

MINUTES
AMERICAN LEGION POST 318
REGULAR MEETING
March 13, 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 SAA Ralph Caskey. 1st Vice Commander Bob Kamman then led the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance. 2nd Vice Commander Randy Lindsey led the reciting of the American Legion Preamble. Bishop then opened meeting for the normal order of business.

Commander Bishop noted that there would be no "Virtual Attendance" at this meeting due to none of our virtual testers being signed on.

Attendance: Sgt.-At-Arms Ralph Caskey noted that there were seventeen (17) 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; 2nd Vice Commander Randy Lindsey; Adjutant Dan Wolfangel; Finance Officer Ron Yersky; Chaplain Jerry Porter; SAA Ralph Caskey, and Service Officer Charles Cleves were present, as were Committee Chairs: Ed Sears (Bingo); and 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 February 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 February 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 February 27th E.C. Meeting were reported as follows:

- Approved and recommended distribution from C.I. Budgeted funds for:
 - * After-Prom Event contributions of \$100 each to Anderson, Turpin and McNicholas High Schools.
 - * \$100 contribution to Hillcrest Cemetery Endowment Fund.
 - * \$60 contribution to Forest-Aires Encore Event for ½ page ad in event program.

Finance Report: Finance Officer Ron Yersky submitted written Income/Expense Statement for the month of February 2019, with copies available for distribution to membership, and to Adjutant for filing with March 2019 Post Meeting Minutes. He advised our current financial balance was in fairly good shape at approximately \$23,559, which is a combined balance of the Post's Operating Account (approximately \$12,733) and Post Savings Account (approximately \$10,827). 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 (John Surdick), and passed unanimously.* Yersky also noted that he was working on the IRS 990 tax filing.

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 151 paid members toward that quota, or approximately 95% of quota.
- Need 8 more renewals or new members to make quota.
- Still have 11 members that have not yet renewed for 2019, and expects several may not renew, thus we need to continued to seek some new members if we are to make quota.
- Noted the E.C. members, in response to the Buddy Check program, were seeking contacts with past and delinquent Post 318 members regarding possibly renewing, or rejoining the Post.

- Introduced new Post member David “Chief” Cosaboom.
- Announced names of seven Post members with March birthdays.

Commander Bishop noted that we have been a quota Post for 11 consecutive years, which is best record in the District, and he hopes this will be the 12th year.

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

Chair Randy Lindsey noted or commented on:

- 4th District Eight Ball Tournament – Michael Billiards (Fairfield, OH): Info on BB.
- No pending Post socials scheduled at this time.

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:

- Notice of “Ohio American Legion Centennial Ball” - March 15, 2019 – Columbus , OH -Cost \$100 Person: Posted on BB.

Outgoing Correspondence: / Adjutant Action:

- Prepared and sent 7 acknowledgments for donations made to the Post, as follows:
 - * Frank Gory Memorials: Two for \$25 each / Two for \$50 each. (also noted that \$344 had been miscellaneously received.)
 - * Dance Attendee: For \$40.
 - * Member Robert Lucke: For a \$20 donation.
 - * AARP Tax Prep Participant: For a \$25 donation.
- Updated Legion on-line membership records to “deceased” on Post members Frank Gory.

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

Chaplain Porter commented:

- Noted member Noel Fenner had knee replacement, and is recuperating.
- Noted VAVS hostings are currently on hold. Will advise when decision is made as to whether they will be continuing.

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:

Oratorical Program: Advised that our participant (Lucas Hughes) backed out of the HCC competition.

Boys & Girls State Program: Porter reported on behalf of member Paul Henkel who was coordinating our Post program, that we still have two boys and two girls participating this year.

Scholarship Program: Advised that Commander Bishop had advised that application packets had been sent to Anderson, Turpin and McNicholas High Schools. Deadline for the applications to be returned is April 30th. Children of Post members are also eligible to apply for these scholarships regardless of school attended.

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

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

Law & Order Program Chair Dan Wolfangel advised that Post 318's Law Officer of Year (LOOY) – Deputy Robert Goettke (HCSO-D5) was recognized as HCC LOOF at the March 6th HCC meeting. Bishop and Wolfangel attended. He will also be recognized as 4th District LOOY at their March 17th District Conference. Bishop and Porter will be attending that presentation, as Wolfangel will be out of town that date. Goettke's nomination will now go to the Dept of Ohio for consideration at that level.

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

Chair Cleves. Advised no report.

- **Bingo Committee** (Chair – Ed Sears)
 Chair Sears commented on, and provided copies of February Bingo results, which produced \$1,100 to Post, \$410 for C.I., and \$332 in concessions (gross), for total monthly distribution of \$1,842. Total distributions to-date for current Bingo year are: \$6,450 to Post, and \$2,330 to C.I. Noted Bingo revenue was expected to be down for March due to lower than anticipated attendance. Sears also extended his appreciation to all who show up for Bingo set up on Sundays, and also those who work Bingo. Noted would need additional help for remaining three March Bingos due to some regular staff being out of town.
- **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 St. Pat's Dance on March 16th. Still need a couple of staff.
 - Fish Fries: Reminded that Post Fish Fries are on-going through April 19th. Porter commented on changes made after last week, to hopefully make things more efficient.
 - Hoops- Mania: Adjutant Wolfangel advised Sakal had advised that deadline for Hoops-Mania is March 17th. Extra tickets available in clubroom.
- **Event Coordination Committee:** (Chair – Ken Knight).
 No report in absence of Chair Knight.
- **House Committee:** (Chair – Bob Alfieri).
 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.
 - Alarm System: Noted had been worked on, and a new motion detector was installed in storage room, eliminating the one on the rear door which had been causing problems.
 - Roof Leak: Advised the leak that was related to the HVAC unit on roof was re-caulked by the HVAC company.
- **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. Also have fish fry listings on WCPOTV, WKRCTV, and WGRR radio. Also noted that Post members Ralph Caskey, Ed Sears and Bob Alfieri were pictured in the Dept. of Ohio Legion News as participants in Post 318's Veteran Day activities at Sherwood Elementary school. Member Gary Gregorio had submitted the photos. A copy of the Legion News was posted on the BB.

Internal Communications: Commander Bishop reported that the deadline for items to be submitted for the April Post Newsletter is March 25th. He noted copies of the March 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:

 - Joseph House Items Drop-Off: Noted were dropped of by he and Jerry Porter.
 - Gifts For Yanks: Noted we were \$29 short of the \$500 goal that was set. He advised that he was accepting additional donations to reach the goal, as this would be last chance prior to submitting the donation.
 - Legion Jacket: Advised had one unclaimed light weight Legion jacket (X-Large) available for \$47.50.
 - Bugler Details: Noted member Ed Ruffenach has played TAPS for 13 veteran funerals since January 1st.
- **Charities, Inc. Committee:** (Chair Don Bishop)
 Chair Bishop commented on the C.I. Financial Report (prepared by Walt Geil – CI Treasurer) as of February 28th. Copies were available at sign-in table, and copy provided to Adjutant for filing with March minutes. He noted that the total balance of CI funds on hand per report was \$3,989.75.

Hamilton County Council (HCC) Report: No report.

4th District Report: No report.

Dept. of Ohio: No report.

Old Business: None.

New Business: Post Consolidated Post Report: Adjutant Wolfangel advised he would be preparing our required Consolidated Post Report (CPR), for the period from May 1, 2018 through April 30, 2019, and would be contacting some Committee Chairs, for information needed in the report..

Election of Officers / Appointment of a Nomination Committee: Commander Bishop advised of need for appointment of a Nominating Committee to produce a slate of nominees for Post 2019-2010 Post Election of Officers. He appointed Charles Cleves and Ed Ruffenach as that committee. He further noted that they would present their report at the April 9th Post Meeting, at which any further nominations would also be accepted from the floor. The final slate of nominees will then be advised to all Post Membership, along with notice of the election to be held at the May Post Meeting, via the Post May Post Newsletter. The election will be held at the May 8th Post Meeting. Installation of newly elected officers will occur at the June 12th Post Meeting.

Good Of The Legion:

- Veteran Events: Ed Ruffenach commented on two military veteran events. April 7th @ 2PM at Mt. St. Joe College and May 26th @ 2PM at Hamilton County Memorial Hall.
- Adjutant Out-of-Town: Adjutant Wolfangel advised he would be out of town, and unavailable from March 14th through March 20th. He noted Commander Bishop would be handling Post mail pickup and distribution during that period.
- Fisher and Joseph House: Bishop noted donation bins are in clubroom.
- Volunteer Drawing: Bishop handled. Restaurant gift card won by Ralph Caskey..
- Split-the-Pot: Don Bishop handled in clubroom after meeting. Bob Kamman won.
- Next E.C. Meeting: Bishop noted it was scheduled for March 27, 2019.
- Next Post Meeting: Bishop noted it would be on April 9, 2019.
- Refreshments: Randy Lindsey advised snacks in the Post clubroom after 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 SAA Ralph Caskey. Commander Bishop then called for saluting the colors in place, and then declared the meeting adjourned at approximately 7:45 PM.

Prepared by: