

# MINUTES

## AMERICAN LEGION POST 318

### REGULAR MEETING

SEPTEMBER 13, 2017

The Post meeting, conducted at Post 318's facility, was called to order by Acting Commander / 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander Bob Kamman at approximately 7:00 PM. Colors were in place and were saluted. Opening Prayer was given by Chaplain Jerry Porter. Acting Commander Kamman then gave the recognition of POW-MIA's, with the POW-MIA Chair Cover put in place by Sgt.-At-Arms Ralph Caskey. Kamman then led the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance and the reciting of the American Legion Preamble. Kamman then opened meeting for the normal order of business.

**Attendance:** Sgt.-At-Arms Ralph Caskey noted that there were eighteen Post 318 members present, which represents a quorum. There were no guests present.

**Roll Call of Post Officers and Committee Chairs:** Adjutant Dan Wolfangel conducted roll call, indicating Post Officers: Acting Commander/ 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander Bob Kamman; Adjutant Dan Wolfangel; Finance Officer Ron Yersky; Chaplain Jerry Porter; and Sgt.-At-Arms Ralph Caskey were present, as were Committee Chairs: Randy Lindsey (Americanism); Ed Sears (Bingo); Bob Alfieri (House), and Jimmy Bussey (Event Coordination).

Absent with prior notice were: Commander Don Bishop; 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander Matt Lilly; and Service Officer Charles Cleves. Absent were Committee Chairs: Doug Rogers (Community Support); and Ken Knight (Fund-Raising).

**Minutes:** Adjutant Wolfangel noted that the Minutes from the July 12, 2017 and the August 9, 2017 Post Meetings 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. He noted that the July 12<sup>th</sup> Post Meeting Minutes had not yet been approved due to a lack of a quorum, at the last meeting. *Upon motion made (Dan Wolfangel), to accept both July 12<sup>th</sup> and August 9<sup>th</sup> minutes as printed, was seconded (Ron Yersky), and passed by unanimous vote.*

**Executive Committee Notes:** Adjutant Wolfangel advised that the August 30, 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 August E.C. Meeting were reported as follows:

- Established that the Post will not post "links" on Post web-site for non-member private or for profit entities.
- Approved proceeding with a proposal from the Marketing Committee for a six event trial of "Open Mic" events, starting on Friday – September 22<sup>nd</sup> and on five additional Fridays through early December. Purpose of trial is to determine if this could be an on-going revenue producer.
- Recommended to Charities, Inc, the distribution of \$100 toward a 9-11 project at U.C, involving the posting of 3,000 small flags on a quad at U.C. (Displayed several photos of event, which have been posted on BB.)
- Approved addition of three veteran resource "link" to Post web-site.
- Approved distribution from C.I. Veteran Assistance line item, of \$300 to veteran Brett Feldman family, upon recommendation of Service Officer Cleves.

**Finance Report:** Finance Officer Ron Yersky submitted finance report for the month of August 2017, with copies available for distribution to membership, and to Adjutant for filing with September Post Meeting Minutes. He advised our financial balance was in fairly good shape at approximately \$13,500 combined 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, or settlement from Poker-Mania which he just received tonight. Yersky also noted that he and Commander Bishop had met and prepared a corrected IRS 990 form for submission, due to several errors found on original filing. They also prepared the annual application for exemption from most of our county property taxes, which is required to be filed with Hamilton County. Yersky also addressed several questions from the floor relative to bank fees on the report, and also as to why we are banking with 5/3 and PNC, and whether we would consider throwing business to Suburban Federal who advertises our events on their monument sign board. The latter question was referred to the E.C. Committee.

Adjutant Wolfangel noted that due to a lack of a quorum at the August Post Meeting, the membership needed to vote on acceptance of both July and August submitted Finance Reports. *Upon motion by (Dan Wolfangel) to accept both July and August Finance Reports, subject to audit, and second (Jerry Porter), motion was passed unanimously.*

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

Chair Bob Kamman, noted the following:

- Currently at about 104 paid members (about 66%) toward 2018 quota of 155. About 50 current members have not yet renewed their membership for 2018.
- Even if all renewed, we would probably still be short due to deceased, etc, thus we will need some new members in addition.
- He provided Adjutant with a membership report and summary breakdown of how current memberships were accounted for.

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

No report in absence of Chair Lilly

Acting Commander Kamman advised that Lilly had indicated we would have refreshments after the meeting, but he was not sure whether that will occur.

**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:

- Listing of 4<sup>th</sup> District Scheduled Activities: Post on BB w/copy to Post Activities Chair Lilly.
- Thank-You from Post Member Curtis Grant (Tarpon Springs, FL) for the Mailing of his Continuous Membership Certificate and Pin.
- Thank-You from Student Dana Bausch for his Veteran Scholarship: Posted on BB.
- Thank-You from Nicole Moulas for her Veteran Scholarship: Posted on BB.
- Notice of 4<sup>th</sup> District 9 Ball Pool Tournament – October 7<sup>th</sup> – Post 149 (Franklin, OH): Posted on BB.
- Info from Candidate for Dept. of Ohio 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander – Jean Wilson (Post 199) for a Quilt Raffle Fund-raiser: The raffle tickets are available from Adjutant for anyone interested.

Outgoing Correspondence:

- Acknowledgment of \$40 Donation received by Post from member Terry Chiles in lieu of Football-Mania tickets.
- Acknowledgment of \$28 Donation received by Post from member Chuck Smith.

Adjutant Wolfangel advised he would be out of town and unavailable from September 22<sup>nd</sup> through October 1<sup>st</sup>, and that SAA Ralph Caskey would be serving as Acting Adjutant for the E.C. Meeting on September 27<sup>th</sup>.

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

Chaplain Porter commented on, or noted, following:

- Gave a medical status update on members Calder, Bishop, and Bill King (who was present at meeting). Porter questioned if anyone had heard from or had contact with member Jack Storm.
- Noted that we would be hosting a VAVS event at the Post on October 21<sup>st</sup>, and will need 8 to 10 volunteers to assist. We will also be hosting a VAVS event at V.A. Hospital on November 7<sup>th</sup>, and will need 5 to 6 volunteers for that.
- Advised that on November 8<sup>th</sup> (between 1:15 and 2 PM) the Hamilton County Teacher's Association would like a Post member(s) to speak on being a veteran and a Legionnaire. Anyone that is interested should contact Jerry Porter. There is an honorarium and dinner involved.

**Committees and Liaison Reports:**

- **Americanism Committee:** (Chair – Randy Lindsey).  
Chair Lindsey, due to late start of Anderson High School, has not yet met with reference to our programs, but expects to do so next week.
- **Community Support & Recognition Committee:** (Chair – Doug Rogers).  
No report in absence of Chair Rogers.
- **Service, Veterans Affairs, Economic & Legislation Committee:** (Chair - Service Officer)  
In absence of Chair Charles Cleves, Adjutant Wolfangel read an email from Cleves providing an update on the veteran (Brett Feldman) whom Post had recently assisted with some funds.

Adjutant Wolfangel also commented on:

- a news item in a publication called “The Watchdog”, that was provided by Carolyn Sears (Ed Sear's wife. The item was “American Vets Have New Enemy – Scammers”). Will be posted on BB.
- Noted that September 15<sup>th</sup> is POW-MIA Recognition Day. No action or program required. Info was received from a Legion email.

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

Chair Sears indicated that Bingo in the month of August, provided \$2,700 to the Post, and \$870 to C.I., and generated \$659 from concessions, for a total of about \$4,200. Sears further advised that he had notified the E.C., that he will be stepping down as Bingo Manager / Chair effective October 31, 2018, giving them approximately 14 months to find and train a new person for that role. He thanked all of those who have helped make bingo a success with their volunteering.

