

MINUTES
AMERICAN LEGION POST 318
REGULAR MEETING
March 11, 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 SAA 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 fourteen (14) Post 318 members present, which **did not** represent a quorum. There was one 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 / Finance Officer	Randy Lindsey	X
Adjutant	Ed Ruffennach	X
Sgt-at-Arms	Ralph Caskey	X
Chaplain	Jerry Porter	X

Appointed Positions/Chairs

Service Officer	Charlie Cleves	A
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

The regular meeting was suspended to accommodate a presentation from our guest Erika Reynolds, Veteran Outreach Specialist with the Cincinnati Vet Center located in Norwood. The Vet Center provides numerous counseling services for Veterans. Erika's role is to provide Public Relations for their services and assist Veterans who may need their services. She also mentioned the upcoming Vietnam Veterans day on March 29, 2020 for which she has promotional materials if we need them. There were several questions and she thanked us for inviting her.

Minutes: Adjutant Ruffennach noted that the Minutes from the February 12, 2020 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 to accept minutes as printed was deferred to the April meeting due to a lack of a quorum.*

Executive Committee Notes: Adjutant Ruffennach advised that the February 26, 2020 EC Meeting minutes had been produced in printed format and placed in the EC Meeting Minutes binder located in the clubroom bookcase, distributed to all E.C. members, and posted on Post website. Noteworthy points from the EC Meeting:

- *A motion (Don Bishop) was made and seconded (Dan Wolfangel) to forward the attached proposal to our lawyer to develop a formal contract once we receive the \$500 prepaid amount from Pet Center Management. Motion passed unanimously.*
- Financial Review was presented

Finance Report: Finance Officer Randy Lindsey submitted report, as of March 11, 2020

Post Checking Account First Financial	\$ 15,764.17
Post Checking Account Fifth Third	\$ 8,212.58
Post Savings Account	\$ 12,215.18
CD	\$ 10,000.00
TOTAL:	\$ 46,191.93
Petty Cash on Hand	

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Membership Report: 1st Vice Commander Kamman

- **Current membership:**
- 2020 Quota = **161**
- 2020 Goal = **165**
- Potential = **170**
- Paid Status vs Quota = **166** (103.1%) **We've exceeded our GOAL**
- New members this year = **9** (Ken Barg, John Bothwell, Tony Capetillo, Richard Corsmeier, Jim Gartin, Jay Lenihan, Steve Saunders, Mike Thumann, Rick Weis)
- Transferred In = **5** (Chester Canter, Danny Garrett, Katie Harwood, Kirk Minnich, Ron Mercurio)
- Transferred Out = **0**
- Paid by Charities Inc = **22** (Remaining 1)
- Deceased Members = **6** (Bill King, Don McLaughlin, Roger Siegman, Dale Simpson, **Leo Turner, Ron Yersky**)
- Not Renewing = **0**
- Delinquent = **4** (Mike Hartzler, Frank Miller, Tom Neal, Josh Zortman)

Payment Method	Qty	% of Paid
Cash	6	3.6%
Charities Inc-New	8	4.8%
Charities Inc-WW2	7	4.2%
Charities Inc-Active Duty	5	3.0%
Charities Inc-Hardship	2	1.2%
Check	70	42.2%
LIFE	3	1.8%
POL	44	26.5%
PUFL	18	10.8%
Paid to 0888	0	0%
Paid to 0072	1	N/A
Paid to 0484	1	N/A
Paid to 0138	1	N/A

- **March birthdays:**

Jason Bates	Robert Conmy	Clint Geer	Rich Keating	Randy Lindsey
Gene Melton	Ron Mercurio	Jerry Porter	Hugo Vontz	

Post Activities Report: (Chair - 2nd Vice Commander). Randy Lindsey reported that the Chili Bowl was a success with 5 entries and enjoyed by those that attended. April 16th will Taco Exempt Day after Tax Day.

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:

Date Received	Sender	Subject	Disposition
1/18/2020	World War II Memorial	Political Propaganda	Notified WWII Memorial; contacted by Capital Park Police; notified District
2/12/2020	AL 4 th District	Donation Request to honor outgoing Commander	To CI
	Joseph House	Sponsor Request for Golf Outing	To CI
	Hamilton County	Newsletter	Posted
2/26/2020	Anderson Township	4th of July Sponsorship	To CI
2/2/ 2020	Anderson High School Prom Committee	Thank you Note	Posted
3/2/2020	Terry Childs	Donation \$100	
3/5/2020	Lynne & Robert Carter	Thank you for supporting the AARP Tax-Aide Program \$100 Donation in honor of Ron Yersky	
3/9/2020	Vietnam Magazine	Subscription Request	

Chaplain’s & VAVS Report: (VAVS Chair - Chaplain): VAVS will be Monday May 11th for Bingo. We will meet at the Post at 5:45 for a 6:30 start. It has not been a good year for the Post with the loss of Bill Hitchcock, Don McLaughlin, Roger Siegman, Dale Simpson, Leo Turner, & Ron Yersky). Fish Fry’s are doing okay but there may be a need for some adjustments due to the Coronavirus epidemic. Chaplin Porter honored our five recently deceased members, by reading excerpts from their published obituaries and adding his own personal recollections of their lives.

