

MINUTES
AMERICAN LEGION POST 318
REGULAR MEETING
February 13, 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 being signed on.

Attendance: Sgt.-At-Arms Ralph Caskey noted that there were seventeen (17) 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 January 9, 2019 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 scheduled January 30, 2019 E.C. Meeting Minutes was canceled due to winter weather conditions. An entry was placed in the E.C. Meeting Minutes binder in the clubroom bookcase to that effect. Any and all pending E.C. matters will be handled at the scheduled February 27, 2019 E.C. Meeting.

Finance Report: Finance Officer Ron Yersky submitted written Income/Expense Statement for the month of January 2019, with copies available for distribution to membership, and to Adjutant for filing with February 2019 Post Meeting Minutes. He advised our current financial balance was in fairly good shape at approximately \$22,907, which is a combined balance of the Post's Operating Account (approximately \$12,420) and Post Savings Account (approximately \$10,487). Bills pending are routine monthly bills, with nothing anticipated out of the ordinary. *A motion was made (Bob Alfieri) to accept the Finance Officer's report, and subject to audit. Motion was seconded (Ed Sears), 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 144 paid members toward that quota, or approximately 90.6% of quota.
- Need 15 more renewals or new members to make quota.
- Still have 11 members that have not yet renewed for 2019, and expects several may not renew, thus we may need to continued to seek some new members if we are to make quota.
- If reach quota by March 31st, Post would be eligible for a share of \$2,500 in Quota Incentive monies.
- Introduced newly transferred member from Post 484 to Post 318 – Eric Franz.
- Announced names of nine Post members with February birthdays.

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

Chair Randy Lindsey noted or commented on:

- 4th District Euchre Tournament – February 17th – Host Post 199 (Harrison).
- Upcoming Post dances on February 16th and March 2nd.
- 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. Judging will be done by ATFD Chief Rick Martin and one of his Assistant Chiefs.

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 Updated Activities Schedule: Posted on BB / Copy to Activities Chair Lindsey).
- Notice of 4th District Spring Conference – March 17th – 10 AM – Post 49 (Wilmington): Posted on BB,
- Ham, Co, Veterans Service Commission Newsletter: Posted in Miscellaneous Newsletter Binder, with select articles Posted on BB.:
- Donation Acknowledgment from Joseph House for \$100 Holiday Donation from Post 319 C.I.: Posted on BB.
- Renewal Invoice for Ham. Co. Health Department Food Service License - \$345.55): Handled by Finance Officer Yersky and House Chair Alfieri.
- Request from HCSO-D5 for American Flag Replacement: Secured through C.I., and will be will be delivered by Adjutant tomorrow.
- Recognition and Commemorative Medallion for Post Contribution to A.L. 2018 Legacy Scholarship Fund, in Amount of \$500 (Funded by C.I.): Medallion placed on existing plaque in Club Room.
- Notice of 4th District Corn Hole Tournament – March 10th – Post 534 (Riverside): Posted on BB / Copy to Activities Chair Lindsey).
- Notice of 4th District Planned Celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the American Legion – May 4th – 11 AM to 1 PM – Eden Park Overlook: Posted on BB. Included :
 - * Info on event.
 - * Invitation for Post Color Guard and any Bagpipe or Bugler Participation (referred to SAA Caskey for review consideration).
 - * Solicitation for financial support from Post (will be reviewed by E.C.).
 - * Request for assistance in set-up / tear down of event.

Outgoing Correspondence: / Adjutant Action:

- Prepared and sent 9 donation acknowledgments to Post dance attendees who donated to Post through Showlix during 2018 seasons, in total amount of \$277.
- Prepared and sent appreciation letter to “Cincinnati Federal Bank” for posting of Post 318 Dance info on their exterior electronic message board.
- Prepared and sent Donation acknowledgment, on behalf of C.I., to Post member for \$2,000 donation to C.I.
- Prepared and sent donation acknowledgments to two Post members:
 - * Terry Childs for \$60 donation in lieu of Super Bowl Match tickets.
 - * Gregg Oliver for \$25 donation to Post.
- Updated Legion on-line membership records to “deceased” on Post members George Martin and Glenn Kendall

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

Chaplain Porter commented:

- Noted member Walt Geil recovering from foot surgery, and had no new updates on anyone else
- Noted we are to host a VAVS evening at VA Hospital on February 21st. Need volunteers. Leave Post at 6 PM. Future dates scheduled for May 20th, August 9th, and December 16th.

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 that our participant (Lucas Hughes) backed out of the HCC competition. Due to reported family conflict.

