MINUTES
AMERICAN LEGION POST 318
REGULAR MEETING
August 14, 2019

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 Joe Dubois 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. DuBois 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: SAA Ralph Caskey, noted that there were twenty (20) Post 318 members present, which represents a quorum. There were no guests.

Roll Call of Post Officers and Committee Chairs:
Adjutant Ruffennach conducted roll call. Present were: Post Officers:

Elected Officers

Commander	Joseph DuBois, Jr	X
1st Vice Commander	Bob Kamman	X
2nd Vice Commander	Randy Lindsey	X
Adjutant	Ed Ruffennach	X
Finance Officer	Ron Yersky	X
Sgt-at-Arms	Ralph Caskey	XX
Chaplain	Jerry Porter	X

Appointed Positions/Chairs

Service Officer	Charlie Cleves	E
Americanism Chair	Paul Henkel	A
Bingo Chair	Ed Sears	X
Fund Raising Chair	(VACANT)	V
Community Support Chair	(VACANT)	V
House Chair	Bob Alfieri	X
Event Coord. Chair	Ken Knight	A
Charities, Inc Liaison	Don Bishop	X
Corporate Statutory Agent	Dan Wolfangel	X

X = Present A= Absent
E = Excused (prior notice) V= Vacant

Minutes: Adjutant Ruffennach noted that the Minutes from the July 10, 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 posted on Post website. ***A motion was made (Ron Yersky) and seconded (Dan Wolfangel) to accept minutes as printed and passed unanimously.***

Executive Committee Notes: Adjutant Ruffennach advised that the July 31, 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 forwarded

to the webmaster for inclusion on the Post web site. A summary of noteworthy items or actions from the July 31st E.C. Meeting were reported as follows:

- Decline the offer from Acuity Insurance to add Terrorism Insurance Coverage to the policy at the time of renewal. The waiver was signed by Commander DuBois and has been forwarded with the premium payment.
- Created a Bad Check Policy to be utilize at all events sponsored by the Post. The policy notifies any check writer of their responsibility if a check is returned for insufficient funds,
- Amended sections of the Constitution and By-Laws. The Amendments will be presented at the September 11th General Meeting for ratification by a majority of the members present. Notification of the ratification vote will occur at least 10 days prior to meeting in the Post Newsletter. Copies of the amended Constitution and By-Laws have been placed in the Club Room for review.
- The Legion Act has been signed by President Trump which will open membership to the American Legion to all Honorably Discharged Veterans since December 7, 1941.
- Hamilton County Newsletter reported a change in the American Legion Preamble. It was decided to await notification from National before making any changes.

Finance Report: Finance Officer Ron Yersky reported that the checking account contains $15,023.81and the savings account has $14,473.33 for a total of $29,49+7.14 The bills for the month totaling $5,937 have been paid as has the County Legion Assessment. ***A motion was made (Bob Alfieri) and seconded (Ed Sears) to accept the Finance Officer's report, subject to audit. Motion passed unanimously.***

Membership Report: (Chair - 1st Vice Commander). Report attached. Also discussed the membership payments for the first-year members with the anticipated increase in applications due the passing of the Legion Act. Don Bishop advised that Charities Inc. has budgeted for the fiscal year for the payment of 23 members or $920.00. The breakdown consists of 5 active duty members, 8 WW II members, and 10 hardship or new members. If those are exhausted further action will be needed to the ability to pay for the first year of new members.

- **Current membership:**
  - 2020 Quota = **161**
  - 2020 Goal = **165**
  - Potential = **166**
  - Paid Status vs Quota = **104** (64.6%)
  - New members this year = **5** (Tony Capetillo, Richard Corsmeier, Jim Gartin, Jay Lenihan, Mike Thumann)
  - Transferred In = **2** (Katie Harwood, Kirk Minnich)
  - Transferred Out = **0**
  - Paid by Charities Inc = **17**
  - Deceased Members = **1 (Dale Simpson)**
  - Not Renewing = **0**
  - Delinquent = **62**

Pymt Method	Qty	% of Paid
Cash	4	3.8%
Charities Inc-New	4	3.8%
Charities Inc-WW2	7	6.7%
Charities Inc-Active Duty	5	4.8%
Charities Inc-Hardship	1	1.0%
Check	49	47.1%
LIFE	3	2.9%
POL	14	13.5%
PUFL	17	16.3%
Paid to 0888	0	0%
Paid to 0072	0	0%
Paid to 0484	0	0%

- **August birthdays:**

Lee Boboltz	**Robert Buchmann**	**Richard Corsmeier**	**Joe DuBois**
John Ehemann	**James Gartin**	**William Hitchcock**	**James Lenihan**
Charlie Stein	**Thomas Szanti**	**John Wakefield**	**Dan Wolfangel**
Gene Sawka			

Post Activities Report: (Chair - 2nd Vice Commander).
Chair Randy Lindsey comment on or noted: The next Post activity will be the Ice Cream Social scheduled for August 21, 2019 at 7:00PM in the Club Room. The event is a meet and greet and significant others are also invited. Topping or brownies from the membership are encouraged and graciously accepted.

Adjutant Reports and Correspondence: Adjutant Ruffennach 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:

Correspondence Log

Designates before / after EC Mtg

July to August General Meeting 2019

Date Received	Sender	Subject	Disposition	Date Resolved
7/10/2019	Joseph House	Thank You Note for our $200 Donation		
7/10/2019	Floodsimple Insurance Services	Policy Renewal	To Finance Officer	7/31/2019
7/12/2019	American Legion (National)	Thank you note for our $500 Donation		
7/114/2019	Hamilton County Veterans Service Commission	Newsletter	To C. Cleves	7/31/2019
7/15/2019	American Legion (Hamilton County)	Newsletter		
7/18/2019	Anderson Township (x2)	Thank you, Note for Parade Sponsorship,		
7/19/2019	TP White & Sons (John W. Croxton Trust)	Donation $40.00	Membership Payment, not donation	
7/20/2019	Phyllis Martin	$1000 Donation in Memory of George Martin	Thank you Sent	8/10/2019
7/21/2019	Mike Pugh (email)	Thank you for including Sen. Steve Wilson in Awards Ceremony	Posted	8/11/2019
7/22/2019	BioWave Home	Advertisement		
7/22/2019	Acuity Insurance	Addition of Terrorism Coverage	Decline Coverage by EC vote - To Finance Officer	7/31/2019
	S.A.I. 199	Golf Outing Announcement 9-15-2019	Posted	7/31/2019

7/31/2019	Terry Childs	Donation $100	Thank you Sent	8/10/2019
8/5/2019	Peter Henkel	Thank you note for Scholarship	Posted on bulletin board	8/5/2019
8/9/2019	Robert Kelly (phone Message)	VA Issues (513-821-3170)	Returned call; Referral to Charlie Cleves	8/9/2019
8/9/2019	Karla from Anthem Ins. (phone Message)	Opportunity to display info. For a donation of $150 (503-626-0669)	Referred to Commander DuBois	8/9/2019
8/9/2019	Joyce Dickerson / Wagon Wheels Women's Club (phone Message)	Seeking Speaker (513-232-1957)	Returned Call: Told we would discuss @ mtg	8/9/2019
8/9/2019	Provident Travel	Adv. Veteran's Day Trip to Branson, MO	Posted on Bulletin Board	8/11/2019
8/11/2019	George B Ford Insurance Agency	Insurance Coverage Solicitation	Forward to EC	
8/13/2019	Navy League of the U.S.	Donation request	Forward to EC	
8/13/2019	Children's Cancer Recovery	Donation Request	Forward to EC	
8/13/2019	Strikes for Kids	Fund Raiser Announcement		

Commander DuBois reported that he wrote a thank-you note to Roger Wade for the donation of the Reds tickets used in a recent auction and hand delivered the note.

Chaplain's & VAVS Report: (VAVS Chair - Chaplain): Chaplain Porter commented: December 15th will be the next VAVS which will be Bingo with the Veterans at the Hospital scheduled for 6:00PM. There will be a signup sheet for those wishing to participate. Harold Cook who is at the New England Club requested that a copy of the Post Newsletter be mailed to him. Leo Turner is now at Salem Woods. Jerry will be interviewing Harold Cook and Bob Buchman as a part of his ongoing project.

Committees and Liaison Reports:

- **Americanism Committee:** (Chair – Henkel). **No Report**
- **Community Support & Recognition Committee:** (Chair – VACANT). **No Report**
- **Service, Veterans Affairs, Economic & Legislation Committee:** (Chair - Service Officer) Chair Cleves noted in an email in his absence that he is working with one veteran to obtain benefits and has been in contact with the person who left a phone message He is awaiting a return call.
- **Bingo Committee** (Chair – Ed Sears) Chair Sears thanked everyone who works and supports the Bingo. He also noted that there has been a slight increase in attendance. He reported that contributions to the Post Charities Inc. in the month of July were

	JULY	YTD
Post:	$2600	$18,850
Charities Inc:	$705	$ 6,311
Concession:	$512	

- **TOTAL $3,817 $25,161**

- **Fund-Raising Committee**: (Chair – VACANT). Don Bishop reported that dances will start September 14, 2019.

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

- **House Committee:** (Chair – Bob Alfieri).
  Chair Alfieri, commented on, or noted there has been a sewage leak develop at the rear of the building. The pipe will be scoped to determine the cause and subsequent repairs.

- **Internal / External Communications Committee:** (Chair – Adjutant). No report of Chair Ruffennach
  External Communications: Reported by Dan Wolfangel that a media release was sent to the paper regarding the Awards Ceremony
  Internal Communications: Post Newsletter article submittal deadline is August 26, 2019.

- **Uniformed Ceremonies Committee:** (Chair - Sgt.-at-Arms): Chair Ralph Caskey, noted or commented on following: The detail for the Forest Hills School District at Nagel Middle School on August 12th went well. The next detail will be for the Fund-Raising activity at Latitudes August 25th for which we will need a Color Guard. The doors open at 2:00 PM. The Opening Ceremonies will take place at 3:15 PM with the presentation of the Colors and a history of Post 318 given by Commander DuBois. A stand to hold the flags has been made for the occasion. There will be a rifle cleaning class conducted by Mike Gregorio scheduled soon. There are also golf balls in the Club Room for anyone who wants them.

- **Charities, Inc. Committee**: (Chair Don Bishop)
  Chair Bishop commented on that the expenses for July were $2,213.94. Revenue sources currently are primarily Bingo. Don also reported that as a part of the Forest Hills School District Opening Ceremonies United States Flags (5x8) were presented for display at each of the schools.

Hamilton County Council (HCC) Report: No report.

4th District Report: No report.

Dept. of Ohio: No report.

Old Business: None.

New Business: None

Good of The Legion:

- Joseph House and Fisher House Bins in Clubroom:
- Volunteer Raffle: Handled by Commander DuBois. $50 restaurant Gift Card to Montgomery Inn won by Don Bishop
- Split-The-Pot: Handed by Mike Stringer in Clubroom following meeting: Won by Darrell Everman
- Next E.C. Meeting: August 28, 2019.
- Next Post Meeting: September 11, 2019.
- Refreshment in Clubroom: Following meeting, per Post Activities Chair Randy Lindsey.

Closing:
There being no further business to come before the membership, Chaplain Porter gave closing prayer, followed by Commander Dubois' call for removal of POW-MIA Chair Cover by ASAA Ralph Caskey. Commander Dubois then called for saluting the colors in place, and then declared the meeting adjourned.

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