

MINUTES
AMERICAN LEGION POST 318
REGULAR MEETING
December 9, 2020

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

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

Attendance: Sergeant-at-Arms Ralph Caskey advised that there were a total of twenty (20) Post 318 members participating (15 present / 5 virtual), which constituted a quorum. There were no Guests.

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

Appointed Positions/Chairs

Service Officer	Charlie Cleves	X
Americanism Chair	Paul Henkel	A
Bingo Chair	Ed Sears	X
House Chair	Bob Alfieri	X
Fund-raising Chair	(VACANT)	V
Community Support Chair	Joe DuBois	V
Event Coord. Chair	Ken Knight	A
Charities, Inc Liaison	Don Bishop	X
VAVS Coordinator	Jerry Porter	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 November 11, 2020 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 Minutes as presented, and seconded (Ed Sears), motion to approve Minutes passed unanimously.

Executive Committee Notes: Adjutant Wolfangel advised that the November 25, 2020 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:

- Accepted Joe DuBois resignation as Community Support and Recognition Committee Chair.
- Voted to fund three Programs from limited Charities, Inc. budget, as follows: 1) Child of Veteran Scholarships - \$3,000.00; 2) Law & Order Awards - \$75.00; and 3) Volunteer Raffle Gift Cards - \$350.00 (\$50 per month for December 2020 thru June 2021).
- Decided to not to change the December E.C. Meeting from its regularly scheduled date of December 30th.

Finance Report: Finance Officer Randy Lindsey provided Adjutant a copy for filing of his Financial Report, effective as of December 9, 2020, and commented on following:

1 st Financial Checking	\$ 6,273.01
Pending Deposit	\$ 5,657.42
Outstanding Checks	\$ 1,010.82
Effective Total	\$ 10,819.61
1 st Financial Savings	\$ 32,886.35
1 st Financial 13 mos CD.	\$ 10,127.81

Total of All Accounts Currently Available as of This Report = \$ 53,833.77

November's Total available funds were \$ 50,853.41

Lindsey further noted:

- Bingo and Hall accounts are \$ 5,000 of the pending deposit total. Bingo concessions and a rebate check account for the rest.
- All bills and credit cards are currently paid up and included in total above.

Motion made (Steve Stuntz) to accept Finance Officer's report, subject to audit. Motion was seconded (Eric Howland), and passed unanimously.

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

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

- 2020 Post Membership Quota = 167.
- Have 152 members paid for 2020 (91% of quota), exceeding 4th District's December Goal of 90%.
- Currently have 13 current members not yet renewed for 2020.
- Announced December member birthdays.

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

Chair Kirk Minnich, via ZOOM, advised No Report..

Adjutant Reports and Correspondence: Adjutant Wolfangel advised following regarding correspondence received since last meeting:

- Notice of Appreciation from Hospice of Cinti for Flag Donations: Was read, and is Posted on BB.
- Thank You Note from Hospice of Cinti President and CEO for Flag Donations: Was read, and Posted on BB.
- Notice of 4th District Euchre Tournament – Post 199 – 1/17/20: Posted on BB / 2nd Vice Cmdr.
- Notice of 4th District Texas Hold-em Tournament – Post 199 – 1/24/20: Posted on BB / 2nd Vice Cmdr.

- Notice of Breakfast and Chili Cook Off – Post 199 – 1/17/20: Posted on BB / 2nd Vice Cmdr.
- Notice of Dept of Ohio Postponement of Mid-Winter Conference to March 12 – 14, 2021: Posted on BB.

Wolfangel also advised of following Outgoing Correspondence:

- Donation Acknowledgments to Adrienne Prem (\$1,000) / Joe DuBois (\$20).

Chaplain's Report: Chaplain): Chaplain Rob Heberly advised he had nothing to report, but commented on the stress and strain placed upon families and individuals during the holiday season, who have lost loved ones.

Committees and Liaison Reports:

- **Americanism Committee:** (Chair – Paul Henkel). No report.
- **Community Support & Recognition Committee:** (Chair – VACANT).

Dan Wolfangel, Law & Order Program Coordinator, advised that letters have been sent to the ATFD Chief and the HCSO-D5 Commander, requesting nominations for the FFOY and LOOY Awards. They are due for submission by January 11, 2021.

- **Service, Veterans Affairs, Economic & Legislation Committee:** (Chair - Service Officer). Chair Cleves, advised that he had nothing new to report, but commented on the Hospice of Cinti letters of appreciation received.

- **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 November was first month of the State of Ohio 2020-2021 Bingo year, and consisted of four Bingo sessions.

Presented hard copy of November Bingo Report, noting monthly revenue distribution as follows: Post \$3,000 / C.I. \$1,065 / Concessions earned \$408.25, for a monthly total of \$4,473.25. Bingo Operating Account balance is at \$945.51.

December will have only three Bingo sessions.

Bingo License for 2020-2021 has been applied for and received.

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

Basket Auction: Dan Wolfangel advised that the notice of the Basket Auction, for the silent auction basket left over from the Hometown Heroes 2 Benefit”, had been distributed to membership via MailChimp, and several bids had been received. Bids will close on December 15th.thehsip

- **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 he had: 1) canceled the kitchen Hood cleaning due to diminished kitchen use at this time; and 2) he was exploring having all kitchen stainless steel cleaned, and expected to have quote by next E.C. Meeting.

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

External Communications: Adjutant Wolfangel noted no report..

Internal Communications: 2nd Vice Commander Minnich (via ZOOM), advised he was trying to get a Post Newsletter out.

■ **Uniformed Ceremonies Committee:** (Chair - Sgt.-At-Arms): SAA Caskey noted he had nothing to report regarding Uniform Ceremonies, however, he noted that he would be taking the donated items in clubroom to Joseph House within the 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 November EOM balances indicated about \$10,491.00 available, some of which is incumbered.
- Referenced the E.C. approval of C.I. funding to be allocated for following three programs: 1) Child of Veteran Scholarships - \$3,000.00; 2) Law & Order Awards - \$75.00; and 3) Volunteer Raffle Gift Cards - \$350.00 (\$50 per month for December 2020 thru June 2021).
- Noted Bingo is currently the only primary source of C.I. revenue.

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: Sale of Excess Alcoholic Beer & Wine: Randy Lindsey noted that with no dances or rentals in the near future that he was suggesting we make available for sale to our membership, our excess beer and wine, with proceeds going to Charities, Inc, due to their current inability to raise revenue. *Upon motion made (Randy Lindsey) to sell the excess beer & wine, with proceeds to Charities, Inc, and second (Joe DuBois), motion passed unanimously.*

Good Of The Legion:

- Fisher House / Joseph House Bins in Clubroom: As reported SAA Caskey will deliver to Joseph House.
- Volunteer Raffle: \$25 Gift Card won by Eric Howland.
- Split-The-Pot: Handled by Tom Prem. Won by Ed Sears.
- Next E.C. Meeting: December 30, 2020.
- Next Post Meeting: January 13, 2021.
- Refreshments in Clubroom: None due to COVID restrictions.

Closing:

There being no further business to come before the membership, Chaplain Heberly gave closing prayer, followed by Commander Canter's call for removal of POW-MIA Chair Cover by SAA Caskey. Commander Canter then called for saluting the colors in place, and then declared the meeting adjourned at approximately 7:40 PM.

Prepared by:

Dan Wolfangel

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