

MINUTES

AMERICAN LEGION POST 318

REGULAR MEETING

JANUARY 8, 2025

1st Vice Commander Kamman called the Post Meeting to order at approximately 7:00 PM. Colors were in place and saluted. Kamman gave the Recognition of POW-MIAs, and the POW-MIA Chair Cover was placed by Gregorio. The Opening Prayer, including a recitation of the names of Post members who passed during 2024, was given by Heberly. Reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance was led by 1st Vice Commander Kamman. Reciting of the Preamble was led by 2nd Vice Commander Sunderhaus. Kamman then opened the meeting for the normal order of business.

Presentations:

- Turpin High School junior Jack Mullens described his Troop 112 Eagle Scout project to design, procure, and install shelving units and computer wall-mounts to better organize and store tools, equipment, and supplies for the engineering classroom/computer lab at Turpin. The current budget is \$5,000; he solicited partial sponsorship from the Post.
- Member Jim Gray offered his free services to answer questions regarding Medicare and related health insurance plans; he will be available after this meeting.

Attendance: Sergeant at Arms Caskey advised that there were seventeen (17) Post 318 members physically, and none (0) via ZOOM, in attendance, for a total of seventeen (17) Post members, which constituted a quorum.

If you can't attend the monthly General Membership Meeting, please use the Zoom application and the ID & Password provided below! Log on, mute your microphone, then listen and observe the meeting. We need your attendance since we can't do business without a quorum. We need you there on Zoom---or in person at the meeting! ID: 3959722502, Password: Post318 (Capitol "P" and no space between Post and 318 in the password.)

Roll Call of Post Officers and Committee Chairs:

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

Elected Officers

Commander	Kirk Minnich	E
1 st Vice Commander	Bob Kamman	X
2nd Vice Commander	Tina Sunderhaus	X
Adjutant	Bob Carey	X
Finance Officer	Randy Lindsey	E
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	A
Charities, Inc Liaison	Dan Wolfangel	
Corporate Statutory Agent / Ass't Adjutant		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	E

Additional Attendees

SAL 2 nd Vice Commander	Tim Sunderhaus	X
SAL Adjutant	Todd Sledge	X

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

Minutes: Adjutant Carey reported the Minutes from the December 11, 2024 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 by Wolfangel to accept and approve the Minutes from the December 11, 2024 meeting was Seconded by Sears and approved unanimously.*

Executive Committee Notes: Adjutant Carey advised that the December 23, 2024 E.C. Meeting Minutes have been posted in the E.C. Meeting Minutes binder in the club room, 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:

The EC agreed to

- split the total profit from alcoholic drinks at the New Years Eve party, less the champagne and the alcohol for the band, 50-50 between the Post and SAL
- form a subcommittee to review the contract with “At Your Service Now” and resolve issues related to their use of the kitchen and other equipment

Finance Report: Finance Officer Lindsey submitted the January 8, 2024 Financial Summary included with the hard copy of these Minutes.

Motion by Surdick to accept and approve the January 8, 2025 Finance Report, subject to audit, was Seconded by Heberly and approved unanimously.

Membership Report: (Chair - 1st Vice Commander)

Chair Kamman presented the Membership Report of January 8, 2025, included with the hard copy of these Minutes, and further reported:

- Our quota target for 2025 is 177 members
- Our 2025 Post goal is 185 members, with a potential of 178
- 165 (93.2 %) Post members have paid their 2024-2025 dues as of yesterday, requiring 12 more to reach quota
- Members are encouraged to invite new and transfer members
- 15 members with January birthdays were recognized
- 11 members have not yet renewed

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

Chair Sunderhaus reported as follows:

- Many thanks to SAL members and spouses for making the New Years party a success.
- Watch parties for the college football playoff and championship games
- Disco party Jan 18 at 7:30, \$10 at the door
- David Lewis music Jan 31
- NO Valentines Day dance
- Working on a Drive-In movie night

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.
- 2 Brick purchases placed in Lindsey drawer
- A debt collection notice placed in Lindsey drawer
- Autopay notice from Synchrony Bank regarding Boboltz Sam's Club account placed in Lindsey drawer
- Flyer for Four Chaplains Memorial Service posted on BB

Outgoing Correspondence: none

Chaplain's Report: Chaplain Heberly reported on recent health situations of members of the Post.

Committees and Liaison Reports:

- **Americanism Committee:** (Chair Howland) No report
- **Community Support & Recognition Committee:** (Chair VACANT). Wolfangel reported:

Law & Order: Have contacted both ATFD and HCSO-D5 12/24/25 seeking nominations for FFOY and LOOY, due for return by 1/20/25. LOOY already received.

Rep. Wenstrup: Meritorious Service Award: Was originally prepared for presentation at July Awards. Now that he is out of office, it will be scheduled for an upcoming Post Meeting.

- **Service, Veterans Affairs, Economic & Legislation Committee:** (Chair Cleves) No report
- **VAVS Coordination Committee:** (Chair Heberly) No report
- **Bingo Committee** Chair Sears reviewed the December Bingo Report, included with the hard copy of these Minutes,
- **Fund-Raising Committee:** (Chair VACANT)

Wolfangel reported: **Karaoke Thursdays:** Fall session produced a net profit of approximately \$2,300.00. Attendance has ranged from a peak 55 to a low of 25. As usual volunteers to assist are always welcome. We will be re-starting "KT" for 2025 on this Thursday 1/9/25, continuing through May 29th

Kamman mentioned Euchre continues on Thursdays

- **Event Coordination Committee:** (Chair Knight) Knight reported the calendar is up to date for rentals.

- **House Committee:** Chair Alfieri reported:
 - Cold weather and snow/ice have made parking lot clearing difficult; plumbing, electric, and security system issues also
 - Roof repairs when the snow and ice are gone
 - Food allergies posters are up
 - SECO techs are coming in for security system issues
 - Food Handler and Kitchen operation training is scheduled for January 22 6:00-8:30 (14 signups so far)
- **Public Relations / External Communications Committee:** (Chair Carey) No report
- **Internal Communications Committee:** (Chair Sunderhaus)

Gregorio reported the January newsletter will go out soon. Many thanks to Sunderhaus for the Christmas party photos.

He may print future newsletters in color using the new Post printer, which saves money on ink; Kamman offered to train him on it.

- **Uniformed Ceremonies Committee:** (Chair Caskey): Caskey reported:
 - 25 4x8 and 16 8x8 paver bricks have been sold, for a profit of \$800. Need about \$2,000 to install the memorial bricks and blank bricks. The prices of \$35 and \$65 will have an expiration date, after which they will increase.
 - He invited more members to join the Color Guard
 - Joseph House no longer takes clothing. Toiletries, etc. only
- **Charities, Inc. Committee:** CI Liaison Wolfangel reported:

Next Regular quarterly C.I. Meeting will be held on Monday 2/10/25.

Items for discussion or review:

- Status of C.I. Treasurer transition from Post – C.I. Member Walt Geil to Post-C.I. Member Martin Gilbert.
- Geil appointment as a member of the C.I Advisory Group
- Both Kroger's "Poppy Days" Program (Memorial Day) and "Wave-the-Flag" Program (Veterans Day) Fundraising events that are planned to be conducted 2025.
- Plan to explore and review any other fundraising ideas in anticipation of not being able to possibly continue to count on Bingo funds sometime in future.
- Still anticipate one additional vacancy on C.I. Board, when Geil steps down.

Gilbert gave the CI Treasurers Report, included with the hard copy of these Minutes

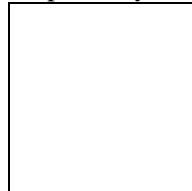
- **Capital Projects:** (Chair VACANT) Alfieri noted various projects will be tackled in 2025.
- **Marketing Committee:** (Chair Sunderhaus)
Next Marketing meeting Wednesday January 15
- **SAL Committee:** (Chair Capetillo)

SAL 2nd Vice Commander Sunderhaus reported:

- The January 1 SAL meeting was postponed to January 7, due to the weather and holiday
- 4 new members, 1 deceased member

- SAL members are encouraged to buy paver bricks to honor their veteran sponsors
 - Profit for the NYE party was \$9,150
 - Disco party is being planned
 - The profit from the Dan Varner Christmas fund raising party was about \$2,000
 - The District 4 Winter meeting February 2 will be attended by the SAL officers; the District 4 Spring meeting will be at the Post
 - Squadron 318 is nominated again for district 4 Squadron of the Year, which they won last year
- **Concession/Bar Manager (Stuntz):** No report
 - **Hamilton County Council (HCC) Report / Items:** No report
 - **4th District Report / Items:** No report
 - **Dept. of Ohio Report / Items:**
Kamman noted that, in response to a question from SAL member Kiefer, Ohio National Guard veterans qualify as veteran SAL sponsors, provided they serve one week active duty, including basic training
 - **Old Business:**
Gilbert reported that many employers match volunteer hours.
 - **New Business:**
Wolfangel reported: Need backup, or assumption of, various tasks currently done by me, due to current declining of abilities. The following duty transfers were agreed:
 - Statutory Agent: Assumed by Carey
 - Awards Program: He can serve under a new Awards Program manager as coordinator of the Law & Order Of the Year awards program.
 - External Communications: Assumed by Carey
 - Sign Messaging: Assumed by Sunderhaus
 - Answering Machine outgoing message: Assumed by Sunderhaus
 - Lobby locked Bulletin Board (public info): Wolfangel continues
 - Karaoke Thursdays: Wolfangel continues, with help
 - Purchase Large Bagged snacks for Club Room: Assumed by Sears
 - CI Board President: Wolfangel continues
 - **Good of the Legion:**
Kamman confirmed any veteran serving from WWII to the present, assuming the US to be in perpetual hostility, qualifies for Legion membership, provided honorable discharge, retired, or currently serving.
 - **Joseph House Bin in Clubroom:** Collections are for toiletries only, no clothing.
 - **Volunteer Raffle:** Gift Card won by Sledge
 - **Split-The-Pot:** Handled by Prem, won by Gregorio
 - **Next E.C. Meeting:** January 29, 2025
 - **Next Post Meeting:** February 12, 2025
 - **Further Business:** None
 - **Closing:**
There being no further business to come before the membership, Closing Prayer was given by Heberly.
The POW/MIA chair cover was recovered by Gregorio.
Meeting adjourned for refreshments approximately 8:25 PM.

Prepared by:



Bob Carey
Adjutant Post 318