

MINUTES
AMERICAN LEGION POST 318
REGULAR MEETING
December 8, 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 absence of Commander Lee Stegmann, at approximately 7:00 PM. Colors were in place and were saluted. Opening Prayer was given by Chaplain Jerry Porter. Kamman then gave the recognition of POW-MIAs, with POW-MIA Chair Cover put in place by Acting SAA Walt Geil. 1st Vice Commander Bob Kamman led the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance, and 2nd Vice Commander Kirk Minnich led the reciting of the Preamble. Kamman then opened meeting for the normal order of business, temporarily suspending regular agenda to permit a Guest Presentation.

Guest Presentation: Adjutant Wolfangel introduced Charles Castle (4th District S.A.L. Commander), and Ron Wissman (4th District Adjutant), who spoke regarding the formation requirements, process and benefits of Post 318 forming a S.A.L. Squadron. Following the presentation and Q & A period, they provided Adjutant Wolfangel with some some written documentation regarding the S.A.L. They also offered to provide any assistance necessary should Post 318 decides to move forward with the formation of the Squadron.

Kamman then returned to normal meeting agenda.

Attendance: Acting Sergeant-at-Arms Geil advised that there were a total of sixteen (16) Post 318 members attending physically, and two (2) members attending virtually, for a total of eighteen (18), which constitutes a quorum. There were three (3) guests present (Charles Castle – 4th District S.A.L. Commander / Ron Wissman – 4th District S.A.L. Adjutant / Steve Ervin – Post 484 Commander & 4th District Commander). It was noted that Castle and Wissman were attending for S.A.L. Presentation, and Ervin was conducting a 4th District Post 318 Inspection.

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	E
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	E
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
Alternates to Officers and Chairs		
Ass't Finance Officer / Newsletter Editor	Joe Dubois	X
Ass't Adjutant	Robert Carey	X
Ass't SAA	Gary Gregoio	

X = Present **(Z) via ZOOM** A= Absent
E = Excused (prior notice) V= Vacant

Minutes: Adjutant Wolfangel noted that the Minutes from November 10, 2021 Post General Membership Meeting have been posted in full printed format in the Post Meeting Minutes Binder in club room, distributed to all E.C. members, and sent to Post Web-Master for posting on Post web-site. ***Upon Motion (Don Bishop) to accept and approve Minutes, and second (Steve Stuntz), motion passed unanimously.***

Executive Committee Notes: Adjutant Wolfangel advised that the November 24, 2021 E.C. Meeting Minutes, in full printed format, had been placed in the E.C. Meeting Minutes binder in the club room, 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:

- E.C. , upon recommendation from Adjutant Wolfangel, appointed member Robert Carey as Ass't Adjutant, to become familiar with the duties, in anticipation of his ultimately assuming the Adjutant role at, or by, June 2022 elections.
- Directed the conducting of a meeting between Finance Officer, Commander, Scouting Coordinator Baker and BSA Troop 519 administration to clarify the planned dismemberment of Troop 519, which does not plan to recharter the troop in January 2022.

Finance Report: Finance Officer Lindsey submitted a written Post Financial Report as of December 8, 2021, and provided Adjutant with copy for filing, and provided copies to members in attendance at this meeting. He reviewed financial data contained within the submitted report, and in addition noted all bills are currently paid. Following the review of current submitted report, Adjutant Wolfangel noted that copy of the financial report would be placed on file along with the Post Meeting Minutes in Post Meeting Minutes Binder in Post Club Room, for individual review, or may be provided upon individual request. ***Upon Motion (Bob Alfieri) to accept Finance Report , subject to audit, and second (Kirk Minnich), motion passed unanimously.***

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

Chair Kamman, submitted a written Membership Report to Adjutant for filing, and to be placed in Post Meeting Minutes binder with these meeting Minutes. Kamman commented as follows from report:

- Currently at 166 paid members, or approximately 98.2% of quota of 169, and goal of 170.
- Has one addition application pending, and currently has 3 or 4 members not yet renewed.
- Announced fifteen (15) December member birthdays.
- Introduced two new member present (Jeffrey Zollar / Martin Gilbert), each of which made brief statements about themselves.

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

Chair Minnich noted or commented on:

- Post Christmas Party – Friday – December 10th, 5:30 PM.
- Christmas Variety Show – Saturday - December 18th.
- NYE Gala Live band Dance – Friday – December 31st.
- Upcoming Post Family Social Event: Chili Cook-Off – Saturday - February 19th – 4 PM.

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

- Info on Dept of Ohio Mid-Winter Conference – 1/21 – 23/ 22 - / Dept Awards Banquet – 1/22/22.(Columbus, OH): **Posted on BB.**
- Info on Dept of Ohio Bowling Tournament – 2/2/22 – 3/6/22 – (Sanduskey, OH): **Posted on BB.**
- Solicitation from Hospice of Cinti for Veteran Services: **Referred to E.C.**
- Solicitation from Joseph House: **Referred to E.C.**
- Info on 4th District Brown Jug Party (2/26/22 – 4 – 7 PM – Post 484) / Brown Jug T-Shirt Sales: **Posted on BB.**
- Post Benefactor Kerri Wolfangel (Comey Shepherd Realtor) 2022 Refrigerator Calendars: **Available on Clubroom bar for anyone wanting one.**
- Info on GFY Gift Distribution at VA Hospital – 12/17/21 – 6 PM: **Posted on BB.**
- Request for Replacement American Flag for HCSO - District 5: **C.I. Has ordered flag.**

Outgoing Correspondence:

- A/T Public Works Dept: Letter of Appreciation for assistance in replacing Flag Pole rope.
- A/T Fire Department: Letter of Appreciation for training provided in AED usage and CPR.
- A/T Government / Board of Trustees: Letter of Appreciation for on-going support for Veterans and sponsoring the 2021 Veterans Day Recognition event at Post 318, for Anderson veterans.

