

MINUTES

AMERICAN LEGION POST 318

REGULAR MEETING

FEBRUARY 14, 2018 (Pending Approval)

The Post 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 Acting Sgt.-At-Arms Bob Alfieri. 1st Vice Commander Bob Kamman then led the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance. Commander Bishop led the reciting of the American Legion Preamble. Bishop then opened meeting for the normal order of business.

Attendance: Acting Sgt.-At-Arms Bob Alfieri noted that there were eleven Post 318 members present, which fails to represent a quorum. There was one guest [Joyce Newman], spouse of newly transferred member Mike Newman who was also present attending his first Post Meeting and was introduced by Commander Bishop.

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; Adjutant Dan Wolfangel; Chaplain Jerry Porter; and Service Officer Charles Cleves were present, as were Committee Chairs: Ed Sears (Bingo); Bob Alfieri (House); and Randy Lindsey (Americanism).

Absent with prior notice were 2nd Vice Commander Matt Lilly; Finance Officer Ron Yersky; and Sgt.-At-Arms Ralph Caskey. Absent was Committee Chair Ken Knight (Event Coordination). Community Support Chair and Fund-Raising Chair positions are currently vacant.

Minutes: Adjutant Wolfangel noted that the Minutes from the November 8, 2017 Post Meeting remained unapproved due to lack of quorum at December Meeting, and the December 13, 2017 Post Meeting Minutes also remained unapproved due to lack of quorum at January Meeting. He noted that the January 8, 2018 Post Meeting Minutes 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. *Noting that the lack of a quorum at this meeting would result in a total of three months of Post Meeting Minutes going unapproved, Adjutant Wolfangel made a motion that the quorum rule for these three sets of Post Meeting Minutes be waived, and that all three Post Meeting Minutes be approved. Motion was seconded (Jerry Porter), and passed by unanimous vote of those present.*

Executive Committee Notes: Adjutant Wolfangel advised that the January 31, 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 January 31st E.C. Meeting were reported as follows:

- Recommended disbursement of \$100 donation from the Charities, Inc. (C.I.) previously approved budgeted funds to Turpin High School in response to After-Prom event request.
- Approved renewal, and upgrade from Level 3 to Level 4, of the Post's Hamilton County Board of Health Permit, in amount of \$425.40, which is an increase of \$79. Upgrade is required due to proposed kitchen use rental by "At Your Service Now: (AYSN) cater, who will reimburse the Post for the cost of the upgrade.
- Reviewed draft of proposed AYSN kitchen rental agreement. E, C. members requested additional time for review, to be followed by an email vote on final document. The E.C. did authorize temporary use of kitchen by AYSN during the review, under terms of draft contract, pending E.C. review and execution of an agreement. *[NOTE: Adjutant Wolfangel further reported that the E.C. has now completed their review, and has by email vote unanimously approved execution of the final version of agreement.]*

Finance Report: Adjutant Wolfangel, in absence of Finance Officer Ron Yersky, read a report submitted by Yersky and advised copies of the Post's Income / Expense Report for January 2018 was available, and had been provided to Adjutant for filing with the February Post Meeting Minutes. Yersky's submitted Financial Report indicated that, as of February 14, 2018, the Checking Account balance was at \$8,178.47, and the Savings Account balance was \$4,989.65. He advised that all current bills have been paid, including the cost of the new floor buffer and the B of H Permit. Adjutant Wolfangel noted that the Post Finance Report from the November 8, 2017 Post Meeting remained unapproved due to lack of quorum at December Meeting, and the December 13, 2017 Post Meeting Finance Report also remained unapproved due to lack of quorum at January Meeting. *Wolfangel noted that the lack of a quorum at this meeting would result in a total of three months of Post Finance Reports going unapproved. Adjutant Wolfangel then made a motion that the quorum rule for*

these three sets of Post Finance Reports be waived, and that all three Post Finance Reports be approved, and filed subject to audit. Motion was seconded (Jerry Porter), and passed by unanimous vote of those present.

Questions from the floor regarding reason for distribution of Post accounts at different financial institutions, charges for credit card transactions, the pass through process for Boy Scout funds, and the cost attributed to Hoops-Mania were all answered or explained by Commander Bishop.

