

MINUTES
AMERICAN LEGION POST 318
REGULAR MEETING
August 11, 2021

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

The Post Meeting was called to order by Commander Lee Stegmann, at approximately 7:00 PM. Colors were in place and were saluted. Opening Prayer was given by Chaplain Jerry Porter. Stegmann then gave the recognition of POW-MIAs, with POW-MIA Chair Cover put in place by SAA Ralph Caskey. 1st Vice Commander Kamman led the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance, and 2nd Vice Commander Kirk Minnich led the reciting of the Preamble. Stegmann then opened meeting for the normal order of business.

Attendance: Sergeant-at-Arms Caskey advised that there were a total of seventeen (17) Post 318 members attending physically, and one (1) member attending virtually, for a total of eighteen (18), which constituted a quorum.

Roll Call of Post Officers and Committee Chairs:

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

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Elected Officers

Commander	Lee Stegmann	X
1 st Vice Commander	Bob Kamman	X
2nd Vice Commander	Kirk Minnich	X
Adjutant / Corporate Statutory Agent	Dan Wolfangel	X
Finance Officer	Randy Lindsey	X
Sgt-at-Arms	Ralph Caskey	X
Chaplain	Jerry Porter	X

Appointed Positions/Chairs

Service Officer	Charlie Cleves	X
Americanism Chair	(VACANT)	V
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

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

A= Absent

E = Excused (prior notice)

V= Vacant

Minutes: Adjutant Wolfangel noted that the Post Meeting Minutes from the June 9, 2021 Post Meeting (not previously approved due to lack of quorum at July meeting), and the July 14, 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. ***Motion made (Don Bishop)to approve both sets of Minutes Minutes as presented. Motion seconded (Bob Kamman), and passed unanimously.***

Executive Committee Notes: Adjutant Wolfangel advised that the July 28, 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:

- Authorized \$50 from C.I. Budget for contribution to Ohio Korean KIA Memorial Wall Project.
- Authorized \$75 from C.I. Budget for contribution of “Hole Sponsorship” for Ohio Veterans Home Golf Tournament.
- Authorized \$125 from Post Budget for renewal of AACC dues.
- Voted to waive “Terrorist Coverage” from Post insurance policy renewal, as we have done in past years.
- Requested Bingo Manager – Ed Sears to explore options and cost for replacement of aging Bingo equipment.

Finance Report: Finance Officer Lindsey gave Post Financial Report as of August 11, 2021, and provided Adjutant with copy for filing, and provided copies to members in attendance at this meeting, and in addition noted:

- He was in discussion and negotiations with IRS for reversal of a 990 filing penalty, and anticipated full reversal based upon circumstances.
- .All bills are currently paid.

Adjutant Wolfangel noted that the previous month's Finance Report as presented at the July 14, 2021 Post Meeting had not been accepted, due to lack of quorum. Wolfangel then read the July Finance Report.

Motion made (Bob Kamman) to accept both Finance Officer's reports, subject to audit. Motion was seconded (Ralph Caskey), and passed unanimously.

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

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

- Expects 2021-2022 Quota will be 169 (not yet confirmed).
- Currently at 88 paid members, or 52% of expected quota of 169, and goal of 170.
- Noted we have 7 new members (2 new / 5 transfers in)
- Have three deceased members this year (Joe Burkart / Charles Gill / John Wakefield).
- New cards are available upon payment of dues. PUFL Members cards are being mailed.
- Announced eleven (11) August member birthdays.

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

Chair Minnich noted or commented on:

- Ice Cream Social - Saturday August 14th at 6:30 PM: Ice Cream furnished / Bring own special toppings.
- Marketing Committee Meeting – Wednesday – August 18th at 7 PM.
- Fall Live Band / Dance Season Starts Saturday - August 28th.
- Hometown Heroes Benefit – Sunday – August 29th.

Adjutant Reports and Correspondence: Adjutant Wolfangel advised following regarding correspondence of consequence or requiring action received since last meeting:

- Info on Date Change of Ohio Veterans Home Golf Tournament from August 21st to August 28th: ***Posted on BB.***
- Notice of Homecoming Event for New Dept of Ohio Commander Jean Wilson: September 25, 2021 at Post 199 (Harrison) - \$35 per person. ***Posted on BB / Referred to E.C. Committee.***

- Information / Request for Volunteers for “Operation Thank You – September 11th Commemoration – Lunken Airport – September 10th and 11th: *Volunteer Scheduling to be coordinated by VAVS Coordinator Jerry Porter.*

Outgoing Correspondence:

- Donation Acknowledgment to member Roger Wade for covering cost of Rental Hall floor refinishing (Value of \$2,450).
- Donation Acknowledgment to Frederick Johnstone for donation of four folding utility carts for use by Post (Value of \$125).

Chaplain’s Report: (Chaplain): Chaplain Jerry Porter indicated he had nothing new to report, as it had already been noted that we recently determined that three of our Post members had passed. Joseph Burkart, Charles Gill and John Wakefield

Committees and Liaison Reports:

- **Americanism Committee:** (Chair – VACANT) No report.
 - **Community Support & Recognition Committee:** (Chair – VACANT).
2021 Awards & Recognition Program: Dan Wolfangel noted program held on Saturday July 17th, was successful with about 65 persons in attendance between awardees, family members , guests and dignitaries. Recognized were: 6 Child/Grandchild of Veteran Scholarships; 4 Boys & Girls State participants; 1 Law Officer of the Year; 1 Firefighter of the Year; 1 School Citizenship Program Award; 24 Legion Continuous Membership Awards; and 11 Veterans Honor Recognitions for 2020 deceased Post members presented by Ohio Senator Steve Wilson. All certificates or awards for persons unable to attend, have been personally delivered by Post E.C. Members, or have been mailed to any member not in local area. We are still looking for family members of four of the Ohio Veteran Honor Awards to present to them on behalf of their decease veteran. They are: Leo Turner; William Hitchcock; Harold Cook; and Stanley Dillon. A Media Release regarding the event has been submitted for forthcoming media publication.
 - **Service, Veterans Affairs, Economic & Legislation Committee:** (Chair - Service Officer). Chair Cleves advised no report.
 - **VAVS Committee:** (Coordinator - Jerry Porter) Chair Porter commented on his coordination of the Request for Volunteers for “Operation Thank You – September 11th Commemoration – Lunken Airport – September 10th and 11th: Advised he had schedules for various duties available, and anyone available should contact him. Advised that the new coordinator for VAVS activities at VA Hospital was Nicole Comer, however no VAVS activities were yet scheduled.
 - **Bingo Committee** (Chair – Ed Sears) Chair Sears referenced the written July Bingo Report, which will be filed with these meeting minutes, in Post Meeting Minutes binder in clubroom for review, or access.
 - **Fund-Raising Committee:** (Chair – VACANT).
“Hometown Heroes Benefit”: Dan Wolfangel noted status of plans for the third privately promoted benefit for Post 318, noting all VIP Tables were sold. He reminded will be at Latitudes Bar & Bistro (Anderson Towne Center), on Sunday – August 29, 2021, doors open at 12 noon, and music starts at 2 PM, with Opening Ceremonies , with full Post 318 Color Guard, at 2 PM.. Will have S-T-P, Silent Auction, raffles, etc. All info on flyer posted on BB.
- Fall Season Live Band / Dances: Don Bishop commented on the logistics of the schedule and events.
- **Event Coordination Committee:** (Chair – Ken Knight). No report.
 - **House Committee:** (Chair – Bob Alfieri). Chair Alfieri noted:
 - * Thanks for turnout for clean-up / set-up details.

* Rental Hall tile floor replacement work completed, courtesy of member Roger Wade.

- * Several projects have been completed or scheduled to be completed related to electrical, TV.
- * Replacement of American and POW Flags on Post flagpole forthcoming, with assistance by ATFD.

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

External Communications: Adjutant Wolfangel noted he had submitted Media Releases to Enquirer / Eastside Press on the Awards Program and the Fall Live Band/Dance Season.

Internal Communications: No report in Editor Joe DuBois absence..

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

- Color Guard still scheduled to handle FHSD Opening on August 16, 2021.
- Hometown Heroes Benefit Color Guard Detail: Still needs 2 volunteers for August 29th at 2 PM.
- Joseph House items will be delivered in next couple of days.

■ **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 July EOM balances currently indicate about \$ 9,567, for funding of 2021 -2022 Programs, with some committed to yet to be expended 2020-2021 programs.
- The major portion of 2021 -2022 C.I. Budget Year revenue is expected to come from four fund-raising programs. Wave-The Flag / Old Coney Christmas Lights / Cookies and Cocoa with Santa / Poppy Days.

■ **Marketing Committee:** Meeting scheduled for Wednesday – August 18, 2021 – 7 PM.

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

4th District Report: Nothing to report.

Dept. of Ohio: Nothing to report.

Old Business: None.

New Business: None.

Good Of The Legion:

- Fisher House / Joseph House Bins in Clubroom: Joseph House deliver in next couple of days.
- Volunteer Raffle: \$50 Gift Card won by Dan Wolfangel.
- Split-The-Pot: Handled by Tom Prem. Won by Bob Alfieri
- Next E.C. Meeting: August 25, 2021.
- Next Post Meeting: September 8, 2021.
- Refreshments in Clubroom: Immediately following meeting.

Further Business:

Closing:

There being no further business to come before the membership, Chaplain Porter gave closing prayer, followed by Commander Stegmann's call for removal of POW-MIA Chair Cover by SAA Caskey. Stegmann then called for saluting the colors in place, and then declared the meeting adjourned at approximately 7:55 PM.