

MINUTES
AMERICAN LEGION POST 318
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 10, 2019

The Post Regular Membership meeting, conducted at Post 318's facility, was called to order by Commander Joe DuBois approximately 7:02 PM. Colors were in place and were saluted. Opening Prayer was given by Commander Joe DuBois r. Commander Joe DuBois 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 Joe DuBois led the reciting of the American Legion Preamble. DuBois then opened meeting for the normal order of business.

NOTE: There was no "Virtual Attendance" at this meeting due to none of our virtual participants being signed on.

Attendance: SAA Ralph Caskey, noted that there were twenty (20) Post 318 members present, which represents a quorum. There were no guests.

Roll Call of Post Officers and Committee Chairs:

Adjutant Ruffennach conducted roll call. Present were: Post Officers:

Elected Officers

Commander	Joseph DuBois, Jr	X
1 st Vice Commander	Bob Kamman	X
2nd Vice Commander	Randy Lindsey	E
Adjutant	Ed Ruffennach	X
Finance Officer	Ron Yersky	X
Sgt-at-Arms	Ralph Caskey	X
Chaplain	Jerry Porter	E

Appointed Positions/Chairs

Service Officer	Charlie Cleves	X
Americanism Chair	Paul Henkel	A
Bingo Chair	Ed Sears	X
Fund Raising Chair	(VACANT)	V
Community Support Chair	(VACANT)	V
House Chair	Bob Alfieri	X
Event Coord. Chair	Ken Knight	A
Charities, Inc Liaison	Don Bishop	X
Corporate Statutory Agent	Dan Wolfangel	X

X = Present

A= Absent

E = Excused (prior notice)

V= Vacant

Minutes: Adjutant Ruffennach noted that the Minutes from the June 12, 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 website by Past Adjutant Wolfangel. *A motion (Don Bishop) was made and seconded (Ron Yersky) to accept minutes as printed. Motion was seconded passed unanimously.*

Executive Committee Notes: Adjutant Ruffennach advised that the June 26, 2019 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 forwarded to the webmaster for inclusion on the Post web site. A summary of noteworthy items or actions from the June 26th E.C. Meeting were reported as follows:

- Declined donation requests from both the Veterans Home Volunteer Committee and Volunteers of America due to lack of budgeted Charities Inc. funds.

- Began discussion for revision to both our Constitution and By-laws for hopeful acceptance at the next Ec Meeting in July and for a ratification vote at the General Membership Meeting in August.
- Entertained a request from Bingo Chair Sears to develop a policy and procedure regarding checks returned from patrons for insufficient funds. Dan Wolfangel volunteered to develop the documents for distribution and final approval at the July EC Meeting.

Finance Report: Finance Officer Ron Yersky, reported that the checking account stands at \$15,012.37 and the savings account at \$12,203.32 for a total of \$27,215.99. He noted that there were approximately \$2700 in bills due this month with no outstanding bills at this time. Projected revenue is estimated at \$4300. It was noted that the finance report distributed prior to the meeting contained an error with the reported Rumpke bill standing at \$51.00 and not \$5100.00 as shown. *A motion was made (Bob Alfieri) and seconded (Don Bishop) to accept the Finance Officer's report, as amended. Motion passed unanimously.*

It was brought to the attention of the membership that the Business Plan for 2019-2020 (FYE June 2020) had not yet been approved and therefore the Budget for FYE June 2020. *A motion was made (Don Bishop) and seconded (Ron Yersky) to accept the Business Plan for FYE June 2020. Motion passed unanimously.*

Membership Report: 1st Vice Commander Kamman reported that our expected quota is 161 with a goal of 165. The Legion Act has passed the House, which will make all veterans eligible for membership who have served since December 7, 1941.

