

# **AMERICAN LEGION POST 318**

## **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

### **October 25, 2017 (Pending Approval)**

The Executive Committee Meeting was called to order at approximately 7:00 PM at Post 318, by Commander Don Bishop. Bishop advised he would be re-assuming his role as active Commander, with certain physical limitations, and expressed his appreciation to 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander Bob Kamman, for taking over as Acting Commander, as well as all others that stepped up, during his medical absence.

Matters addressed at the Executive Committee were:

#### **ROLL CALL OF POST OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS:**

Adjutant Dan Wolfangel conducted roll call. Present were: Post Officers: Commander Don Bishop; 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander Bob Kamman; Adjutant Dan Wolfangel; Finance Officer Ron Yersky; Chaplain Jerry Porter; SAA Ralph Caskey; Service Officer Charles Cleves; and Committee Chairs Ed Sears (Bingo); and Jimmy Bussey (Event Coordination).

Absent with advance notice were: 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander Matt Lilly; and Committee Chairs Randy Lindsey (Americanism); Bob Alfieri (House); and Ken Knight (Fund-Raising). Absent was Committee Chair Doug Rogers (Community Support).

**MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:** Adjutant Wolfangel, noted that the E.C. Meeting Minutes from the September 27, 2017 meeting had been reduced to print and previously distributed to E.C. members, and have also been posted in E.C. Minutes binder in clubroom. They have also been submitted for inclusion on Post web-site. ***A motion (Dan Wolfangel) to accept the meeting's minutes, as printed, was seconded (Jerry Porter), and was passed unanimously to accept said minutes as printed.***

#### **POST EVENT CALENDAR REVIEW:**

Commander Bishop reminded that all should have the on-line calendar for November and December updated for upcoming activities in their respective area of responsibility. He advised should anyone have problems with calendar, they should contact Josh Richardson (Post Web-Master).

#### **CORRESPONDENCE / ADJUTANT ITEMS:**

Adjutant Wolfangel noted the following items:

##### Correspondence Received:

- Joseph House Announcement of First Female Veteran Staff Member and Solicitation for Holiday Contributions: Following brief discussion regarding Charities, Inc current budget funding allocated for Joseph House, ***a motion (Dan Wolfangel) was made to contribute \$100 from the C.I. allocated funds for the holiday contribution, seconded (Ron Yersky), and was passed unanimously. Adjutant to coordinate with C.I. Treasurer.***
- Invitation for Veteran Dinner – Nov 4<sup>th</sup> – Emanuel United Methodist Church: Posted on BB.
- HCVSC Newsletter: Has been posted in clubroom binder, however, question had been raised if it should be posted on Post 318 web-site. It was noted that it is available on HCVSC web-site, however we do not have a link to that site on our Post web-site. ***It was suggested that we add the link. Adjutant will notify Post Web-Master to add.***
- Solicitation for Donation to Navy Jr. ROTC – Greenville High School, Greenville, OH: No action taken as no funds allocated in C.I budget for this purpose.
- Correspondence from Ohio Senator Steve Wilson (7<sup>th</sup> Dist) Regarding “Ohio Flag Flown Over Statehouse In Honor of Deceased Veterans (on a yearly basis)” Program: ***E.C. recommended consideration of our participation going forward.***
- Hero's Fund Info: Posted on BB., and copy to Service Officer Cleves FYI.
- Info on Service Officer Training – 10/28/17: Copy was forwarded to Service Officer Cleves FYI.
- Info on Freedom Small Batch Whiskey Availability: To be forwarded to Bar Manager Matt Lilly for his review.

Outgoing Correspondence:

- Acknowledgment to Scott and Darlene Worley for \$100 contribution to Post in memory of deceased member Steve Justice

**BUDGET REPORT / FINANCE ISSUES AND CONCERNS:** Finance Officer Ron Yersky provided E.C. with copies of a line item budget (Revenue / Expense Actuals) update through September, with copy for Adjutant to file with October minutes, and indicated the Operating Account and Capital Projects was in fairly good shape with balances just under \$8,000 in Operating Account and just over \$4,000 in Savings/Capital Projects Account. He noted that the bingo check and a \$100 contribution check received is pending deposit. In addition to the normal monthly mortgage and expenses, we have five months payments to go on the roof repair, and seven months payments on the Post insurance.

Event Coordination Chair Jimmy Bussey indicated the "Hall Rental Account" currently had approximately \$3,464 balance, with another \$500 deposit pending, thus will be transferring about \$3,500 to Post at end of this month.

