

MINUTES
AMERICAN LEGION POST 318
REGULAR MEETING
October 9, 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 Acting SSA Walt Geil. 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: Acting SAA Walt Geil, noted that there were 17 Post 318 members present, which represents a quorum. There were ten guests attending.

The business meeting was suspended to honor members of the community who organized and conducted the Hometown Heroes Fundraiser on August 25, 2019. The guests were introduced by Dan Wolfangel and presentation were made by Commander DuBois to the following volunteers and organizers:

Volunteers:

Renee Bode
 Sherri Warner-Hudson
 Tracey Raymond
 Chris Short
 Anne Stratman

Musicians:

Glen Hock (DJ)
 Dan Varner
 Nick Netherton
 Brad Kelly

Planners / Promoters:

Kerri Wolfangel
 Sammy Khoury Latitudes Bar & Bistro
 Charles Ferrara Latitudes Bar & Bistro

With the Presentations complete the guests were excused and the business meeting resumed.

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	E
Sgt-at-Arms	Ralph Caskey	E
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	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 September 11, 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(Bob Alfieri) was made and seconded (Ed Sears) to accept minutes as printed. Motion was passed unanimously.*

Executive Committee Notes: Adjutant Ruffennach advised that the September 25, 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 September E.C. Meeting were reported as follows:

- *Motion was made and seconded to deny the request from the Anderson Little League to sponsor a team for 2020 due to unbudgeted funding, the Motion passed unanimously.*
- *Motion was made and seconded to table a donation request from Volunteers of America until further investigation could be done to identify the distribution of their funds, Motion passed unanimously.*
- *Motion was made and seconded to deny the request from Blue Cross/ Blue Shield to place an advertising banner in our lobby. Motion passed unanimously.*
- *Motion was made and seconded to allow AARP gratis use of the hall for tax preparation classes and assisting the community in completing tax forms. Motion passed unanimously.*

Finance Report: Finance Officer Ron Yersky submitted report as of October 9, 2019

Post Checking Account: \$13,484.14

Post Savings Account: **\$21,721.06**

TOTAL: \$35,205.20

. A motion was made (Don Bishop) and seconded(Jack Surdick) to accept the Finance Officer's report, subject to audit. Motion passed unanimously.

Randy Lindsey will assist with the financial needs for the upcoming dance during Finance Officer Yersky's absence.

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

- **Current membership:**
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 - 2020 Quota = **161**
 - 2020 Goal = **165**
 - Potential = **167**
 - Paid Status vs Quota = **123** (76.4%)
 - New members this year = **5** (Tony Capetillo, Richard Corsmeier, Jim Gartin, Jay Lenihan, Mike Thumann)
 - Transferred In = **4** (Danny Garrett, Katie Harwood, Kirk Minnich, Ron Mercurio)
 - Transferred Out = **0**
 - Paid by Charities Inc = **17**
 - Deceased Members = **1** (Bill King, Dale Simpson)
 - Not Renewing = **0**
 - Delinquent = **43**

Pymt Method	Qty	% of Paid
Cash	4	3.3%
Charities Inc-New	4	3.3%
Charities Inc-WW2	7	5.7%
Charities Inc-Active Duty	5	4.1%
Charities Inc-Hardship	1	0.8
Check	57	46.3%
LIFE	3	2.4%
POL	25	20.3%
PUFL	17	13.8%
Paid to 0888	0	0%
Paid to 0072	1	N/A
Paid to 0484	0	N/A
Paid to 0138	1	N/A

- **October birthdays:**

Dennis Pohl	Harry Rimmer	Jimmy Bussey	Tom Clegg
Al Free	Robert Hinklin	Ed Ruffennach	Walt Geil

Fourth District 1st Vice Commander Steve Foster, who was attending as a guest, reported on the status of the membership drive. He was pleased with the effort of Post 318. He informed us that if the Post is at Quota (161), we would be eligible to receive money back from the Department of Ohio. He also suggested that we work the 888 memberships (at large) that have addresses in our area. He advised that Hamilton County Commander George Thorton has the Cincinnati addresses. Bob Kamman will contact him.

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

Chair Randy Lindsey comment on or noted:

October 16th will be the next Post Social. It will be a Fall Fest. (bring dishes to share)

November 11th will be the Annual Dinner honoring Veterans. Belterra Park will once again provide the food.

December 6th will be the Post-Christmas Party. An invitation letter will be sent by October 31st

November 9th - Veteran Breakfast at Clough United Methodist Church. Free to Veterans and 1 guest.

