

MINUTES
AMERICAN LEGION POST 318
REGULAR MEETING
April 14, 2021

(NOTE: This meeting was conducted physically at Post 318, and virtually on Zoom.)

The Post Meeting was called to order by 1st Vice Commander Bob Kamman, in lieu of Post Commander vacancy, at approximately 7:00 PM. Colors were in place and were saluted. Opening Prayer was given by Acting Chaplain Jerry Porter. 1st Vice Kamman then gave the recognition of POW-MIAs, with POW-MIA chair Cover put in place by SAA Ralph Caskey. 1st Vice Kamman led the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance, the reciting of the Preamble, and then opened meeting for the normal order of business.

Attendance: Sergeant-at-Arms Ralph Caskey advised that there were a total of eighteen (18) Post 318 members participating (13 present / 5 virtual), which constituted a quorum.

Roll Call of Post Officers and Committee Chairs:

Adjutant Wolfangel conducted the roll call of Officers and Chairs, as follows:

Elected Officers

Commander	Chester Canter	Resigned
1 st Vice Commander	Bob Kamman	X
2nd Vice Commander	Kirk Minnich	A
Adjutant / Corporate Statutory Agent	Dan Wolfangel	X
Finance Officer	Randy Lindsey	X
Sgt-at-Arms	Ralph Caskey	X
Chaplain	Rob Heberly	A

Appointed Positions/Chairs

Service Officer	Charlie Cleves	A
Americanism Chair	Paul Henkel	A
Bingo Chair	Ed Sears	X
House Chair	Bob Alfieri	X
Fund-raising Chair	(VACANT)	V
Community Support Chair	(VACANT)	V
Event Coord. Chair	Ken Knight	A
Charities, Inc Liaison	Don Bishop	X
VAVS Coordinator	Jerry Porter	X
Ass't Finance Officer	Joe DuBois	X

X = Present **(Z) via ZOOM**

A= Absent

E = Excused (prior notice)

V= Vacant

Minutes: Adjutant Wolfangel noted that the Post Meeting Minutes from both the February 10, 2021 and the March 10, 2021 Post Meeting were posted in full printed format in the Post Meeting Minutes Binder in clubroom, distributed to all E.C. members, and sent to Post Web-Master for posting on Post web-site. ***Upon Motion made (Don Bishop) to approve both set of Minutes as presented, and seconded (Joe DuBois), Motion to approve both sets of Minutes passed unanimously.***

Executive Committee Notes: Adjutant Wolfangel advised that the March 31, 2021 E.C. Meeting Minutes, in full printed format, had been placed in the E.C. Meeting Minutes binder in the clubroom, distributed to all E.C. members, and have been submitted for posting on Post web-site. A summary of noteworthy items or actions from the E.C. Meeting were reported as follows:

- Approved funding from C.I. Budget for 4th District Past Commander Pin/Gift of \$25, and for Memorial Day Foundation's Memorial Day Wreath Program of \$25.
- Receipt of \$100 from A/T for Post 318 Memorial Day activities.
- Appointed Joe DuBois as Ass't Finance Officer, at request of Finance Officer Randy Lindsey.
- Were advised that Matt Lilly was stepping down from Bar Manager and Post lawn care duties. E.C. to begin search for member to take over Bar Manager responsibilities, which is an urgency as this is necessary for renewal of Liquor License which is due end of May, and have also requested House Chair Alfieri to secure independent contractor(s) quotes for lawn care.
- Approved utilization of any unused / unneeded funds from the the \$600 budgeted (Hamilton County - \$500 and A/T - \$100) for Post 318 Memorial Day Activities, to be contributed to the Hillcrest Cemetery Memorial Day "Flags for Graves" program.

Finance Report: Finance Officer Randy Lindsey provided Adjutant a copy for filing of his Financial Report, effective as of April 14, 2021, and commented on following:

1st Financial Checking \$ 14,485.28

Outstanding Checks \$ 195.20

Effective Total \$ 14,290.08

1st Financial Savings \$ 57,548.07

1st Financial 15 mos CD. \$ 45,184.41

Total of All Accounts Currently Available as of This Report = \$ 117,022.56

March's Total available funds were \$ 113,211.00

Lindsey further noted:

- Ohio Liquor License renewal fee due end of May (\$ 2,844).
- 2019 IRS Form 990 will be filed by Friday.
- Working on 2020 IRS Form 990 and expect to have completed by end of April (due May 17th).
- All bills and credit cards are currently paid up and included in total above.
- Noted Euchre is now back running and producing about \$200 per month.

Adjutant Wolfangel noted that we still needed approval of March 10, 2021 Financial Report from last meeting (due to lack of a quorum at the March 10th meeting).

Motion made (Eric Howland) to accept both the March 10th and April 14th Finance Officer's reports, subject to audit. Motion was seconded (Steve Stuntz), and passed unanimously.

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

Chair Kamman submitted written report to Adjutant for filing, and reported or commented as follows:

- Currently at 168, which was our goal for year, and is one over our quota of 167.
- Believes have three additional potential new members pending.
- Announced January member birthdays.

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

No report in Chair Kirk Minnich's absence.

Adjutant Reports and Correspondence: Adjutant Wolfangel advised following regarding correspondence of

consequence or requiring action received since last meeting:

- Email – Post Commander Position Resignation from Chester Canter: Advised need to step down from position due to health reasons. *Adjutant Wolfangel advised he immediately advised 1st Vice Commander Kamman of Canter's action, and that as 1st Vice Commander, Kamman was to assume the Post Commander's position obligations and responsibilities in accordance with Post By-Laws.*
- Post 199 Resolution Supporting Al Buxton for 4th District 2nd Vice Commander: *Posted on BB.*
- Cheviot Eagles Riders “Honor Run” Motorcycle Ride / Event to Support Honor Flight Tri-State – June 12th: *Posted on BB.*
- Emails Regarding V.A. Vaccine for Veterans, Spouse, Caregivers under “Save Lives Act”: *Posted on BB.*
- Info on “MyLegion.org” Revisions – Effective 4/1/21: *Posted on BB.*
- Receipt of \$100 Check from A/T for Post Memorial Day Activities: *To Finance Officer Lindsey.*
- Notice/Info on Dept of Ohio Golf Outing – 7/24-25/21 – Dayton, OH: *Posted on BB.*
- Notice/Info Joseph House Golf Outing – 5/15/21 – Fairfield, OH: *Posted on BB. (Donation Solicitation referred to E.C.)*
- 4th District Registration of Post Delegates for Spring Conference on 5/16/21 – Post 484: Wolfangel noted that based on our membership, we are entitled for up to three delegates. *Will be referred to E.C.*
- Thank You Note for Hall Rental for Team AHS for LLS Fund-raising Event: *Posted on BB.*

Wolfangel also advised of following Outgoing Correspondence:

- Donation Acknowledgment to member Terry Childs - (100.00).
- Donation Acknowledgment to member Dan Crocker (\$40.00).
- Donation Acknowledgment to J.W. & E.L. Stock Insurance – In memory of member Mike Stringer's father [Erwin L. Stock] (\$100.00).
- Donation Acknowledgments to member Jerry Porter – for donation of Disinfecting Fogger to Post (value \$100.00).

Chaplain’s Report: (Chaplain): Acting Chaplain Jerry Porter advised he had nothing to report.

Committees and Liaison Reports:

- **Americanism Committee:** (Chair – Paul Henkel). Jerry Porter, in Chair's absence noted:
BB&GS Program: Post will be sponsoring 2 Boys and 3 Girls to attend.
Scholarship Program: Currently have received 4 applications, and he expects possibly several more. Review and selection of applicants will be done after April 30th submission deadline.
- **Community Support & Recognition Committee:** (Chair – VACANT).
Don Bishop commented on the Hillcrest Cemetery Memorial Day “Flags for Graves Program”, noting American Flags would be placed on 1,400 veteran graves about May 22nd and removed about June 5th, at a cost of about \$900. They are accepting monetary donations, have a Go-Fund-Me page, and need volunteers to place and pick up flags.
- **Service, Veterans Affairs, Economic & Legislation Committee:** (Chair - Service Officer). No report in absence of Chair Cleves.
- **VAVS Committee:** (Coordinator - Jerry Porter) Advised No Report.
- **Bingo Committee** (Chair – Ed Sears) Chair Sears advised the following:
Expressed appreciation for volunteers that assist with Bingo. Still needs more volunteers to assist with Bingo and cleanup / setup, before and after.

Noted had 84 players at April 11th Bingo, with the highest revenue for a Post 318 Bingo session, and record sale of instant games.

March resulted in monthly revenue distribution as follows: Post \$4,000 / C.I. \$ 1,175 / Concessions earned \$523, for a monthly total of \$5,698.75. Bingo Operating Account balance is at \$569.40 Thus far, this Bingo year, have provided \$ 15,700 to Post and \$4,600 to C.I.

Noted had been in touch with Hamilton County Public Health Dept to obtain latest COVID restrictions, and we are operating within them.

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

Dances: Don Bishop advised that current COVID restrictions still make scheduling of dance impractical. E.C. has indicated we will start planning for a Fall band/dance season, with hopes we can implement. He will begin developing of a schedule and contacting of the bands.

Hoops-Mania: Randy Lindsey noted that we had five \$30 winners out of our 177 tickets sold. The unsold tickets (223) included thirteen that would have been winners for a total value of \$ 1,950 if sold, one of which would have been a \$1,000 winner.

2021 Hometown Heroes Benefit: Adjutant Wolfangel advised that he had received a preliminary draft of proposed plans for the “3rd Annual Hometown Heroes Benefit”, a privately organized and planned event for the benefit of raising funds for the benefit of Post 318, with a tentative date of Saturday - August 7, 2021. They want to combine a motorcycle ride, followed by an event at the Post, utilizing both the inside and outside of our facility, which will require Post to seek a request a waiver or change relative to the outdoor activities through the A/T Zoning Board. Email contact has been made with Paul Drury of A/T, and a waiver for the one time event outside in front of Post looks promising. Will advise further as info is received.

■ **Event Coordination Committee:** (Chair – Ken Knight). No report.

■ **House Committee:** (Chair – Bob Alfieri). Chair Alfieri thanked all who help with clean-up and set-up details. He noted that:

- 1) Cleanup details would continue on Wednesdays, until about mid-May.
- 2) Need for Bar Manager. Steve Stuntz is considering the position.
- 3) Fire Inspections have all been done.
- 4) All Backflow Valves have been checked as required.

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

External Communications: Adjutant Wolfangel noted no report..

Internal Communications: Joe Dubois advised to get all items for inclusion in May Post Newsletter to him by April 25th.

■ **Uniform Ceremonies Committee:** (Chair – SAA Caskey) Caskey noted following:

Gift For Yanks: \$372 contribution made by Post (C.I. and individual donations).

Memorial Day Activities: Have eight commitments so far from membership for detail, need three or four more. Have one, and maybe 2 Buglers. Will not have a bus, but will use our private vehicles. Breakfast is still under consideration.

■ **Charities, Inc. Committee:** (Chair Don Bishop) Chair Bishop noted or commented on following:

- C.I. Financial Report (prepared by C.I. Treasurer Walt Geil): Noted March EOM balances indicated about \$ 9,556.49, most of which is already committed to forthcoming approved programs. Provided an overview of income and expenses for month, which included \$372 to GFY and \$300 for Veteran Assistance. In April so far have donated \$300 to Joseph House and \$300 to Fisher House.

■ **Marketing Committee:** It was noted that there was an need to schedule a Marketing meeting to develop a plan for events and fund raising efforts, moving forward out of the COVID pandemic. 1st Vice

Commander Kamman advised he would set up a meeting.

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

4th District Report: Nothing to report

Dept. of Ohio: Nothing to report.

Old Business:

“Sons of American Legion (SAL) “ Squadron Exploration Status: Adjutant Wolfangel noted that an item relative to the Post exploring the formation of an SAL Squadron, was placed in the April Post Newsletter, seeking information on any Post members sons, or grandsons, that may be interested. As of this time have had no responses.

Nomination Committee Report: Eric Howland, Nomination Committee Chair, noted from his submitted report, that he had nominees for Post Elected Officer positions, as follows:

Commander – (None) / 1st Vice Commander – Bob Kamman / 2nd Vice Commander – Kirk Minnich / Adjutant – (None) / Finance Officer – Randy Lindsey / Sgt-At-Arms – Ralph Caskey / Chaplain – Jerry Porter.

1st Vice Commander Kamman called for nominations from the floor for each position, and received no additional nominations for any of the positions. ***Motion was made (Dan Wolfangel), to close nominations for all officer positions for which there was a nominee stated, and that the nomination period for the two officer positions for which there were no nominees (Commander and Adjutant) remain open until April 28th E.C. Meeting. In an attempt to secure to nominees for these open positions, Adjutant will send notice of the openings to all members with a response by date of April 28th. Motion was seconded (Jerry Porter), and passed unanimously.***

Presentation and Vote on Amendments and Revisions to Post 318 Constitution and By-Laws:

Adjutant Wolfangel presented a brief overview of the numerous amendments and revisions that were proposed and recommended by the Post Executive Committee at their February 24, 2021 E.C. Meeting, for presentation and vote at March 10, 2021 Post General Membership Meeting. A Notice of the planned vote to be taken at the March 10, 2021 Post General Membership Meeting on the Amendments and Revisions to Post 318 Constitution and By-Laws was sent out to membership via Mail Chimp on February 26th, advising of upcoming vote, and offering an opportunity to review the amendments and revisions, through requesting an electronic copy, or reviewing hard copies in Post Clubroom. However, due to a lack of a quorum at that meeting, the presentation and vote was delayed until this April 14, 2021 Post General Membership Meeting. Notice of this postponement to the new date was published in April Post Newsletter.

A Motion was made (Jerry Porter) to adopt the proposed and recommended amendments and revisions to Constitution Motion was seconded (Eric Howland), and passed unanimously.

A Motion was made (Jerry Porter) to adopt the proposed and recommended amendments and revisions to By-Laws. Motion was seconded (Eric Howland), and passed unanimously.

Adjutant Wolfangel advised he would prepare the Amended and Revised final documents, and would distribute to the E.C., or anyone else that would request same electronically, and would also place updated copies in the appropriate Post Clubroom binders, on on Post website.

New Business: None.

Good Of The Legion:

- Fisher House / Joseph House Bins in Clubroom: As reported SAA Caskey will deliver to Joseph House and Fisher House as donated items build.
- Volunteer Raffle: \$50 Gift Card won by Tom Prem..
- Split-The-Pot: Handled by Tom Prem. Won by Randy Lindsey, who donated back to Hillcrest

Cemetery “Flags for Graves Program”.

- Next E.C. Meeting: April 28, 2021..
- Next Post Meeting: May 12, 2021.
- Refreshments in Clubroom: None due to COVID restrictions.

Closing:

There being no further business to come before the membership, Acting Chaplain Porter gave closing prayer, followed by 1st Vice Commander Kamman's call for removal of POW-MIA Chair Cover by SAA Caskey. 1st Vice Kamman then called for saluting the colors in place, and then declared the meeting adjourned at approximately 8:30 PM.

Prepared by:

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