

MINUTES

AMERICAN LEGION POST 318

REGULAR MEETING

JULY 12, 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. 1st Vice Commander Bob Kamman then led the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance. Commander Don Bishop 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 seventeen Post 318 members present, which represented a quorum. There were six guests present related to the guest speaker presentation.

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 Bob Alfieri (House); Ken Knight (Fund-Raising); Doug Rogers (Community Support); and Jimmy Bussey (Event Coordination).

Excused with prior notice were: 2nd Vice Commander Matt Lilly; and Committee Chairs: Randy Lindsey (Americanism); and Ed Sears (Bingo).

Commander Bishop suspended the normal order of business to accommodate a guest presentation.

Guest Speaker: Commander Bishop introduced Post 318 Member Charles Pfitzenmayer, who then introduced Coast Guard veteran Jason Brown who spoke regarding on his personal recovery story dealing with drugs, etc. He is currently a resident of Joseph House, and is eight months clean. He took questions from the floor following his comments.

Minutes: Adjutant Wolfangel noted that the minutes from the June 14, 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. *A motion was made (Dan Wolfangel), seconded (Ron Yersky), and passed unanimously to accept the minutes as printed.*

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

- Approved \$25 for hole sponsorship for 4th District Golf Outing from allocated 2017 C.I. Budget.
- Approved \$75 for hole sponsorship for Ohio Veteran's Home Volunteer Committee Golf Outing, from forthcoming 2018 C.I. Budget.
- Approved offering two dice game tables (which are no longer needed by Post 318 due to no longer participating with GAD) to Post 484 for use with their festival.

Finance Report: Finance Officer Ron Yersky submitted finance report for the month of June 2017, with copies available for distribution to membership, and to Adjutant for filing with July Post Meeting minutes. He advised our financial balance was in fairly good shape at approximately \$15,000, which should cover us for July and August, not counting any additional revenue that comes in over that period, such as Bingo, rentals, etc. He indicated there are about \$4,500 per month of known expenses that will be coming out per month over that period. *Upon motion (Ron Yersky) to accept and file the Financial Report, subject to audit, and second (Stan Dillon), the motion was passed unanimously.*

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

Chair Bob Kamman, noted the following:

- Our quota for 2018 will be 155.
- Currently have 62 members paid toward that quota which is 40%, which is a little behind last year at this time.
- However, has just received additional renewals tonight, that should put us a little ahead of last year.
- He gave a summary breakdown of how current memberships were accounted for.
- Noted we just had a member pass away – Dr. Ralph W. Sinks.

- Announced July member birthdays.
- Noted he had 2018 membership cards available.

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

In absence of Chair Matt Lilly, Commander Bishop and Adjutant Wolfangel commented on, and gave update on plans for the upcoming Awards Recognition Program to be held on July 22nd.

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:

- Hamilton County Veteran Commission (HCVC) Newsletter – Summer 2017: To be posted in Miscellaneous Newsletter binder in clubroom.
- HCVC “Outreach” Locations for July / Aug / Sept: Posted on BB.
- Solicitation from 4th District for Posts to Recommend and Sponsor District Events.
- 4th District Schedule of Executive Committee and Conference Meetings: Posted on BB.
- Info on 4th District Activities from Commander Mike Bender, and List of 2017-2018 4th District Program Chairs.
- Acknowledgment of \$200 Donation to Joseph House: Posted on BB.
- Message from Nat'l Legion Commander Regarding Need for Legislator Support for Legion 100th Year Coin Minting: Posted on BB.
- Notice / Invite for A/T Veteran Memorial Dedication – August 3rd – 7 PM: Posted on BB.
- Acknowledgment of \$100 Donation to A/T Veteran Memorial Fund: Posted on BB.
- Acknowledgment of \$300 Donation to Honor Flight Tri-State: Posted on BB.
- Acknowledgment of \$300 Donation to Friends of Fisher House: Posted on BB.

Outgoing Correspondence:

- Acknowledgment of \$60 Donation received by Post from member Terry Childs.

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

Chaplain Porter commented on, or noted, following:

- Keith Musselman is still having problems, and would probable like a call or contact from those that know him.
- Don McLaughlin is back at New England Club, and would like to get back involved in Post activities if someone can pick him.
- Next VAVS hosting at V.A. Hospital is Friday – August 4th. Need to meet at Post for carpool by 6 PM. Needs about six volunteers.

