

MINUTES
AMERICAN LEGION POST 318
REGULAR MEETING

May 9, 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 three guests, identified as Ohio Senator Steve Wilson, who was accompanied by Mike Pugh, and Roger Waldeck a prospective new member.

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 Service Officer Charles Cleves; and Committee Chairs: Randy Lindsey (Americanism); Ed Sears (Bingo); and Bob Alfieri (House).

Absent was Committee Chair Ken Knight (Event Coordination). Community Support Chair and Fund-Raising Chair positions are currently vacant.

Guest Presentation: Commander Bishop suspended the normal order of business.

Jerry Porter introduced Ohio Senator Steve Wilson (7th District), who made several presentations, as part of his Veteran Honors Program. To Commander Bishop, he presented to the Post an American flag that was flown over the Ohio Statehouse in honor of four Post 318 deceased members who passed away in 2017. He also presented the Post with a Certificate of Authenticity which documented the event and listed the names of the deceased (John Justice / Frank Kamman / John Privity / Ralph Sinks). Senator Wilson also had individual certificates of the event for members of the four deceased member's families. He presented 1st Vice Commander Kamman with Frank Kamman's certificate, and Mike Stringer with Ralph Sinks' certificate. The remaining two were given to Commander Bishop for presentation to the respective families of John Justice and John Privity..

Commander Bishop reconvened the normal order of business.

Minutes: Adjutant Wolfangel noted that the Minutes from the April 11, 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 April 25, 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 April 25th E.C. Meeting were reported as follows:

- Recommended disbursement of funds from Charities, Inc. (C.I.) previously approved budgeted funds:
 - * AHS Band Boosters – Band Extravaganza - \$75.
 - * Joseph House Golf Outing – Hole Sponsor - \$100.
 - * A.L. Dept of Ohio Special Olympics - \$155.
 - * Memorial Day Foundation – Memorial Day Wreath Program - \$25.
- Approved Nomination Committee slate of nominees for Post officer positions of: 1st Vice Commander; 2nd vice Commander; Adjutant; Finance Officer; Chaplain; and Sergeant-At-Arms. Having no nominees for Post

Commander, nominations for that position were extended until immediately prior to time of election at April 11th Post Meeting.

- Took under study and review, the issue of possibly conducting “virtual” Post Meetings.
- Declined consideration of a request from Holiday Inn (Eastgate) to join them in a proposal to seek hosting of the 2020 Dept. of Ohio Annual Bowling Tournament.
- Were advised of a meeting with Mainsource Bank representative to discuss a possible mortgage proposal.
- Requested Adjutant to draft a Post Policy regarding smoking prohibitions within Post facility, which is to be inclusive of electronic cigarettes and vaping devices, and to report back at the May E.C. Meeting.

Finance Report: Finance Officer Ron Yersky submitted written finance report for the month of April 2018, with copies available for distribution to membership, and to Adjutant for filing with May Post Meeting Minutes. He advised our financial balance was in fairly good shape at approximately \$18,283 which is a combined balance of the Post's Operating Account (approximately \$9,913 plus) and Capital Project Savings Account (approximately \$8,370). He further stated that bills paid to-date this month were approximately \$10,602, with two additional bills still pending as they are not due until the end of the month, and we will also be receiving the final Acuity insurance billing for this period shortly. He noted that the previous roof repair payments have been completed, however, there is some new issues still pending. He further noted that he expects there will be some considerable expense for some driveway repairs due to deteriorating condition. ***A motion was made (Randy Lindsey) to accept the Finance Officer's report, subject to audit. Motion was seconded (Ed Sears), 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 who have indicated they will not be renewing.
- He announced the names of members with May birthdays.

Commander Bishop indicated that this is the 11th straight year of making quota, and thanked Membership Chair Kamman for a job well done.

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

Chair Matt Lilly thanked all that have assisted with events at the Post, and generally commented on activities upcoming at the Post. He advised that 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:

- Notice of Greg Elsbernd (Post 199) Seeking Election as 4th District Commander: Posted on BB.
- Notice of Jim Jennings (Post 194) Seeking Election as 4th District 1st Vice Commander: Posted on BB.
- Notice of Joseph House Golf Outing – June 30th: Posted on BB.
- Notice of Dept. of Ohio 56th Annual Golf Outing – August 11th & 12th – Lockbourne, OH: Posted on BB.
- Notice of 4th District Annual Picnic – June 24th – Post 450 (Milford, OH): Posted on BB.
- Notification of Dept. of Ohio Annual Convention – June 29th & 30th, July 1st – Hyatt Regency, Columbus, OH: Packet included:
 - * Delegate / Alternate Designation Form (Post 318 entitled to two delegates).
 - * Convention Housing Registration Form.
 - * Certification of Post 318 Elected Officers, and BBS and Americanism Chairs.

Commander Bishop indicated his intention to attend the convention, and indicated a second Post member should attend to maximize our voting rights, as we are entitled to two delegates.

- Dept. of Ohio Solicitation for Advertisement in 100th Dept. of Ohio Convention Program Book: Adjutant Wolfangel indicated will be referred to E.C. for consideration.

Outgoing Correspondence:

- Donation Acknowledgments, on behalf of Post , were sent to:
 - Member Eugene Johnston, Jr. - (\$96 from dance S-T-P).
 - Dance patron John Messink - (\$107 from dance S-T-P).
 - Jane Wilton - (Memorial donation in memory of Bob Calder).

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

Chaplain Porter commented on medical issues related to members Don McLaughlin , Roger Siegman, and Leo Turner.

Committees and Liaison Reports:

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

Chair Lindsey commented as follows:

- Boy & Girls State Program: Our sponsored attendees for upcoming BB&GS were recognized at AHS assembly. All will be attending upcoming orientation sessions.
- Veteran Child Scholarship Program: Scholarship review committee has recommended the awarding, with the recommendation by the Post E.C., of four \$750 Veteran Child Scholarships being awarded to two Turpin High students, one Anderson High student, and one St. Ursula Academy student.

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

Commander Bishop reminded that we are still looking for a Chair person for this position. Bishop also gave a brief update on Hillcrest Cemetery “Headstone Alignment Project”, and noted that there were two work details scheduled at Hillcrest, the first is on Saturday – May 12th, the second on Saturday – May 19th.

Randy Lindsey noted that Matt Lilly had handed out small flags on behalf of Post, at a recent Habitat for Humanity activity, and it was well received. Thanks to Matt.

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

Chair Cleves, noted he had nothing 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 April, which encompassed four weeks, provided \$2,250 to the Post and \$925 to C.I., and generated \$958 from concessions, for a total of about \$4,423.
- Noted we had a high attendance of 99 at the first bingo of April..

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 Spring season dances, so far, were generating revenue of an average of \$800 per event, or about \$18,000 annually. Still having staffing shortages, which could result in our dances coming to an end. Question is how would we make up this \$18,000 loss of revenue if we have to walk away?
- Open Mic Events: Hopefully will create a summer revenue stream. Have Open Mic events every Friday in June, as part of evaluation as to whether we should continue these. Requires only three staff per night.
- Hoops-Mania: Noted we had our first \$500 winner, member Dennis Pohl.

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

Commander Bishop noted he had nothing to report in absence of Chair Knight, other than arrangements had been made for New Richmond VFW Post to rent five of our gaming tables for \$10 each over July 4th weekend, and sometime in August.

■ **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 will be trying to set up a meeting with Joe Sauter (Finishing Touches), possibly next Tuesday, regarding necessary driveway/parking lot repairs.

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

External Communications: Adjutant Wolfangel advised that calendar listing for our Open Mic and Spring dance events are continuing to be published in Eastside Press and Enquirer. Media release for Memorial Day activities is ready for release.

Internal Communications: Commander Bishop reported that the deadline for items to be submitted for the June Newsletter is May 25th. He noted extra copies of May Newsletter were in clubroom, or it could be downloaded from the Post web-site.

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

Chair Ralph Caskey outlined the details for the Memorial Day activities, noting breakfast would be at the Post at 6:30 AM sharp. We will then proceed to Anderson Government Center, (AGC) where we will go by bus to cemeteries for services, and return to the AGC for Memorial Bell Ceremonies. Sign up sheets were available to indicate the activities in which you would be participating. He also advised he had additional Color Guard items for anyone that needed them.

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

Chair Bishop commented on, or noted:

- CI Finance Report (prepared by Walt Geil – CI Treasurer as of April 30, 2018). Copies were available at sign-in table, and copy provided to Adjutant for filing with May meeting minutes. He noted that the total balance of CI funds on report was \$1,017.69. He commented on the various distributions from the CI program funds during April.
- Poppy Days: Noted that the schedule and sign up sheet was available. Needs volunteers for FHSD on Thursday – May 24th, and Kroger (ATC) and Belterra Park on Saturday May 26th. Also may have shifts at Kroger (CGP).
- PokerMania Event: Noted that we have another PokerMania event scheduled for October 13, 2018. Planning will begin shortly.

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

4th District Report: Adjutant Wolfangel questioned as to who would be attending as Delegates to the 4th District Summer Convention on June 2nd, at Post 199 (Harrison, OH), as the deadline for designation of delegates is approaching. 1st Vice Commander Kamman indicated he would attend, and Adjutant Wolfangel advised he would also attend. Delegation form will be submitted as such. Commander Bishop had indicated he could not attend due to another commitment.

Dept. of Ohio: Commander Bishop commented on the Ohio Convention to be held in Columbus, Ohio on June 29th, 30th, and July 1st. He noted he plans to attend, and we have an opening for another attendee. Anyone interested should contact Commander Bishop.

Old Business:

Election of Officers: Adjutant Wolfangel noted that the slate of candidates for Post elected offices, as presented and adopted at the April 11, 2018 Post Meeting, and as published in the May Post Newsletter were as follows:

Commander	- (No Nominee)
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

Wolfangel further noted the E.C. had directed that nominations for Post Commander be left open until this Election Meeting. Adjutant Wolfangel then called for nominations from the floor for the office of Post Commander, and hearing none declared that nominations for Post Commander be closed, and the slate of candidates, as previously presented, be voted on, with position of Commander remaining vacant.

Wolfangel, noting that as there were no opposing candidates for the slate of candidates as presented, called for a motion to declare the slate of candidates as presented to be elected by a unanimous vote of acclamation. *A motion made (Bob Alfieri) for such unanimous acclamation vote in favor of the*

presented slate of candidates. Motion was seconded (Charles Cleves), and was passed unanimously.

Adjutant Wolfangel proclaimed the presented slate of candidates as duly elected, and advised that they would be installed to their newly elected offices at the June Post Meeting. He further noted that in the absence of a new duly elected Post Commander, under the provisions of the Post 318 Constitution and By-Laws, commander Bishop would continue to serve as Post Commander until an elected replacement occurs, or Bishop declines to, or is unable, to serve. As of this time Commander Bishop has indicated he would honor the provisions of the Post Constitution and By-Laws, and continue serving..

New Business: None.

Good Of The Legion:

- Fisher House: Bishop noted donation bin in clubroom.
- Volunteer Drawing: Bishop handled. Montgomery Inn gift card went to Ralph Caskey.
- Split-the-Pot: Tom Prem handled with Randy Lindsey winning.
- Next E.C. Meeting: Bishop noted it would be on May 30, 2018.
- Next Post Meeting: Bishop noted it would be on June 13, 2018.
- July 4th Parade: Bob Alfieri indicated he has contacted Gene Melton in an attempt to secure the 6 ply truck for the parade.
- Nagel Middle School Citizenship Awards: Jerry Porter noted that these awards will be presented on May 30th, however, he does not have names of awardees yet. Bishop indicated he would print out the certificates as soon as they were received. The presentations are open to any member that may wish to attend.
- Refreshments: Bishop advised will be in club room following close of meeting.

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 8:05 PM.

Dan Wolfangel