

# MINUTES

## AMERICAN LEGION POST 318

### REGULAR MEETING

AUGUST 9, 2017

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 SAA Ralph Caskey. 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander Bob Kamman then led the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance. 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander Matt Lilly led the reciting of the American Legion Preamble. Commander Bishop then opened meeting for the normal order of business.

**Attendance:** Sgt.-At-Arms Ralph Caskey noted that there were ten Post 318 members present, which does not represent a quorum. There were no guests present.

*(Note: In view of there being a lack of a quorum, meeting continued on for reporting and information updating purposes only, with all actionable items being tabled until next Post meeting at which a quorum is in place. )*

**Roll Call of Post Officers and Committee Chairs:** Adjutant Dan Wolfangel conducted roll call, indicating Post Officers: Commander Don Bishop; 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander Bob Kamman; 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander Matt Lilly; Adjutant Dan Wolfangel; Finance Officer Ron Yersky; Chaplain Jerry Porter; and SAA Ralph Caskey were present, as was Committee Chair Bob Alfieri (House).

Absent with prior notice were Committee Chairs: Randy Lindsey (Americanism); Ed Sears (Bingo); and Jimmy Bussey (Event Coordination). Absent were; Service Officer Charles Cleves, and Committee Chairs: Doug Rogers (Community Support); and Ken Knight (Fund-Raising).

**Minutes:** Adjutant Wolfangel noted that the minutes from the July 12, 2017 Post Meeting had been produced in printed format, and placed in the Post Meeting Minutes binder located in the clubroom bookcase, and also posted on Post web-site. *Action on acceptance of minutes tabled until next Post meeting at which a quorum is in place.*

**Executive Committee Notes:** Adjutant Wolfangel advised that the July 26, 2017 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 July E.C. Meeting were reported as follows:

- Approved a waiver of "Terrorism Risk Provisions" on Post's insurance coverage.
- Authorized distribution of \$30 from C.I. approved budget for purchase of a half-page ad in the Hamilton County Veterans Day Committees' (HCVDC) Program Book.
- Are undertaking a review of the Post's rental / bar-tending practices for development of a more defined written policy.
- Declined invitation to participate in HCVDC Veterans Day Parade. Due to multiple Post's Veteran Day activities..

**Finance Report:** Finance Officer Ron Yersky submitted finance report for the month of July 2017, with copies available for distribution to membership, and to Adjutant for filing with August Post Meeting minutes. He advised our financial balance was in fairly good shape at approximately \$12,000 balance in Post's operating and capital projects savings accounts, not accounting for any additional future revenue that will come in, such as Bingo, rentals, etc. *Action on acceptance of Financial Report tabled until next Post meeting at which a quorum is in place.* In response to a question regarding remaining payments on roof repair, Yersky indicated it was \$6,950.

**Membership Report:** (Chair - 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander).

Chair Bob Kamman, noted the following:

- Now at 60% of quota, with 95 cards turned in against our 2018 quota of 155.
- Current status puts us ahead of last year's turn-in.
- Provided list of members not yet renewed.
- He provided Adjutant with a summary breakdown of how current memberships were accounted for.
- Announced August member birthdays.
- Noted he was considering the scheduling of another Member Orientation Session in September or October.

**Post Activities Report:** (Chair - 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander).

Chair Lilly noted that the Football-Mania fund-raising mailing has gone out. He advised he is also working on a possible Post outing to a Red's game or a Bengals game.

**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 from Hamilton County Veteran Day Committee (HCVDC) Regarding Veterans Day Parade – November 5<sup>th</sup>, Cheviot, OH – 2 PM.: Posted on BB.
- Notice from HCVDC Regarding Veterans Day Banquet – November 3<sup>rd</sup> – Mill Race Banquet Hall – 6:30 PM: Posted on BB.
- Thank You Letter from A/T Independence Day Parade Committee for Post Sponsorship Participation: Posted on BB.
- Thank You from Post 318 Veteran Scholarship Recipient – Nicole Moulas: Posted on BB.
- Acknowledgment from Ohio Veterans Home Volunteer Committee for Post's \$100 Contribution : Posted on BB.
- Notice of 4<sup>th</sup> District Dart Tournament – September 16<sup>th</sup> – Post 69 (Reading, OH): Posted on BB.
- Thank You from Boys State Attendee – Matthew Martin: Posted on BB.

Outgoing Correspondence:

- Acknowledgment of \$50 Donation received by Post from member Mike Stringer in memorial of Post member Dr. Ralph Sinks.

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

Chaplain Porter commented on, or noted, following:

- Gave a medical status update on members Bishop, Musselman, Calder and McLaughlin.
- Noted had five volunteers participating in our most recent VAVS trip to VA Hospital on August 4<sup>th</sup>. Played Bingo.

