

MINUTES
AMERICAN LEGION POST 318
REGULAR MEETING
March 9, 2022

(NOTE: This Meeting was conducted physically at Post 318, with 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 Jack Surdick. 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 2nd Vice Kirk Minnich. Commander Stegmann then opened the meeting for the normal order of business.

Attendance: SAA Caskey advised that there were twenty (20) Post 318 members physically and three (3) via ZOOM in attendance, for a total of twenty-three (23), which constituted a quorum. There were also numerous guests present from HCC, Hamilton County Sheriff's Office, and other individuals related to a presentation to be made by HCC.

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 st Vice Commander	Bob Kamman	Z
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 / 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	A
Fund-raising Chair	(VACANT)	V
Community Support Chair	(VACANT)	V
Event Coord. Chair	Ken Knight	A
Charities, Inc Liaison	Don Bishop	X
Alternate to Officers and Chairs		
Ass't Finance Officer / Newsletter Editor	Joe Dubois	X
Ass't Sgt At Arms	Gary Gregorio	A
Ass't Adjutant	Bob Carey	X

X = Present A= Absent Z=via ZOOM
E = Excused (prior notice) V= Vacant

Commander Stegmann suspended normal order of Business for a Special HCC Presentation.

GUEST SPEAKER / PRESENTATION:

Adjutant Wolfangel reviewed the Post's participation in the HCC's 2022 Law Officer of the Year Award and Fire Fighter of the Year Award, and the process of the award winners being advanced to HCC, who advances the winners at the HCC level to the 4th District, who then advances the winners at the District to the Department of Ohio.

The Post's Law Officer of the Year has been selected as the HCC Law Officer of the Year. Adjutant Wolfangel introduced HCC 1st Vice Commander George Thornton, who made the presentation of HCC's Law Officer of Year Award to Hamilton County Sheriff's Office, District 5, Deputy Corporal Tim Maddy.

Commander Stegmann reconvened normal order of business.

Minutes:

Assistant Adjutant Carey noted that the Post Meeting Minutes from the February 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. ***Upon motion made (Bishop), and seconded (Minnich), motion to approve the Minutes passed unanimously.***

Executive Committee Notes: Assistant Adjutant Carey advised that the February 9, 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 February 23, 2022 E.C. Meeting were reported as follows:

- EC voted to decline donation requests from "Hunt of a Lifetime Foundation" and "Heroes on the Water", due to the existing commitments and flow of funds of Charities, Inc.
- EC will analyze future budgeting for Post officers to attend the Ohio Midwinter and other conferences, due to increased costs being incurred for hotels, meals, and transportation.
- Adjutant Wolfangel reviewed the procedures for the Post Nomination Committee, and the schedule for the steps required leading up to the election and installation of Post officers.
- EC concurred in the constitutional requirement to de-activate access key cards for those members who have not renewed their membership.
- 2nd Vice Minnich offered to help Don Bishop with the Anderson Township Memorial Bell Ceremony.
- An additional E.C. vote occurred subsequently to the regular E.C. Meeting, via an E.C. email vote on March 4th and 5th "To change our internet/expanded cable TV service provider to Spectrum at rate of \$163.94 per month, effective March 28, 2022." ***The vote result was unanimous to affect the change.***

Finance Report:

Finance Officer Lindsey submitted a written Post Financial Report, as of March 9, 2022, and provided Adjutant with copy for filing, and provided copies to members in attendance at this meeting. He reviewed financial data contained within the submitted report, and in addition noted all bills are currently paid.

He expects the 2021 Form 990 to be completed in April, ahead of the May 15 deadline for filing.

Upon Motion (Caskey) to accept the Finance Report, subject to audit, and second (Sears), motion passed unanimously.

Adjutant advised a copy of the financial report-would be placed on file along with the Post Meeting Minutes in Post Meeting Minutes Binder in Post Club Room, for individual review, or may be provided upon individual

request.

Membership Report: (Chair - 1st Vice Commander)

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

- After losing a member by transfer to Post 484 and re-signing another member, our total remains at 166. We still need 3 more members to reach quota of 169.
- 6 members have still not renewed.
- 14 members whose dues was pre-paid by the Post have not yet paid their dues.
- 9 members with March birthdays were recognized.

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

Chair Minnich reported the calendar is up to date, and noted:

- The choir concert from Fitch High School on April 20.
- The information on the 4th District Bowling and Golf Tournaments is posted on BB.
- The next Post Social is April 23.

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:

- Email Info on 4th District Golf Tournament- August 14th – Eagles Nest Golf Course, requesting Post sponsorship of holes: ***Copy to 2nd Vice Minnich and posted on BB.***
- Email Info on 4th District Bowling Tournament – November 5th – Madison Bowl: ***Copy to 2nd Vice Minnich and posted on BB.***
- Donation Acknowledgment received from Hospice of Cincinnati for \$100 Contribution (C.I. Funds): ***Posted on BB / copy to C.I. Treasurer Geil.***
- Received renewed Hamilton County Board of Health “Food Service Operation License”: ***Posted in Kitchen.***
- Request for Donation (Program Ad) from Forest-Aires Choral Group: ***Pending consideration by E.C. and C.I.***
- Request for Donation from Anderson High School for 2022 After-Prom Event: ***Pending consideration by E.C. and C.I.***
- 4th District Newsletter: ***To be posted in Binder after this meeting.***
- Email from Kate Carver requesting permission for her two daughters to set up a Girl Scout cookie sales stand outside the Post during Bingo and/or Fish Frys during March: ***Due to the need to decide on this request before the next EC meeting, and upon motion (Wolfangel) to approve the request to set up a Girl Scout cookie sales stand at our Fish Frys during March, and second (Porter), motion passed unanimously.***

Outgoing Correspondence:

- Notice of inability to meet donation request sent to “Heroes on the Waters.”

