

MINUTES
AMERICAN LEGION POST 318
REGULAR MEETING
June 9, 2021

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

The Post Meeting was called to order by Commander Bob Kamman, at approximately 7:00 PM. Colors were in place and were saluted. Opening Prayer was given by Ass't Chaplain Jerry Porter. Kamman then gave the recognition of POW-MIAs, with POW-MIA Chair Cover put in place by Ass't SAA Gary Gregorio. 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.

Attendance: Ass't Sergeant-at-Arms Gary Gregorio advised that there were a total of seventeen (17) Post 318 members participating (15 present / 2 virtual), which constituted a quorum.

Roll Call of Post Officers and Committee Chairs:

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

Elected Officers

Commander		
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	X
Chaplain	Rob Heberly	A

Appointed Positions/Chairs

Service Officer	Charlie Cleves	X
Americanism Chair	(VACANT)	V
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
VAVS Coordinator / Ass't Chaplain	Jerry Porter	X
Ass't Finance Officer	Joe DuBois	X
Ass't SAA	Gary Gregorio	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 May 12, 2021 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. *Motion made (Kirk Minnich) to approve Minutes as*

presented. Motion seconded (Jerry Porter), and passed unanimously.

Executive Committee Notes: Adjutant Wolfangel advised that the May 26, 2021 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:

- Designated Commander-Elect Lee Stegmann as Post 318 Delegate to attend Dept. of Ohio Convention, July 8th through 11th, 2021, to be held in Independence, OH, and expenses limit not to exceed \$500.
- Accepted Paul Henkel's request to be removed from E.C. listing as appointed Americanism Chair. He will continue to serve as BB&GS Program lead.
- Set date for 2021 Annual Award & Recognition Program for Saturday – July 17, 2021, at 7 PM..

Finance Report: Finance Officer Randy Lindsey provided Adjutant a copy for filing of his Financial Report, effective as of June 9, 2021, and commented on following:

1st Financial Checking \$ 12,406.85

Outstanding Checks \$ 836.75

Effective Total \$ 11,570.10

1st Financial Savings \$ 57,614.88

1st Financial 15 mos CD. \$ 45,184.41

Total of All Accounts Currently Available as of This Report = \$ 114,369.39

May's Total available funds were \$ 113,220.33

Hall Account Balance as of 6/1/21 = \$546.17

Hall Account contribution to Post for June = \$1,100.00

Lindsey further noted:

- Memorial Day Expense Report sent to Hamilton County for reimbursement.
- A \$1,000.00 contribution from deceased member Richard “Dick” Burnes' estate, was included in checking Account total, to be utilized toward Post's mortgage at Burnes' request.
- Outstanding credit card debt for Flags ordered for Uniform Ceremonies Unit (part of Memorial Day expenses) is pending and included in outstanding check total.
- All bills and credit cards are currently paid up and included in total above.
- Lindsey advised he would be unable to attend July Post Meeting, and would submit his report to Adjutant.

Motion made (Don Bishop) to accept Finance Officer's reports, subject to audit. Motion was seconded (Steve Stuntz), and passed unanimously.

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

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

- Currently at 169, which was over our quota of 167, and goal of 168.
- Announced June member birthdays.

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

Chair Kirk Minnich's advised:

- He has re-instituted refreshments following tonight's meeting.
- Has scheduled a member / family Social Night (hamburgers) for Wednesday – June 23rd, 6 PM at Post.
- Next major Post activity would be A/T Independence Parade on Saturday – July 3rd.

