

MINUTES
AMERICAN LEGION POST 318
REGULAR MEETING
May 12, 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, in lieu of Post Commander Canter's vacancy, 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 SAA Ralph Caskey. 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: Sergeant-at-Arms Ralph Caskey advised that there were a total of eighteen (18) Post 318 members participating (13 present / 5 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
2 nd 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	Paul Henkel	A
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

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

Minutes: Adjutant Wolfangel noted that the Post Meeting Minutes from the April 14, 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 (Don Bishop) to approve Minutes as presented. Motion seconded (Kirk Minnich), and passed unanimously.***

Executive Committee Notes: Adjutant Wolfangel advised that the April 28, 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:

- Accepted Chester Canter's resignation as Post Commander, and designated 1st Vice Commander Bob Kamman, in accordance with Post Constitution and By-laws, as Post Commander for balance of Canter's term of office.
- Designated Bob Kamman as Post Delegate to 4th District Convention - Post 484 - May 16, 2021.
- Closed all nominations for 2021 – 2022 Post Officers, without any nominee for Adjutant, and accepted the slate of nominees as submitted, for presentation at May 12th Election Meeting.
- Approved request for an Eagle Scout Project, from Deacon Howland (son of member Eric Howland) in amount of \$100 from C.I. Funds.
- Approved donation of \$500 to A.L. Legacy Scholarship Program from C.I. Funds.

Subsequent to the regular E.C. meeting, on 5/6/21 an email vote of the E.C. members was taken to award six (6) Veteran Scholarships at \$500 each, as opposed to the usual three (3) Veteran Scholarships at \$1,000 each.. Vote was unanimously in favor of change.

Finance Report: Finance Officer Randy Lindsey provided Adjutant a copy for filing of his Financial Report, effective as of May 12, 2021, and commented on following:

1st Financial Checking \$ 10,495.49

Outstanding Checks \$ 40.00

Effective Total \$ 10,455.49

1st Financial Savings \$ 57,580.43

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

Total of All Accounts Currently Available as of This Report = \$ 113,220.33.

April's Total available funds were \$ 117,022.56.

Lindsey further noted:

- Oho Liquor License renewal fee has been paid (\$ 2,844).
- Fire Suppression System and Fire Extinguisher repair and updating by Silco is responsible for the major portion of expense this month (\$2,302.10).
- Euchre is back up and running, producing about \$250 plus per month.
- Noted had filed for an extension on 2020 IRS 990 filing.
- All bills and credit cards are currently paid up and included in total above.

Motion made (Don Bishop) to accept both the March 10th and April 14th 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 168, which was our goal for year, and is one over our quota of 167.
- Believes he will have about five or six new members who will be joining at start of 2022 year in July.
- Announced May member birthdays.

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

Chair Kirk Minnich's advised he had no report, however, expects to be able to start “after meeting snacks” at the June Post Meeting.

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

- Department of Ohio Convention Packet:: Inclusive of following:
 - Notice of Convention: July 8 – 11, 2021 – Holiday Inn Cleveland South, Independence, OH.: **Posted BB.**
 - Resolutions to be presented at Convention: **Posted BB.**
 - Delegate Registration (Deadline 6/23/21): **Action deferred to E.C.**
 - Housing Reservation Info: **Action deferred to E.C.**
 - Certification of Post Officers for 2021-2022 (Deadline 6/23/21): **To be filed by Adjutant following tonight's election.**
 - Post Data Sheet: Missed filing date of 4/15/21. Requires E.C. to set dues amount for 2022. Adjutant Wolfangel called for a vote of E.C. members only on dues issue. **Upon Motion (Wolfangel) to maintain dues for 2022 at \$40, and a second (Jerry Porter), a vote by nine (9) E.C. members present (a quorum) was unanimous in favor of Motion. Adjutant will file form with Dept. of Ohio on 5/13/21.**
 - Solicitation of Post Ad for Convention Program Booklet: **Action deferred to E.C.**
- Email Reminder on 4th District Convention – May 16, 2021 – Post 484 Kamman attending.
- Email Reminder from OAG Regarding Filing of Annual Charitable Organization Report: Will be auto-extended due to filing for extension of Post 2020 IRS 990.
- Donation Acknowledgment from Memorial Day Foundation for \$25 Contribution to Memorial Day Wreath Program: **Posted BB.**
- Info on Virtual Ceremony / Flag Raising Marking Opening of National WW I Memorial: **Posted BB.**

