

MINUTES
AMERICAN LEGION POST 318
REGULAR MEETING
April 10, 2019 (Pending Approval)

The Post Regular Membership 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 Don Bishop then gave the recognition of POW-MIA's, with the POW-MIA Chair Cover put in place by Acting SAA Gary Gregorio. 1st Vice Commander Bob Kamman then led the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance. Commander Bishop led the reciting of the American Legion Preamble. Bishop then opened meeting for the normal order of business.

NOTE: There was no "Virtual Attendance" at this meeting due to none of our virtual participants being signed on.

Attendance: Acting SAA Gary Gregorio noted that there were nineteen (19) Post 318 members present, which represents 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; 1st Vice Commander Bob Kamman; Adjutant Dan Wolfangel; Finance Officer Ron Yersky; Chaplain Jerry Porter; SAA Ralph Caskey, and Service Officer Charles Cleves were present, as was Committee Chair Ed Sears (Bingo).

Absent with prior notice was: 2nd Vice Commander Randy Lindsey and Committee Chair Bob Alfieri (House). Absent was Committee Chair Ken Knight (Event Coordination). Americanism, Community Support and Fund-Raising Chair positions continue to be vacant.

Minutes: Adjutant Wolfangel noted that the Minutes from the April 13, 2019 Post Meeting had been produced in printed format, and placed in the Post Meeting Minutes binder located in the clubroom bookcase, distributed to all E.C. members, and also posted on Post web-site. *A motion (Dan Wolfangel) was made to accept minutes as printed. Motion was seconded (Ron Yersky), and passed unanimously.*

Executive Committee Notes: Adjutant Wolfangel advised that the March 27, 2019 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, and have been posted on Post web-site. A summary of noteworthy items or actions from the March 27th E.C. Meeting were reported as follows:

- Approved and recommended distribution from C.I. Budgeted funds for:
 - * \$25 for 4th District 100th Legion Anniversary Event scheduled for May 4, 2019. (Noted that this event was subsequently canceled, and the \$25 was returned to C.I.).
 - * \$75 for AHS Band Booster's Band Extravaganza.
 - * \$125 for Supporting Sponsorship for A/T July 4th Parade.
 - * \$25 for 4th District Outgoing Commander's Pin/Gift.
- Voted to change funding source, within the C.I. Budget, for Post 318's "Child of Veteran Scholarship" Program, effective with the 2020 program. The change will permit the scholarship eligibility to include not only the child of a veteran parent, but also the child of a veteran grandparent.
- Authorized House Chair Alfieri to explore cost of solar tinting the Post's foyer windows and doors.
- Set Saturday – July 20, 2019 for Post 318 Award & Recognition Program.

Finance Report: Finance Officer Ron Yersky submitted written Income/Expense Statement for the month of March 2019, with copies available for distribution to membership, and to Adjutant for filing with April 2019 Post Meeting Minutes. He advised our current financial balance was in fairly good shape at \$31,435.91, which is a combined balance of the Post's Operating Account (\$20,607.99) and Post Savings Account (\$10,827.92). Bills pending are routine monthly bills, with nothing anticipated out of the ordinary. *A motion was made (Don Bishop) to accept the Finance Officer's report, subject to audit. Motion was seconded (Gary Gregorio), and passed unanimously.*

Yersky expressed the appreciation of AARP Tax Preparation Group that utilized our facility, noting they prepared 270 tax returns. Noted Post received almost \$100 in contributions from AARP Tax Program participants.

Membership Report: (Chair - 1st Vice Commander).

Chair Kamman submitted written report to Adjutant for filing, and reported as follows:

- 2019 membership quota is 159.
- We are currently at 156 paid members toward that quota, or approximately 98.11% of quota.
- Need just 3 more renewals or new members to make quota. There are believed to be several potential new members being worked on, which if materializing would give us 158, one away from quota.
- Still have 8 members that have not yet renewed for 2019, and expects they may not renew.
- Noted that if any E.C. members, in response to the Buddy Check program, still have names to contact, they should still do so.
- Introduced new Post member Rob Heberly, Army veteran, attending his first Post meeting.
- Announced names of fifteen Post members with April birthdays.

Commander Bishop reminded members that we only have about 6 weeks remaining to attain 2019 quota.

Post Activities Report: (Chair - 2nd Vice Commander).

Adjutant Wolfangel, in absence of Chair Randy Lindsey, noted Lindsey had advised:

- He is considering a Red's Game Post outing, and wanted to know interest. A show of hands indicated eight persons in attendance indicated interest.
- Various golf outings were previously noted and posted on BB.

