

MINUTES

AMERICAN LEGION POST 318

REGULAR MEETING

JANUARY 10, 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. 2nd Vice Commander Matt Lilly 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 thirteen (13) Post 318 members present, which fails to represent a quorum. New member Paul Henkel was introduced, attending his first Post Meeting.

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 Matt Lilly; Adjutant Dan Wolfangel; Chaplain Jerry Porter; and Sgt.-At-Arms Ralph Caskey were present, as were Committee Chairs: Ed Sears (Bingo); Bob Alfieri (House); and Randy Lindsey (Americanism).

Absent with prior notice were Finance Officer Ron Yersky and Service Officer Charles Cleves. Absent were Committee Chairs: Ken Knight (Event Coordination) and Doug Rogers (Community Support). Fund-Raising Chair position is currently vacant.

Minutes: Adjutant Wolfangel noted that the Minutes from the November 8, 2017 Post Meeting (not previously approved due to lack of quorum at December Meeting), the December 13, 2017 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. *Action on approval / acceptance of November and December Minutes has been tabled until February 2018 Post Meeting due to lack of a quorum at the December and January Post meetings.*

Executive Committee Notes: Adjutant Wolfangel advised that the December 27, 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 December 27th E.C. Meeting were reported as follows:

- Voted to reverse a previous action regarding sending letters to Anderson and Turpin High Schools reference Post's policy of not providing Color Guard details at sporting events or activities should an incident occur of players' or participants' disrespecting National Anthem or the American Flag. Current action being taken following personal contact with respective schools' Athletic Directors by SAA Ralph Caskey, in which they indicated they will address matter internally at this time.
- Authorized Ed Sears to expend up to \$1,300 for in securing secure storage for Post valuables.
- Were advised that Post has now assumed ownership of two (2) grave sites at Graceland Memorial Cemetery, (Milford, OH), as were donated/transferred to Post by Chuck and Sandy Bowman, residents of Florida.
- Recommended \$300 contribution, from C.I. Veteran Assistance funds, to Post member Keith Musselman.
- Authorized exploration of a request for renting of Post kitchen usage by a private food service.

Finance Report: No Finance Officer Report or financial documents available due to medical absence of Finance Officer Ron Yersky. Reports for December and January to be submitted at Finance Officer Ron Yersky submitted written finance report for the month of November 2017, with copies available for distribution to *Action on approval / acceptance of previously presented November Finance Report (tabled for lack of quorum at December Meeting), and presentation for approval / acceptance of December Finance Report (due to absence of Finance Officer at January Meeting), will be tabled until February 2018 Meeting.*

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

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

- Currently at 141 documented paid members for 2018, which is currently 14 members short of quota of 155.
- Have 19 current members not yet renewed for 2018.
- Have 3 potential new members pending.

- Gave summary logistics of current membership make-up,
- He announced the names of members with January birthdays.

Chair Kamman also advised that a “New / Transferred Member Reception and Orientation Session” has been set for Wednesday – January 24th, at 7 PM at the Post. Notices are being sent to those select individuals, and an email notice will be sent to all members inviting them to participate also.

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

Chair Lilly noted or commented on the following:

- Thanks for assistance with conducting the Christmas Party, in his absence.
- Hoops-Mania tickets are available, and Football-Mania is winding down, with several winners so far.

Commander Bishop reminded that Post 318 is hosting the HCC meeting on February 7th, and a light meal will be needed. Lilly indicated he would handle.

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:

- Info on “Four Chaplains Memorial Service” - Sunday – February 11th – 12 Noon – (St. Boniface Church) / Reception (Gaily VFW Post – North College Hill, OH): Posted on BB.
- Notice on 4th District Euchre Tournament – February 18th – Post 199 (Harrison, OH): Posted on BB.
- Acknowledgment from “Military Veterans Resource Center – Food Pantry” for \$25 Donation: Posted on BB.
- Acknowledgment from “Memorial Day Foundation – Holiday Wreath Program” for \$25 Donation: Posted on BB.

Outgoing Correspondence:

- Donation Acknowledgment to twelve (12) dance patrons for a total of \$188 in donations made to Post in conjunction with dance tickets purchased through Showclix during 2017.
- Acknowledgment to Post member Terry Childs for \$40 donation to Post.
- Acknowledgment to chick and Sandra Bowman for donation / transfer of two grave sites to Post, valued at approximately \$5,000.
- Appreciation letter to Cincinnati Federal Savings and Loan Senior V.P. For promoting Post dance events on their outside electronic message sign.