Wolfangel also advised of following Outgoing Correspondence:

- Donation Acknowledgment to member Gary Gregorio & Christine Gregorio - (\$30.00).
- Consolidated Post Report (5/1/21 – 4/30/21) to be filed with Dept of Ohio on 5/13/21.
- Delegate Registration for 4th District Convention (Bob Kamman) filed 4/30/21.
- Email to Dept of Ohio / 4th District on 4/27/21, advising of Bob Kamman's elevation to Commander for balance of Chester Canter's term.

Chaplain's Report: (Chaplain): Ass't Chaplain Jerry Porter introduced new member Rick Wise, and further advised he had talked to members Bill Becker, who is being treated for cancer, and to Charlie Stein who seems to be getting along. Keith Musselman is still at The Anderson, but still cannot have visitors.

Ed Sears noted that member Dennis Woeber's wife, Verna, had a stroke.

Committees and Liaison Reports:

- **Americanism Committee:** (Chair – Paul Henkel). Jerry Porter, in Chair's absence noted:
 - BB&GS Program: Post is still sponsoring 2 Boys and 3 Girls to attend.
 - Scholarship Program: Advised would be presenting six (5) \$500 scholarships. He has notified them.
 - Citizenship Program: Advised Nagel Middle School will only be presenting five (5) Citizenship Awards this year, and the Legion Certificates have been prepared.
- **Community Support & Recognition Committee:** (Chair – VACANT).
 - Don Bishop noted we would be participating in the A./T Memorial Bell Ceremony on May 31st at Government Center, and several members will be assisting in putting out the American Flags on the 1,400 veteran graves at Hillcrest Cemetery.

- **Service, Veterans Affairs, Economic & Legislation Committee:** (Chair - Service Officer). Chair Cleves advised he had been notified by V.A. that COVID vaccine was available. Need to call for appointment.
- **VAVS Committee:** (Coordinator - Jerry Porter) Advised he had talked to a Dan Black – V.A. Liaison, who had advised there are no VAVS events scheduled yet.
- **Bingo Committee** (Chair – Ed Sears) Chair Sears advised the following:
 - Noted some of the Bingo workers are back, or coming back to work, including Bill and Geisla Cole, Wayne and Bobbie Hinaman and Darryl Everman., but he can still use more volunteers.
 - April resulted in monthly revenue distribution as follows: Post \$3,500 / C.I. \$1,365 / Concessions earned \$458, for a monthly total of \$5,323. Bingo Operating Account balance is at \$532.86 Thus far, this Bingo year, have provided \$ 19,200 to Post and \$5,965 to C.I. He noted we are at half-way point of current Bingo year.
 - Advise that he has raised most of the Bingo game prize amounts, to try to encourage more attendance
- **Fund-Raising Committee:** (Chair – VACANT).
 - Dances: Don Bishop advised that current COVID restrictions will apparently be lifted by Governor Dewine effective June 2, 2021. He has prepared and is in process of scheduling 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.
- **Event Coordination Committee:** (Chair – Ken Knight). No report.
- **House Committee:** (Chair – Bob Alfieri). In absence of Chair Alfieri, Ed Sears noted:
 - 1) Cleanup details would be moving back to Tuesdays, since AARP Tax Prep is gone.
 - 2) Kitchen Fire Suppression System has been serviced, which is required every six months.
 - 3) Kitchen Hood Exhaust Fan has been repaired.
 - 4) All Fire Extinguishers have been serviced.
 - 5) All Backflow Valves have been checked as required.
 - 6) Getting bids for stripping and refinishing hall floor.
 - 7) Boy Scouts will be doing the landscape bed mulching
 - 8) Ralph Caskey trimmed front bushes.

Kamman indicated he had worked with SECCO electric and had replace four TV converters.
- **Internal / External Communications Committee:** (Chair – Adjutant).
 - External Communications: Adjutant Wolfangel noted he had submitted media release to Cincinnati Enquirer on Post Memorial Day activities.
 - Internal Communications: Joe Dubois advised to get all items for inclusion in June Post Newsletter to him by May 25th. Prefers they be in Microsoft Word, Times New Roman font 10, and no PDF's.
- **Uniform Ceremonies Committee:** (Chair – SAA Caskey) Caskey noted following:
 - Memorial Day Activities:
 - Breakfast will be at Post at 7:15 AM. (By AYSN Catering – Tammy).
 - Assembly at A//T Government Center at 8 AM.
 - Will be using personal vehicles / car pooling. No bus.
 - Detail Picture at Government Center.

- Perform services at cemeteries.
- Participate in A/T Memorial Bell Ceremony at 12 noon.
- Have two Buglers and Mike Gregorio will play bagpipes.

■ **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 April EOM balances indicated about \$ 9,861, most of which is already committed to forthcoming approved programs. Provided an overview of expenses for month, which included: \$300 to each Fisher House and Joseph House; \$500 for A.L. Legacy Scholarship Program; \$25 each for 4th District Commander Pin and Memorial Day Foundation Wreath Program, and encumbrance of \$3,000 for Post 318 Veteran Scholarships.
- Indicated fund-raising activities for balance of 2021 was questionable, as do not know if “Wave The Flag” event will be possible for Veterans Day, or Breakfast with Santa event can be held.

■ **Marketing Committee:** No report.

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

4th District Report: Already noted 4th District Conference on May 16th. Kamman also noted 4th District took 1st Place for Membership in nation.

Dept. of Ohio: Already noted required reports to Dept of Ohio had been submitted , and Ohio Convention issues will be reviewed by E.C.

Old Business:

“Sons of American Legion (SAL) “ Squadron Exploration Status: Adjutant Wolfangel noted that two items relative to the Post exploring the formation of an SAL Squadron, was placed in the April and May Post Newsletter, seeking information on any Post members sons, or grandsons, that may be interested. As of this time have had no responses. Wolfangel asked if he should continue pursuit totally with sons or grandsons of veterans not associated with Legion or the Post, and was advised he should continue to see if enough interested eligible individuals could be located (Need minimum of 10)..

New Business:

Election of Post Officers – 2021 – 2022: Adjutant Wolfangel presented the slate of candidates as approved by E.C. at their April 28 Meeting, noting that there were no contested races, and there was no candidate being offered for Adjutant. The slate is as follows:

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| Commander | - Edward “Lee” Stegmann. |
| 1 st Vice Commander | - Bob Kamman |
| 2 nd Vice Commander | - Kirk Minnich |
| Adjutant | - (NONE) |
| Finance Officer | - Randy Lindsey |
| Sgt-At-Arms | - Ralph Caskey |
| Chaplain | - Jerry Porter |

Candidates were offered opportunity to make comments, after which Adjutant Wolfangel, noting there were no contested races, called for a motion to elect all candidates to the respective officerships for which they were seeking election, by acclamation vote. ***Motion made (Don Bishop) to cast unanimous vote of acclamation for all candidates to be considered as elected to officership they were seeking. Motion seconded (Ed Sears), and passed unanimously.***

Wolfangel indicated all newly elected officers would be installed in their respective offices at the June 2011 Post General Membership Meeting, and hopefully someone will step up to be appointed

to the Adjutant position.

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 Caroline Sears..
- Split-The-Pot: Handled by Steve Stuntz. Won by Jerry Porter..
- Next E.C. Meeting: May 26, 2021.
- Next Post Meeting: June 9, 2021.
- Refreshments in Clubroom: None due to COVID restrictions. Hope to start in June.

Closing:

There being no further business to come before the membership, Ass't Chaplain Porter gave closing prayer, followed by Commander Kamman's call for removal of POW-MIA Chair Cover by SAA Caskey. Kamman then called for saluting the colors in place, and then declared the meeting adjourned at approximately 8:05 PM.

Prepared by:

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