

MINUTES

AMERICAN LEGION POST 318

REGULAR MEETING

APRIL 11, 2018 (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 Sgt-At-Arms Ralph Caskey. 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.

Attendance: Sgt.-At-Arms Ralph Caskey noted that there were twenty Post 318 members present, which represents a quorum. There were no guests. Commander Bishop welcomed the several new or transferring members present.

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; and SAA Ralph Caskey were present, as were Service Officer Charles Cleves; and Committee Chairs: Ed Sears (Bingo); and Bob Alfieri (House).

Absent with prior notice were 2nd Vice Commander Matt Lilly and Committee Chair Randy Lindsey (Americanism). Absent was Committee Chair Ken Knight (Event Coordination). Community Support Chair and Fund-Raising Chair positions are currently vacant.

Minutes: Adjutant Wolfangel noted that the Minutes from the March 14, 2018 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 (Ralph Caskey), and passed unanimously.*

Executive Committee Notes: Adjutant Wolfangel advised that the February 28, 2018 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 28th E.C. Meeting were reported as follows:

- Recommended / authorized disbursement of funds from Charities, Inc. (C.I.) previously approved budgeted funds:
 - * Purchase of two HCC Commanders & Presidents Recognition Dinner tickets in amount of a total of \$50, and purchase of two door prizes for event at a total not to exceed \$50.
 - * Supporting Sponsorship for A/T July 4th Parade, at total of \$125.
 - * Contribution to 4th District Past Commander Pin / Gift in amount of \$25.
 - * Annual contribution to Operation Homefront in amount of \$25.
 - * Donation of \$60 for a ½ page ad for Post in Forest-Aires Woman's Chorus benefit concert program.
 - * Providing a replacement American Flag for HCSO- District 5.
- Set Post membership dues at \$40 for 2019 membership year, so Dept. of Ohio can be advised via filing of Post Data Report form.
- Set date for Post 318 Annual Awards and Recognition Program, for Saturday – July 21, 2018, at 7 PM.

Finance Report: Finance Officer Ron Yersky submitted written finance report for the month of March 2018, with copies available for distribution to membership, and to Adjutant for filing with April Post Meeting Minutes. He advised our financial balance was in fairly good shape at approximately \$22, 500 which is a combined balance of the Post's Operating Account (approximately \$14,536 plus) and Capital Project Savings Account (approximately \$8,100). He further stated that all bills were currently paid. He noted that while balances looked good, we were going into the summer months during which revenue is normally lean, and expenses tend to increase. *A motion (Walt Geil) to accept the Finance Officer's report subject to audit. Motion was seconded (Bob Alfieri), and passed unanimously.*

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

Chair Bob Kamman submitted written report to Adjutant, and noted the following:

- Currently at 153 documented paid members for 2018, putting us at 98.7% of quota. We are currently 2 members short of quota of 155, and 12 short of our 2018 goal of 165 members.
- Have 8 current members not yet renewed for 2018, and 5 current members know not to be renewing.
- He announced the names of members with April birthdays.

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

Commander Bishop, in absence of Chair Lilly, noted the only Post activity currently scheduled is the forthcoming Post 318 Annual Awards and Recognition Program, on Saturday – July 21, 2018, at 7 PM.

It was advised that Lilly had indicated there would be light refreshments in clubroom following meeting.

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:

- HCVSC Newsletter and Correspondence which included:
 - * Outreach Locations for April / May / June: Posted on BB.
 - * Info / Nomination Process for Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame: Posted on BB.
 - * "What Every Veteran Should Know" Supplement: Advised of contents list. Posted in Legion Newsletter binder in clubroom.
- 4th District Horseshoe Tournament – Post 484 (Mt. Washington) – May 6, 2018 – 1 PM: Posted on BB.
- Notice of Corrected Date for 4th District Pool Tournament – April 15, 2018: Posted on BB.
- Updated Schedule of 4th District Activities: Posted on BB.
- Notice of 4th District Commander's Homecoming Event – May 19, 2018 – Post 534 (Riverside): Posted on BB.
- Notice of "Concerns of Police Survivors (KY Chapter) Annual Fallen Hero's Motorcycle Ride: Posted on BB.
- Thank You from Team Rubicon for Post 318's Offer of Housing Accommodations During Flooding: Posted on BB.

Outgoing Correspondence:

- Donation Acknowledgments, on behalf of C.I., for donations in support of Buckeye Boys & Girls State program to:
 - Wayne & Bobbie Hinaman.
 - Bob Kamman.
 - Jerry Porter.
 - Donald McLaughlin.
- Donation Acknowledgment, on behalf of Post 318, to Ed Ruffenach.

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

Chaplain Porter advised he had nothing new to report.

Committees and Liaison Reports:

■ **Americanism Committee:** (Chair – Randy Lindsey).

Adjutant Wolfangel, in absence of Chair Lindsey, advised that Lindsey had indicated:

- Boy & Girls State Program: All applications have been submitted.
- Scholarship Program: Applications due back on by April 30th.

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

Commander Bishop reminded that we are still looking for a Chair person for this position. Bishop also gave a brief update on Hillcrest Cemetery "Headstone Alignment Project", noting that he had two individuals with chainsaws that volunteered to work on May 12th, and he was looking for some volunteers to assist with the alignment efforts scheduled for May 19th.

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

Chair Cleves, noted he had nothing to report.

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

Chair Sears commented on, or noted:

- Thanked all who volunteer for Bingo, and he still needs additional volunteers.
- Bingo in the month of March, which encompassed four weeks, provided \$3,000 to the Post and \$965 to C.I., and generated \$771 from concessions, for a total of about \$4,736.
- Noted last Sunday was first night of four April bingo sessions, and we had 99 players which is the highest number we have had in four years. Unknown if these increases will continue.

Commander Bishop reminded that we are still looking for someone to take over the Bingo Chair/Manager position when Sears steps down the end of October 2018. He noted that Bingo provides 1/3rd of the Post's revenue stream.

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

Commander Bishop noted that this Chair is still open. Anyone willing to take over this Chair, should see Commander Bishop. In absence of a Chair, Commander Bishop noted:

- Dance Events: Noted that our Spring season dances, so far, were generating revenue of an average of \$800 per event. Attendance seems to be improving with each dance. The next dance is this coming Saturday – April 14th. Still short 2 volunteers.
- Fish Fry Events: Noted 2018 Fish Fry served 941 meals, and generated revenue of approximately \$5,000. He thanked Jerry Porter for coordinating the event. Jerry Porter then thanked all who assisted.
- IHOP Fund-raising Offer: Noted had received email from IHOP restaurant, who was offering the Post an opportunity for a fund-raising event, which would benefit Post with a 15% reward on all event meals. Since there is no Chair for this committee, if anyone wishes to undertake coordinating this event, see him see him.

■ **Event Coordination Committee:** (Chair – Ken Knight).

Commander Bishop noted he had nothing to report in absence of Chair Knight.

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

Chair Alfieri commented on, or noted following:

- Replacement Ceiling Panels: Advised have secured new ceiling panels to replace water damaged panels, but is awaiting completion of more roof work before installing.
- Water in Sprinkler Pit: Have obtained new sump pump for pit, and hope to install on April 12th. May need new pump.
- Appreciation for Volunteers: Alfieri thanked all who have met the increasing demand for clean-up details, which recently have been multiple times per week due to hall activities.

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

External Communications: Adjutant Wolfangel advised that calendar listing for our Open Mic event on April 13th appeared in Eastside Press today.

Internal Communications: Commander Bishop reported that the deadline for items to be submitted for the May Newsletter is April 23rd. He noted extra copies of April Newsletter were in clubroom, or it could be downloaded from the Post web-site.

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

Chair Ralph Caskey noted the next event was the Post Memorial Day cemetery visitations and A/T Memorial Day Ceremony at Anderson Government Center, all activities on Monday – May 28th. Sign-up sheets will be available at the May Post Meeting. He noted that the usual Post provided breakfast before the start of the day's activities, may be at the Post this year, as he is working with the caterer that rents our kitchen. Anticipated schedule would be Breakfast at 6:30 AM (at Post or a restaurant), muster at Anderson Government Center at 7:45 AM, return to Anderson Government Center at 11:45 AM for A/T ceremony at 12 Noon. Jerry Porter is arranging for a transportation bus.

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

Chair Bishop commented on, or noted:

- CI Finance Report (prepared by Walt Geil – CI Treasurer as of March 31, 2018). Copies were available at sign-in table, and copy provided to Adjutant for filing with March meeting minutes. He noted that the total balance of CI funds on report was \$555.63. He commented on the various distributions from the CI program funds during March.
- Vegas Night Dance: Noted that the gaming, done by C.I. as part of the Vegas theme dance on March 31st, generated \$102 for C.I., which a little more than was anticipated, as the primary purpose of the gaming was to promote the Vegas theme.
- PokerMania Event: Noted that to offset the loss of revenues since we no longer are doing Greater Anderson Days, C.I. would be trying another PokerMania event on October 13, 2018. This one-night event would offer Texas Hold'em, 7 Card Stud, and Blackjack. He will be needing 10 to 15 volunteers for dealers for this event also, and he is planning to conduct a training session for anyone volunteering to deal.

Hamilton County Council (HCC) Report: Nothing to report.

4th District Report: Adjutant Wolfangel noted he had already commented on the 4th District Commander Homecoming Event, under correspondence.

Old Business:

Nominating Committee Report: Adjutant Wolfangel advised that the Post's Nomination / Election of Post Officers process was as follows:

- March Post Meeting (March 14th) – Commander appoints Nomination Committee (Commander Bishop appointed all E.C. Committee members as the Nomination Committee)
- March E.C. Meeting (March 28th) - Nominating Committee report sent to Post Adjutant.
- April Post Meeting (April 11th) - Adjutant presents Nominating Committee's Slate of Nominees for Office, and calls for any additional nominations from the floor for any of the offices, after which nominations are to be closed
- April E.C. Meeting (April 25th) - Notice of Candidates for the respective Post officers prepared for dissemination (via May Post Newsletter) to the Post Membership in advance of Election to be held at May Post Meeting .
- May Post Meeting (May 9th) - Election to be conducted.

Adjutant Wolfangel reported receipt of the following “incomplete” slate of nominees that had been submitted to him, which was as follows:

- Commander - **(no nominee)**..
- 1st. Vice Commander - Bob Kamman.
- 2nd Vice Commander - **(no nominee)**.
- Adjutant - Dan Wolfangel.
- Fiscal Officer - Ron Yersky.
- Chaplain - Jerry Porter
- Sgt-At-Arms - Ralph Caskey.

Wolfangel noted that for a Post to maintain their charter, they must have at minimum, both a Commander and an Adjutant, and as noted by the submitted Nominating Committee report, there were no nominees currently indicated for “Commander”. Wolfangel then proceeded to call for nominations from the floor for each Post Officer position, to which there were no nominees for either of the open officer position, nor for any of the other officer positions. As a result, *Adjutant Wolfangel made a motion that, due to the incomplete slate of candidates, the nomination process be “maintained open” until the April 25th E.C. Meeting to see if, at a minimum, a nominees can be found for the Commander position, and hopefully for 2nd Vice Commander also. Motion was seconded (Don Bishop), and passed unanimously.*

Wolfangel also noted that there were several of the Committee Chairs positions (that are part of making up the full complement the Executive Committee) that also do not have candidates for appointment as yet, currently or in the forthcoming 2018-2019 position terms. Those are as follows:

| | <u>Current Appointee</u> | <u>2018/2019 Committed</u> |
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| • Service Officer | Charlie Cleves | Charlie Cleves |
| • Americanism Chair | Randy Lindsey | (no commitment) |
| • Bingo Chair / Manager | Ed Sears | (no commitment – passed 10/30/18) |
| • Community Support Chair | (VACANT) | (no commitment) |

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| • Event Coordination Committee | Ken Knight | Ken Knight |
| • Fund-Raising Committee | (VACANT) | (no commitment) |
| • House Chair | Bob Alfieri | Bob Alfieri |

Anyone willing to accepted appointment to any of these open or uncommitted positions should advise Commander Bishop or Adjutant Wolfangel, ASAP.

New Business: None.

Good Of The Legion:

- Ohio State Senator Steve Wilson – May 9th Post Meeting: Jerry Porter confirmed that Ohio State Senator Steve Wilson's office has indicated he would be at our May Post Meeting regarding the “Veteran Honor Program”, including the presentation to our Post of an Ohio Flag flown over statehouse, and certificates in recognition of the four Post members that passed away in 2017.
- Finance Officer Yersky's Availability: Yersky indicated he was scheduled for additional surgery that may restrict some of his mobility, however indicated he would be keeping on top of his duties from home, and can be reached via his email.
- Joseph House: Bishop noted donation bin in clubroom.
- Fisher House: Bishop noted donation bin in clubroom.
- Volunteer Drawing: Bishop handled. Montgomery Inn gift card went to Dan Wolfangel.
- Split-the-Pot: Walt Geil handled, with Wayne Carlisle winning.
- Next E.C. Meeting: Bishop noted it would be on April 25th.
- Next Post Meeting: Bishop noted it would be on May 9th.
- Refreshments: Bishop advised will be 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 SAA Ralph Caskey. Commander Bishop then called for saluting the colors in place, and then declared the meeting adjourned at approximately 7:40 PM.

Dan Wolfangel