

**MINUTES**  
**AMERICAN LEGION POST 318**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**January 12, 2022**

(NOTE: This Meeting was conducted only physically at Post 318, with no attendance via ZOOM.)

The Post Meeting was called to order by Commander Stegmann at approximately 7:00 PM. Colors were in place and saluted. Commander Stegmann gave the Recognition and Placement of POW-MIAs, and the POW-MIA Chair Cover was placed by Tom Prem. The Opening Prayer was given by Chaplain Porter. Reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commander Stegmann. Reciting of the Preamble was led by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Kirk Minnich. Commander Stegmann then opened the meeting for the normal order of business.

**Attendance:** Ed Sears, in absence of a SAA, advised that there were a total of fifteen (15) Post 318 members physically in attendance, which did not constitute a quorum of 17 members. Therefore, *no voting actions may be taken. All such items requiring a general membership vote will be tabled to next quorum attended general membership meeting.*

**Roll Call of Post Officers and Committee Chairs:**

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

**Elected Officers**

Commander	Lee Stegmann	X
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice Commander	Bob Kamman	E
2nd Vice Commander	Kirk Minnich	X
Adjutant / Corporate Statutory Agent	Dan Wolfangel	X
Finance Officer	Randy Lindsey	E
Sgt-at-Arms	Ralph Caskey	E
Chaplain / VAVS Coordinator	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
<b>Alternate to Officers and Chairs</b>		
Ass't Finance Officer / Newsletter Editor	Joe Dubois	X
Ass't Sgt At Arms	Gary Gregorio	E
Ass't Adjutant	Bob Carey	X

X = Present

A= Absent

E = Excused (prior notice)

V= Vacant

## **Minutes:**

Adjutant Wolfangel noted that the Post Meeting Minutes from the December 8, 2021 Post 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. ***However, due to lack of Post Meeting quorum, membership action as to Minutes acceptance will be tabled until next quorum attended Post Meeting.*** (Added bolding)

**Executive Committee Notes:** Adjutant Wolfangel advised that the Dec 29, 2021 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 Dec 29, 2021 E.C. Meeting were reported as follows:

- 📁👤 “Post Sponsored Event Pre-Approved Beverage Purchase Policy” was adopted, effectively immediately. The E.C. must approve whether the Post will be responsible for such purchases prior to the event. There must be a designated bartender to keep the tab so the post knows the cost it is responsible for. This policy is filed in the Post Constitution, Policies, and By-Laws Binder.
- 📅👤 The E.C. adopted a schedule of 6 social Saturdays for 2022 for events and activities for Post members and family. They have been added to the Post calendar.
- 📅👤 The E.C. approved the menu and pricing for the annual Fish Frys for 2022, subject to revision as necessary, to be held on successive Fridays from 3/4/22 through 4/15/22.

## **Finance Report:**

Adjutant Wolfangel, in absence of Finance Officer Lindsey, gave a summarized Post Finance Report, as of January 12, 2022, as submitted by Lindsey via email. Lindsey further noted:

1. All bills are paid.
2. Randy has begun preparing the IRS Form 990 return for 2021.
3. The increase in checking is due to the income from the December events; thanks to Don for his efforts on the Christmas concert and the New Year’s Dance.

Copy of financial summary will be filed with Post Meeting Minutes, ***however, due to lack of Post Meeting quorum, membership action as to acceptance of Financial Report will be tabled until next quorum attended Post Meeting.***

## **Membership Report:** (Chair - 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander).

Commander Stegmann noted that 4<sup>th</sup> District Membership records are showing Post 318 at 164 members toward quota of 169. He noted that 4<sup>th</sup> District is currently in first place in membership in Dept of Ohio.

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

- Currently at 166 paid members, or approximately 98.2% of quota of 169, and goal of 170.
- 7 new members /7 transferred in /3 transferred out /5 deceased members.
- A list of eleven (11) January member birthdays was read; none was present.
- The list of unpaid members was read.

## **Post Activities Report:** (Chair - 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander).

Chair Minnich noted or commented on:

- Noted that Post Christmas Party, Christmas Variety Show, and NYE Gala Party all went well.
- Upcoming Post Family Social Event: Chili Cook-Off – Saturday - February 19<sup>th</sup> – 4 PM.
- “Social Saturdays Member & Families Events / Activities” Schedule: Noted they were scheduled for:

Saturdays – 2/19/22; 4/16/22; 6/18/22; 8/20/22; 10/15/22 and 12/17/22 (Post Christmas Party). Further details to be forthcoming on nature of the events / activities for each date.

- Hamilton County Council (HCC) Meeting (February 2<sup>nd</sup>) being hosted by Post 318. (Added underline)

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



Correspondence Received:

- a . Email with information on VAMC Drive Through for COVID testing. ***Distributed to the E.C., membership and posted on BB.*** (\* Bold / Italicized action taken)
- b . Email referencing the Department of Ohio request for donations for Kentucky tornado victims. ***Distributed to the E.C. and posted on BB.*** (\*)
- c . Acknowledgment of the donation to Korean War Veterans Memorial in Akron, Ohio. ***Posted on BB.*** (\*)
- d . Notification and information of four Chaplains Memorial Services on Sunday, February 13, 11:00 AM mass at St. Boniface Church. ***Posted on BB.*** (\*)
- e . Notice of Post 484's American Legion Riders' Group hosting a rummage sale and swap meet at Post 484, Mt. Washington, Saturday February 26, 10:00 to 2:00; an inside table to sell goods can be purchased for \$10; an outside table is \$5. ***Posted on BB.*** (\*)



Correspondence Outgoing:

- a . Donation acknowledgment to Christine Moore (Don Bishop's daughter) for \$500 donation to the Post.
- b . Donation acknowledgment to Post member Gary Gregorio for \$25, which was his winnings from Football Mania, given to the Post.
- c . Donation acknowledgment to Post member Adrienne Prem (on active duty), for \$3,000 given to the Post.
- d . Letter of Appreciation to the Anderson Township Government for their support on various things and hosting of the Veterans Day event.



Other Adjutant Items:

- a . Filed the Certificate of Continued Existence with Ohio Secretary of State for the Post corporation, including the filing fee of \$25. This certificate is good for 5 years.

### **Chaplain's Report:** (VAWS Chair - Chaplain):

Chaplain Porter commented:

Welcomed long time Post member Jim Bussey to the meeting, as he has been absent for some time. Chaplain Porter gave his report on ill and recuperating Post members.

### **Committees and Liaison Reports:**

#### ■ **Americanism Committee:** (Chair – VACANT).

The Oratorical Contest will be January 29 here at the Post from 2:00 to 4:00; come a little earlier than 2:00 to be finished by 4:00. There are 3 contestants, 2 from Anderson and 1 from Post 790 (a new Post in Sharonville). We will do the Hamilton County and the Post contests. We have 5 judges. Needs help ushering the contestants in and out. Jack Surdick will tabulate again. Post members are encouraged to attend these talks regarding the US Constitution and how it and its Amendments affect them.

Jerry will check to see if all 3 contestants will proceed to the district level.

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

Law & Order Chair Dan Wolfangel reported: The nominations for “Law Officer of the Year” and

“Firefighter of the year” were picked up by 4<sup>th</sup> District representative Jerry Perry. Awaiting information as to whether the nominations may then be forwarded to Ohio, or whether they will need to be submitted directly to Dept of Ohio by Post.

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

Charlie Cleves reported: (Suggestion that following items be bulleted, your pleasure.)

- \* He is investigating a request we received from Hospice of Cincinnati for donation to assist veterans to pay costs over their insurance. This request will be considered at the E.C. meeting this month.
- \* Information from his daughter, a Mercy Hospital employee, that Mercy Anderson Hospital is on an aversion policy, preventing the admission of new patients. Most patients are not vaccinated against COVID. Only 1 visitor allowed per day; no more cloth masks allowed, must have N95 mask or better to visit.

■ **VAVS Coordination Committee:** (Chair Chaplain Porter)

Chair Porter reported Nothing new yet as to VAVS.

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

Chair Sears referenced the written December 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: (Suggestion that following items be bulleted, your pleasure.)

- \* The decrease in the money to the Post was due to additional \$850 for the Bingo license, due to increased pull-tab sales last Bingo year.
- \* We have a temporary Bingo license; the permanent license should be approved this month.
- \* The old Bingo machine has been posted on Facebook, has 50 clicks so far.
- \* We had 51 people Sunday, buying lots of pull-tabs.

■ **Fund-Raising Committee:** (Chair – VACANT). (Suggestion that following items be bulleted, your pleasure.)

