

MINUTES

AMERICAN LEGION POST 318

REGULAR MEETING

APRIL 9, 2025

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 Minnich. 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-four (24) Post 318 members physically, and none (0) via ZOOM, in attendance, for a total of twenty-four (24) Post members, which constituted a quorum. There was one (1) SAL Squadron 318 member and no (0) guest present.

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 conducted 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
Sergeant-at-Arms	Ralph Caskey	x
Chaplain / VAVS Coordinator	Rob Heberly	A

Appointed Positions/Chairs

Service Officer	Charlie Cleves	X
Americanism Chair	Eric Howland	E
Bingo Chair	Ed Sears	X
House Chair	(VACANT)	V
Fund-raising Chair	(VACANT)	V
Community Support Chair	(VACANT)	V
Event Coordination Chair	Ken Knight	E
Charities, Inc Liaison	Dan Wolfangel	X
SAL Committee Chair	Tony Capetillo	E
Bar/Concession Manager	Steve Stuntz	E

Alternate to Officers and Chairs

Assistant Finance Officer	Joe Dubois	X
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Assistant Sergeant at Arms	Gary Gregorio	X
Assistant Adjutant	(VACANT)	V
Charities, Inc. Treasurer	Martin Gilbert	X

Additional Attendees

SAL 2 nd Vice Commander	Tim Sunderhaus	X
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KEY: X=Present; E=Excused (Prior Notice); A=Absent; V=Vacant; Z=via Zoom

Minutes: Adjutant Carey advised that the March 12, 2025 Meeting Minutes have been posted in the Meeting Minutes binder in the club room, distributed to all E.C. members, and have been submitted for posting on Post web-site. **Motion by Wolfangel to accept the Minutes of the March 12, 2025 meeting was Seconded by Cleves and approved unanimously by the members.**

Executive Committee Notes: Adjutant Carey advised that the March 26, 2025 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. Actions taken by the EC at that meeting were:

- approved expenditure not to exceed \$1,000 for a Fish Fry volunteer recognition event,
- confirmed that bid evaluations for permanent holiday lighting of the building be pursued, but no award of the work to be given until specifically approved by the EC.

Finance Report: Finance Officer Lindsey presented the April 9, 2025 Financial Summary included with the hard copy of these Minutes.

Additionally, Lindsey provided answers to recent inquiries from members, as follows:

- Can eBingo profits replace Bingo profits in the event of Bingo being discontinued? No, but opening the club room for Friday night and other events, when combined with eBingo, can cover our expenses.
- We will be able to pay off the mortgage at least a year early, with no prepayment penalty.

Motion by Caskey to accept the financial report, subject to audit, was Seconded by Wolfangel and approved unanimously by the members.

Membership Report: (Chair - 1st Vice Commander)

Chair Kamman presented the Membership Report of April 9, 2025, included with the hard copy of these Minutes, and further reported:

- We have reached quota plus one and are the second Post in the District to reach quota; our membership is now 178.
- Members are encouraged to invite new and transfer members
- 14 members with April birthdays were recognized
- 2 members have not yet renewed

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

Chair Sunderhaus reported as follows:

- April 13, SAL District 4 conference here
- April 25, music by Sean Fitzpatric in the club room
- May 10, dedication of flagpole brick display at 10:00
- Memorial Day breakfast, cemetery detail, and bell ceremony

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.
- Two scholarship applications. To Howland file
- Two opt out notices from Dynegy. To Minnich
- Voicemail from Anita regarding flag etiquette for Girl Scouts. To Caskey
- Letter returned to sender. In Kamman drawer
- Check from Charities Inc to Post 318 returned to sender. In CI drawer
- Brick purchase from member Jim Mayer. To Lindsey drawer
- Voicemail from Jimmy England about getting a new flag. To Caskey
- Check from Anderson Township for Memorial Day contribution. To Lindsey
- Solicitation from Memorial Day Foundation. To Minnich

Outgoing Correspondence: none

Chaplain's Report: No report.