**Committees and Liaison Reports:**

- **Americanism Committee:** (Chair – (Randy Lindsey).  
No report in absence of Chair Lindsey.
- **Community Support & Recognition Committee:** (Chair – Doug Rogers).  
No report in absence of Chair Rogers.

Commander Bishop commented on the A/T Veteran Memorial Dedication on August 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7 PM, thanking all who either participated, or attended, the event.

Law & Order Program Chair Wolfangel commented on the Post Awards Program, noting it was a success. He advised he would like some volunteers to personally deliver certificates / awards to those not in attendance. He noted Jerry Porter had accepted responsibility for delivery of all student and school documents, and Bob Alfieri has agreed to help also. Anyone else interested in assisting should contact Wolfangel.

- **Service, Veterans Affairs, Economic & Legislation Committee:** (Chair - Service Officer)  
No report in absence of Chair Charles Cleves.
- **Bingo Committee** (Chair – Ed Sears)  
Bob Alfieri, in absence of Chair Sears, indicated that Sears had advised that bingo in the month of July provided \$2,700 to the Post, and \$789 to C.I., and generated \$490 from concessions, for a total of \$3,979..
- **Fund-Raising Committee:** (Chair – Ken Knight).  
Commander Bishop, in absence of Chair Knight commented on the following:
  - Poker-Mania: August 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017. He noted that we still need dealers for Saturday night, and also for front table and cash room on Saturday.
  - Fall Dances: Schedule has been distributed to our dance customers today, and will go out to the Post membership next week. The first dance is on September 9<sup>th</sup> – The Remains Band.
  - Open Mic Event: Noted we are looking at this as a possible future event for the Post, and will be running an Open Mic event simultaneous with the Poker-Mania as a trial run to assist in evaluation.

■ **Event Coordination Committee:** (Chair – Jimmy Bussey).

No report in absence of Chair Bussey.

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

Chair Alfieri commented on, or noted:

- Thanks to all the volunteers for weekly cleaning and set up details. Noted will need help around 2 PM Sunday to completely set up for Bingo.
- Tables for Poker-Mania have all been readied, and kitchen has been readied..
- Disposed of an additional 25 folding chairs to a member, and has potential promises for taking of more.
- Currently retaining the large fans in storage shed. Will revisit disposition in future.
- Will be building second level within storage shed to increase storage.

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

External Communications: Adjutant Wolfangel advised FHJ has published the article on Poker-Mania the last three weeks, and event has also appeared in FHJ and Enquirer calendar of events. A media release regarding Awards Program was submitted and is awaiting publication. Media release on 2017 Fall dance schedule has been prepared and will be submitted to FHJ next week. Jerry Porter advised that the Awards Program info was on cincinnati.com web-site.

Internal Communications: Commander Bishop reported that the September Newsletter deadline for items to be submitted is August 25<sup>th</sup>. Extra copies of August Newsletter are available in clubroom, and are also on Post web-site.

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

Chair Ralph Caskey noted that next color guard event would be FHSD Opening Day event at Turpin High School on August 28<sup>th</sup>, and he needed a couple of more volunteers. Several members in attendance volunteered to fill the complement. Due to late start of school this year, does not have football game color guard schedule yet, but will be meeting with Gary Gregorio and Bob Calder next week to plan that schedule. Jerry Porter commented on a request that he followed up on from a Days of Wonder home school, which was requesting a speaker. Upon learning she wanted someone to talk on their war experience, he advised we do not do that kind of a program.

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

Chair Bishop commented on :

- CI Finance Report (prepared by Walt Geil – CI Treasurer) as of July 31, 2017). Copies were available at sign-in table, and copy provided to Adjutant for filing with August meeting minutes. He noted that the total balance of CI funds on report was \$4,318.72 as of end of July. He commented on the various distributions from the CI program funds during June.
- CI Quarterly Meeting: Noted C.I. Trustees would be meeting for their quarterly meeting on August 21<sup>st</sup>.
- “Wave The Flag” Fund-raising Program: Noted we would be doing this again this year over the Veterans Day period.

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

**4<sup>th</sup> District Report:** Nothing to report.

**Old Business:** None.

**New Business:** None.

**Good Of The Legion:** .

- Volunteer Drawing: Don Bishop handled. \$50 restaurant gift card went to Mary Bishop.
- Split-the-Pot: Due to small attendance no S-T-P was conducted.
- Joseph House Bin for Clothing: Bishop noted there was still currently a hold on receipt of clothing, so do not bring any more in at this time. Jerry Porter noted the A/T Senior Center was collecting pillows and blankets for Joseph House.
- Fisher House Food Donations: Place in box in clubroom.
- Next E.C. Meeting: Commander Bishop noted it would be August 30, 2017.

- Next Post Meeting: Commander Bishop noted it would be September 13, 2017.
- Refreshments: 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