Fish Fry : Coordinator Jerry Porter stated the Fish Frys ~~are~~ is coming up; we’ll see how the sales are for the first couple weeks to decide if we can continue.

Dances / Band Events: Don Bishop reported: (Suggestion that following items be bulleted, your pleasure.)

- \* New Year’s Eve Event: 128 tickets sold, netted about \$1,600 after all bills paid
- \* Christmas Event: 198 tickets sold, netted about \$2,500
- \* No more dances are scheduled. Over the last 8 years we generated about \$70,000 net revenues to the Post. Without someone stepping up to manage them, there will be no more dances.

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

No report, in Chair Knight absence.

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

Chair Alfieri noted upcoming projects: (Suggestion that following items be bulleted, your pleasure.)

- \* Changing out the fryer oil
- \* Waiting on technicians to come fix various things.

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

No Report

■ **Internal Communications Committee:** (Chair 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice or Joe Dubois)

Joe Dubois apologized for the error in the **January** newsletter, resulting in a second version being sent out, **and requested submission** of your input to the February newsletter by the 25<sup>th</sup>.

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

Adjutant Wolfangel, in absence of Chair Caskey, noted Caskey advised: **(Suggestion that following items be bulleted, your pleasure.)**

\* Will make a Joseph House run next month.

~~Dan reported-~~ \* If anyone has a gift to the Yanks, please give it to Dan to put in Caaskey's **Ralph's** mailbox.

■ **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 December EOM balances currently indicate about \$11,510 for funding of 2021-2022 Programs. Copy of provided report to be filed with these Minutes in Post Meeting Minutes binder.

■ **Capital Projects (If any?) :** (Chair - ):)

None

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

Chair Minnick advised no report. Next Marketing Meeting – Wednesday – January 19, 2022

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

Next meeting will be here at Post February 2 at 7:00.

Leave setup from Bingo. Provide bartender, refreshments, sandwiches.

**4<sup>th</sup> District Report / Items:**

Winter Conference January 16 (this Sunday) starting at 10:00 at Post 69 (9000 Reading Road)

Brown Jug Party for membership awards at Post 484, February 26, 4:00-7:00, open bar, meal, program, no charge for members.

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

Midwinter Conference January 21-23, Columbus

**Old Business:**

Sons of the American Legion (SAL): **(Underline) (Reworded) Dan Wolfangel reported that:**

- He has fifteen (15) interested individuals that appear to qualify;
- Information Meeting set for January 25 at the Post at 7:00, Club Room.
- Met with Charles Castle (4<sup>th</sup> Dist SAL Cmdr) and Ron Wismann (4<sup>th</sup> Dist SAL

Adjutant) to create the agenda.

- We need a Post 318 member to act as overseer and liaison of the SAL squadron, and would like two additional members to serve on a joint advisory committee.
- The squadron must have a Commander, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander, Finance Officer, Adjutant;
- May take 3 months to receive the charter, and approval is expected.
- Post 72 and Post 484 both have SAL squadrons.

#### **New Business:**

Boy Scout Troop 519 Disbanding: Post member Tom Thornton ~~reported~~, as former Assistant Scoutmaster for disbanded Boy Scout Troop 519: (Suggestion that following items be bulleted, your pleasure.)

\* Turned over to Post Adjutant the trailer keys and a check for the balance of the troop funds, which Adjutant will forward to F.O Lindsey, who is coordinating the disbanding process from the Post sponsorship position.

\* ~~Thornton~~ Indicated if Post required any assistance with disposition of remaining Troop equipment, he would be willing to assist.

The E.C. will investigate any further actions regarding any future use or disposal of the trailer and equipment.

#### **Good Of The Legion:**

- Fisher House / Joseph Houses Bin in Clubroom:
- Volunteer Raffle: \$50 restaurant gift Card. Won by: John Surdick
- Split-The-Pot: Handled by Tom Prem Won by Joe DuBois.
- Next E.C. Meeting: January 26, 2022.
- Next Post Meeting: February 9, 2022.

#### **Further Business:**

None

#### **Closing:**

There being no further business to come before the membership,

Closing Prayer: Led by Chaplain Porter

Commander Stegmann called for "Removal of POW-MIA Chair Cover" by Tom Prem.

Commander Stegmann then called for "Saluting the Colors" in place,

Meeting Adjourned 8:05 PM.

Prepared by:

Bob Carey

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