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

Chair Bob Kamman submitted written report to Adjutant, and noted the following:

- Currently at 145 documented paid members for 2018, putting us at 93.5% of quota. We are currently 10 members short of quota of 155.
- Have 14 current members not yet renewed for 2018, however, at least two of those will qualify for “hardship dues” paid for by C.I..
- He announced the names of members with February birthdays.
- He also advised that the “New / Transferred Member Reception and Orientation Session” held on Wednesday – January 24th, at 7 PM at the Post had four attendees.

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

Commander Bishop, in absence of Chair Lilly, noted there were no pending Post activities.

Adjutant Wolfangel advised that Lilly had indicated there would be light refreshments in clubroom following meeting.

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:

- Hamilton County Veteran Service Commission (HCVSC) Newsletter: Posted in Legion Newsletter Binder, and copies have been provided to Service Officer and Commander.
- HCVSC Outreach Locations for Jan / Feb / Mar: Posted on BB.
- Updated 4th District Activities Schedule: Posted on BB.
- Notice of 4th District Cornhole Tournament: March 11, 2018 – Post 534 (Riverside): Posted on BB, and copy also provided to Post Activities Chair.
- Thank You from 2nd Lieutenant David Groh – Active Duty Gift Package Recipient: Posted on BB.
- Thank You from Lieutenant Andrew Fenner – Active Duty Gift Package Recipient: Rec'd via Facebook per Jerry Porter.
- Notice of 4th District Euchre Tournament – February 18, 2018 – Post 199 (Harrison): Posted on BB.
- Received Hamilton County Board of Health Post License Level 4 Renewal : Provided to House Chair for posting in kitchen.
- Solicitation from McNicholas H. S. After-Prom Committee for Donation: *Wolfangel advised that in light of \$100 in funds being already appropriated for this request within the approved C.I. Budget, the request has already been processed for distribution.*

Jerry Porter commented on correspondence and contact he had with Ohio State Senator Steve Wilson's office regarding Wilson's “Veteran Honor Program”. Porter advised that Senator Wilson will be attending our Post Meeting on April 11, 2018 to make the presentation to our Post of an Ohio Flag flown over statehouse, and certificates in recognition of the four Post members that passed away in 2017.

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

Chaplain Porter commented on, or noted, following:

- VAVS: Post 318 hosting VAVS at V.A. Hospital on February 15th. He has four volunteers, but still needs two more. Will leave Post at 6 PM.
- Gave medical update on Keith Musselman, Bob Calder, and Ralph Caskey, Ron Yersky and Chuck Smith. .

Committees and Liaison Reports:

■ **Americanism Committee:** (Chair – Randy Lindsey).

Chair Lindsey reported on following:

- Oratorical Program: Our local Post winner (Matt Martin), was also selected as HCC winner and will be moving on to 4th District Competition.
- Boy & Girls State Program: Have potential of ten to eleven prospects from Anderson H.S., and one from

Turpin H.S. (member Paul Henkel's son). Will be conducting individual interviews shortly. Also looking for any donations toward the program so we can send as many as possible. Commander Bishop advised the C.I. budget currently has funds allocated for up to six participants, at \$300 each.

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

Commander Bishop advised did have anything to report, however, reminded that we are still looking for a Chair person for this position.

■ **Service, Veterans Affairs, Economic & Legislation Committee:** (Chair - Service Officer)

Chair Charlie Cleves advised noting to report.

■ **Bingo Committee** (Chair – Ed Sears)

Chair Sears commented on, or noted:

- Thanked all who volunteer for Bingo, and he still needs additional volunteers.
- Bingo in the month of January, which encompassed 4 weeks, provided \$2,200 to the Post, and \$645 to C.I., and generated \$646.25 from concessions, for a total of about \$3,491.25.

Commander Bishop reminded that we are still looking for someone to take over the Bingo Chair/Manager position when Sears steps down the end of October 2018. He noted that Bingo provides 1/3rd of the Post's revenue stream.