Boys & Girls State Program: Porter reported on behalf of member Paul Henkel who was coordinating our Post program, that we would only have two boys and two girls participating this year.

- **Community Support & Recognition Committee:** (Chair – VACANT).
Commander Bishop reminded that we are still looking for a Chair person for this position.
- **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 January Bingo results, which involved four Bingo sessions and produced \$2,500 to Post, \$685 for C.I., and \$401 in concessions (gross), for total monthly distribution of \$3,568. Bingo account balance is at \$536.90. Total monthly distributions to-date for current Bingo year are: \$5,350 to Post; \$1,920 to C.I. Noted there would be only three Bingo sessions for February due to closure on Super Bowl Sunday. 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 Valentine Dance on February 16th. Still need a couple of staff.
 - Dance Floor Issues: No report from the Committee exploring the dance floor issues, per House / Dance Floor Committees Chair Alfieri.
 - Superbowl Match : Dennis Sakal handled. Sold 209 tickets, and made profit of \$654, and had multiple winners.
 - Hoops- Mania Match: Advised Dennis Sakal was handling. Tickets still available. Deadline of March 17th. Noted Post receives \$14 for every ticket sold.
 - Fish Fries: Reminded that Fish Fries start March 8th through April 19th. Menu will be same as last year, and the Marketing Committee is currently reviewing the food cost and menu pricing. Jerry Porter, who is overseeing the staffing and operations for the dinners, noted that he would like to have several other members work with him on coordinating the weekly events to spread the work around. He also is looking for as many volunteers as possible to work the event each week.
- **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:
 - Clean up / Set up of Hall: Expressed his appreciation for all who assist.
 - Rental Hall Floor Care: Expressed appreciation to Ed Sears and Darryl Everman for their recent floor care efforts, involving stripping and multiple re-waxing of the hall floor.
 - Warming Oven: *Made motion (Bob Alfieri) to accept the warming oven being offered Tammy (AYSN Catering), to replace the ineffective one we currently have, in exchange for a month's free kitchen rental usage, which would be a value of approximately \$400. Motion seconded (Bob Kamman), and passed unanimously.*
- **Internal / External Communications Committee:** (Chair – Adjutant).
External Communications: Adjutant Wolfangel noted that the 2019 Dance Schedule article had been published a second time in Eastside Press, and all of our dances are being listed in the Enquirer and Eastside Press' events activities calendar.
Internal Communications: Commander Bishop reported that the deadline for items to be submitted for the March Post Newsletter is February 22nd. He noted copies of the February Newsletter could be downloaded from the Post web-site, or there were a few in the Post clubroom.

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

Chair Ralph Caskey noted or commented on following:

- Color Guard: Have no pending details.
- Kendall's Memorial Service: Expressed appreciation for all Post members who showed up for Glenn Kendall's service, and special appreciation to member Ed Ruffinach who played "Taps".

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

Chair Bishop commented on, or noted: ICI Finance Report (prepared by Walt Geil – CI Treasurer as of January 31, 2019). Copies were available at sign-in table, and copy provided to Adjutant for filing with February minutes. He noted that the total balance of CI funds on on hand per report was \$\$5,124.75.

Hamilton County Council (HCC) Report: No report.

4th District Report: No report.

Dept. of Ohio: No report.

Old Business: None.

New Business: Post Member Name Tags: SAA Caskey noted need to update Post Member Name Badges before upcoming Fish Fries, as some are missing, need replacement, or for new members that have not yet had one made.

Good Of The Legion:

- Commander & Adjutant Positions: Bishop noted that neither he nor Adjutant Wolfangel are planning to serve in their current positions beyond this term, which will end as of June 12th Post Meeting. He also reminded everyone that to maintain the Post 318's charter that the Commander and Adjutant positions must be filled. He requested the Post membership to give serious consideration as to who is going to step up to accept these two elected positions. (NOTE: By our Post Constitution and By-Laws , nominations for elected officer positions are held in April, election will be held in May, and the new officers will be installed at the June 12th Post Meeting).
- Fisher and Joseph House: Bishop noted donation bins in clubroom.
- Volunteer Drawing: Bishop handled. Restaurant gift card won by Don Bishop.
- Split-the-Pot: Mike Stringer handled. Joe Dubois won.
- Next E.C. Meeting: Bishop noted it was scheduled for February 27, 2019. ;
- Next Post Meeting: Bishop noted it would be on March 13, 2019.
- Refreshments: In Post clubroom after 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.

Prepared by: