

MINUTES
AMERICAN LEGION POST 318
REGULAR MEETING
October 11, 2023

In the absence of Commander Stegmann, 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 Surdick. The Opening Prayer was given by Kamman. Reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Kamman. Reciting of the Preamble was led by 2nd Vice Commander Minnich. Kamman then opened the meeting for the normal order of business.

First-time attender member John Palin was recognized.

Attendance: Sergeant at Arms Caskey advised that there were seventeen (17) Post 318 members physically, and two (2) via ZOOM, in attendance, for a total of nineteen (19) 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	E
1 st Vice Commander	Bob Kamman	X
2nd Vice Commander	Kirk Minnich	X
Adjutant	Bob Carey	X
Finance Officer	(VACANT)	V
Sgt-at-Arms	Ralph Caskey	X
Chaplain / VAVS Coordinator	Rob Heberly	A

Appointed Positions/Chairs

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

Alternate to Officers and Chairs

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

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

Minutes: Adjutant Carey reported the Minutes from the September 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 (Alfieri) to accept and approve the Minutes was seconded (Howland), and passed unanimously.*

Executive Committee Notes: Adjutant Carey advised that the September 27, 2023 E.C. Meeting Minutes compiled by Minnich, 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:

- Agreed to authorize Lindsey to transfer \$9,000 from savings to help cover operational expenses.
- Agreed to continue facility insurance coverage with Acuity, as the lowest cost option found.
- Agreed to proceed with Arrow with the installation of 4 electronic bingo machines, including a kiosk for payouts to be placed in the club room along the outside wall.
- Agreed to rent the Hall at no charge to AARP for the Tax Aide program, as in the past.

Finance Report:

Lindsey provided the October 11, 2023, Financial Summary, included with these Minutes.

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

Membership Report: (Chair - 1st 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.
- 114 (69%) 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). Need 51 to make quota. Existing members not yet renewed: 54
- 4 new members
- 11 members with October birthdays were recognized.

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

Chair Minnich presented his report as follows:

- The calendar is up to date; it seems to be filling up.
- Post activities – Karaoke resumed last Thursday.
- Halloween Dance is on Oct 21; reservations are coming in.
- Post social Oktoberfest is on Oct 14 starting at 4:30.
- The post will host the Anderson Township Veteran's Day event/dinner on Nov 11, more details will be coming out soon.

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

Correspondence Received:

- Routine bank statements, ads, magazines, dues payments, invoices, etc.
- Notice of interest rate change from First Financial. *Forwarded to Lindsey*
- Life Safety Permit. *Placed in Alfieri file*
- Notice of assessment due. *Forwarded to Lindsey*
- Americanism and Government order forms. *Placed in Americanism file*

- Proxy notice from Acuity. **Placed in Alfieri file**
- Solicitation from The Memorial Day Foundation for Holiday wreaths at overseas cemeteries. **Placed in Charities Inc drawer**
- Flyer for 4th District Bowling Tournament. **Posted on BB**
- Notice of flu and COVID vaccines availability. **Distributed via MailChimp**
- Flyer for ceremony at Gate of Heaven Cemetery commemorating the 50th anniversary of the end of the Vietnam war. **Distributed via MailChimp**

Outgoing Correspondence: None

Chaplain's Report: (Chaplain Heberly):

Kamman provided a brief report on Commander Stegmann's and CI Liaison Bishop's health. He also noted that member Fries is in Hospice care.

A celebration of life of member Free was October 7 at the Post.

Committees and Liaison Reports:

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

Howland reported:

- The scholarship applications have been sent to the 3 high schools, and are also available on the website. The applications are due end of April.
- Buckeye Boys and Girls State information is on the website; he is waiting on dates; he is in touch with AHS.
- AHS is looking at starting the Oratorical program back up.

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

Wolfangel noted he will provide applications for the Fire Fighter of the Year and Law Enforcement Officer of the Year program to the local fire and sheriff departments in mid-November, for nominations by the first of the year.

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

No report.

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

No report.

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

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

He appealed for a lot of help this Sunday, as at least 6 workers will be out; he needs a cook and cook's helper, pull-tab sellers, and a candy person. Be here at 4:00 Sunday for training

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

Wolfangel reported:

KARAOKE THURSDAYS:

- Resumed on Thursday October 5, 7:00 PM to 10:30 PM, and is scheduled to continue every Thursday through May 30, with exception of no events on Thanksgiving, and last two weeks of December due to holidays. Profited \$123 last week.

- Could use volunteers to help with coordination and concessions. Stock and Stringer operate the bar. He would like to train more volunteers to help, and to fill in during his absence in the future.
- **Event Coordination Committee:** (Chair - Knight)
Kamman noted the Celebration of Life on October 7 went well, and the flag ceremony was much appreciated.
Check the calendar for listing of events.
- **House Committee:** (Chair - Alfieri).
Alfieri again thanked volunteers for cleanup work.
Duke has taken down 4 trees as requested.
Several events are coming up, including a wedding and/or reception.
He will provide the list of events for distribution via MailChimp.

Wolfangel reported the new roof top sign is installed.
- **Public Relations / External Communications Committee:** (Chair – Carey).
No report
- **Internal Communications Committee:** (Chair - Minnich)
Gregorio reported the October newsletter was sent out, including 72 printed pages.
Submit articles for the November newsletter by October 25.
- **Uniformed Ceremonies Committee:** (Chair - Caskey):
Caskey reported:
 - The nametag boards are up, and should be completed with stickers before Veterans Day. Post and SAL Squadron tags will be intermingled alphabetically.
 - Color Guard detail for Friday at the Turpin-Anderson game.
 - 4 sign-up sheets are available for details on November 9 and 10 at two elementary schools, IHM, and the Senior Center
 - Thanks to those who participated in the Celebration of Life Flag Ceremony.
- **Charities, Inc. Committee:** (Chair Bishop)
In Bishop’s absence, Geil submitted the CI Treasurer’s Report as of September 30, 2023, included with these Minutes.
- **Capital Projects:** (Chair – Vacant):
No report
- **Marketing Committee:** (Chair - Minnick):
Meeting next Wednesday October 18
- **SAL Committee:** (Chair - Capetillo)
Kamman reported 31 SAL members have renewed so far; their quota is now 36. There is one new member.

Dubois reported:
 - SAL are working on completing the club room; one new TV is installed. The can lights and

dimmer are yet to be installed.

- The SAL are organizing the New Year's Eve dance. Tickets will go on sale October 18; it will be publicized via MailChimp.

Wolfangel reported:

POST / SAL COMMUNICATIONS MEETING:

Meeting was Thursday September 14 at 7:00 PM.

Purpose was to improve relationship, communications and understanding of roles and responsibilities, and the meeting went well.

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

Kamman will check with Knight to be sure details are covered in Stuntz' current absence.

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

No report.

- **4th District Report / Items:**

No report.

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

No report.

- **Old Business:**

Wolfangel gave a summary update on the CLUB ROOM / LOBBY - CORRIDOR REVITALIZATION:

A few pieces of corrugated steel are yet to be installed.

Ceiling holes are to be cut so the can lights can be installed.

The other two new TVs are to be installed

The Post/ SAL Membership Badge Name Board is installed in rear hallway.

Wall hangings are nearly complete in the club room and lobby areas.

Kamman is working on a Bose sound system for the Hall.

New Items for Consideration:

Wolfangel noted still working on the purchase of a POW-MIA display.

- **New Business:**

None

- **Good of the Legion:**

- **Joseph House Bin in Clubroom**

- **Volunteer Raffle:** Gift Card won by Lindsey.

- **Split-The-Pot:** Handled by Porter. Won by Minnich.

- **Next E.C. Meeting:** October 25, 2023

- **Next Post Meeting:** November 8, 2023

- **Further Business:**

None

- **Closing:**

There being no further business to come before the membership,
Closing Prayer was given by Kamman.

Kamman called for removal of POW-MIA Chair Cover by Surdick.

Kamman then called for Saluting the Colors in place.

Meeting Adjourned approximately 8:00 PM.

Prepared By:

Bob Carey

Adjutant – Post 318