

MINUTES
AMERICAN LEGION POST 318
REGULAR MEETING
January 9, 2019 (Pending Approval)

The Post Regular Membership 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 Kamman then led the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance. 2nd Vice Commander Randy Lindsey led the reciting of the American Legion Preamble. Bishop then opened meeting for the normal order of business.

Commander Bishop noted that there would be no "Virtual Attendance" at this meeting due to none of our virtual testers were signed on.

Attendance: Sgt.-At-Arms Ralph Caskey noted that there were fifteen (15) Post 318 members present, which represents a quorum. There were no guests.

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 Randy Lindsey; Adjutant Dan Wolfangel; Finance Officer Ron Yersky; Chaplain Jerry Porter; and SAA Ralph Caskey were present, as were Committee Chairs: Ed Sears (Bingo); and Bob Alfieri (House).

Absent with prior notice was Service Officer Charles Cleves. Absent was Committee Chair Ken Knight (Event Coordination). Americanism, Community Support and Fund-Raising Chair positions continue to be vacant.

Minutes: Adjutant Wolfangel noted that the Minutes from the December 12, 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 (Ron Yersky), and passed unanimously.*

Executive Committee Notes: Adjutant Wolfangel advised that the December 19, 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 December E.C. Meeting were reported as follows:

- Voted to bring to the Post Membership, at January 2019 Post Meeting, a proposal relative to issues regarding condition of current dance floor area of rental hall, which depending on options chosen would, or may involve, capital expenditure of funds in an amount exceeding \$100, which are not currently within the approved Post budget.
- Directed Adjutant to send reminder correspondence to Norton Outdoor Advertising regarding termination of billboard agreement, and removal of said billboard by February 1st, in accord with Post's zoning specifications as set forth by Anderson Township.
- Approved acceptance of a newer model Convection Oven, from AYSN (cater utilizing Post kitchen), in exchange for one month's kitchen rental (approximately \$400 value). Current oven to be sold if possible.

Finance Report: Finance Officer Ron Yersky submitted written Income/Expense Statement for the month of December 2018, with copies available for distribution to membership, and to Adjutant for filing with January 2019 Post Meeting Minutes. He advised our current financial balance was in fairly good shape at approximately \$18,855, which is a combined balance of the Post's Operating Account (approximately \$8,386) and Post Savings Account (approximately \$10,487). Bills pending are routine monthly bills, with nothing anticipated out of the ordinary. *A motion was made (Jack Surdick) to accept the Finance Officer's report, and subject to audit. Motion was seconded (Ralph Caskey), and passed unanimously.*

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

Chair Kamman submitted written report to Adjutant for filing, and reported as follows:

- 2019 membership quota is 159.
- We are currently at 138 paid members toward that quota, or approximately 86.89% of quota.

- Need 21 more renewals or new members to make quota.
- Still have 16 members that have not renewed for 2019, and expects possibly as many as one-half may not renew, thus we may need quite a few new members to make quota.
- Announced names of seven Post members with January birthdays.

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

Chair Randy Lindsey noted or commented on:

- 4th District Turkey Shoot - January 19th – Host Post 237. Held at VFW 3954 (Batavia).
- 4th District Euchre Tournament – February 17th – Post 199 (Harrison).
- Upcoming Post dances on January 12th, 26th, and February 3rd.
- Next Post 318 Social is the “Chili Bowl” on Tuesday evening – February 19th. Will be a chili cook-off competition, open to all Post members and immediate family members. Will have prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place. Will be trying to get some A/T firefighters to act as judges. Each contestant should provide at least a gallon of their chili.

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:

- 4th District Newsletter (Winter 2018): Posted in Legion Newsletter binder.
- 4th District “Outlaw Turkey Shoot” - January 19th – VFW 3954 (Batavia): Posted on BB, w/copy to Activities Chair Lindsey.
- Updated 4th District 2018-2019 Activities Schedule: Posted on BB, w/copy to Activities Chair Lindsey.
- Donation Acknowledgment for Memorial Day Foundation for Post’s \$25 Contribution to the Holiday Wreath Program: Posted on BB.
- Info on Four Chaplains Memorial Service and Reception – February 10th (St. Boniface Church / Gailey VFW Post) and Invitation for Post Colors to Participate: Posted on BB, w/copy to SAA Caskey.
- Notice of David Cobb, SR. (14th District) Seeking Election for Dept. of Ohio 2nd Vice Commander: Posted on BB.
- Notice of Stephen Foster (Post 288) Seeking Election for 4th District 1st Vice Commander: Posted on BB.
- Info on 2019 Law & Order Program from HCC and 4th District: Law & Order Chair Wolfangel advised both ATFD and HCSO-D5 were submitting nominees to Post 318 for the awards.
- Registration and Info for Dept. of Ohio Mid-Winter Conference – January 25th thru 27th – Crowne Plaza Hotel North (Columbus, OH):

Outgoing Correspondence:

- Submission of three names of 2018 deceased Post 318 members names to Ohio State Senator Steve Wilson's office for his Veteran Honors Program (Charles J. Behymer / George Martin / Robert Calder).
- Reminder to Norton Outdoor Advertising regarding termination of our billboard lease, and removal of billboard from Post property.

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

Chaplain Porter commented:

- No new info on ill or distressed members.
- Still awaiting confirmation on Post 318’s VAVS scheduling for 2019. Our next tentative VAVS date is expected to be in February.