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:

- HCC Commander's and Presidents recognition Dinner – April 27th – Post 484: Posted on BB. Notice included:
 - * 4 Dinner Tickets at \$20 each.
 - * Request for two door prizes.(It was noted \$100 allocated in C.I. Budget for this event. Will be purchasing the 4 tickets and be providing 2 door prizes.)
- Dept. of Ohio Packet containing:
 - * Post Data Report (Due 4/15/19) – Requires E.C. to set dues for 2020.
 - * Consolidated Post Report (CPR) - (Due mid-May). In process of being prepared.
 - * Notification of Post Commander & Adjutant- (Due after election).
 - * Certification of Post Officers – (Due after election).
 - * Roster of Post Chairs for: Americanism / BBS / Children & Youth / VA & R / Nat'l Security / GFY / Legislative / Media & Communications. (Due after election).
- 4th Annual A.L. Post 29 Pool Tournament – April 12 thru 14, 2019 – Zanesville, OH: Posted on BB, and copy to P.A. Chair Lindsey.
- Dept. of Ohio 54th Annual A.L. Golf Outing – August 10, - 11, 2019 – Dayton, OH: Posted on BB, and copy to P.A. Chair Lindsey.
- Notice of 4th District Summer Convention – Sun – May 19, 2019 – Post 194 (Mason, OH): Posted on BB. Delegates to be designated by E.C. and form due May 12th.
- Appreciation Acknowledgment from “Forest-Aires Women's Chorus” for Program Ad Contribution: Posted on BB.
- 4th District Acknowledgment for Post 318's \$160 Contribution to Special Olympics: Posted on BB.
- Notice of 4th District Eight Ball Tournament – April 14, 2019: Posted on BB.
- Notice of Joseph House Golf Outing – May 18, 2019 – Independence, KY: Posted on BB and copy to P.A. Chair Lindsey. (Note: C.I. has allocation for Hole Sponsor contribution of \$100 which will be addressed by E.C.)
- HCC Newsletter: Posted in Legion Newsletter Binder.
- Email Invitation from Troop 281 Scout Brent Proffitt regarding an Eagle Scout Project Video Presentation – April 13, 2019 – Anderson Hills United Methodist Church: Posted on BB.
- Acknowledgment of \$100 Post 318 Contribution (from C.I. Funds) from “Coalition to Save Hillcrest Cemetery: Posted on BB.

Outgoing Correspondence: / Adjutant Action:

- Changed Post Member John McNamara's membership status to "deceased" via on-line – Died 3/12/19.
- Sent Donation Acknowledgments to:
 - * Post Member Arthur Blocksidge for \$40 donation to Post.
 - * James Burnap for \$30 donation to Post in memory of deceased member Frank Gory.

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

Chaplain Porter commented:

- Noted it was good to see members Bill Becker, Charlie Stein and Ken Wright at the meeting.
- No new ill or distressed members known, Plans this week to visit with members Roger Siegmen, Leo Turner, Don McLaughlin, Bill King and Keith Musselman to see how they are doing.
- Noted VAVS hostings are still currently on hold.

Commander Bishop noted that he understood member Stan Dillon was having some medical problems. Porter advised he would check.

Committees and Liaison Reports:

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

Commander Bishop noted that this Chair position is still vacant. Anyone willing to take over this Chair, should see Commander Bishop.

Jerry Porter, Acting Chair, advised, or commented on:

Scholarship Program: Advised that Scholarship applications are due to be returned by April 30th. Have not received any yet, and Porter will be checking with the schools to check on status of any pending applications. Will need several Post members to assist with the review once we have some.

Porter also took opportunity to thank all who have, or are assisting with the Fish Fries.

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

Commander Bishop reminded that we are still looking for a Chair person for this position.

Adjutant Wolfangel noted that Ohio Senator Steve Wilson would be attending our July 20th Awards Program, for purpose of making the presentations relative to the Veteran Honor Program, regarding our three Post members that passed away in 2018.

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

Chair Cleves noted he had one call for information that he had received relative to securing copy of a DD214.

■ **Bingo Committee** (Chair – Ed Sears)

Chair Sears commented on, and provided copies of March Bingo results, which produced \$3,500 to Post, \$1,075 for C.I., and \$619 in concessions (gross), for total monthly distribution of \$5,194. Total distributions to-date for current Bingo year are: \$9,950 to Post, and \$3,405 to C.I. Noted April would be a short month due to Easter. Sears also extended his appreciation to all who show up for Bingo set up on Sundays, and also those who work Bingo.