Chaplain's Report: (Chaplain): Chaplain Jerry Porter gave a status update on ill or recuperating Post members.

Committees and Liaison Reports:

- **Americanism Committee:** (Chair – VACANT) Jerry Porter advised he was to meet with AHS representation regarding the Oratorical Program, however meeting was canceled due to a student death. Will reschedule. Currently believe may have two students, and if so, will hold local Post judging on 1/22/22 or 1/29/22. TBD. If only one, judging will be held in conjunction with January Post General Meeting.
- **Community Support & Recognition Committee:** (Chair – VACANT). No report.
- **Service, Veterans Affairs, Economic & Legislation Committee:** (Chair - Service Officer). Chair Cleves advised no report.
- **VAVS Committee:** (Coordinator - Jerry Porter) Chair Porter advised no VAVS activity scheduled as yet.
- **Bingo Committee** (Chair – Ed Sears) Chair Sears referenced the written November Bingo Report, which will be filed with these meeting minutes, in Post Meeting Minutes Binder in club room for review, or access. He further noted or commented regarding:
 - Thanks to Bingo volunteers. Still need more.
 - Noted the month of November was first month of the State of Ohio's Bingo year.
 - Currently in process completing and filing application for 2021-2022 Bingo Licenses. Due to last year's pull-tab sale the cost of licensing will increase this year. Expected to be almost \$1,400 for pull-tab and \$200 for regular bingo.

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

Christmas Variety Show: Don Bishop advised will be held on Saturday – 12/18/21, with 170 advance tickets sold to-date. Program ads have produced about another \$520 profit.

NYE Gala Party: To be held on 12/31/21. Bishop indicated 86 advance tickets sold to-date. Advised has fully staffed.

Lenten Fish Fry Events: Jerry Porter advised he would be coordinating this fund raising activity, which will run every Friday for seven weeks, from March 4, 2022 through April 15, 2022.

■ **Event Coordination Committee:** (Chair – Ken Knight). No report, in Chair Knight's absence.

■ **House Committee:** (Chair – Bob Alfieri). Chair Alfieri, noted:

- Thanks for volunteers on the many rental hall set-ups.
- Thanks to Hamilton County Engineers for assistance in getting a drainage problems repaired which occurred as a result of a private contractor working in area.
- Has SECO coming out again to fix roof sign timer problem.
- Have offer to pressure-wash front of building .

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

External Communications: Adjutant Wolfangel noted he had prepared and submitted media releases for Post Christmas Show and the NYE Gala.

Internal Communications: Joe DuBois noted that items for January Post Newsletter should be to him by December 25th.

■ **Uniform Ceremonies Committee:** (Chair – SAA Caskey) In Chair Caskey's absence, Jerry Porter noted following info from Caskey:

- Gift For Yanks (GFY): Noted that Walt Geil will be accepting donations from membership, to be submitted to GFY, in additional to Post's budgeted donation. All donations of \$5 or more will get listed on Donor List in Club room. Will be accepting donations through March.
- Joseph House Donations: Clothing and pillow donations delivered on 12/6/21.
- Retired Flags: Need someone to empty retired flag receptacle until Caskey able to resume. *Walt Geil volunteered.*

■ **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 currently indicate about \$ 10,480 for funding of 2021-2022 Programs.
- The next planned fund-raising effort for C.I., would not be Memorial Day (Poppy Days) in May 2022, as all 2021 events were canceled.

■ **Marketing Committee:** Marketing Committee Meeting – Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday – 12/15/21 - 7 PM.

Hamilton County Council (HCC) Report: No report.

4th District Report: 4th District Commander Steve Ervin commented on his inspection of the Post, the possible formation of a Post 318 S.A.L., and concern over lack of Hamilton County Posts participation in HCC.

Dept. of Ohio: No report.

Old Business: None.

New Business: None.

Good Of The Legion:

- Fisher House / Joseph House Bins in Club Room:
- Volunteer Raffle: Gift Card won by Eric Howland.
- Split-The-Pot: Handled by Steve Stuntz. Won by Gene Sawka.
- Next E.C. Meeting: December 29, 2021
- Next Post Meeting: January 12, 2022.
- Refreshments in Club Room: Immediately following meeting.

Further Business: None

Closing:

There being no further business to come before the membership, Chaplain Porter gave closing prayer, followed by 1st Vice Commander Kamman's call for removal of POW-MIA Chair Cover by Acting SAA Walt Geil. Kamman then called for saluting the colors in place, and then declared the meeting adjourned at approximately 8:15 PM.

Prepared by: Dan Wolfangel