**OPEN ISSUES / OLD BUSINESS:** Commander Bishop commented on, led discussions, or updated status regarding following items.

- 1) **Membership Support and Participation:** Bishop noted will table this item until next month.
- 2) **Party on The Plaza Proposal:** Bishop noted will table this item until next month.
- 3) **Post Policies Regarding "Bar / Concession Worker Compensation" and "Post 318 / Patriot Center Utilization":** Adjutant Wolfangel led the discussion, and made reference to the advance packet that had been provided, which contained two draft versions of a proposed compensation policy and one version of a proposed facility utilization policy. E.C. discussed the compensation policy proposals, ultimately selecting the original policy drafted by Ron Yersky, with some suggested word changes. ***Upon motion (Don Bishop) to adopt the Yersky version subject to the edits, seconded (Jerry Porter), E.C. voted with eight in favor of motion, and one abstention.*** Adjutant Wolfangel is to prepare final version adopted and make appropriate postings and distribution of adopted policy.

Commander Bishop requested discussion / action on the proposed facility utilization policy be tabled until next E.C. Meeting.

- 4) **Offer of Donation of Two Grave Sites:** This item was original presented at the September E.C. Meeting, and per Acting Commander / 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander Kamman was tabled for discussion at the October E.C. Meeting. Adjutant Wolfangel led discussion, and noted that he had been in recent contact with Chuck Bowman (residing in Florida) regarding as to whether the offer of donating the two grave sites to Post 318 in exchange for a donation acknowledgment letter, was still on the table, Bowman advised they were, and he would provide a contact person for the Graceland Memorial Cemetery (Milford, OH) for us to verify any information, and he would also provide a copy of the correspondence from the cemetery which placed an approximate value of \$5,800 on the two grave sites. Wolfangel noted there were still some questions to be addressed, however, he suggested pursuing the offer only if the Post indicated they were in fact interested in the offer. Following some discussion, ***a motion (Don Bishop) was made to explore offer further, seconded (Ralph Caskey), and passed unanimously by E.C.***

**NEW ISSUES / NEW BUSINESS (Commander):** Commander Bishop commented noted he had no new business or issues at this time..

**NEW ISSUES / NEW BUSINESS (Polling of Committee Chairs):**

**Membership:** Chair Kamman noted that we are currently credited with 115 members on-line, however, with those he has pending, and some transfers, we should be around 120, thus still need 35 more to reach quota.

**Post Activities:** Commander Bishop, in absence of Chair Matt Lilly, commented on, or led discussion on the following items:

- Veterans Day Celebration: Bishop commented on the A/T Veterans Day Celebration to be held at the Post on November 11<sup>th</sup>, specifically:
  - Cash Bar 5 – 6 pm.
  - Dinner & Dessert 6 – 7:15 PM.
  - Program 7:15 – 7:30 PM.
  - Entertainment by “The Avenues” - 7:30 PM (90 minutes)
  - POW-MIA table and presentation.
  - Veteran Slide Show.
  - 95 RSVPs to-date.
  - Set up will be by A/T staff.
- Post Christmas Party: Bishop suggested some available dates. Following discussion, ***E.C. set Post Christmas Party for Friday – December 8<sup>th</sup>, with social from 5:30 – 6:30 PM, dinner at 6:30 PM, with program to follow.*** Dinner will be pot luck, with Post providing meats and beverages, and attendees asked to bring side dishes or desserts to share. We will also solicit door prizes. Invitations and RSVP cards to be sent out.

Chaplain/VAVS: Chair Jerry Porter noted that fourteen V.A. Patients attended the VAVS event hosted at our Post on Saturday – October 21<sup>st</sup>, with about six Post members assisting with event. He noted the VAVS event at the hospital that was scheduled for November 7<sup>th</sup> has been canceled. He also noted Mark Hayes was no longer coordinating the VAVS events.

Americanism: Jerry Porter, in absence of Chair Randy Lindsey, advised that Lindsey had ordered 200 A & G Tests, which had not yet been received. It was noted there seems to be a lack of interest in some of our school programs. Possibly need to identify and concentrate on programs they are more interested in.