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

Commander Bishop noted this Committee Chair remains vacant. Anyone willing to take over this Chair, should see Commander Bishop. He further commented on the following Fund-raising items:

- Dances: Next dance is Vegas Night Dance this Saturday – April 13th. Still needs several volunteers.
- Fish Fries: Reminded that Post Fish Fries are on-going through April 19th.
- Hoops- Mania: Advised that he had been advised by Dennis Sakal, that the Post had seven \$30 winners on this fund-raising program. Yersky advised distribution will be made as soon as winner's monies are deposited in our Post account.

- **Event Coordination Committee:** (Chair – Ken Knight).
No report in absence of Chair Knight.

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

Ed Sears, in absence of Chair Alfieri, commented on, or noted following:

- Clean up / Set up of Hall: Expressed his appreciation for all who assist. Set up for dance will be Saturday at 9 AM, and for Bingo at 3 PM on Sunday.
- Solar Tinting of Foyer Windows and Doors: Noted had one quote of \$1,200. Is seeking other quotes. May just need to put up blind or shades which will probably be cheaper.
- Kitchen Sink Repaired: Advised he had replaced washers in sink which were leaking.

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

External Communications: Adjutant Wolfangel noted that the dances and fish fries continue to be published in the Enquirer Hometown and the Eastside Press calendar of events, and still have media release on Big Band Dance pending publication.

Internal Communications: Commander Bishop reported that the deadline for items to be submitted for the May Post Newsletter is April 25th. He noted copies of the April Newsletter could be downloaded from the Post web-site, or there were a few in the Post clubroom.

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

Chair Ralph Caskey noted or commented on following:

- Bugler Activities: Noted member Ed Ruffennach (“Toots”) continues to play TAPS for veteran services far and wide. Invited anyone who wanted to ride along with Ed on some of these trips, please advise.
- April 26th – Color Guard for McNicholas H.S. Veteran Memorial Re-Dedication.
- May 4th – Color Guard for Turpin H.S. Veteran Wall Dedication.
- Memorial Day Activities: Will be signing up at the May Post Meeting.

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

Chair Bishop commented on:

- C.I. Financial Report (prepared by Walt Geil – CI Treasurer) as of March 31, 2019. Copies were available at sign-in table, and copy provided to Adjutant for filing with April minutes. He noted that the total balance of CI funds on hand per report was \$3,033.22.
- Poppy Program: Noted scheduled for ATC Kroger on Saturday – May 25th, from 10 AM to 2 PM. Cherry Grove Kroger not yet confirmed. FHSD Elementary School Poppy Program will be on Thursday – May 23rd.

Hamilton County Council (HCC) Report: No report.

4th District Report: No report.

Dept. of Ohio: No report.

Old Business: None.

New Business: Nominating Committee Report: Ed Ruffennach, on behalf of Nominating Committee, submitted the following list of nominees for 2019-2020 elected officer positions:

Commander - - (none submitted).
1st Vice Commander - Bob Kamman.
2nd Vice Commander - Randy Lindsey.
Adjutant - Ed Ruffennach.
Finance Officer - Ron Yersky.

Chaplain - Jerry Porter.
Sgt-At-Arms: - (none submitted).

Commander Bishop then read the submitted list of nominees, calling three time each for any additional nominees from the floor for each elected officer position. No additional nominees were received for any position. Based upon the fact that no nominees were submitted for Commander or Sgt-At-Arms, *a motion (Dan Wolfangel) was made to not close nominations at this time, and keep nomination process open until E.C. Meeting on April 24, 2019, to attempt to secure nominees for all positions. Motion was seconded (Jerry Porter), and passed unanimously .*

Good Of The Legion:

- Legion Centennial Celebration @ Memorial Hall: Ed Ruffennach commented on the May 26, 2019 event at Hamilton County's Memorial Hall, noting admission was free, however, you must have tickets.
- Facebook & Social Networking: Member Eric Franz advised of the need for Post members and friends to “like” postings on the two Post 318 and Patriot Center Facebook accounts. He also offered his services to assist any members with their Facebook accounts and protecting themselves on the social media . He also requested Adjutant to be included in Post Meeting Minutes distributions.
- Fisher and Joseph House: Bishop noted donation bins are in clubroom.
- Volunteer Drawing: Bishop handled. Restaurant gift card won by Jack Surdick.
- Split-the-Pot: Jerry Porter handled in clubroom after meeting. Ed Sears won.
- Next E.C. Meeting: Bishop noted it was scheduled for April 24, 2019.
- Next Post Meeting: Bishop noted it would be on May 8, 2019.

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 SAA Gary Gregorio. Commander Bishop then called for saluting the colors in place, and then declared the meeting adjourned at approximately 8 PM.

Prepared by: