

MINUTES
AMERICAN LEGION POST 318
REGULAR MEETING
January 8, 2020

The Post Regular Membership meeting, conducted at Post 318's facility, was called to order by Commander Joe DuBois at approximately 7:00 PM. Colors were in place and were saluted. Opening Prayer was given by Chaplain Jerry Porter. Commander Joe DuBois then gave the recognition of POW-MIA's, with the POW-MIA Chair Cover put in place by SSA Ralph Caskey. 1st Vice Commander Bob Kamman then led the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance. 2nd Vice Commander Randy Lindsey led the reciting of the American Legion Preamble. DuBois then opened meeting for the normal order of business.

Attendance: SAA Ralph Caskey, noted that there were seventeen (16) Post 318 members present, which represents a quorum. There were no guests attending.

Roll Call of Post Officers and Committee Chairs:

Adjutant Ruffennach conducted roll call. Present were: Post Officers:

Elected Officers

Commander	Joseph DuBois, Jr	X
1 st Vice Commander	Bob Kamman	X
2nd Vice Commander	Randy Lindsey	X
Adjutant	Ed Ruffennach	X
Finance Officer	Ron Yersky	X
Sgt-at-Arms	Ralph Caskey	X
Chaplain	Jerry Porter	X

Appointed Positions/Chairs

Service Officer	Charlie Cleves	X
Americanism Chair	Paul Henkel	A
Bingo Chair	Ed Sears	X
Fund Raising Chair	(VACANT)	
Community Support Chair	(VACANT)	
House Chair	Bob Alfieri	X
Event Coord. Chair	Ken Knight	A
Charities, Inc Liaison	Don Bishop	X
Corporate Statutory Agent	Dan Wolfangel	X

X = Present

A= Absent

E = Excused (prior notice)

V= Vacant

Minutes: Adjutant Ruffennach noted that the Minutes from the December 11, 2019 Post Meeting had been produced in printed format and placed in the Post Meeting Minutes binder located in the clubroom bookcase, distributed to all E.C. members, and posted on Post website *A motion(Don Bishop) was made and seconded (Bob Alfieri) to accept minutes as printed. Motion was passed unanimously.*

Executive Committee Notes: Adjutant Ruffennach advised that the December Meeting was cancelled due to the Holidays.

Finance Report: Finance Officer Ron Yersky submitted report,

Post Checking Account: \$9,650.00

Post Savings Account: \$22,214.16

TOTAL: \$31,864.16

Bills outstanding: Only routine bills are outstanding except for a bill for the repair of a compressor most of which will be covered under insurance. \$4000 has been moved to open a checking account at First Financial along with moving the Credit Cards to First Financial. The credit cards for Bingo and the Hall will continue with PNC. Commander Dubois also announced the appointment of Randy Lindsey to Finance Officer along with the appointment of our current Finance Officer Ron Yersky to Assistant Finance Officer. Newly appointed Finance Officer Lindsey will also continue in his role as 2nd Vice Commander.

A motion was made (Don Bishop) and seconded (Bob Alfieri) to accept the Finance Officer's report, subject to audit. Motion passed unanimously.

Membership Report: (Chait – 1st Vice Commander) There are still two (2) Charities Inc. paid memberships available

- **Current membership:**

- 2020 Quota = **161**
- 2020 Goal = **165**
- Potential = **168**
- Paid Status vs Quota = **163 (101.2%)**
- New members this year = **8** (Ken Barg, Tony Capetillo, Richard Corsmeier, Jim Gartin, Jay Lenihan, Steve Saunders, Mike Thumann, Rick Weis)
- Transferred In = **4** (Danny Garrett, Katie Harwood, Kirk Minnich, Ron Mercurio)
- Transferred Out = **0**
- Paid by Charities Inc = **21 (Remaining 2)**
- Deceased Members = **3 (Bill King, Don McLaughlin, Dale Simpson)**
- Not Renewing = **0**
- Delinquent = **6**

Payment Method	Qty	% of Paid
Cash	5	3.1%
Charities Inc-New	7	4.3%
Charities Inc-WW2	7	4.3%
Charities Inc-Active Duty	5	3.1%
Charities Inc-Hardship	2	1.2%
Check	68	42%
LIFE	3	1.9%
POL	43	26.5%
PUFL	18	11.1%
Paid to 0888	0	0%
Paid to 0072	1	N/A
Paid to 0484	0	N/A
Paid to 0138	1	N/A

- **January Birthdays:**

Jeff Blevins	Art Blocksidge	Tab Bursk	Paul Fritinger
Mike Hartzler	Bob Kamman	Jimmie Nugent	Dan Ticotsky

The District reached the level to be awarded the Brown Jug as did the Post.

Post Activities Report: (Chair - 2nd Vice Commander). There will be a Chili Cookoff on Wednesday February 19th in the Club Room for members and families from 6:30 to 8:00 PM

Adjutant Reports and Correspondence: Adjutant Ruffennach noted the following items of correspondence, or articles of interest that were received and/or posted over the last month on the Adjutant's bulletin board located in the Post clubroom:

Correspondence Log

Date Received	Sender	Subject	Disposition
1/4/2020	AL 4th District	Newsletter	Placed in binder in Club Room
1/4/2020	AL Post 199	Gift for Yanks Benefit Breakfast	Posted
1/4/2020	AL 4th District	Euchre Tournament 1/19/2020	Forwarded to 2 nd Vice Commander
1/6/2020	AL Post 199 Auxiliary	Designer Purse Raffle & Fund Raiser	Posted
	Wesley Community Services	Request for Donation	Forwarded to EC

Chaplain's & VAVS Report: (VAVS Chair - Chaplain): No visits or calls. VAVS will be February 18th for Bingo. Chaplin Porter also mentioned that Fish Fries will begin on February 21st.

Committees and Liaison Reports:

- **Americanism Committee:** (Chair – Henkel). It was also reported that we have 3 candidates for the Oratorical Contest scheduled for January 18th. from 11:30 to 3:00 PM. Post has budgeted \$500 for prizes with additional money available at State level of \$2500 for first and \$1500 for second place finishers
- **Community Support & Recognition Committee:** (Chair – VACANT). Nominations have been received for Law Enforcement Officer of the Year from the Hamilton County Sheriff's Department and a co-nomination has been received for Firefighter of the Year from Anderson Township Fire Department. The Fire Department has been advised that there is not an opportunity at the County level for the co-nominees so the award will only be at the Post level.
- **Service, Veterans Affairs, Economic & Legislation Committee:** (Chair - Service Officer) No report
- **Bingo Committee** (Chair – Ed Sears) Chair Sears noted the Bingo year ended October 31, 2019
December

Monthly Post Contributions: \$ 1700	YTD Post Contributions: \$4300
CI Contributions: \$ 522	CI Contributions: \$2522
Kitchen: \$ 434	
TOTAL: \$ <u>2266</u>	
- **Fund-Raising Committee:** (Chair – VACANT).
 - **Dances**
 - Spring schedule is being set there will be 12 dances starting January 18th
 - **Holiday Concert:** Scheduled for December 7th. Went very well

- Football Mania is complete, and we had a \$600 winner (Ron Yersky)
- Hoops Mania will be managed by Matt Lilly. There will not be a Superbowl Mania

- **Event Coordination Committee:** (Chair – Ken Knight). Ken Knight was not present therefore there was no report, however, we were advised that there will be a Quarter Auction Benefit for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society on January 19, 2020 from 6:00 – 9:00 PM managed by Post member Tom Thorton.

- **House Committee:** (Chair – Bob Alfieri). The last repair is holding well.

- **Internal / External Communications Committee:** (Chair – Adjutant).
External Communications: Working on acknowledgements for donations received through events in 2019
Internal Communications: Deadline for the Post Newsletter will be the 23rd of each month.

- **Uniformed Ceremonies Committee:** (Chair - Sgt.-at-Arms):
 Chair Ralph Caskey, noted or commented on following:
 - Color Guard Details: Upcoming details for January 17th for Military Night at Turpin and a Basketball game on January 18th. Email will be going out for volunteers.

- **Charities, Inc. Committee:** (Chair Don Bishop)
 Chair Bishop commented on:
 The Income Statement has been prepared by Treasure Walt Geil and is available for review. The account stands at \$7,092.44. The Oratorical contest is budgeted for prize money of \$500.

4th District Report: Newsletter. January 11th is the Winter Conference

Dept. of Ohio No Report

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Good of The Legion:

- Joseph House and Fisher House Bins in Clubroom:

- Volunteer Raffle: Handled by Commander DuBois. \$50 restaurant Gift Card won by Mike Stringer

- Split-The-Pot: Handed by Tom Prem in Clubroom following meeting: Won by Gene Sawka

- Gift for Yanks: Ralph Caskey reminded everyone of the program and collection of money.

- Next E.C. Meeting: January 22, 2020
- Next Post Meeting: February 12, 2020

- Refreshments in Clubroom: Following meeting, per Post Activities Chair Randy Lindsey.

Closing:

There being no further business to come before the membership, Chaplain Porter gave closing prayer, followed by Commander Dubois' call for removal of POW-MIA Flag by Acting SAA Walt Geil. Commander Dubois then called for saluting the colors in place, and then declared the meeting adjourned at approximately 7:53 PM

Prepared by:



Edward C Ruffennach Jr