- **Current membership:**

- 2020 Quota = **161**
- 2020 Goal = **165**
- Potential = **165**
- Paid Status vs Quota = **41 (25.5%)**
- New members this year = **3** (Tony Capetillo, Jay Lenihan, Mike Thumann)
- Transferred In = **2** (Katie Harwood, Kirk Minnich)
- Transferred Out = **0**
- Paid by Charities Inc = **16**
- Deceased Members = **8**
- Not Renewing = **0**
- Delinquent = **0**

Payment Method	Qty	% of Paid
Cash	2	4.9%
Charities Inc-New	3	7.3%
Charities Inc-WW2	7	17.1%
Charities Inc-Active Duty	5	12.2%
Charities Inc-Hardship	1	2.4%
Check	3	7.3%
LIFE	3	7.3%
POL	0	0%
PUFL	17	41.5%
Paid to 0888	0	0%
Paid to 0072	0	0%
Paid to 0484	0	0%

- **June birthdays:**

Joe Baker	William Beuke	William Bussey	Terry Childs
Buddy Riggs	Steve Stuntz	Jack Surdick	

Post Activities Report: 2nd Vice Commander was excused so there was no report. However, Dan Wolfangel reported on the preparations for the Awards Ceremony scheduled for July 20th. There is a total of 55 guests who have responded with 13 of those being awardees. Of the 25 Continuous Service Awards to be presented 6 members have responded to date

Adjutant Reports and Correspondence: Adjutant Ruffennach 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:

Correspondence Log

Designates before / after EC Mtg

June to July General Meeting 2019

Date Rec'd	Sender	Subject	Disposition	Date Resolved
6/20/2019	Ohio Veterans Home	Donation Request	Declined request	6/26/2019
6/20/2019	Ohio Veterans Home	Golf Outing Announcement August 24	Flyer posted	6/20/2019
6/20/2019	Google My Business	Verification of our Business on Google	Forward to Eric	
6/25/2019	Fisher House	Thank note to Charities Inc for donation	Forwarded to CI Liaison	6/25/2019
6/25/2019	USO Central / SW Ohio	Undelivered Donation Check & Letter	Forwarded to CI Liaison	6/25/2019
6/26/2019	Volunteers of America	Donation Request	Declined request	6/26/2019
6/26/2019	Google My Business	Verification of our Business on Google	Forward to Eric	
6/26/2019	American Legion Department of Ohio	2020 Membership Cards, Officer Manuals, and Membership Quota Award	Forward to 1st Vice Kanmman	6/26/2019
		Gifts for Yanks Information	Forward to SAA Caskey	6/26/2019
6/30/2019	Joseph & Carol Del Prince	Donation Memory Frank Gory	Donation to Ron / Copy to me, thank you sent	7/10/2019
6/30/2019	Anderson Twp	Clough Pike Survey	Forwarded to Bob Alfieri	6/30/2019
6/30/2019	Legion 4th District	Golf Outing Announcement August 4	Posted	7/7/2019
6/30/2019	Legion 4th District	Golf Outing Hole Sponsor Donation request	Declined request	7/10/2019

6/30/2019	Green Beret Foundation	Program Announcement (October)	Posted	7/7/2019
7/3/2019	American Legion Department of Ohio	Any Time Post Award \$100	Forwarded to Ron Yersky	7/3/2019
7/7/2019	Duke Energy Your Cause	\$40 Donation to Charities Inc	To Charities Inc	7/7/2019
7/8/20149	Fourth District 1st Vice Steve Foster	Introduction email and request for those posts who are delinquent dues for 18-19 to please complete. Also stated that the 4th Dst was #1 in the State for membership.	Information only / No action needed	7/10/2019
7/8/2019	American Legion Department of Ohio	Homecoming for Department of Ohio Commander Roger Friend October 12th Cherry Valley Hotel in Newark OH. Tickets \$35.00	Flyer with additional details posted on the board	7/10/2019
7/10/2019	William & Lois Avery	To Ken Knight, thank you note with a \$50 Kroger Gift Card for food for members	Copy to Ken Knight / Posted on bulletin board/ Gift card to Randy Lindsey to be used as directed in the note.	7/10/2019
7/10/2019	Disabled Veterans Outdoors	Announcement for programs Boar Hunt & Cookout / Pontoon Boat ride	Copy of Bulletin Board and Copy to Service Officer Cleves	7/10/2019

Chaplain's & VAVS Report: (VAVS Chair - Chaplain): Chaplain Porter was excused so there was no report.

Committees and Liaison Reports:

- **Americanism Committee:** (Chair – Henkel). Chair Henkel was absent so there was no report
- **Community Support & Recognition Committee:** (Chair – VACANT).
- **Service, Veterans Affairs, Economic & Legislation Committee:** (Chair - Service Officer) Chair Cleves noted that he has received and continues to receive a lot of information on Veteran’s Service, he will forward information to Commander DuBois for inclusion in the newsletter. He has had no inquiries this month.
- **Bingo Committee** (Chair – Ed Sears) Chair Sears noted that in June Bingo had contributed \$2700 to the Post, \$961 to Charities Inc and Concessions had grossed \$632, for a total of \$4,293. Year to Date Bingo has provided \$16,.250 to the Post and \$5,660to Charities Inc. Sears also expressed his gratitude to all who work and help with setup for Bingo.
- **Fund-Raising Committee:** (Chair – VACANT). It was reported that our Football Mania tickets will be distributed early next week for the upcoming NFL season. Tickets are \$20.
Dan Wolfangel reported on the community fundraising event (“Hometown Heroes”) organized through his daughter and the cooperation of Latitudes Restaurant in Anderson Center. The event will take place on August 25th at 2:00 PM with all proceeds from the gate, silent auction basket raffles, and split -the-pot raffle benefiting Post 318. The event is identified as a celebration of our eightieth anniversary and honoring Post 318 presence in the community. The event will feature the Dan Varner Band and the Post is being asked to provide a Color Guard and the POW/MIA table. Special presales for table reservations are being accepted but filling quickly. Tickets at the door will be \$10.00.
- **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:
 - Roof leaks have been repaired at no cost from the contractor.
 - The gutters have been cleaned
 - The window film to cut the glare in the foyer will be installed prior to the beginning of the dance season
- **Internal / External Communications Committee:** Chair – Adjutant).
External Communications: None

Internal Communications: Newsletter will be distributed in the next two weeks
- **Uniformed Ceremonies Committee:** (Chair - Sgt.-at-Arms): Chair Ralph Caskey, noted or commented on following:
 - We had a successful Fourth of July Parade with 22 members and 8 Friends of the Legion participating in addition to 10 Boy Scouts joining us.
 - There is a request for the opening day ceremonies for the Forest Hills Schools District August 12th. Chair Caskey will be assembling the detail.
 - The3 Gift for Yanks Campaign has begun and will run from now through March.
 - Bugler Ruffennach sounded Taps at 15 Veteran Funeral services in June.
- **Charities, Inc. Committee:** (Chair Don Bishop) Chair Bishop commented on the finance report which is attached.

Hamilton County Council (HCC) Report: No report.

4th District Report: Deputy Robert Goettke, who was named as Post 318 Officer of the Year was also named the 4th District Officer of the Year.

Dept. of Ohio: Commander Dubois and Past Commander Bishop attended the Department of Ohio Convention. Deputy Robert Goettke, who was named as Post 318 Officer of the Year and 4th District Officer of the Year was also named as the Department of Ohio Officer of the Year. He was the guest of Commanders DuBois and Bishop for dinner during the convention. In other business a resolution to increase the dues was defeated by a roll call vote.

Old Business: None.

New Business: None

Good of The Legion:

- It was noted that Gary Gregorio's grandson was the lead Apache Helicopter pilot in the Army fly over that was a part of the Fourth of July National Celebration in Washington DC
- Joseph House and Fisher House Bins in Clubroom:
- Volunteer Raffle: Handled by Commander Dubois. \$50 restaurant Gift Card to Olive Guard won by Ed Sears
- Split-The-Pot: Handed by Tom Prem during the meeting: Won by Dan Wolfangel with \$43.00 to the Post
- Next E.C. Meeting: July 31, 2019.
- Next Post Meeting: August 14, 2019.
- Refreshment in Clubroom: None for this meeting.

Closing:

There being no further business to come before the membership, Commander DuBois gave closing prayer, followed by Commander Dubois' call for removal of POW-MIA Chair Cover by SAA Ralph Caskey. Commander Dubois then called for saluting the colors in place, and then declared the meeting adjourned at approximately 8:00 PM

Prepared by:



Ed Ruffennach
Adjutant Post 318