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

Notice of 4th District Golf Tournament: August 8, 2021 – Circling Hills Golf Course (Harrison, OH). **Posted BB.**

Notice of 4th District Picnic: June 27, 2021 – Post 460 (Milford) – 1 PM. **Posted BB.**

Hamilton County Memorial Day Appropriation Notice for up to \$500 Re-reimbursement: **Forwarded to Finance Officer for submission.**

A/T Independence Day Parade Notice /Registration/ Info: To be held on July 3rd. **Forwarded to SAA Caskey and Bob Alfieri for processing and planning.**

Bulletin from Dept of Ohio Regarding Post Censorship Incident in Hudson, OH: **Posted on BB.**

Newspaper Article Reference Post Censorship Incident in Hudson, OH: **Posted on BB.**

P.O. Box Rental Renewal Notice: **Renewed for a Year, per OK from Finance Officer.**

Wolfangel also advised of following Outgoing Correspondence:

Donation Acknowledgment to Velynda & (Richard Jaffe, for \$1,000 donation from Richard “Dick” Burnes' estate, in his Memory. (Velynda is Dick's daughter.)

Chaplain's Report: (Chaplain): Ass't Chaplain Jerry Porter commented on medical situations/ updates regarding: Rick Wise; Bill Becker; Bob Alfieri; Keith Musselman; and Charles Stein. Noted passing of member John White Croxton.

Committees and Liaison Reports:

- **Americanism Committee:** (Chair – VACANT) Jerry Porter, in absence of a Chair, noted:

BB&GS Program: Post is still sponsoring 2 Boys and 3 Girls to attend.

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

2021 Awards & Recognition Program: Dan Wolfangel noted program was set for Saturday July 17th, and would like to have some Post members, other than award recipients, to attend to support the event. We will be recognizing 15 student and public safety officers, and 26 Post members for their continuous Legion membership. A total of about 50 invites to award recipients and guests will be going out on June 14th, with RSVP by July 9th.

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

He had been notified by V.A. that COVID vaccine was available for veterans and spouses. Need to call for appointment.

Attempted to contact a veteran who left message on Post phone, regarding financial assistance, however, could not make a connection.

Questioned as to whether publishing financial info of Post in newsletter and on website was generating these calls for financial assistance. **Issue to be referred to E. C. for discussion.**

- **VAVS Committee:** (Coordinator - Jerry Porter) Advised there are no VAVS events scheduled yet.
- **Bingo Committee** (Chair – Ed Sears) Chair Sears advised the following:

Expressed appreciation for volunteers, but certainly needs some more, especially for kitchen.

May Bingos resulted in monthly revenue distribution as follows: Post \$2,600 / C.I. \$1,010 / Concessions earned gross of \$439.75 for a monthly total of \$4,049.75. Bingo Operating Account balance is at \$572.00. Thus far, this Bingo year, have provided \$ 21,800 to Post and \$6,975 to C.I.

He noted we are seven months into current Bingo year, which should be a record year..

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

Dances: Don Bishop advised that he has prepared and scheduled the Fall Band/Dance Season, which will start on August 28th and end on New Years Eve, and will probably consist of nine (9) band/dances and a Christmas Show. Is currently formalizing info for ShowClix and promotional distribution.

“Hometown Heroes Benefit”: Dan Wolfangel noted that final arrangements for the third privately promoted benefit for Post 318 have made. Will be at Latitudes Bar & Bistro (Anderson Towne Center), on Sunday – August 29, 2021, doors open at 1 PM, Music starts a 2 PM. Will have S-T-P, Silent Auction, raffles, etc. VIP tables mostly already sold out. All info on flyer posted on BB. Will need full Post Color Guard for opening ceremonies, which is being coordinated by SAA Caskey.

■ **Event Coordination Committee:** (Chair – Ken Knight). No report.

■ **House Committee:** (Chair – Bob Alfieri). In absence of Chair Alfieri, Ed Sears noted:

- 1) Thanks to all who volunteer for the clean up/ set up details.
- 2) Repairs have been made to the electric system, and we now have power to three exterior outlets in front of building. Still some problems with alarm system, and will have them back to correct.
- 3) Arrangements are being made to have rental Hall floors refinished. Will possibly be down immediately prior to, or after July 4th.

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

External Communications: Adjutant Wolfangel noted Post 318 had two articles appear in the Enquirer Hometown section on the Post's Memorial Day activities as a result of his submissions, and an article on Post's 318 FFOY which was submitted by A/T. Lee Stegmann noted there was also coverage on WLWT at one of our Memorial Day cemetery visitation sites. There was also a had submitted media release to Cincinnati Enquirer on Post Memorial Day activities.