Community Support & Recognition: Commander Bishop, in absence of Chair Roger, commented, or led discussion on following:

- Scout Flag Retirement: Noted Post sponsored Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts would be conducting a Flag Retirement Ceremony on November 13<sup>th</sup>, at 7 PM, and were asking if a Post Color Guard detail could be present. ***SAA Ralph Caskey advised he would follow up with Joe Baker.***
- Pancake Breakfast: Noted Post sponsored Boy Scout Troop was requesting permission to hold a Pancake breakfast on the morning of Saturday – November 11<sup>th</sup>, for Post 318 members and their families, and other veterans. Following discussion, ***E.C. denied request due to multiplicity of Veterans Day events , and specifically the A/T Veterans Day Celebration Event at Post the evening of November 11<sup>th</sup>.*** The scouts will be asked to select another date.
- Civilian Life Saver Recognition: Bishop suggested that Post Member and U.S, Representative Brad Wenstrup be considered for submission for the Legion's “Civilian Life Saver Award” for his action taken in the shooting that occurred at the Republican baseball game practice in Washington, DC. ***E.C. supported pursuing the suggestion.*** Bishop indicated he would assist in locating the information needed for the nomination.

Service, Veterans Affairs / Economic / Legislative: Chair Charles Cleves commented on:

- Report on meeting at Woodlawn ONG Armory.
- Ohio Issue 2 Drug Bill confusion.
- Follow-up and additional info on “Heroes Fund”, noting fund's veteran founder would be willing to make a presentation on the fund to the Post at a meeting. Cleves will see if he can schedule a date.
- Status Report on assistance to veteran Brett Feldman family, noting he was starting a job, and also previously received \$5,500 in assistance value through the Heroes Fund.

Bingo: Chair Ed Sears commented or reported on:

- End of October end current Bingo year.
- November 1 starts new Bingo year.
- Bingo account balance is currently around \$4,100 with one more Bingo to go this month, and one outstanding invoice, after which he will make distribution of the funds.

Fund-Raising: Commander Bishop, in absence of Chair Ken Knight, noted on Open Mic Events, that we have had three and have three more scheduled. They have thus far had limited attendance

and small revenue contributions. E.C. should plan to make an evaluation at our next meeting on whether to continue Open Mic Events after the trial period.

Bob Kamman advised that we still need a lead for the Halloween Dance on October 28<sup>th</sup>. Dan Wolfangel advised he would handle and could be in at 6 PM. Bishop advised he would come in early for the band to set up, until Wolfangel showed.

Event Coordination: Chair Bussey indicated no report.

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

- Roof Leak (Hallway): Had been repaired.
- Thanks Expressed: to volunteers showing up for clean-up / set-up details.

Internal / External Communications: Chair Dan Wolfangel (External Communications) advised no report. Don Bishop (Internal Communications) advised November Post Newsletter ready to go, still has some room for last minute items.

Uniform Ceremonies: Chair Caskey commented on:

- Veterans Day Activities: Noted the Veteran Day activities, which cover almost a week span, and advised he will be sending out reminders to all who volunteered for the various activities to-date.
- On-Line PX Availability: Noted that this program starts in November.
- V.A. ID Card: Noted can be applied for on-line.
- Ass't SAA: He advised that Gary Gregorio was acting as his Ass't SAA, and anyone having a uniform ceremonies issue, or needing information can contact Gary, if unable to reach SAA Caskey.

Charities, Inc.: Don Bishop noted, or commented on the: "Wave The Flag" Program, noting we are scheduled for both Kroger locations on Sunday – November 12<sup>th</sup>. We have two hour shifts at Anderson Town Center location from 10 AM to 4 PM, and Cherry Grove location from 10 AM to 2 PM. He still needed to fill five shifts, two of which were filled by end of this meeting.

Hamilton County Council Issues / Concerns: No report.

4<sup>th</sup> District Issues / Concerns: No report..

Good of Legion:

Kneeling for National Anthem Issue: Commander Bishop raised question as to whether we should be developing a "position" on this situation, should such occur at an event or activity at which we were present. Following discussion, the consensus of E.C. was::

- We do not support any action which disrespects the National Anthem, Pledge of Allegiance, or the Flag.
- The most immediate concern would be with the athletic events we participate in for the FHSD (Football / Basketball / Soccer).
- Should it occur, we will not immediately react or disrupt the Presentation of the Colors, however, we will notify FHSD Athletic Department following the event that we will not participate in any future events if this disrespect of flag by athletic participants cannot be controlled.
- May have to re-discuss the issue and possible need for a formal written policy on subject in future.

Commander Bishop indicated he has room in newsletter to include a paragraph on this position.

Adjournment of Meeting: There being nothing further to come before the Executive Board Meeting, Commander Bishop adjourned the meeting at approximately 9 PM.

Prepared by: