

MINUTES
AMERICAN LEGION POST 318
REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 13, 2024

Commander Minnich called the Post Meeting to order at approximately 7:00 PM. Colors were in place and saluted. Minnich gave the Recognition of POW-MIAs, and the POW-MIA Chair Cover was placed by Gregorio. The Opening Prayer 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. Minnich then opened the meeting for the normal order of business.

Attendance: Sergeant at Arms Caskey advised that there were twenty (20) Post 318 members physically, and none (0) via ZOOM, in attendance, for a total of twenty (20) Post members, which constituted a quorum.

Additional attendees: Mary Bishop and Suzette Heller, Director of Development, Save A Warrior

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	X
1 st Vice Commander	Bob Kamman	X
2nd Vice Commander	Tina Sunderhaus	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	A
Charities, Inc Liaison	Dan Wolfangel	
Corporate Statutory Agent / Ass't Adjutant		X
SAL Committee Chair	Tony Capetillo	X
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

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

Presentation of donations to Save-a-Warrior:

Wolfangel presented donations to Save A Warrior in the amounts of \$5,000 from Mary Bishop, and \$5,000 from 318 Charities, Inc., totaling \$10,000, accepted on behalf of Save A Warrior by Suzette Heller.

Minutes: Adjutant Carey reported the Minutes from the October 9, 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 October 9, 2024 meeting was Secoded by Stuntz and approved unanimously.*

Executive Committee Notes: Adjutant Carey advised that the October 30, 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.

Finance Report: Finance Officer Lindsey submitted the November 13, 2024 Financial Summary included with the hard copy of these Minutes.

He thanked the members of the Post for their efforts over the past few years in bringing the Post from a precarious financial position to the current more comfortable financial position.

Motion by Stuntz to accept and approve the November 13, 2024 Finance Report, subject to audit, was Secoded by Sears and approved unanimously.

Membership Report: (Chair - 1st Vice Commander)

Chair Kamman presented the Membership Report of November 13, 2024, 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
- 143 (80.8%) Post members have paid their 2024-2025 dues as of yesterday, requiring 34 more to reach quota
- Members are encouraged to invite new members
- 4 deceased members in 2024-2025
- 18 members with November birthdays were recognized
- 35 members have not yet renewed
- New members Scott Asbury and William McAdams were in attendance and recognized.

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

Chair Sunderhaus presented the report as follows:

- She reminded members that food is available in the club room after each regular Post meeting
- The rest room flyers have been updated
- The club room is open to members and guests for each Bengals game
- Post Christmas party December 21 at 5:00

- December 31 SAL New Years Eve party

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 Voicemails from Derrick asking about financial hardship assistance from the Legion, to Cleves
- Letter from ESRC returned to sender, to Knight
- Solicitation from Neediest Kids of All, to Minnich
- Letter from Save-a-Warrior, to Minnich
- Card from Payment Card Interchange Fee Settlement, to Lindsey

Outgoing Correspondence: none

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

Chaplain Heberly also emphasized the severity of the veteran suicide rate

Committees and Liaison Reports:

- **Americanism Committee:** In his excused absence, Chair Howland had no further report.
- **Community Support & Recognition Committee:** (Chair – VACANT). No report
- **Service, Veterans Affairs, Economic & Legislation Committee:** (Chair - Cleves)
Cleves and Wolfangel reported that CI and SAL will provide financial assistance of \$500 each to an unemployed member behind in his rent; \$1,000 will be sent to his landlord
- **VAVS Coordination Committee:** (Chair - Heberly) No report
- **Bingo Committee** (Chair - Sears)
Chair Sears reviewed the October Bingo Report, included with the hard copy of these Minutes, and further reported Type III pull tabs Bingo has officially been closed
- **Fund-Raising Committee:** (Chair – VACANT)
Wolfangel reported: Karaoke Thursdays – First 8 sessions have produced a net profit of approximately \$1,700.00. Attendance has ranged from a peak 55 to a low of 25. As usual volunteers to assist are always welcome.
- **Event Coordination Committee:** (Chair – Knight) No report.
- **House Committee:** (Chair - Alfieri) Alfieri reported:
 - The parking lot repair and re-paving work is complete
 - He has increased the pickup schedule for the recycling bin to every week; members are encouraged to collapse boxes before putting in the bin
 - A roof leak in the clubroom
 - The replacement Honeywell security system is complete, thanks to efforts by Kamman and Alfieri. The alarm time is now set for 2:00AM. Wolfangel noted the policy states occupancy is permitted only until 1:30AM.
 - Alfieri reported he will ask AFD for permission to close off the back hall and door.

- **Public Relations / External Communications Committee:** (Chair – Carey) No report
- **Internal Communications Committee:** (Chair - Sunderhaus)
Gregorio reported the November newsletter is out. The December newsletter will be big.
- **Uniformed Ceremonies Committee:** (Chair - Caskey): Caskey reported:
 - He reported member participation in the concerts and programs celebrating veterans in the schools was low.
 - The Marine Corps birthday event was well attended
 - The Rifle Cleaning detail is being scheduled
 - The paver bricks are on sale; SAL will purchase 8x8 bricks to represent the service branches
 - Scout Jack Mullen (Troop 112) will meet with the EC regarding his proposed Eagle project

- **Charities, Inc. Committee:** (Chair – Wolfangel)

Wolfangel commented on following:

Regular quarterly C.I. Meeting was held on 11/12/24. Items discussed or handled were as follows:

- Post Member Martin Gilbert was accepted to Board to fill vacancy due to Randy Lindsey's resignation.
- Board voted Martin Gilbert in as C.I. Treasurer to take over when Walt Geil leaves C.I. Around January 1st.
- Geil will then become 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 will be conducted in 2025. Seeking fund raising ideas for the eventuality of Bingo being discontinued in the future.
- Reviewed and discussed a request received through Post Service Officer Cleves for a veteran needing assistance. C.I. voted an assistance donation of \$500.00, and was advised that our Post SAL would match that amount for a total of \$1,000, to cover a month’s house rental (\$995.00)
- Still anticipate one additional vacancy on C.I. Board, when Geil steps down.
- Next C.I. Quarterly Mtg will be on 2/10/25.

Geil presented the CI Finance Report, included with hard copies of these Minutes.

- **Capital Projects:** (Chair VACANT) (See above report on the parking lot work.)
- **Marketing Committee:** (Chair - Sunderhaus): Minnich reported:
Next Marketing meeting Wednesday November 20
- **SAL Committee:** (Chair - Capetillo)
SAL 2nd Vice Commander Sunderhaus reported:
 - Membership up to 48; possibly 3 new members next month
 - 3 members unpaid dues renewal
 - The SAL officers began meeting at 6:00 before each monthly Squadron meeting; Post members are welcome to attend
 - The SAL will pick up the SAL dues of each dual member
 - Starting to gear up for the NYE party; tickets are on sale to Post and SAL members
 - SAL offers to assist with closing the back hallway or purchasing another shed
- **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:**

- **Old Business:**
 - Adjutant Carey noted the Constitution & By-Laws revisions have been adopted by the EC, and are available for inspection at this meeting. *Motion (Carey) to formally adopt the Post Constitution and By-Laws revisions dated November 13, 2024, was Seconded (Alfieri) and approved unanimously.*
 - Wolfangel reported the Annual Charitable Registration was filed with OAG on 11/11/24 in advance of 11/15/24 deadline.

- **New Business:** None

- **Good of the Legion:** None
- **Joseph House Bin in Clubroom:** Collections are on hold
- **Volunteer Raffle:** Gift Card won by John Listerman
- **Split-The-Pot:** Handled by Prem, won by Scott Asbury
- **Next E.C. Meeting:** November 27, 2024
- **Next Post Meeting:** December 11, 2024
- **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 8:20 PM.

Prepared By:
Bob Carey
Adjutant – Post 318