

**MINUTES**  
**AMERICAN LEGION POST 318**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**FEBRUARY 13, 2024**

Commander Stegmann called the Post Meeting to order at approximately 7:00 PM. Colors were in place and saluted. Reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commander Stegmann. Stegmann then announced that to have sufficient time for the ceremony of dedicating Hall B in memory of Don Bishop scheduled for 7:45, this meeting would be abbreviated. He then opened the meeting for business.

**Attendance:** Sergeant at Arms Caskey advised that there were twenty-three (23) Post 318 members physically, and none (0) via ZOOM, in attendance, for a total of twenty-three (23) Post members, which constituted a quorum. Numerous spouses and members of SAL Squadron 318 and spouses were in attendance.

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

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

**Elected Officers**

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

**Appointed Positions/Chairs**

Service Officer	Charlie Cleves	<b>X</b>
Americanism Chair	Eric Howland	<b>E</b>
Bingo Chair	Ed Sears	<b>X</b>
House Chair	Bob Alfieri	<b>X</b>
Fund-raising Chair	(VACANT)	<b>V</b>
Community Support Chair	(VACANT)	<b>V</b>
Event Coord. Chair	Ken Knight	<b>E</b>
Charities, Inc Liaison	Dan Wolfangel	<b>X</b>
Corporate Statutory Agent / Ass't Adjutant	Dan Wolfangel	<b>X</b>
SAL Committee Chair	Tony Capetillo	<b>A</b>
Bar/Concession Manager	Steve Stuntz	<b>X</b>

**Alternate to Officers and Chairs**

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

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

**Minutes:** Adjutant Carey reported the Minutes from the January 10, 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 (Wolfangel) to accept and approve the Minutes was Seconded (Minnich), and passed unanimously.*

**Executive Committee Notes:** Adjutant Carey advised that the January 31, 2024 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:

The EC agreed to:

- redirect the \$400 donations to the Post in memory of Don Bishop from the Post account to the Charities, Inc. account in recognition of Bishop's devotion to Charities, Inc.
- authorize up to \$1,500 to procure a new Point of Sale and cash accounting system
- adopt the new bar pricing, effective February 1
- adopt "Electronic Bingo Internal SOP" and "Electronic Instant Bingo-Internal Control Standards Procedure"
- decline the request for donations from "Miami Valley Military History Museum."
- decline the request for donations to "Veterans Helping Veterans-Stockhands Horses for Healing."

**Finance Report:**

Finance Officer Lindsey presented the February 13, 2024, Financial Summary, included with these Minutes. Stegmann commented that Post and CI financial reports are audited annually.

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

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

In the excused absence of Chair Kamman, Stegmann 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.
- 170 (103%) 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)).
- 2 members new to the Post: Tony Gatti and Jeff Lindsey
- Members are encouraged to take advantage of the 3-year renewal option at \$120, which avoids the dues increase during those years.

**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.
- Valentine's Day dance was February 10, with about 165 in attendance.
- The SAL Wednesday Assembly Socials are well attended.

**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.
- Voicemail from Chris Nash asking if his son can apply for scholarship. Forwarded to Howland
- Three more donations in memory of Bishop. Placed in Lindsey's drawer
- Solicitation for donations from Save A Warrior. Placed in Stegmann's drawer
- Request from Dept. of Ohio to make changes to the Post Constitution and By Laws. Those changes are being prepared for adoption by the membership at the March meeting
- Voicemail from Allen Tabe seeking help with transportation. Forwarded to Cleves
- Email from 4<sup>th</sup> District with flyer of the Brown Jug party. Flyer posted on BB

Outgoing Correspondence:

- Letter to Porter acknowledging his sponsorship of a student to BBS

**Chaplain's Report:** Chaplain Heberly reported:

- Two deaths: Post member Dr. Doug Rogers, and SAL member James Mansfield
- Two hospitalized: Post member Tom Prem and SAL Adjutant Rob Herking
- Commander Stegmann will be hospitalized for a procedure February 22

**Committees and Liaison Reports:**

- **Americanism Committee:** Chair Howland

In the excused absence of Howland, Porter provided the following report:

- 6 boys and 4 girls are approved and sponsored to participate in BBGS, which is more than recent years. SAL sponsored one student, and Porter sponsored one student; CI sponsored 8 students (4 boys and 4 girls). The cost is \$400 for girls and \$300 for boys. Girls State is at Bowling Green University, and Boys State is at Miami University this year.
- The scholarship application forms are accessible in the newsletters and websites of Anderson HS, Turpin HS, and McNicholas HS. \$3,000 per year is budgeted for scholarships.
- **Community Support & Recognition Committee:** (Chair – VACANT). No report
- **Service, Veterans Affairs, Economic & Legislation Committee:** (Chair - Cleves) No report
- **VAVS Coordination Committee:** (Chair - Heberly) No report
- **Bingo Committee** (Chair - Sears)

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

- **EBingo** No report

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

Eric Franz called for volunteers for the Fish Fry; park in the rear, to leave open the front lot for those who need to park close to the entrance.

- **Event Coordination Committee:** (Chair - Knight) No report
- **House Committee:** (Chair - Alfieri). No report
- **Public Relations / External Communications Committee:** (Chair – Carey).

Wolfangel reported:

- The media release of the Fish Frys was published in the Enquirer Hometown Section February 11.

- In the Enquirer Opinion page there was an article on the lack of support for veterans by the Hamilton County Veterans Service Commission, using a file photo of Post 318 Color Guard at a local soccer game; posted on BB.

- **Internal Communications Committee:** (Chair - Minnich) No report
- **Uniformed Ceremonies Committee:** (Chair - Caskey): No report
- **Charities, Inc. Committee:** (Chair - Wolfangel)

Charities, Inc. Liaison Wolfangel presented a description of Post 318 Charities, Inc., its purposes and activities. Due to the passing of Bishop, Wolfangel is serving as interim chair of the CI Board. The next meeting of the CI Board is February 20, during which the Board will be considering persons for Bishop's vacancy, plus two new positions authorized by recent decision of the Board to expand the Board makeup from five to seven members. The next Board officers' election is August 2024. Current Board members are: Wolfangel, Geil, Donna Prus (Secretary), and Lisa Banks. Those who have indicated interest in filling the vacancies of the Board are Randy Lindsey, Eric Howland, and Meredith Lindsey.

Charities Inc. Treasurer Geil presented the CI Treasurer's Report for January 31, 2023, included with these minutes.

- **Capital Projects:** (Chair VACANT) None

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

No items not shown elsewhere in these minutes.

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

Sledge summarized the minutes of the SAL meeting of February 7, 2024, which are posted in the SAL binder in the club room.

- Benefit gatherings will be held for the family of deceased SAL member James Mansfield and for hospitalized SAL member Rob Herking at Anderson Tap House on February 18 and March 16, respectively.
- SAL member Jeff Heilman presented a donation to the Post that is a book wrote by his Uncle Fred Heilman (Vietnam Veteran) titled "Never Give Up." This book is a wonderful donation to the Post that provided a first-hand inside look into the experiences of Vietnam during the war and afterwards.

- **Concession/Bar Manager** (Stuntz): No report
- **Hamilton County Council (HCC) Report / Items:** No report
- **4<sup>th</sup> District Report / Items:** No report
- **Dept. of Ohio Report / Items:** None
- **Old Business:** None
- **New Business:** None
- **Good of the Legion:**

Franz and Stegmann encouraged all veterans to go on an Honor Flight when they meet the age

requirement. Register online. Previous registrations made on paper have probably been destroyed.

SAL Commander Short stated that the SAL Squadron will pay the fare for Honor Flight escorts of Post members. SAL members are also available to serve as escorts.

After the meeting, Commander Stegmann and Dan Wolfangel conducted a ceremony officially dedicating Hall B in memory of Don Bishop, with Mary Bishop, son, and daughter in attendance.

- **Joseph House Bin in Clubroom**
- **Volunteer Raffle:** Gift Card won by Alfieri
- **Split-The-Pot:** Handled by Porter. Won by Stegmann
- **Next E.C. Meeting:** February 28, 2024
- **Next Post Meeting:** March 13, 2024
- **Further Business:**  
None
- **Closing:**

There being no further business to come before the membership,  
Closing Prayer was given by Heberly.  
Meeting Adjourned approximately 7:45 PM.

Prepared By:

Bob Carey  
Adjutant – Post 318