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

No report in absence of Chair Knight.

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

Chair Bussey commented on

- Upcoming hall usage, including dances and open mic events.
- He has been contacted by a contractor regarding holding of Medicare Sessions in Rental Hall B on four Wednesdays (October 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>, and November 14<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>.)
- October 13<sup>th</sup> wedding and reception.

Discussion was had regarding consideration of need for clean-up / set up in scheduling of events. Bottom line is rental and usage schedules dictate clean-up/set-up schedule, and not the other way around. Rentals come when the client wants to rent the hall on an available date, regardless of what event or usage may be scheduled before or after that date.

Acting Commander Kamman also noted that we had 143 attendees at our September 9<sup>th</sup> dance and cleared about \$940 for Post. He also noted need for additional staff for upcoming dances.

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

Chair Alfieri commented on, or noted:

- Safety / Emergency lights have been fixed.
- Kitchen hood has been professionally cleaned as required once a year.
- Has bids on professional kitchen floor and stove cleaning, which will be presented to at the E.C. Meeting.

Jerry Porter brought up the issue of the clean-up / set-up work already having been done upon the arrival of volunteers at the 10 AM scheduled time for such details. This causes volunteers to not show up, if there is nothing for them to do. If the detail is promoted, and scheduled, to start at 10 AM, then that is when the work should start, not at 9 AM which is regularly occurring currently. .

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

External Communications: Adjutant Wolfangel advised media release for Fall Dance schedule has been published in FHJ, and a release for the Open Mic events is pending. Listings for newspaper calendar of events has been submitted for upcoming dances and open mic events.

Internal Communications: Acting Commander Kamman reported that the October Newsletter deadline for items to be submitted is September 25<sup>th</sup>.

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

Chair Ralph Caskey noted that:

- All Post Color Guard obligations for the remaining three scheduled football and soccer games are currently filled.
- As SAA he is starting to get requests for Flag Classes, which had previously been done mostly by Bob Calder. He does not personally intend to do all of these classes, so if anyone wishes to conduct these classes, they should contact him. He already has a request for a Flag Class for a 2<sup>nd</sup> grade class at Mercer Elementary School, and will have the full day at Sherwood in November. How many of these requests we will be able to honor depends on how many interested volunteers step forward.

- Stressed again, the fact that the same few members are doing all the work for the Post.

Acting Commander Kamman commented on continuing efforts at increasing additional members participation through contacts, and such events as the Orientation Sessions that have been held.

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

In absence of Chair Bishop, Walt Geil (Charities, Inc Treasurer) commented on the CI Finance Report, as of August 31<sup>st</sup>. Copies were available at sign-in table, and copy provided to Adjutant for filing with September meeting minutes. He noted that the total balance of CI funds on report was \$4,171.28 as of end of August. He commented on the various distributions from the CI program funds during August.

■ **Marketing Committee:**

Acting Coordinator Dan Wolfangel noted that the committee was currently monitoring the dances and the upcoming open mic events, and met last Tuesday - September 5<sup>th</sup>, and will be meeting again on Tuesday - September 19<sup>th</sup>. Anyone wishing to attend a meeting is welcome.

**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: Bob Kamman handled. \$50 Olive Garden gift card went to Richard Burnes.
- Split-the-Pot: Tom Prem handled, with \$30 going to Randy Lindsey.
- Joseph House Bin for Clothing: It was noted there was still 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 club room.
- Next E.C. Meeting: Acting Commander Kamman noted it would be on September 27<sup>th</sup>.
- Next Post Meeting: Acting Commander Kamman noted it would be October 11<sup>th</sup>.
- Refreshments: If available, 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 Acting Commander Kamman's call for removal of POW-MIA Chair Cover by Sgt.-At-Arms Ralph Caskey. Acting Commander Kamman then called for saluting the colors in place, and then declared the meeting adjourned at approximately 7:55 PM.

Dan Wolfangel