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

Chaplain Porter commented on, or noted, following:

- VAVS: Post 318 hosting VAVS at V.A. Hospital on February 15th. Will need about six (6) volunteers.
- Keith Musselman's surgical implants seem to be helping in his Parkinson's Disease condition.
- Jack Storm still in Room 219, Salem Woods Care Center. Would like visitors.
- Donald McLaughlin is up and around using a walker, and is in therapy.
- Ron Yersky is home recuperating from foot surgery.

Committees and Liaison Reports:

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

Chair Lindsey and Jerry Porter, reported on following:

- Oratorical Program: Our local Post competition has been moved from January 13th to February 3rd, starting at 12 noon. Have at least two, and maybe three, participants. Judges, scorers, ushers and time-keepers have been secured. Noted A/T Trustee Josh Gerth will be one of the judges. Porter had attended a practice session for the participants at Anderson H.S.
- Boys & Girls State Program: Has received Boys State Program info and will be getting it to Dave Kammerer at Anderson H.S. Lindsey questioned as to how many we could send, and Commander Bishop advised we had \$2,700 in C.I. Budget for B&G State Program, which would cover up to a total of 9 participants, suggesting we shoot for 4 boys and 4 girls. There maybe additional funds if we exceed the total of eight..

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

No report in absence of Chair Rogers.

Law & Order Program Chair Wolfangel noted that he has received nominations for Law Officer of the Year and Firefighter of the Year, from HCSO-D5 and ATFD.

- **Service, Veterans Affairs, Economic & Legislation Committee:** (Chair - Service Officer)
No report in absence of Chair Cleves.

- **Bingo Committee** (Chair – Ed Sears)
Chair Sears commented on, or noted:

- Thanks to all who volunteer for Bingo, and he still needs additional volunteers.
- Bingo in the month of December, which encompassed only 3 weeks, provided \$1,600 to the Post, and \$530 to C.I., and generated \$372 from concessions, for a total of about \$2,502.
- Bingo's "fiscal year" (which was for the twelve months ending in December) provided \$26,850 to the Post; \$9,161 to C.I.; and \$5,186 in concessions, for a total of approximately \$41,200.

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.

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

Commander Bishop noted that this Chair is now open, with the movement of Ken Knight to Event Coordination Chair as of last month. Anyone willing to take over this Chair, should see Commander Bishop. In absence of a Chair, Commander Bishop noted:

- Hoops-Mania tickets have been distributed. Roger Wade and Matt Lilly are coordinating on this. Extra tickets are available by contacting one of them.
- Dance Events: Still short on staffing for January 13th dance. Identified positions.
- Fish Fries: Noted we are only four weeks away from 2018 Fish Fry season. While Jerry Porter has agreed to take the lead on most of the events, we still need a lead for two weeks when he will not be available. Issues will be reviewed at the at January E.C. Meeting. These Fish Frys are important as they generated about \$5,400 in net revenues last year. Anyone willing to assist Porter by covering leadership on the two open dates should contact Commander Bishop.
- Open Mic: First event of 2018 will be on January 12th, which is fully staffed.

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

Commander Bishop, in absence of Chair Knight, noted that Knight is working on a contract in conjunction with a request by a private food service to rent the Post kitchen.

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

Chair Alfieri thanked all for help on hall clean-up / set-up details, noting still can use more help. He advised he had nothing else to report on at this time.

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

External Communications: Adjutant Wolfangel advised our media releases and calendar listings for January events were submitted, accepted and either published, or pending publishing.

Internal Communications: Commander Bishop reported that the deadline for items to be submitted for the February Newsletter is January 26th. He noted extra copies of December 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 we have a Color Guard details for an Anderson game on January 15th, and two in February (10th and 16th). If anyone can help with those please contact him.

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

Chair Bishop commented on, or noted:

- CI Finance Report (prepared by Walt Geil – CI Treasurer as of December 31, 2017). Copies were available at sign-in table, and copy provided to Adjutant for filing with January meeting minutes. He noted that the total balance of CI funds on report was \$2,429.75 as of end of December. He commented on the various distributions from the CI program funds during December.

Hamilton County Council (HCC) Report: Commander Bishop reminded that we would be hosting HCC on February 7th.

4th District Report: Nothing to report.

Old Business: None.

New Business: None.

Good Of The Legion:

- Membership I.D. Badge Board Update: SAA Ralph Caskey ask that I.D. Badges be updated before the Fish Frys, to provide for the I.D badges for recent new and /or transferred members. Bob Kamman will provide updated roster.
- Joseph House: Donation bin in clubroom.
- Volunteer Drawing: Don Bishop handled. Outback gift card went to Dan Wolfangel.
- Split-the-Pot: Jerry Porter handled, with Mike Stringer winning.
- Next E.C. Meeting: Commander Bishop noted it would be on January 31st.
- Next Post Meeting: Commander Bishop noted it would be on February 14th.
- Refreshments: 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 7:45 PM.

Dan Wolfangel