Chaplain Porter presented a Memorial Bible, in memory of Post 318 deceased member Dr. Ralph Sinks, to member Mike Stringer (Sink's son-in-law) for him to present to family at a private ceremony on Sunday - July 16th.

Committees and Liaison Reports:

- **Americanism Committee:** (Chair – (Randy Lindsey).
No report in absence of Chair Lindsey.

- **Community Support & Recognition Committee:** (Chair – Doug Rogers).
Commander Bishop introduced Chair Rogers, who advised he had nothing to report at this time, since he was new to the task.

Commander Bishop commented on the A/T Veteran Memorial Dedication on August 3rd at 7 PM, noting that it was open to the public, and some Post 318 members will be participating in the dedication.

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

Chair Charles Cleves commented on veteran resources that can be found on www.military.com . He also noted

that effective November 11th, veterans will be able to purchase from the military exchanges, without paying any sales tax. Will need to sign up and will require copy of DD214. Info will be placed in Post Newsletter.

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

Bob Alfieri, in absence of Chair Sears, indicated that Sears had advised that bingo in the month of June provided \$2,100 to the Post, and \$825 to C.I., and generated \$384 from concessions.

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

Chair Knight commented on the upcoming Football-Mania fund-raising program, that member Roger Wade will be working on with him, and will be sending out the mailing to all members. Ken indicated he was surprised at the number of Football-Mania cards that were returned last year, unsold. Noted we need better participation in this program.

Commander Bishop commented, and updated information regarding the Poker-Mania events that are to be held on August 11th and 12th, 2017. He noted that these events are a replacement for revenue that had been generated in previous years by GAD. He noted need for volunteers for dealing cards, and various other tasks, and there were sign up sheets available tonight. He also advised “flyers” for the event were available, if you have locations where you can post them. There are also a couple of 24” X 36” yard signs that we need locations for where there is high viability.

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

Chair Bussey commented on hall rentals, noting we currently had only one rental schedule between now and the Fall dance season, and that is a private sponsored dance, open to the public, on July 21st.

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

Chair Alfieri commented on, or noted:

- Thanks to all the volunteers for weekly cleaning and set up details.
- Will need special cleanup on Friday at 10 AM.
- Fire Inspection resulted in several violations relative to the emergency lighting and exit lighting system. There is also a problem with the security system resulting in a flashing fire alarm signal activating. Will need to contact SECCO Electric for this problem.

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

External Communications: Adjutant Wolfangel advised media releases are ready to go out for Poker-Mania event, and a media release will also be prepared following the Awards Program event.

Internal Communications: Commander Bishop reported that the August Newsletter deadline for items to be submitted is July 26th. Extra copies of the July Newsletter are in clubroom, or can be downloaded from the Post web-site.

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

Chair Ralph Caskey noted that we had 20 members and 6 guests that participated with our unit in the A/T July 4th Parade. The next Uniform Ceremonies / Color Guard event will be the FHSD Opening event on August 28th, and he will be looking for volunteers at August Post Meeting.

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

Chair Bishop commented on :

- CI Finance Report (prepared by Walt Geil – CI Treasurer) as of June 30, 2017). Copies were available at sign-in table, and copy provided to Adjutant for filing with July meeting minutes. He noted that the total balance of CI funds on report was approximately \$8,600 as of end of June. He commented on the various distributions from the CI program funds during June.
- 2017-2018 Charities Inc. Budget: Bishop noted copies were available at sign-in table. Budget was based upon projected revenue of \$34,000 plus and projected expenses of \$34,000 plus (\$20,800 to Veteran Programs and \$13,300 to Community Programs). The newest revenue producer – PokerMania is projected at \$4,100.

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

4th District Report: Nothing to report.

Old Business: None.

New Business: None.

Good Of The Legion: .

- Commander Bishop advised that Post 484 had accepted our offer to give them two dice gaming tables

- Volunteer Drawing: Don Bishop handled. \$50 Carrubba's gift card went to Jimmy Bussey.
- Split-the-Pot: Tom Prem handled. Drawing was won by Jimmy Bussey in amount of \$50.
- Joseph House Bin for Clothing: Bishop noted there was currently a hold on receipt of clothing, so do not bring any more in at this time.
- Fisher House Food Donations: Place in box in clubroom.
- Next E.C. Meeting: Commander Bishop noted it would be July 26, 2017.
- Next Post Meeting: Commander Bishop noted it would be August 9, 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 7:50 PM.

Dan Wolfangel