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	Date Resolved
9/21/2019	American Power & Gas	Distributor Change	Supplier for electric has been changed	9/25/2019
9/21/2019	AL 4th District	Notices of Bowling Tournament	Posted	9/25/2019
9/23/2019	Duke Energy	Notice of change in Supplier	see above	9/25/2019
9/25/2019	Anderson Little League	Solicitation of Team Sponsorship	Motion declined	9/25/2019
9/25/2019	Volunteers of America	Donation Solicitation	TABLED Charlie Cleves to investigate	9/25/2019
9/25/2019	Cyclones Hockey	Ticket Proposal		
10/1/2019	County Court of Common Pleas	Hamilton County VS Commission Appointment Nominations	Refer to EC	
10/3/2019	Citizens for Forest Hills	Request for support for school levy & donation	Refer to EC	
10/7/2019	AL Department of Ohio	News Release re: Gun Control Legislation	Posted	10/7/2019
10/7/2019	Department of the Army	Request for Ammo paperwork	Adjutant to file	10/7/2019

Chaplain's & VAVS Report: (VAVS Chair - Chaplain): Chaplin Porter noted the passing of long-time member Bill King. Ron Yersky is at home recovering from surgery.

Committees and Liaison Reports:

- **Americanism Committee:** (Chair – Henkel). Jerry Porter reported that he has met with Anderson High School and have set January 18, 2020 as the date for the Oratorical Contest. The program will be advertised through the school media. Chair Henkel is working on Boy and Girl State.
- **Community Support & Recognition Committee:** (Chair – VACANT). Don Bishop gave a presentation to the Wagon Wheel group on October 2nd and we received a \$50 donation.
- **Service, Veterans Affairs, Economic & Legislation Committee:** (Chair - Service Officer)
Chair Cleves reported on the HB-282 regarding Electronic Bingo. This will not have any effect on our public Bingo program. He is working with two Veterans on VSO Referrals; one for help with prescription assistance and the other for financial assistance for prostate cancer treatment.

- **Bingo Committee** (Chair – Ed Sears) Chair Sears noted

MONTH: <u>SEPTEMBER</u>	<u>YTD:</u>
POST: \$3500	POST: \$25,250
CI: \$ 965	CI: \$8,166
KITCHEN: \$520	TOTAL: \$33,416
TOTAL: \$4,984	

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

- **Dances**

- Fall Scheduled of 9 dances starts Saturday September 14, 2019, with a dance scheduled for October 12th, and a Halloween Dance October 26th.

- Spring schedule is being developed, there will be 12 dances

- Football Mania has a had 2 winners. One of which was for \$100 which the winner donated back to the Post.

- Holiday Concert: Scheduled for December 7th. Three tiers of tickets are available for the show, Premium tickets are almost sol out. A total of 73 tickets have been sold. With advertisements and sales there is \$1500 profit so far. Posters are available for the Christmas Show, if you have a place to display it, please do so.

- **Event Coordination Committee:** (Chair – Ken Knight). No Report

- **House Committee:** (Chair – Bob Alfieri). The setup schedule is packed because of all the events scheduled; help will be needed. Bob thanked Dan for cleaning the sign. The concrete bumpers still need to be replaced.

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

External Communications Thank you notes to all donors of the Hometown Heroes event were sent. Thanks to Dan for his hard work in organizing the communication.

Internal Communications: Deadline for the Post Newsletter will be October 25th

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

Walt Geil reported for Chair Ralph Caskey

Color Guard Details

October 11th Anderson High School Military Night

October 18th Anderson / Turpin Football game

October 19th Flag Retirement Ceremony with the Young Marines at Hillcrest Cemetery

Gift for Yanks donations are being accepted.

Joseph House donations will be delivered.

Bugler Ed Ruffennach reported that he had completed two funeral details.

- **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. Flags have been ordered. Anderson Kroger has confirmed final permission.

December 8th Breakfast with Santa. Details still being developed. The price will be \$7.50.

Hamilton County Council (HCC) Report: No Report

4th District Report: Fourth District Bowling Tournament November 30th. Guest Ken Ellis from the Fourth District reported on the Gift for Yanks program and how the money is utilized. Despite generous donations there is always for requests for assistance than there are available funds. He encouraged our participation.

Dept. of Ohio No Report

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Good of The Legion:

- Joseph House and Fisher House Bins in Clubroom:
- Volunteer Raffle: Handled by Commander DuBois. \$50 restaurant Gift Card won by Tom Prem
- Split-The-Pot: Handed in Clubroom following meeting: Won by
- Gift for Yanks: Reminded everyone of the program and collection of money.
- Steve Foster reported that from the Convention the Ladies Auxiliary will now be known as only the Auxiliary allowing for spouses of female veterans to participate. The Clermont County VSO number in Batavia for transport services 732-73362. The Fall Conference will be held October 27th in Waynesville, Ohio.
- Next E.C. Meeting: October 30, 2019
- Next Post Meeting: November 13, 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 7:59PM

Prepared by:



Edward C Ruffennach Jr