

MINUTES

AMERICAN LEGION POST 318

REGULAR MEETING

June 13, 2018 (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 Sgt.-At-Arms Ralph Caskey. 1st Vice Commander Bob Kamman then led the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance. 2nd Vice Commander Matt Lilly led the reciting of the American Legion Preamble. Bishop then opened meeting for the normal order of business.

Attendance: Sgt.-At-Arms Ralph Caskey noted that there were eighteen 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 Matt Lilly; Adjutant Dan Wolfangel; Finance Officer Ron Yersky; Chaplain Jerry Porter; and SAA Ralph Caskey were present, as were and Committee Chairs: Randy Lindsey (Americanism); Ed Sears (Bingo); and Bob Alfieri (House).

Absent were Service Officer Charles Cleves, and 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 May 9, 2018 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 May 30, 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 May 30th E.C. Meeting were reported as follows:

- Adopted a Post 318 Policy related to “No Smoking” prohibitions in, or on, Post 318 / Patriot Center facilities and property. A copy of policy was read. It was noted copy of policy was in “Policy” binder in clubroom, and that signs had been strategically posted within the facility.
- Validated an email vote taken on May 2, 2018, to make a one-year exception to the Post policy relative to “Child of a Veteran Scholarship”, to permit the granting of four \$750 scholarships as opposed to the policy directed three \$1,000 scholarships.
- Concurred with Event Coordination Chair Ken Knight's recommendation to extend “At Your Service Now (AYSN)” caterers Post kitchen rental contract for a another year at the end of the current six months contract.

Finance Report: Finance Officer Ron Yersky submitted written finance report for the month of May 2018, with copies available for distribution to membership, and to Adjutant for filing with June Post Meeting Minutes. He advised our financial balance was in fairly good shape at approximately \$20,346 which is a combined balance of the Post's Operating Account (approximately \$11,976) and Capital Project Savings Account (approximately \$8,370). He further stated that bills paid to-date this month were approximately \$4,716, with additional bills still pending in amount of \$171. He also has a pending deposit of \$462. He noted the original roof repair bill was now paid, however additional roof repairs are pending. *A motion was made (Bob Alfieri) to accept the Finance Officer's report, subject to audit. Motion was seconded (Ralph Caskey), and passed unanimously.*

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

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

- Currently at 156, which is one over our 2018 quota of 155.

- Noted we still have six 2017 members that have not yet renewed for 2018, and five others that indicated they were not renewing. Membership logistics for this last year included seven new members, twelve transfers in, one transfer out, and five members deceased
- He announced the names of members with June birthdays.
- Noted that Post received checks totaling \$200 for making quota (HCC - \$50 / 4th District - \$150). We also received a “2018 Membership Quota” plaque, which is displayed in clubroom.
- New 2018 Membership cards should be received shortly.

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

Chair Matt Lilly thanked all that have assisted with events held at the Post, and noted the Post Awards Program would be held on July 21, 2018. Lilly advised refreshments will be in club room following close of 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:

- Acknowledgment of \$100 Hole Sponsorship Donation to Joseph House's Golf Outing: Posted on BB.
- Acknowledgment of \$25 Donation to Memorial Day Foundation's “Memorial Day Wreath Program”: Posted on BB.
- Acknowledgment of \$75 Donation to Anderson High School Band Boosters “Band Extravaganza”: Posted on BB.
- Info from Spring Grove Cemetery Regarding Discounts Available for Military Members: Posted on BB.
- Acknowledgment of \$100 Donation to Turpin High School: Posted on BB.
- Article Regarding “Recorder Nadel Issuing Free Veteran I.D. Cards” Posted on BB.
- Notice of A.L. Post 744 Car Show – July 24th: Posted on BB.

Outgoing Correspondence:

- Delegate Designation Registration for Dept. of Ohio Annual Convention (June 29/30/July 1).
- Notification of Dept. of Ohio / National Legion regarding 2018-2019 Commander and Adjutant.
- Certification of 2018-2019 Post Elected Officers to Dept. of Ohio / National Legion.
- Notification of Americanism and Boys State Chairs for 2018-2019 (Note that in current absence in those two positions, info will be sent to Post Adjutant.).
- Notice of 2018-2019 Elected Post Officers to 4th District.
- Letter of appreciation to Ohio 7th District State Senator Steve Wilson, for his Veteran Honor's Program presentations at the May 9th Post Meeting. Included photo of presentation.
- Submitted Post 318's Consolidated Post Report to Dept. of Ohio.

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

Chaplain Porter commented:

- Medical updates related to members Don McLaughlin, Keith Musselman, and Matt Lilly.
- Noted he needed volunteers for VAVS trip to VA Hospital on June 18th.
- Post will be hosting VAVS outings at Post 318 on Saturdays – October 20th and December 17th.
- Thanks to Mary Bishop, who made Poppy Wreath for the A/T Memorial Day Ceremony.

Committees and Liaison Reports:

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

Chair Lindsey commented as follows:

- Boy & Girls State Program: Advised we ended up with nine sponsored attendees for BB&GS, as one canceled, and one couldn't get in due to a vacation delay.
- Child of a Veteran Scholarship Program: We will be presenting four \$750 Scholarship this year, to two Turpin High students, one Anderson High student, and one St. Ursula Academy student.

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

No report in absence of a Chair. 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, or noted:

- Thanked all who volunteer for Bingo, and he still needs additional volunteers.
- Bingo in the month of May, which encompassed three weeks, provided \$1,500 to the Post and \$635 to C.I., and generated \$515 from concessions, for a total of about \$2,670.

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:

- Dance Events: Noted that our last dance of the Spring season would be on June 16th, and he still needs more staffing. The next dance is scheduled for August, and the Fall season schedule will start in September.
- Open Mic Events: Still hopeful of creating a summer revenue stream. Have Open Mic events scheduled every Friday in June, as part of evaluation as to whether we should continue these. Requires only three staff per night.

■ **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:

- Appreciation for Volunteers: Alfieri thanked all who have met the increasing demand for clean-up details, which recently have been multiple times per week due to hall activities.
- Driveway / Parking Lot Repairs: Noted is awaiting a third bid which he will present to E.C. at June E.C. Meeting.
- Lawn Care: Advised that he had arranged with James Hill Lawn Care for cutting of the Post grass, since Matt Lilly was recovering from knee surgery. Hill is donating his weekly services. The Adjutant will be sending a thank you letter to him now, and will also send a services rendered donation acknowledgment letter at conclusion of his donated services.

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

External Communications: Adjutant Wolfangel advised that calendar listing for our Open Mic and June 16th Dance were both in the the Eastside Press issue today.

Internal Communications: Commander Bishop reported that the deadline for items to be submitted for the July Newsletter is June 22nd. He noted extra copies of June Newsletter were in clubroom, or it could be downloaded from the Post web-site.

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

Chair Ralph Caskey commented on following:

- Forestette Drums: Still no takers. Continuing to explore prospects.
- Memorial Day: Thanks to all who participated.
- A/T July 4th Parade: Commented on details. Sign up sheet is available. Need to know if can walk, or will need to ride in parade.
- McNicholas High School: Post will provide Color Guard detail for first-ever night game at school on June 24th.

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

Chair Bishop commented on, or noted:

- CI Finance Report (prepared by Walt Geil – CI Treasurer as of May 31, 2018). Copies were available at sign-in table, and copy provided to Adjutant for filing with June meeting minutes. He noted that the

total balance of CI funds on report was \$5,783.22. He commented on the various distributions from the CI program funds during May.

- PokerMania Event: Noted that we have another PokerMania event scheduled for October 13, 2018. Will be a one-day event, including Blackjack, 7-card, and Texas Hold'em, and possibly a Big Six wheel. Bishop advised he will need some volunteer dealers, and he will hold a Blackjack dealer training session on Wednesday – June 20th, at Post, at 7 PM, for anyone that wishes to volunteer.

Hamilton County Council (HCC) Report: Nothing to report.

4th District Report: Adjutant Wolfangel presented a summary of items discussed at the 4th District Summer Convention that he and 1st Vice Commander Bob Kammann attended on June 3rd, at Post 199 (Harrison, OH). He also advised that he had some 4th District “Quick 100” S-T-P raffle tickets for sale, with winner to be drawn at 4th District Picnic on June 24th at Post 450 in Milford, OH.

Dept. of Ohio: Commander Bishop commented on his upcoming attendance at the Ohio Convention to be held in Columbus, Ohio on June 29th, 30th, and July 1st. He lamented that no one volunteered to attend to fill our second authorized delegate slot.

Old Business: None.

New Business: None.

Good Of The Legion:

- Fisher House: Bishop noted donation bin in clubroom.
- Volunteer Drawing: Bishop handled. Restaurant gift card won by Joe Baker.
- Split-the-Pot: Tom Prem handled, with Ralph Caskey winning.
- Next E.C. Meeting: Bishop noted it would be on June 27, 2018.
- Next Post Meeting: Bishop noted it would be on July 11, 2018.
- Post Cook-Out: 2nd Vice Cmdr / Post Activities Chair Elect – Randy Lindsey advised he would be holding a Post Cook-Out at Post on Tuesday - June 19th from 6 PM to 8 PM. All members and families invited. Would also have “Corn-Hole” gamex.
- New Tax Regulations Info: Ron Yersky advised he would be putting together some info on the impact of the new tax regulations, and providing them to our members through the Post Newsletter.

Post Commander's Annual Report: Commander Bishop advised that his Annual report was too lengthy to present in one meeting, so he proceeded to present half of the report, and will present the other half at the July Post Meeting.

Installation of 2018-2019 Term Post Officers: Commander Bishop, by virtue of his current status as provisional Post Commander, as provided for within the Post Constitution and By-laws due to no 2018-2019 elected Commander, proceeded to conduct the installation of the newly elected officers, duly swearing them in and presenting them with their respective charge of office. Those new officers were :

1 st Vice Commander	-	Bob Kamman
2 nd Vice Commander	-	Randy Lindsey
Adjutant	-	Dan Wolfangel
Finance Officer	-	Ron Yersky
Chaplain	-	Jerry Porter
Sgt-At-Arms	-	Ralph Caskey

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 8:15 PM.