. Noted will be coming from [Commander@post318.org](mailto:Commander@post318.org). If you block messages from this email address, or you unsubscribe, the application removes you from the Post's mailing lists, and you will not receive any communications from the Post. Commander Bishop will try to use this application to distribute the Post Newsletter starting in July. This system does not allow attachments, so he will distribute a newsletter link within the email. When you click on this link the newsletter will open as a PDF file. You can read it on-line, print it, or download it. Bishop noted that the application returns information to him regarding who does or does not open their email message.
- June Newsletter deadline for any submissions will be May 26<sup>th</sup>.
- Member Business Directory: Noted availability for Post members to advertise on the Post web site at no cost, any personal business or service, or hobby products that they personally provide or produce. This offering does not extend to non-members or Post member's families businesses or hobbies.

■ **Uniformed Ceremonies Committee:** (Chair / Sgt.-at-Arms):

Chair Ralph Caskey commented on the details of the Post's Memorial Day activities (Cemetery Visitation / Memorial Bell Ceremony) indicating that he was accepting sign up for the activities. Currently has sign ups for 7 for breakfast and 12 for the cemetery / bell ceremony activities. Anyone wanting to participate should email or call Caskey. Bishop will send out an email requests for more participants. Arrangements have been made for the bus for transportation, the grave flags, and the flowers.

■ **Charities, Inc. Committee:** (Chair Don Bishop)

Chair Bishop commented on :

- CI Finance Report (prepared by Walt Geil – CI Treasurer) as of April 30, 2017. Copies were available at sign-in table, and copy provided to Adjutant for filing with May meeting minutes. He noted that the total balance of CI funds on report was \$4,047.61 as of end of April. He commented on the various distributions from the CI program funds during April.
- Poppy Days Program: Bishop then discussed the final logistics for the Poppy Program, which this year involves activities at the two Kroger stores, FHSD elementary and middle schools, and Belterra Park. Sign-up sheets were available. He noted that the poppies, donation containers and posters for the FHSD locations would need to be picked up by the scheduled members at the Post the morning of the event, taken to school, and the donation container and poster returned to the Post after the location's lunch period. The poppies will be left at the school for anyone absent or that did not receive one during the lunch distribution period. Kroger stores and Belterra Park locations will have their supplies delivered and donations picked up on-site as with past years.

**Hamilton County Council (HCC) Report:** No Report.

**4<sup>th</sup> District Report:** No Report.

**Old Business:** Election of Officers: Adjutant Wolfangel noted that the slate of candidates for Post elected offices , as presented and adopted at the April 12, 2017 Post Meeting, and as published in the May Post Newsletter were as follows:

Commander	- Don Bishop
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice Commander	- Bob Kamman
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander	- Matt Lilly
Adjutant	- Dan Wolfangel
Finance Officer	- Ron Yersky
Chaplain	- Jerry Porter
Sgt-At-Arms	- Ralph Caskey

Adjutant Wolfangel, noted that, “there having been no opposition offered for any of the elected Post officer positions, do I have a motion for a declaration of unanimous acclamation vote for election of the presented slate of candidates”? *A motion (Bob Alfieri) for such unanimous acclamation vote in favor of presented slate of candidates, seconded (Jack Surdick), was passed unanimously.*

Adjutant Wolfangel proclaimed the presented slate of candidates as duly elected, and noted they would

be officially installed in their respective positions at the June 14<sup>th</sup> Post Meeting.

**New Business:** None.

**Good Of The Legion: .**

- Volunteer Drawing: Don Bishop handled. \$50 restaurant gift card went to Jerry Porter.
- Split-the-Pot: Jerry Porter handled. Drawing was won by Bob Kamman in amount of \$27.
- Joseph House Bin for Clothing: Bishop noted there was currently a hold on receipt of clothing, so do not bring any more in at this time.
- Fisher House Food Donations: Place in box in clubroom.
- Next E.C. Meeting: Commander Bishop noted it would be May 31, 2017.
- Next Post Meeting: Commander Bishop noted it would be June 14, 2017.
- Refreshments: In club room following close of meeting

**Closing:**

There being no further business to come before the membership, Chaplain Porter gave closing prayer, followed by Commander Bishop's call for removal of POW-MIA Chair Cover by Acting Sgt-At-Arms Gary Gregorio. Commander Bishop then called for saluting the colors in place, and then declared the meeting adjourned at approximately 8:00 PM.

Dan Wolfangel