Internal Communications: Joe Dubois advised to get all items for inclusion in July Post Newsletter to him by June 25th. Prefers they be in Microsoft Word, Times New Roman font 10, and no PDF's.

2021-2022 Post Business Plan: Don Bishop reminded that the “draft” Post Business Plan / Budget would be emailed out shortly for review, and there would also be three hard copies in clubroom, for members to review prior to vote on adoption to be held at July 14, 2021 Post General Membership Meeting. Will be presented for E.C. vote for recommendation at June 30th E.C. Meeting.

■ **Uniform Ceremonies Committee:** (Chair – SAA Caskey) Caskey noted following:

Memorial Day Activities: All went well. Suggested in future A/T position audio speakers so those in Rifle Squad can be aware of what is going on.

Independence Day Parade (July 3rd): Noted Post 318 Parade Detail logistics will be forthcoming. Since he will be out of town for detail, Jerry Porter and Bob Alfieri will be in charge of detail. Was advised that Post 318's sponsored Boy Scout Troop 519 was in for the parade detail.

Additional / Replacement Color Guard Equipment and Flags for Post Flag Pole : Has been ordered.

Rifle Cleaning: Will occur within next month if anyone wants to volunteer.

■ **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 May EOM balances indicated about \$ 10,350, much of which is already committed to forthcoming approved programs. Provided an overview of expenses for month. Balance as of end of June will carry over into 2021-2022 C.I. Budget. New C.I. Budget is expected to total about \$25,000.
- Commander Kamman and SAA Caskey suggested / indicated they hoped the new C.I. Budget could incorporate “re-instituting 1st year dues payment for new Post members”, “dues payment for WWII members”, and possibly “dues payment for Korea vet members”, and “hardship dues

payment". This matter will be reviewed by E.C..

- **Marketing Committee:** Scheduled for June 16th. No report.

Hamilton County Council (HCC) Report: Nothing to report.

4th District Report: Nothing additional to report.

Dept. of Ohio: Already noted required info on upcoming Dept of Ohio Convention.

Old Business: None.

New Business: None.

Good Of The Legion:

- Fisher House / Joseph House Bins in Clubroom: SAA Caskey will deliver to Joseph House and Fisher House as donated items build.
- Volunteer Raffle: \$50 Gift Card won by Steve Stuntz.
- Split-The-Pot: Handled by Steve Stuntz. Won by Kirk Minnich.
- Next E.C. Meeting: June 30, 2021.
- Next Post Meeting: July 14, 2021.
- Refreshments in Clubroom: Re-instituted as of tonight.

Further Business:

Installation of 2021-2022 Post Officers: The installation was conducted by Post 318's Don Bishop, assisted by Ass't SAA Gary Gregorio. Bishop indicated we would not be installing an Adjutant, due to no candidate for the officership, and that current Adjutant Dan Wolfangel would be temporarily continuing in that role until a replacement Adjutant could be identified and appointed.

The following Post Officers, elected to first term or continuing terms were presented before Installing Officer Bishop by Ass't SAA Gregorio, for swearing in:

Commander	- Edward "Lee" Stegmann.
1 st Vice Commander	- Bob Kamman
2 nd Vice Commander	- Kirk Minnich
Finance Officer	- Randy Lindsey
Sgt-At-Arms	- Ralph Caskey
Chaplain	- Jerry Porter

Bishop then presented the newly installed Post Officers to the membership present.

Commander Kamman then turned the meeting over to newly installed Post Commander Lee Stegmann to close the meeting.

Closing:

There being no further business to come before the membership, Chaplain Porter gave closing prayer, followed by Commander Stegmann's call for removal of POW-MIA Chair Cover by Ass't SAA Gregorio. Stegmann then called for saluting the colors in place, and then declared the meeting adjourned at approximately 8:30 PM.

Prepared by:

Dan Wolfangel

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