Committees and Liaison Reports:

■ **Americanism Committee:** (Chair – VACANT).

Commander Bishop noted that this Chair position is still vacant. Anyone willing to take over this Chair, should see Commander Bishop.

Jerry Porter, Acting Chair, advised, or commented on:

Oratorical Program: Advised currently believe will have two or three participants. Reminded that Post competition will be on January 19, 2019 from about 12 noon to 4 PM. Expressed thanks for those who volunteered to be judges, timers, etc. Has been advised will have an A/T Trustee (Dee Stone) as one of the judges.

Boys & Girls State Program: Noted that member Paul Henkel had accepted responsibility for the BS/GS program. Henkel advised he has had contact with AHS principal, and is awaiting info on date for first presentation meeting for interested students.

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

Commander Bishop reminded that we are still looking for a Chair person for this position. Commander Bishop indicated there was no AACCC Meeting this month, thus nothing to report.

■ **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, and provided copies of December Bingo results, which only had three Bingo sessions and produced \$1,750 to Post, \$665 for C.I., and \$389 in concessions (gross), for total distribution of \$2,804. Bingo account balance is at \$407. Noted there would be three more Bingos in January, and there will be no Bingo on February 3rd due to Super Bowl. Sears also extended his appreciation to all who show up for Bingo set up on Sundays, and also those who work Bingo.

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

Commander Bishop noted this Committee Chair remains vacant. Anyone willing to take over this Chair, should see Commander Bishop. He further commented on the following Fund-raising items:

- Dances: Next dance is in January 12th, and we are still short on staffing. Also advance ticket sales are severely lagging, with only 24 tickets sold, and he is concerned due to the bad winter weather prediction.
- Dance Floor Issues: As note in the newsletter, and in the E.C. Minutes, we are having issues with the dance floor, which has a tendency to become sticky, tacky and hard to dance on, with several customers complaining and threatening not to attend our dances if not corrected. He further pointed out the following:
 - * Dances over the last four years have generated about \$52,000 to the Post.
 - * He sees three possible options: 1) Obtain professional help to maintain floor on a regular basis; 2) Install a new dance floor; or 3) Discontinue dances.
 - * E.C. has recommended installing new floor, but there are reservations and concerns, including the cost of such action.
 - * ***He (Don Bishop) proposes, and makes a motion that a committee be established to investigate and price all of our alternatives, and report back at our next Post Membership Meeting. Motion was seconded (Ed Sears), and passed unanimously.*** Committee will consist of: House Chair Bob Alfieri, Mike Stringer, Ed Sears, and Bob Kamman.
- Superbowl Match: Noted Dennis Sakal is handling. Game is tied to Super Bowl. Tickets were sent only to those who had participated in Football- Mania.
- Hoops- Mania Match: Advised Matt Lilly had agreed to take leadership in the forthcoming Hoops- Mania fund-raising activities.

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

No report in absence of Chair Knight.

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

Chair Alfieri commented on, or noted following:

- Novation Network Agreement: Has tried to contact, however has not been contacted back as yet.
- Monument Sign: Has been repaired, with new LED light system.
- Pin Ball Machine: Noted machine had been restored by the individual it was given to, and then sold, with the Post receiving the \$150 proceeds from the sale.

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

External Communications: Adjutant Wolfangel noted that the 2019 Dance Schedule article had been published in the Enquirer Hometown section, and all of our dances are being listed in the newspaper's events activities calendar.

Internal Communications: Commander Bishop reported that the deadline for items to be submitted for the February Post Newsletter is January 25th. He noted copies of the January Newsletter could be downloaded from the Post web-site.

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

Chair Ralph Caskey noted or commented on following:

- Color Guard: Have two details in January (19th and 25th), for boys and girls basketball.
- Four Chaplains Memorial Service Invitation for Post Colors: Has had no volunteers interested, thus will not be accepting invitation to participation.
- Legion / Color Guard Surplus Jackets: Still has two unclaimed jackets that were ordered, but not claimed or paid for. A winter jacket and a spring jacket. Anyone interested, see SAA Caskey.

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

Chair Bishop commented on, or noted: 1CI Finance Report (prepared by Walt Geil – CI Treasurer as of December 30, 2018). Copies were available at sign-in table, and copy provided to Adjutant for filing with December meeting minutes. He noted that the total balance of CI funds on report was \$3,840.25. He gave some brief comments as to the C.I. monthly income and expenses on report.

Hamilton County Council (HCC) Report: No report.

4th District Report: No report.

Dept. of Ohio: No report.

Old Business: None.

New Business: None.

Good Of The Legion:

- Fisher and Joseph House: Bishop noted donation bins in clubroom.
- Volunteer Drawing: Bishop handled. Restaurant gift card won by Darryl Everman.
- Split-the-Pot: Mike Stringer handled. Ed Sears won.
- Next E.C. Meeting: Bishop noted it was scheduled for January 30, 2019.
- Next Post Meeting: Bishop noted it would be on February 13, 2019.
- Refreshments: In Post clubroom after meeting.
- Gold Star on WWII Post Member's Name Tags: SAA Caskey recommended that a “Gold Star” be placed on all WWII member name tags. He will work with Membership Chair Kamman on project.
- AARP Hall Usage: Ron Yersky reminded all that AARP was using our hall for training their tax prep staff during January, and will be using hall for preparation of individual tax returns during February through mid-March.

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.

Prepared by: