

MINUTES

AMERICAN LEGION POST 318

REGULAR MEETING

October 10, 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 SAA Ralph Caskey. Bishop then led the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance. 2nd Vice Commander Randy Lindsey led the reciting of the American Legion Preamble. Bishop then opened meeting for the normal order of business.

Commander Bishop noted that there would be no "Virtual Attendance" at this meeting due to unavailability of 1st Vice Commander Bob Kamman to set up the virtual format and equipment.

Attendance: Sgt.-At-Arms Ralph Caskey noted that there were seventeen Post 318 members present, which included newly transferring member – Jeffrey Blevins, 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;; 2nd Vice Commander Randy Lindsey; Adjutant Dan Wolfangel; Finance Officer Ron Yersky; Chaplain Jerry Porter; SAA Ralph Caskey; and were present, as were Committee Chairs: Ed Sears (Bingo); and Bob Alfieri (House).

Absent with advance notice were 1st Vice Commander Bob Kamman and Service Officer Charles Cleves. Absent were Committee Chair Ken Knight (Event Coordination). Americanism, Community Support and Fund-Raising Chair positions continue to be vacant.

Minutes: Adjutant Wolfangel noted that the Minutes from the September 12, 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 September 26, 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 August E.C. Meeting were reported as follows:

- Validated email vote taken favoring acceptance of "Terrorist Risk" provision on Post insurance policy with Acuity Insurance.
- Approved distribution of \$25 donation to Anderson Park District's "Trunk R' Treat" event, as allocated within Charities, Inc. approved budget.

Finance Report: Finance Officer Ron Yersky submitted written Income/Expense Statement for the month of September 2018, with copies available for distribution to membership, and to Adjutant for filing with October Post Meeting Minutes. He advised our current financial balance was in fairly good shape at approximately \$24,293 which is a combined balance of the Post's Operating Account (approximately \$20,342) and Post Savings Account (approximately \$3,951). Bills pending are Acuity Insurance (which is spread over 10 monthly payments), the Ohio Sales Tax for month, and is awaiting the parking lot / driveway renovation billing (approximately \$8,400). He noted has just received some routine bills this evening, which are usual monthly expenses. There was a couple of questions from floor from member Tom Prem regarding clarification of several items on September Income/Expense Statement presented, relative to \$1,500 legal fee and a mathematical accounting entry error. Yersky advised that the legal fee was as result of our mortgage refinancing, and the accounting error would be corrected. *A motion was made (Dan Wolfangel) to accept the Finance Officer's report, as corrected, subject to audit. Motion was seconded (Bob Alfieri), and passed unanimously.*

Commander Bishop advised that the 2017 IRS 990 filing had been completed and electronic copies of the filing were sent to all E.C. members, and could be electronically sent to anyone else that wished to review it. He summarized the filing data as follows:

- Gross Receipts = \$353,208.
- Net Revenues = \$71,195. (Grants, Donations, Dues = \$16,092. / Rentals \$3,225. / Fund-raising = \$26,711. / Bingo = \$31,616).
- Largest Expenses for 2017 were: (Operating Expenses = \$34,464. / Mortgage Principle = \$32,587. / State Taxes = \$3,792. / Liquor License - \$2,844.).

Bishop also noted that Bingo had provided \$9,161 to Charities, Inc., which allowed us to fund our programs without impacting the Post's Operating Budget.

Commander Bishop noted that the commercial mortgage loan had been secured, under terms which are: renewable 5 year Adjustable Rate; Amortized over 15 years; 5% Interest Rate (1% less than we had been paying).

Adjutant Wolfangel advised that with the filing of the IRS 990, he was able to file the required OAG Annual Charitable Report, which has been completed.

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

Adjutant Wolfangel, in absence of Chair Bob Kamman, presented Kamman's submitted report as follows:

- 2019 membership quota is 159.
- We are currently at 104 paid members toward that quota, or approximately 65.4% of quota.
- Currently have 53 members that have not yet renewed for 2019 (Wolfangel read list).
- Announced names of nine Post members with October birthdays.

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

Chair Randy Lindsey noted or commented on:

- October 13th – Post 318 Poker-Mania.
- October 14th - 4th District Corn Hole Tournament – Post 550.
- October 20th - “Sweetheart Dance” @ Post w/Cincy Rockers.
- October 23rd – Next Post Social/Cookout Event - “Fall Fest” - 5:30 PM.
- October 27th – “Halloween Dance” @ Post w/Big Trouble Blues Band.
- November 3rd – Dance @ Post w/Six Pac Band.
- November 10th – A/T Veterans Day Event @ Post. Noted RSVP will be required.. Info forthcoming.
- November 24th - 4th District Bowling Tournament. - Cherry Grove Lanes. (need 5 person team).
- December 7th – Post Christmas Party – The “Christmas Party that will live in infamy” since it will be on Pearl Harbor Day.

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:

- Graceland Memorial Cemetery (Milford, OH): Received copies of deeds to the two Burial sites gifted to Post 318, and certificate for related accompaniments. Estimated value of gifted items is \$6,023, Will be filed by Adjutant for future reference.
- Notice of 4th District “Fall Conference” - October 28, 2018 – Post 484: Posted on BB, w/copy to Membership Chair Kamman.
- Notice of 4th District Corn Hole Tournament – October 14, 2018 – Post 550 (New Richmond, OH): Posted on BB, w/copy to Post Activities Chair Lindsey.
- Notice of 4th District Bowling Tournament – November 2, 2018 – Cherry Grove Lanes: Posted on BB, w/copy to Post Activities Chair Lindsey.
- Notice of 4th District Revitalization Effort – October 26, 27 & 28: Posted on BB, w/copies to E.C. members.
- Jobs Opening Notification – Social Security Administration: Posted on BB.
- Information on Voting “NO” on Issue 1 (Drug Bill): Posted on BB.
- Ham. Co. Veterans Commission Newsletter: Following posted on BB:
 - * Info on VA / Walgreens Teaming Up on Flu Shots'
 - * Reserve Officer Assn - 47th Annual Armed Forces Sabbath – November 11th – Immaculatta Church (Mt. Adams).
 - * HCVSC Outreach Locations for October, November, December.
 - * Opening of Nat'l Veteran Memorial and Museum – October 27th.

Outgoing Correspondence:

- Donation Acknowledgments for monetary contributions to Post, to:

- * Member Hugo Vontz, Jr - \$30. (In lieu of Football-Mania).
- * Member Terry Childs - \$300. (In lieu of Football-Mania).
- * Member Greg Oliver - \$50. (In lieu of Football-Mania).
- * Kathy Hartke - \$200. (Citizen contribution).

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

Chaplain Porter commented:

- Provided medical updates on members Musselman and Storm.
- Noted October 20th VAVS Event at Post 318 canceled.
- Noted that member Charles Stein had donated a Corn Hole set to the Post.
- Noted that there is a Veterans Day luncheon at A/T Senior Center on November 9th. Post 318 Color Guard will be there, and they are currently looking for a replacement speaker, as planned speaker (U.S. Representative Wenstrup) had to cancel.

Committees and Liaison Reports:

■ **Americanism Committee:** (Chair – VACANT).

Commander Bishop noted that the Chair position is still open.

A & G Testing Program: Jerry Porter advised that he had accepted lead on this program, and had ordered 150 A & G Tests and six pins for Anderson H.S., which is down from 700 tests given in previous years. Believes this may be last year for the testing program as there is not the interest as in the past.

■ **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. Bishop advised that he, and 2nd Vice Commander Lindsey were currently covering AACC liaison, and had attended the last meeting, however, nothing of interest to Post occurred.

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

Adjutant Wolfangel, in absence of Chair Cleves, indicated Cleves had advised that he had referred a caller from Cincinnati Woman's Club, reference to gift packages for active duty military, to Yellow Ribbon Support Foundation.

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

Chair Sears commented on September Bingo activity, and provided copies of a written report, and thanked all who worked. He summarized the report, indicating there were four Bingo sessions in September, with distributions as follows: Post \$4,400; C.I. \$920; and concessions generated \$533; for total of distribution of \$5,853. With one month to go in the current Bingo year which end October 31st, Bingo so far has distributed to the Post \$25,500 and C.I. \$8,463, with a remaining Bingo checking account balance of \$557.90.

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

Commander Bishop noted or commended as follows:

- This Committee Chair is still open. Anyone willing to take over this Chair, should see Commander Bishop.
- Dances: Advised he was seriously short-staffed for last dance on October 6th, doing three positions himself, which he cannot continue to do. The next dance is October 20th. He reminded that the Post dances generate revenue in area of \$20,000 to \$25,000 annually. If he doesn't get more volunteers to help, we will not be booking any dance past this coming New Years Eve.
- Football-Mania: Advised that Dennis Sakal is handling. Sakal advised that we have about two more weeks to get the tickets sold. See Dennis if you need tickets.

■ **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:

- Clean-Up / Set-Up: Need help on Thursday - October 11th at 9 AM to set up for Poker-Mania, and 2:30PM on Sunday - October 21st to set up for Bingo.
- Parking Lot / Driveway Repair: Paving has been done. Sealing and striping will occur Monday – October 22nd, weather permitting.

- West Side Drainage / Building Water Intrusion: Noted thanks was due to A/T Public Works, who built up the creek/drainage berm in the area to hopefully fix the problem, even though they had no responsibility for the situation. It was done as a favor to the Post. Adjutant to send thank-you letter to A/T.
- **Internal / External Communications Committee:** (Chair – Adjutant).
External Communications: Adjutant Wolfangel advised that October 6th Dance and October 13th Poker-Mania events appeared in the Eastside Press (ESP) and Enquirer Hometown (EHT) calendars of events. Article on Poker-Mania was published in EHT. Dances on October 20th and 27th have both been submitted for publishing in the calendar of events.
- Internal Communications: Commander Bishop reported that the deadline for items to be submitted for the November Newsletter is October 25th. He noted October Newsletter could be downloaded from the Post web -site.
- **Uniformed Ceremonies Committee:** (Chair - Sgt.-at-Arms):
 Chair Ralph Caskey noted or commented on following:
- Color Guard Details: Noted the remaining color guards for schools and Veterans Day, that are known, are scheduled, and he will be sending out reminders and uniform info prior to each event.
 - Legion / Color Guard Jackets: Those ordered have been received and distributed. Will be starting new list for order of additional jackets for anyone still wishing to order one.
 - Gift For Yanks Program: As coordinator of the GFY program, he is still seeking additional donations. Between C.I. funding allocated for this program, and individual member donation, the Post's goal for this year has been set at \$500. Will need about another \$150.
 - Veterans Day Activities: Advised he is still getting the Veterans Day activities schedule together, as some usual activities have not yet been confirmed.
- **Charities, Inc. Committee:** (Chair Don Bishop)
 Chair Bishop commented on, or noted:
- CI Finance Report (prepared by Walt Geil – CI Treasurer as of September 30, 2018). Copies were available at sign-in table, and copy provided to Adjutant for filing with October meeting minutes. He noted that the total balance of CI funds on report was \$2,237.51.
 - Kroger Rewards: Noted that the recent check received for Kroger Rewards was the highest so far at \$186.29. Bishop thanked all who had signed up for the Kroger Community Rewards program.
 - Poker-Mania Event: Reminded that the Poker-Mania fund-raising event is scheduled for October 13, 2018, from 7 PM to 12 Midnight. It will be a one-day event, including Blackjack, 7-Card, Texas Hold'Em, Big Six Wheel, and bar service. No food to be served. He is still in need of several dealers. Support from the Post is needed, as the proceeds from this event helps support our programs.
 - Veterans Day: Noted:
 - * “Wave the Flag” Fund-Raising Program: Noted is in jeopardy, as he is not getting a response from Kroger regarding scheduling.
 - * A/T Veterans Dinner – November 10th @ Post: 5 PM Cash bar / 6 PM Dinner / 7 PM Program-Entertainment. Marine Corps Birthday cake will be a dessert option. Will have POW table set up, and service conducted before dinner.

Hamilton County Council (HCC) Report: No report.

4th District Report: Commander Bishop advised he worked a seminar on Veterans Wellness, at Xavier University's Cintas Center today.

Dept. of Ohio: No report.

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 Randy Lindsey.
- Split-the-Pot: Tom Prem handled. Randy Lindsey won.
- Next E.C. Meeting: Bishop noted it would be on October 24, 2018. Date was moved due to Halloween occurring on regular date.
- Next Post Meeting: Bishop noted it would be on November 14, 2018.
- Refreshments: In Post clubroom after 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 7:44 PM.

Prepared by: