

MINUTES
AMERICAN LEGION POST 318
REGULAR MEETING
November 13, 2019

The Post Regular Membership meeting, conducted at Post 318's facility, was called to order by Commander Joe DuBois at approximately 7:00 PM. Colors were in place and were saluted. Opening Prayer was given by Chaplain Jerry Porter. Commander Joe DuBois then gave the recognition of POW-MIA's, with the POW-MIA Chair Cover put in place by SSA Ralph Caskey. 1st Vice Commander Bob Kamman then led the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance. 2nd Vice Commander Randy Lindsey led the reciting of the American Legion Preamble. DuBois then opened meeting for the normal order of business.

Attendance: SAA Ralph Caskey, noted that there were seventeen (17) Post 318 members present, which represents a quorum. There were no guests attending.

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	X
Adjutant	Ed Ruffennach	X
Finance Officer	Ron Yersky	X
Sgt-at-Arms	Ralph Caskey	X
Chaplain	Jerry Porter	X

Appointed Positions/Chairs

Service Officer	Charlie Cleves	X
Americanism Chair	Paul Henkel	A
Bingo Chair	Ed Sears	X
Fund Raising Chair	(VACANT)	
Community Support Chair	(VACANT)	
House Chair	Bob Alfieri	E
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 October 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 posted on Post website *A motion(Don Bishop) was made and seconded (Ron Yersky) to accept minutes as printed. Motion was passed unanimously.*

Executive Committee Notes: Adjutant Ruffennach advised that the October 30, 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 October 30th E.C. Meeting were reported as follows:

- *Motion was made and seconded to deny the donation request from the Citizens of Forest Hills due to unbudgeted funding, the Motion passed unanimously.*
- *Motion was made and seconded to deny a donation request from Volunteers of America due to a wide disparity in their fund distribution, Motion passed unanimously.*

Finance Report: Finance Officer Ron Yersky submitted report,

Post Checking Account: \$18,599.70

Post Savings Account: \$21, 721.43

TOTAL: \$40,321.13

These funds include \$325 revenue from the cash bar at Veteran’s Dinner

A motion was made (Dan Wolfangel) and seconded (Don Bishop) to accept the Finance Officer's report, subject to audit. Motion passed unanimously. Ron Yersky also reported that the credit cards will be moved to First Financial and they are not requiring any collateral to secure the credit cards.

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

- **Current membership:**

- 2020 Quota = **161**
- 2020 Goal = **165**
- Potential = **168**
- Paid Status vs Quota = **147** (91.3%)
- New members this year = **6** (Tony Capetillo, Richard Corsmeier, Jim Gartin, Jay Lenihan, **Steve Saunders**, Mike Thumann)
- Transferred In = **4** (Danny Garrett, Katie Harwood, Kirk Minnich, Ron Mercurio)
- Transferred Out = **0**
- Paid by Charities Inc = **18**
- Deceased Members = **2** (**Bill King, Dale Simpson**)
- Not Renewing = **0**
- Delinquent = **20**

Pymt Method	Qty	% of Paid
Cash	5	3.4%
Charities Inc-New	5	3.4%
Charities Inc-WW2	7	4.8%
Charities Inc-Active Duty	5	3.4%
Charities Inc-Hardship	1	0.7%
Check	64	3.5%
LIFE	3	2.0%
POL	39	26.5%
PUFL	18	12.2%
Paid to 0888	0	0%
Paid to 0072	1	N/A
Paid to 0484	0	N/A
Paid to 0138	1	N/A

- **November birthdays:**

Bob Alfieri	Zane Bilwin	Ed Brautigan	Bill Cole
Ned Colson	Stan Dillon	Steve Feagins	Don Fechner
Dean Goering	Katie Harwood	Steve Hillman	Henry Klein
Mike Mannarino	Jim Marshall	Todd Mayer	Don McLaughlin
Frank Miller	Ed Schmerber	Craig Smith	Greg Troy
Roger Waldeck			

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

December 6th will be the Post-Christmas Party. Responses for attendance are good and anticipating a larger crowd than last year.

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

Date Received	Sender	Subject	Disposition
10/21/2019	Morgan Stanley	Donation \$1000 CI Wayne Hinaman	Forwarded to CI
	Memorial Day Foundation	Donation Request	Referred to CI
	AL National Headquarters	validation Life Member request Stanley Dillon	Discussed @ Exec. No action required.
	AL Department of Ohio	State Bowling Tournament	Posted on Bulletin Board
	AL Department of Ohio	Dues reimbursement for Life members \$109.00	Check to Finance: Spread sheet to 1st Vice
10/25/2019	Cincinnati Shakespeare Company	Performances written By Vets for Vets 2 nights	Posted on Bulletin Board
11/8/2019	Allpoints Media Humana Healthcare; Phone message 503-626-0669 (Marcia)	Place poster regarding Humana Ins. \$50 donation	Refer to Exec.
11/8/2019	Arden Courts (Ann Weisnor) 379-4173	Memorial Holiday CG for residents	Returned call and left a message; no return call; refer to SSA
11/8/2019	Census Bureau (Frank McGuire) 513-235-8124)	Information on Jobs, PT Seasonal, wants to attend a function	
11/11/2019	Honor Flight Poster	Stars & Stripes Event 11/23/2019	Posted on Bulletin Board

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

Chaplin Porter reported that Leo Turner has been transferred to a VA facility. He also cautioned that Legionnaire Musselman is calling people to get rides and that we are not to provide those. Legionnaire Becker is recovering from surgery and Bobbie Hinaman is doing well.