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

Commander Bishop noted that this Chair is still open. Anyone willing to take over this Chair, should see Commander Bishop. In absence of a Chair, Commander Bishop noted:

- Hoops-Mania tickets have been distributed. Roger Wade and Matt Lilly are coordinating on this. Extra tickets are available by contacting one of them. Cutoff date for registering the tickets is March 1st.
- Dance Events: Noted that Valentines Day Dance was a success with 146 people and a profit of over \$600. Our next dance is February 24th, with The Remains Band. Need volunteers for staffing.
- Fish Frys: Noted 2018 Fish Fry season starts this Friday. Yard signs are available in the clubroom. Jerry Porter is coordinating, so if you can help out see him. Porter commented on the logistics of the Fish Fry planning and staffing needs.
- Open Mic: Noted attendance numbers are starting to improve, however, the events will be suspended until after the Lenten Fish Frys. Next Open Mic will be on April 13th.

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

Commander Bishop he had noting to report in absence of Chair Knight. a request by a private food service to rent the Post kitchen.

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

Chair Alfieri advised that we now had a new floor buffer, at a good price of \$500. He also thanked all for help on hall clean-up / set-up details, noting still can use more help. He advised he had nothing else to report on at this time.

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

External Communications: Adjutant Wolfangel advised our media releases on our Fish Frys, as well as the calendar listing of the March 16th event were published in the Eastside Press today (2/14/18). Also calendar entries have been submitted for all Fish Frys and the February 24th dance, and are expected to be published next week.

Internal Communications: Commander Bishop reported that the deadline for items to be submitted for the March Newsletter is February 23rd. He noted extra copies of February Newsletter were in clubroom, or it could be downloaded from the Post web-site.

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

Adjutant Wolfangel, in absence of Chair Ralph Caskey, presented SAA Caskey's report, noting

- Name Badge Board has been updated from current year's roster.
- Color Guard at Anderson H.S. On February 10th went well, thanks to Gary Gregorio, Bob Alfieri, Ed Sears and Matt Lilly.
- Planned Color Guard for at Turpin H.S. for February 16th, has been canceled due to lack of volunteers, basically staffing conflicts due to our first Fish Fry the same night.

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

Chair Bishop commented on, or noted:

- CI Finance Report (prepared by Walt Geil – CI Treasurer as of January 31, 2018). Copies were available at sign-in table, and copy provided to Adjutant for filing with February meeting minutes. He noted that the total balance of CI funds on report was \$1,968.87 as of end of January. He commented on the various distributions from the CI program funds during January.

Hamilton County Council (HCC) Report: Commander Bishop noted that HCC held their meeting at our Post on February 7th, which had a very small crowd. They did recognize the HCC A & G testing Program winners, who were all from Post 484.

4th District Report: Nothing to report.

Old Business: None.

New Business: Forestette's Baton & Drum Corp Equipment: Adjutant Wolfangel advised that several drums and a hat utilized by this group, which was sponsored by Post 318 in the 1970's and 1980's had been stored in the residence of a Joe Carlotta (a member of the Post 318 "Spitfires" Drum and Bugle Corp) all these years, and he is moving and returned them to us as the sponsoring agency. We are looking for ideas as to how best to utilize all or part of, or dispose of these items. They are currently stored in the Post armory. A suggestion was made that we might approach the A/T Historical Society to see if they had any interest.

Good Of The Legion:

- Joseph House: Donation bin in clubroom.
- Fisher House: Donation bin in clubroom: Commander Bishop asked Jerry Porter to deliver the Fisher House items while doing the VAVS event on February 15th.
- Volunteer Drawing: Don Bishop handled. Carrabba gift card went to Mary Bishop.
- Split-the-Pot: Tom Prem handled, with Charlie Cleves winning.
- Next E.C. Meeting: Commander Bishop noted it would be on February 28th.
- Next Post Meeting: Commander Bishop noted it would be on March 14th.
- Refreshments: Will be in club room following close of meeting.

Bob Kamman indicated Post has a need for an I-Pad or Tablet for use with a credit card scanner at events such as Fish Fry and dances. If anyone has one, please contact him.

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 Acting SAA Bob Alfieri. Commander Bishop then called for saluting the colors in place, and then declared the meeting adjourned at approximately 7:45 PM.

Dan Wolfangel