

MINUTES
AMERICAN LEGION POST 318
REGULAR MEETING
December 14, 2022

(NOTE: This Meeting was conducted physically at Post 318, with none in attendance via ZOOM.)

Due to the excused absence of Commander Stegmann, the Post Meeting was called to order by Post 1st Vice Commander Kamman, at approximately 7:00 PM. Colors were in place and saluted. 1st Vice Commander Kamman gave the Recognition and Placement of POW-MIAs, and the POW-MIA Chair Cover was placed by Surdick. The Opening Prayer was given by Chaplain Heberly. Reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance was led by 1st Vice Commander Kamman. Reciting of the Preamble was led by 2nd Vice Commander Minnich. 1st Vice Commander Kamman then opened the meeting for the normal order of business.

Attendance: Due to the excused absence of Sergeant at Arms Caskey, Assistant Sergeant at Arms Gregorio advised that there were eighteen (18) Post 318 members physically, and none via ZOOM, in attendance, for a total of eighteen (18) members, which constituted a quorum.

Roll Call of Post Officers and Committee Chairs:

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

Elected Officers

Commander	Lee Stegmann	E
1 st Vice Commander	Bob Kamman	X
2nd Vice Commander	Kirk Minnich	X
Adjutant	Bob Carey	X
Finance Officer	Randy Lindsey	X
Sgt-at-Arms	Ralph Caskey	E
Chaplain / VAVS Coordinator	Rob Heberly	X

Appointed Positions/Chairs

Service Officer	Charlie Cleves	X
Americanism Chair	Eric Howland	A
Bingo Chair	Ed Sears	X
House Chair	Bob Alfieri	E
Fund-raising Chair	(VACANT)	V
Community Support Chair	(VACANT)	V
Event Coord. Chair	Ken Knight	A
Charities, Inc Liaison	Don Bishop	X
Corporate Statutory Agent / Ass't Adjutant	Dan Wolfangel	X
SAL Committee Chair	Tony Capetillo	E
Bar/Concession Manager	Steve Stuntz	X

Alternate to Officers and Chairs

Ass't Finance Officer	Joe Dubois	X
Ass't Sgt At Arms	Gary Gregorio	X

KEY: X=Present E=Excused (Prior Notice) A=Absent V=Vacant Z=via Zoom

Minutes: Adjutant Carey noted that the Post Meeting Minutes from the November 9, 2022, meeting were posted in 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. ***Motion made (Bishop) to accept the November 9, 2022 Minutes. Motion was Seconded (Stuntz), and approved unanimously.***

Executive Committee Notes: Adjutant Carey advised that the November 30, 2022 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 submitted for posting on Post web-site. A summary of noteworthy items or actions from the E.C. Meeting were reported as follows:

- Agreed unanimously to leave the initial SAL charter fees of \$210 with SAL.
- Agreed unanimously to permit the family of member Lee Bobitz to present him with a Quilt of Honor during the Post Christmas Party.
- Agreed with one opposed to tentatively approve the rental of the Hall for the drawings associated with the Queen of Hearts game conducted at and by The Lounge, such rental of the Hall beginning in February to be at no charge, pending final decision by the EC upon receipt of a formal proposal from SAL 2nd Vice Commander Todd Sledge, owner of The Lounge.
- Agreed with one opposed to leave new Sections 4-7 (enumerating the responsibilities and duties of four EC positions) out of Article VIII of the Draft Post By-Laws.
- Agreed unanimously to leave new Section 4 (regarding the consumption of alcoholic beverages at Legion meetings) out of Article X of the Draft Post By-Laws.
- Agreed unanimously to accept all changes to the Post Constitution and By-Laws approved by the EC and submit the revised Post Constitution and By-Laws for ratification at the January General Meeting.

Finance Report:

Finance Officer Lindsey presented a written Post Financial Report, as of November 30, 2022, copy included with these Minutes, provided copies to members in attendance at this meeting, and noted all known bills are currently paid. His additional remarks were:

- The Post facility insurance premium has been paid for the year.
- The mortgage balance is approximately \$150,000.
- The Post needs more fund-raising; Hall rentals and Bingo income is trending down.
- He seeks a replacement as Finance Officer due to his new full-time workload.

Motion made (Wolfangel) to accept the November 30, 2022, Finance Report, subject to audit. Motion was Seconded (Bishop), and approved unanimously.