Committees and Liaison Reports:

- **Americanism Committee:** (Chair – Henkel). Our Oratorical contest candidate participated in Mason and took 3rd place but unfortunately missed participating at the county level due to a mix up in the date of the contest. Through additional donations and budgeted funds from Charities Inc., we will be sending 3 Boys and 5 Girls to Boys / Girls State this year.
- **Community Support & Recognition Committee:** (Chair – VACANT). We have discovered that our submission for Law Enforcement Officer will only be going to District level due to some confusion and miscommunication at the County level. In the past all submission went to one district member who submitted the to both county and district. We were unaware of the change. The Awards Recognition for the Post will July 18th at 7:00 PM.

- **Service, Veterans Affairs, Economic & Legislation Committee:** (Chair - Service Officer) Marine Vet who needed some monetary and transportation help was assisted by Commander DuBois

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

February		Year to Date
Post Contributions:	\$ 2,700	Post Contributions: \$ 9,600
CI Contributions:	\$ 685	CI Contributions: \$ 3,337
Kitchen:	\$ 470	
TOTAL:	\$ 3,855	

Ed also discussed the cost of purchasing a replacement Bingo machine. Post 72 just replaced their machine at a cost of \$15,000.

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

- **Dances**

- Spring schedule dance schedule has started with alternating Lead for the events.
 - Hoops Mania closes March 15th and to date has sold \$2100 worth of tickets for a profit of \$1400
 - Latitude Fund Raiser: Dan Wolfangel reported that plans are being made to conduct a similar fund raiser to the successful one held in 2019 on August 23, 2020. Additional details as the plans develop

- **Event Coordination Committee:** (Chair – Ken Knight). A group that stages Sports Memorabilia Sale Events is interested in a long-term rental of the Patriot Center. They are interested in doing a trial in May and June for a rental fee of \$750 for each month. We would be required to buy 4 additional tables at \$80 each on Saturdays from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. The only downfall is they would like us to do the setup should this develop into a yearly contract.

With the two Euchre nights we are currently receiving about \$100 a week. Also received a Thank You note from The Anderson Historical Society for the rental of the facility recently.

- **House Committee:** (Chair – Bob Alfieri). Replaced door opener to the clubroom. The Office and Armory cards are still not working. Bob expressed his appreciation for the help on the setups and cleanups.

- **Public Relations:** Commander Dubois reminded everyone about the monthly Chamber of Commerce luncheon

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

- External Communications:

- Donation acknowledgement of \$100 from Richard Shelly winner of Card game at Bingo

Internal Communications: Deadline for the Post Newsletter will be the 26th of February

- **Uniformed Ceremonies Committee:** (Chair - Sgt.-at-Arms): Gifts for Yanks will be sent in at the end of March. The Yearsky Service Detail went extremely well, and the family was very appreciative. Memorial Day will be the next project. Ammo is good but about four years old.

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

Chair Bishop commented on the financial report prepared by Walt Geil. It was a busy month with donations going out to the schools for After Prom festivities. Poppy Days will be held May 23rd, awaiting confirmation from Kroger. We are scheduled to be at the schools on May 21st. Crews are set.

Hamilton County: No report

4th District Report: No report

Dept. of Ohio No Report

Old Business:

- A confirmation vote for the Commander's Appointment of Randy Lindsey to the position of Finance Officer was postponed to the April meeting due the lack of a quorum.
- Pet Center Project: We have received an agreed upon fee of \$500 which was to be paid by the owner of the Pet Center to help cover the expenses incurred for our lawyer to write the agreement. That process is in progress.

New Business: None

Good of The Legion:

- Joseph House and Bins in Clubroom:
- Volunteer Raffle: Handled by Commander DuBois. \$50 restaurant Gift Card won by Mike Stringer
- Split-The-Pot: Handled by Tom Prem in Clubroom following meeting: Won by Randy Lindsey
- Gift for Yanks: Ralph Caskey reminded everyone of the program and collection of money.

- Next E.C. Meeting: March 25, 2020
- Next Post Meeting: April 8, 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 SAA Caskey. Commander Dubois then called for saluting the colors in place, and then declared the meeting adjourned at approximately 8:20 PM

Prepared by:



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