Committees and Liaison Reports:

- **Americanism Committee:** (Chair – Henkel). Reported by Jerry Porter that the Americanism Test has been completed. Joe Waller from FHSD has informed us that four (4) students have signed up for the Oratorical contest on January 18, 2020. Scholarships have been increased at the District to \$2000 for 53 scholarships. At the National level they have been increased to \$20,000, \$15,000, and \$10,000 for the first three places and those will increase in 2021 by an additional \$5,000
- **Community Support & Recognition Committee:** (Chair – VACANT). Commander reported our involvement with the Chamber of Commerce and their monthly luncheon on the first Thursday of each month (next is December 5, 2019). Anyone wishing to attend contact the Commander. The Post pays for two (2) members to attend.
- **Service, Veterans Affairs, Economic & Legislation Committee:** (Chair - Service Officer)
Chair Cleves had no report. It was however mentioned that as of January 2020 disabled veterans will be permitted to use base commissaries.

- **Bingo Committee** (Chair – Ed Sears) Chair Sears noted the Bingo year ended October 31, 2019

Monthly Post Contributions:	\$3000	YTD Post Contributions:	\$28,250
CI Contributions:	\$1015	CI Contributions:	\$ 9,181
Kitchen	\$ 460		
TOTAL	\$4475		

- **Fund-Raising Committee:** (Chair – VACANT).
 - **Dances**
 - Fall Scheduled of dances has the Remains scheduled for November 23, 2019.
 - Spring schedule is being developed, there will be 12 dances that will run until June 13, 2020.
 - The New Year’s Eve Dance is schedule from 9 to 1:00AM and tickets are \$25.
 - Holiday Concert: Scheduled for December 14th. Three tiers of tickets are available for the show, 20 Premium tickets have already been sold. Posters are available for the Christmas Show, if you have a place to display it, please do so. A total of 110 tickets have been sold with revenues of \$2028 collected.
 - Football Mania has had a one hundred-dollar (\$100) winner.
- **Event Coordination Committee:** (Chair – Ken Knight). No Report
- **House Committee:** (Chair – Bob Alfieri).
 - Roof is leaking, vendor coming in next week
 - Hood and fire extinguishers checked and serviced per Health & Fire Department. All OK
 - Special thanks for all the help in the past several weeks.
- **Internal / External Communications Committee:** (Chair – Adjutant).
External Communications Nothing to report

Internal Communications: Deadline for the Post Newsletter will be November 25, 2019

- **Uniformed Ceremonies Committee:** (Chair - Sgt.-at-Arms):
Chair Ralph Caskey, noted or commented on following:

Color Guard Details: Eleven (11) members participated in the details scheduled around Veteran’s Day. There were also eight (8) members who assisted with the Sherwood presentations. There has been a

request for the Color Guard to participate in the Pearl Harbor Day Ceremony. Details and participation will be determined.

SSA Caskey also reported that Bugler Ed Ruffennach participated in eight (8) services in the last month and traveled 530 miles.

We were reminded of the Gift for Yanks Program to date \$161 has been collected. The program continues until March 2020

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

Chair Bishop commented on:

The Income Statement has been prepared by Treasure Walt Geil and is available for review.

November 9th Wave the Flag funded raiser. Netted \$1601

December 8th Breakfast with Santa. The breakfast will be \$7.50. Still working on details. Another organization may be interested in participating to support the program

Poppys need to be ordered in December for Poppy Day. Working on changes with school participation.

The schools are contributing as much as the Kroger sales.

Hamilton County Council (HCC) Report: No Report

4th District Report: Fourth District Bowling Tournament November 30th

Dept. of Ohio No Report

Old Business:

New Business: Anyone who has anything that can be used as a Cub Scout Project please let the Commander know.

Good of The Legion:

- Suggestion made to utilize PA system so that all participants can hear during the meeting. Members have stopped coming to the meeting because they can't hear the reports.
- Joseph House and Fisher House Bins in Clubroom:
- Volunteer Raffle: Handled by Commander DuBois. \$50 restaurant Gift Card won by Ed Sears
- Split-The-Pot: Handed by Tom Prem in Clubroom following meeting: Won by Dennis Sakel
- Gift for Yanks: Ralph Caskey reminded everyone of the program and collection of money.
- Next E.C. Meeting: November 20, 2019
- Next Post Meeting: December 11, 2019
- Refreshment in Clubroom: Following meeting, per Post Activities Chair Randy Lindsey.

Closing:

There being no further business to come before the membership, Chaplain Porter gave closing prayer, followed by Commander Dubois' call for removal of POW-MIA Flag by Acting SAA Walt Geil. Commander Dubois then called for saluting the colors in place, and then declared the meeting adjourned at approximately 8:02PM

Prepared by:



Edward C Ruffennach Jr