SAL Report

None

Membership Report: (Chair - 1st Vice Commander)

Chair Kamman submitted his written report for filing with these Minutes, and reported as follows:

- We are at 82% of quota (145 members); adding 11 transfers and 4 new members for the year.
- 39 members still not renewed.
- 16 members with December birthdays were recognized.
- 3 WWII veterans can not be located.

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

Chair Minnich reported as follows:

- The Christmas Party will be December 17; approximately 75 attending, 121 responded to the Evite.
- Volunteers are needed to serve as co-leads for the upcoming Fish Fry.
- The New Years Eve bash is sold out. The signs and website are updated.
- The next Marketing meeting is December 21.

Adjutant Reports and Correspondence: Adjutant Carey advised following correspondence of consequence and interest to Post members, or requiring Post action, were received since last meeting:

Correspondence Received:

- Dues payments, routine bank statements, magazines, and some items returned to sender.
- Email from Ohio AG giving Charitable Law Office's bingo training schedule. *Forwarded to Sears*
- Invoice from Bingo Info Dayton. *Forwarded to Lindsey*
- New blank checks from Park Bank for SAL. *Forwarded to Lindsey*
- \$100 donation to Charities from David P Eller Fund. *Forwarded to Geil*
- \$50 check from Eastside Republican Club. *Forwarded to Knight*
- Acknowledgment from Acuity of premium payment. *Forwarded to Lindsey*
- Solicitation from Hospice of Cincinnati. *Forwarded to Bishop*

Outgoing Correspondence:

None

Chaplain's Report: (Chaplain Heberly):

- He advised of members' health concerns and invited prayer for their recovery.
- He provided his cell phone number (513 550-6601) and encouraged members to text him with Chaplaincy information.
- Contact information on two members currently in distress were given to him.

Committees and Liaison Reports:

- **Americanism Committee:** (Chair Eric Howland).

In Howland's absence, Porter noted that he provided the name of another boy for BBS to Howland, and Howland plans to start BBS and BGS interviews in January. Howland has prepared guidelines and rubrics for the essay contest, which have been commented upon by members of the EC.

- **Community Support & Recognition Committee:** (Chair – VACANT).

Wolfangel provided the following:

Law & Order Program Status: Requests have been sent to both Anderson Fire Department and Hamilton County Sheriff's Office - District 5, for nominees for Firefighter of Year and Law Officer of Year. They have been requested to respond with nominees by January 6th, and he has received responses from both.

Bishop commented there are 1,153 sponsored wreaths for the Hillcrest Wreaths Across America event; volunteers for placing them on the grave markers are asked to be at the cemetery by 11:45 for the 12:00 ceremony December 17.

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

Cleves reported a call from a member having blank M1 ammunition; they met at the Post, and the ammunition was placed in the Armory.

- **VAVS Coordination Committee:** (Chair Chaplain Heberly)

No report.

- **Bingo Committee** (Chair Ed Sears)

Chair Sears submitted the November Bingo Report, attached to the last EC minutes, and gave the following additional comments:

- The new Bingo license has been received.
- The next two Sundays have no Bingo, due to the holidays.

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

Wolfangel reported:

Karaoke Thursdays: We have one more event this year (this Thursday Dec 15th) and will be on a three week hiatus, returning in 2023 with a planned three month schedule on every Thursday starting on January 12th. Karaoke Thursdays have produced approximately \$1,300 so far in 2022. Look forward to improving this in 2023. Anyone willing to help with coordination or staffing or just showing up at the event should contact Dan Wolfangel, or just come out to support the event for a fun evening. Dancing is becoming more popular at the events; he has included dancing in the media release.

- **Event Coordination Committee:** (Chair – Ken Knight)

No report.

- **House Committee:** (Chair – Bob Alfieri).

In Alfieri's excused absence, Carey gave his report: Alfieri thanks everyone who helps clean up and set up, and he needs volunteers to help clean up and set up for Bingo Sunday at 3:00.

Kamman reported: Caskey and Alfieri put up a shelf for snacks, and Wolfangel noted Alfieri has a shelf to be installed for the top shelf liquor.

- **Public Relations / External Communications Committee:** (Chair – Adjutant).

Wolfangel reported:

Media Releases: Sent out one media release on NYE Bash, was published in Cincinnati Enquirer "Hometown" section. That event is now sold out.

