

**MINUTES  
AMERICAN LEGION POST 318  
REGULAR MEETING  
JANUARY 10, 2024**

Commander Stegmann called the Post Meeting to order at approximately 7:00 PM. Colors were in place and saluted. Stegmann gave the Recognition of POW-MIAs, and the POW-MIA Chair Cover was placed by Assistant Sergeant at Arms Gregorio. The Opening Prayer was given by Chaplain Heberly. Reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance was led by 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander Kamman. Reciting of the Preamble was led by 2nd Vice Commander Minnich. Stegmann then opened the meeting for the normal order of business.

**Attendance:** Assistant Sergeant at Arms Gregorio advised that there were twenty-one (21) Post 318 members physically, and one (1) via ZOOM, in attendance, for a total of twenty-two (22) Post members, which constituted a quorum.

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

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

**Elected Officers**

Commander	Lee Stegmann	X
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice Commander	Bob Kamman	X
2nd Vice Commander	Kirk Minnich	X
Adjutant	Bob Carey	X
Finance Officer	Randy Lindsey	X
Sgt-at-Arms	Ralph Caskey	X
Chaplain / VAVS Coordinator	Rob Heberly	X

**Appointed Positions/Chairs**

Service Officer	Charlie Cleves	X
Americanism Chair	Eric Howland	E
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	X
Charities, Inc Liaison	Dan Wolfangel	X
Corporate Statutory Agent / Ass't Adjutant	Dan Wolfangel	X
SAL Committee Chair	Tony Capetillo	E
Bar/Concession Manager	Steve Stuntz	X

**Alternate to Officers and Chairs**

Ass't Finance Officer	Joe Dubois	X
Ass't Sgt at Arms	Gary Gregorio	X
Charities, Inc. Treasurer	Walt Geil	X

**KEY:** X=Present; E=Excused (Prior Notice); A=Absent; V=Vacant; Z=via Zoom

**Minutes:** Adjutant Carey reported the Minutes from the December 13, 2023 meeting, have been posted in Post

Meeting Minutes Binder in club room, distributed to all E.C. members, and submitted for posting on Post web-site. ***Motion (Geil) to accept and approve the Minutes was Seconded (Minnich), and passed unanimously.***

**Executive Committee Notes:** Adjutant Carey advised that the December 27, 2023 E.C. Meeting Minutes, in full printed format, had been placed in the E.C. Meeting Minutes binder in the club room, and distributed to all E.C. members, and have been posted on Post web-site. A summary of noteworthy items or actions from the E.C. Meeting were reported as follows:

- Approved the transfer of \$14,000 from savings to cash for the purpose of stocking the electronic Bingo kiosk
- Approved the expenditure of up to \$1,300 for the Fish Fry budget, excluding food
- Authorize the expenditure of up to \$250 for the additional security cameras

Wolfangel noted that the EC also approved unanimously a resolution dedicating Hall B in memory of Don Bishop, which action was intentionally omitted from the minutes.

**Finance Report:**

Finance Officer Lindsey presented the January 10, 2024, Financial Summary, included with these Minutes.

He confirmed that he has officially resumed all duties of Finance Officer.

He further noted the electronic Bingo machines are to be installed and operational tomorrow.

***Motion (Surdick) to accept and approve the Financial Summary, subject to audit, was Seconded (Stuntz) and approved unanimously.***

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

Chair Kamman reported as follows, copy of report included with these Minutes:

- Our quota target for 2024 is 165 members. If all members on the roster now renew, we will make 169.
- Our Post goal is 177 members.
- 165 (100%) Post members have paid their 2024 dues as of today (includes Life Members, PUFL Members, New Member, and Korea veterans and Active-Duty military paid for by CI (16 plus 1 hardship)).
- 5 members new to the Post, 4 transferred in, and 2 transferred out; 2 deceased.
- 13 members with January birthdays were recognized.
- There are 6 delinquent members.
- The SAL has achieved 100% of quota.

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

Chair Minnich presented his report as follows:

- The calendar is up to date.
- Fish Frys begin February 16.
- Karaoke, Bingo, Euchre are continuing.
- New Years Eve dance, hosted by SAL, was a sellout.
- Valentine's Day dance will be February 10.
- St. Patrick's Day and Cinco de Mayo dances/parties are being planned.
- Next Marketing meeting is January 17.

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

Correspondence Received:

- Routine bank statements, ads, magazines, dues payments, invoices, etc.
- Flyer from Four Chaplains Memorial Service. **Posted on BB**
- Thank you letter from Joseph House for our donation of \$200. **Posted on BB**
- Letter from Dept of Ohio asking for donation to Gifts for Yanks of \$1 per member, or more. **Forwarded to EC members and posted on BB**

Outgoing Correspondence:

- Letters to Mt. Washington Care Center and Belterra Park thanking them for their donations to the Veterans Day dinner
- Five letters acknowledging donations of money, goods, and services received by the Post in 2023

**Chaplain's Report:** (Chaplain Heberly):

Hospice of Cincinnati needs more volunteer veterans to visit veteran patients; call Nancy or Julie at 513 246-9700 to volunteer. HOC conducts pinning ceremonies recognizing veterans.

The Post will participate in ceremonies at the visitation and funeral of Post Member Don Bishop at TP White Funeral Home on Sunday, January 14.

**Committees and Liaison Reports:**

- **Americanism Committee:** (Chair Howland)

Howland submitted the following reported:

- BBGS interviews are being conducted this week. Six boys & four girls are being interviewed. Post normally funds three each to attend.
- Awaiting approval from Charities Inc to fund a 4th Boy and Girl.
- Jerry Porter is personally financing a 5th Boy to attend BBS. He's also trying to find a sponsor for the 6th Boy.

Porter reported he and Bob Williams have interviewed nine BBS and BGS candidates

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

Wolfangel reported he has received the nomination from Hamilton County Sheriff's Office for Law Enforcement Officer of the Year, and is expecting a nomination from Anderson Township Fire Department for Firefighter of the Year by the deadline of January 16.

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

No report

- **VAVS Coordination Committee:** (Chair - Heberly)

No report

- **Bingo Committee** (Chair - Sears)

Sears reviewed the December Bingo Report, included with these Minutes.

Many thanks to Lindsey and Minnich for their work preparing for the electronic Bingo machines.

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

No report

- **Event Coordination Committee:** (Chair - Knight)

Knight reported rentals for 2023 grossed \$12,000.

All rentals are on the Post calendar.

- **House Committee:** (Chair - Alfieri).

Alfieri reported electrical projects are out for bids: 240v wiring to the expected new freezer, and 120v wiring for two other projects.

He thanked members who have faithfully participated in Post cleanup.

We need grease cleanup and fryer oil change prior to the first Fish Fry. Lindsey noted Franz is getting bids from Sysco and GFS for fish

- **Public Relations / External Communications Committee:** (Chair – Carey).

Wolfangel reported a media release for the Valentine’s Day dance will be submitted to the Enquirer soon, as will a release for the Don Bishop funeral ceremony. The funeral ceremony will be submitted to Dept of Ohio newsletter by Gary Gregorio.

- **Internal Communications Committee:** (Chair - Minnich)

ASAA Gregorio reported the January newsletter was sent out, including 18 hardcopies at 4 pages each, 72 printed pages.

The February issue of the Post newsletter is well along.

Since only one article per Post per issue is normally permitted in the Dept of Ohio quarterly newsletter, the article on the funeral will be prioritized over the article on the Save A Warrior presentation.

Wolfangel noted a photo and article describing the Save A Warrior donation and presentation are posted in the lobby.

- **Uniformed Ceremonies Committee:** (Chair - Caskey):

Joseph House is moving to a new location, so collection of clothing items will be halted until they can again accept them; food and money are still accepted.

Looking for USCG and USN enlisted uniforms for the lobby display.

We will have our Honor Guard detail at the Bishop funeral.

- **Charities, Inc. Committee:** (Chair VACANT)

Charities, Inc. Treasurer Geil presented the CI Treasurer’s Report as of December 31, 2023, included with these Minutes.

Wolfangel is the new CI Liaison and acting Chair of the CI Board. Lindsey and Howland have expressed interest in the one open and two new CI Board positions. If they both join, there will still be one opening on the CI Board.

- **Capital Projects:** (Chair VACANT)

No report

- **Marketing Committee:** (Chair - Minnich):

No items not shown elsewhere in these minutes.

- **SAL Committee:** (Chair - Capetillo)

Dubois reported:

- SAL is planning the 2024 New Years Eve dance. At the 2023 NYE dance the winner of the Split-the-Pot donated the winnings to the Post, yielding a total revenue from the S-T-P of \$1,200.
- SAL is seeking volunteers to work the Fish Fry

Stegmann noted SAL has provided Minutes of the January meeting.

Lindsey noted he is not receiving financial reports from SAL, so he has instructed the bank to furnish him with the SAL statements.

- **Concession/Bar Manager** (Stuntz):

Remember to note on the bar clipboard if anything is needed.

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

No report

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

Stegmann reported:

- Dept of Ohio has increased the dues from \$9 to \$14
- Pending Ohio HB 90 provides for disabled veterans state income tax to be credited the same percentage as the veteran's disability percentage
- He has assumed the position in 4<sup>th</sup> District of liaison with Boy Scout Troops in the District

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

Conference January 19-21

- **Old Business:**

None

- **New Business:**

None

- **Good of the Legion:**

Wolfangel displayed the plaque for Hall B and the Resolution of Recognition honoring Don Bishop, a copy of which will be presented to his spouse Mary and children at the funeral service.

Porter and the attendees expressed thanks to Caskey for his work completing the MIA/POW display case

in the lobby.

- **Joseph House Bin in Clubroom**
- **Volunteer Raffle:** Gift Card won by Porter
- **Split-The-Pot:** Handled by Prem. Won by Sears
- **Next E.C. Meeting:** January 31, 2024
- **Next Post Meeting:** After discussion, *Motion (Heberly) was made to change the date of the next Post meeting from February 14 to February 13, 2024, Seconded (Kamman) and approved unanimously.*
- **Further Business:**  
None
- **Closing:**

There being no further business to come before the membership,  
Closing Prayer was given by Heberly.  
Stegmann called for removal of POW-MIA Chair Cover by Gregorio.  
Stegmann then called for Saluting the Colors in place.  
Meeting Adjourned approximately 8:00 PM.

Prepared By:

Bob Carey  
Adjutant – Post 318