Chaplain’s Report: (VAVS Chair - Chaplain):

Chaplain Porter reported:

- Chaplain Porter gave his report on ill and recuperating Post members, and one who has passed away.

Committees and Liaison Reports:

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

Jerry Porter noted we have 3 students going to Girl State, and 2 students to Boys State. Still looking for 1 more student for Boys State. We have 2 more girls who qualify but we do not have the funds (\$350 each) to send them. Noted there are several options for possibly providing funds for this, including funding from individual donations, which has occurred in past.

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

No report.

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

Chair Cleves reported Boy Scout Troop 741 in Owensville, Ohio received the trailer and camping gear, and are quite grateful for it. There is an indication that the donation of the trailer and contents may constitute a donation to Scouts of up to approximately \$9,000.

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

Chair Porter reported nothing new yet as to VAVS.

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

Chair Sears reported:

1. Thanks to everybody who works bingo, helps set up bingo, cleanup, etc.
2. Summarized the monthly bingo report. The three weeks bingo in February were good. He is optimistic about bingo proceeds in March. Nearly 8,000 pull-tabs were sold March 6.
3. We still need a fourth caller.

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

Adjutant Wolfangel provided an update on “Karaoke Thursdays” Event, which began March 3. There was a high of 23 in attendance. Our gross revenue was about \$121. There is interest being expressed, so we expect the attendance to grow.

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

No report.

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

No report.

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

Adjutant Wolfangel reported that media releases / info were provided to six resources for Fish Frys, to several Facebook pages, and to cincinnati.com for Karaoke Thursdays.

■ **Internal Communications Committee:** (Chair 2nd Vice or Joe Dubois)

Editor Dubois reported the March newsletter was published. He called for contributions for the April newsletter to be submitted at least 2 days before end of month to allow sufficient time to prepare and proof the content.

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

Chair Caskey reported:

1. He expects to make the Joseph House delivery this month.
2. Gift to the Yanks are collected in the container in the Club Room, and he hopes to make a delivery in May.

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

Chair Bishop reported the following:

1. C.I. Financial Report was provided (prepared by C.I. Treasurer Walt Geil). Copy of provided report to be filed with these Minutes in Post Meeting Minutes binder.
2. Bingo will be contributing two gift cards for the Post volunteer rewards raffle program.
3. Fund-raising activities have greatly decreased in the past couple years. We may be able to resume limited Poppy Days activities this May. He is working with Forest Hills schools to allow us to conduct Poppy Days there. Kroger has rejected Poppy Days again this year.
4. The following three requests for donations (reported in these Minutes above under “Adjutant Reports and Correspondence”) were discussed and decided as follows:
 - a. 4th District Golf Tournament hole sponsorship: *Upon motion (Bishop) to donate \$100 for hole sponsorship, and second (Sears), motion passed unanimously.*
 - b. Forest-Aires program ad: *Upon motion (Bishop) to donate \$60 for program ad, and second (Geil), motion passed unanimously.*
 - c. Anderson High School After-Prom event: *Upon motion (Bishop) to donate \$100 for Anderson High School After-Prom event, and second (Caskey), motion passed unanimously.*

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

None

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

Chair Minnick advised the next meeting is Wednesday March 16, 2022.

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

Adjutant Wolfangel provided info on his attendance at the HCC Meeting on March 2, and noted HCC will be forwarding both of our candidates for Fire Fighter of the Year and Law Enforcement Officer of the Year to 4th District for consideration.

■ **4th District Report / Items:**

Commander Stegmann reported a birthday party for the American Legion is March 20 at Post 406 (Bethel).

Post 406 will have its 30th annual Car Show July 30.

There will be a Billiards tournament at ROC’s Billiard on April 10.

Adjutant Wolfangel provided info on his attendance at 4th District “Brown Jug Party” at Post 484 on February 26th and the Brown Jug received will be displayed in our display case.

■ **Dept. of Ohio Report / Items:**

No report.

■ **Old Business:**

Sons of the American Legion (SAL): Adjutant Wolfangel advised the SAL Advisory Committee meeting was held March 8th at which the following actions were taken:

1. Reviewed and revised the SAL Constitution and By-Laws ~~as follows~~: to basically mirror the

wording and process of the Post 318 Constitution and By-Laws in defining the membership year, dues payment schedule, and handling of delinquencies, and setting the annual dues at \$40.

2. Appointed Chris Short as Interim Commander and Jason Kiefer as Interim 1st Vice Commander.
3. Planned to hold the SAL monthly meetings in the Club Room on the first Wednesday of each month.
4. Set the first organizational meeting to finalize completion of the Charter Application, review the Constitution and By-Laws with the membership, and appoint the additional officers on March 20 at 4:00 in the Club Room.

■ **New Business:**

Commander Stegmann announced the Nominating Committee for the election of Post officers will consist of all members of the EC.

■ **Good Of The Legion:**

Chaplain Porter reported the Fish Fry went really well, and he thanked those who volunteered to work. There were 173 meals sold.

- Fisher House / Joseph Houses Bin in Clubroom
- Volunteer Raffle: Restaurant gift Card, Won by Dan Wolfangel
- Split-The-Pot: Handled by Tom Prem, Won by Mike Bursk.
- Next E.C. Meeting: March 30, 2022.
- Next Post Meeting: April 13, 2022.

■ **Further Business:**

None

■ **Closing:**

There being no further business to come before the membership,

Closing Prayer: Given by Chaplain Porter

Commander Stegmann called for "Removal of POW-MIA Chair Cover" by Jack Surdick.

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

Meeting Adjourned approximately 8:20 PM.

Prepared by:

Bob Carey

Assistant Adjutant Bob Carey