- **Internal Communications Committee:** (Chair 2nd Vice)

Gregorio submitted his newsletter report, included with these Minutes, and asked for input for the January newsletter.

- **Uniformed Ceremonies Committee:** (Chair - Sgt.-At-Arms Caskey):

No report.

- **Charities, Inc. Committee:** (Chair Don Bishop)

Chair Bishop submitted the CI Treasurer's Report as of November 30, 2022, prepared by Geil, included with these Minutes.

Wolfangel added: SAL member Dan Varner is transferring from Squadron 744 to Squadron 318; he

stated he will donate part of the proceeds from his benefit event on December 17 at Latitudes to Charities Inc.

- **Capital Projects:** (Chair – Vacant):

No report.

- **Marketing Committee:** (Chair - Kirk Minnick):

The next Marketing meeting will be December 21.

- **SAL Committee:** (Chair – Tony Capetillo)

Kamman noted having problems adding new and transfer members to the National SAL portal.

Stuntz reported he has received from SAL the NYE list for beer and liquor, but not wine.

- **Hamilton County Council (HCC) Report / Items:**

No report

- **4th District Report / Items:**

Lindsey reported the Post has paid the assessment dues to District.

- **Dept. of Ohio Report / Items:**

Wolfangel reminded about the 2023 Midwinter Conference in Dublin January 20-22; the hotel reservation deadline is December 20. To be addressed at the EC meeting. Kamman will contact Stegmann about attending.

- **Old Business:**

Wolfangel reported:

Constitution and By-Laws Revisions and Updating: Post Executive Committee, over the past several months, have reviewed necessary and recommended revisions to the Post 318 Constitution and By-Laws, to reflect the current operational processes and procedures of the Post, as well as to reflect the formation of the Post 318 "Sons of the American Legion Squadron 318." At their November 30th E.C. Meeting, the E.C. by unanimous vote approved the recommended changes, with a recommendation that they be presented to the membership to be ratified at the January 11th Post General Membership Meeting. In accordance with the provisions of both the Post Constitution, and the Post By-Laws, a notice will be sent out the Post membership not later than later than December 31, 2022, advising of access to the "Revised and Updated" Constitution and By-Laws either via electronic copy or physical review in Post club room, and giving notice of ratification vote at January 11, 2023 Post Meeting.

- **New Business:**

Gregorio reported blank M1 cartridges that have 5 crimps, rather than the current design of 6 crimps, must be properly disposed of, due to possibility of explosion. Wolfangel noted the Sheriff's Department will dispose of it.

- **Good of the Legion:**

Wolfangel reported:

Military / Legion Magazine Back Issues: As most of you who frequent the Post club room should be aware we subscribe to four (4) monthly military magazines (Army times / Navy Times / Air Force

Times and Marine Times) of which we maintain the most recent three copies on the book rack (in folders) near the Dart Board, and while we encourage you to make use of them, we ask that you not remove them from the club room during that period so all can have access. After that three month period Bob Alfieri always delivered the oldest months publications to Mercy Hospital for use of their patients. However, since COVID, they no longer accept them. We have now been placing these older publications in a plastic basket on the club room display for the personal taking by any Post members. We are also doing the same with the older copies of the Legion magazines that we also receive, although most of our members probably receive them at home also. These older issues of publications will continue to be available in this manner unless the hospitals start accepting them again or we dispose of them. **SO IF YOU HAVE ANY INTEREST, PLEASE TAKE A COPY, OR COPIES, WITH YOU OUT OF THIS BASKET,** as we will discarding some of the oldest in the trash.

- Joseph House Bin in Clubroom
- Volunteer Raffle: Gift Card won by Stringer.
- Split-The-Pot: Handled by Prem, won by Prem.
- Next E.C. Meeting: December 28, 2022
- Next Post Meeting: January 11, 2023

- **Further Business:**

None

- **Closing:**

There being no further business to come before the membership,

Closing Prayer was given by Chaplain Heberly.

1st Vice Commander Kamman called for “Removal of POW-MIA Chair Cover” by Surdick.

1st Vice Commander Kamman then called for “Saluting the Colors” in place.

Meeting Adjourned approximately 8:00 PM.

Prepared By:

Bob Carey

Adjutant – Post 318