Wolfangel reported he is scheduled for a knee replacement April 29, and will be unavailable for a few weeks.

Committees and Liaison Reports:

- **Americanism Committee:** (Chair Howland) In his excused absence, Howland reported:
Below are the three scholarship winners for AL Post 318. I'll be sending out notification letters next week to the student and their High School principal.

Megan Berger (McNick) 2272 Regis Court Cincinnati, OH 45244	Owen McGregor (Anderson) 7107 Foxview Dr Cincinnati, OH 45230	Benjamin Strausbaugh (Turpin) 7701 Heatherglen Dr Cincinnati, OH 45255
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- **Community Support & Recognition Committee:** (Chair VACANT).
Wolfangel reported: The FFOY and LOOY winners will receive plaques at the 2025 Annual Post 318 Awards Recognition Program July 12.
- **Service, Veterans Affairs, Economic & Legislation Committee:** (Chair Cleves)
Funds were provided to pay car repair costs for a member. (See CI report below)
- **VAVS Coordination Committee:** (Chair Heberly) No report
- **Bingo Committee:** Chair Sears reviewed the March Bingo Report, included with the hard copy of these Minutes. He further confirmed the end of October will be the end of Bingo for Post 318 if no one takes on the chairmanship. It could be sooner if the current volunteers resign sooner.
- **Fund-Raising Committee:** (Chair VACANT) Wolfangel reported:
Karaoke Thursdays: Fall /Winter/Spring session thus far has produced a net profit of over \$3,600.00 Attendance has ranged from a peak 55 to a low of 25. As usual volunteers to assist are always welcome. We will be continuing weekly on Thursdays continuing through May 29. NOT SURE HOW MANY MORE SESSIONS I WILL BE ABLE TO HANDLE DUE TO PENDING KNEE REPLACEMENT SURGERY.

Minnich reported working on dances in the fall, and other entertainment. The Fish Fry financials are doing well. Thanks to all volunteers.

- **Event Coordination Committee:** (Chair Knight) No report
- **House Committee:** Minnich reported:

- A new battery for the AED is ordered
 - Repair or replacement of the steam table is being discussed
 - Roof leak over eBingo machine 2
 - Back gutters cleaned
 - The CONEX has been fitted with a lock; a master content list is being developed
- **Public Relations / External Communications Committee:** (Chair Carey) No report
 - **Internal Communications Committee:** (Chair Sunderhaus) Gregorio reported:

The April newsletter is out; working on the May newsletter. Copies will be emailed to firms providing free services to the post and veterans. Services available from members will also be mentioned in newsletters.

- **Uniformed Ceremonies Committee:** (Chair Caskey): Caskey reported:
 - Signup sheets are available for participating in upcoming events.
 - A dedication Ceremony will be performed May 10 at the Post flagpole. Over 106 4x8 and 70 8x8 paver bricks have been sold. The blank bricks will be provided at \$4 each. Evans will install a week or so prior to May 10.
 - We will have breakfast and perform cemetery ceremonies and the Bell Ceremony on Memorial Day. Minnich commented he is still looking for a speaker.
 - He recently received a sizable donation to the Post in exchange for providing a free flag.
 - FHSD opening ceremonies and flag distribution will be August 18.
 - July 4 parade: wagon will be used; SAL will pass out flags; a volleyball team will march
- **Charities, Inc. Committee:** CI Liaison Wolfangel reported:
 - Need a concurrence vote on a request for Veteran Assistance made by Service Officer Cleves for an auto repair for a veteran. (\$286.16). C.I. is agreeable with the request.
Motion by Wolfangel to approve the Veteran Assistance requested of \$286.16 was Seconded by Sears and approved unanimously by the members.
 - FHSD Poppy Days Challenge Program is back on at school's request. Will be on Monday thru Thursday May 5 thru 8 for classroom Memorial Poppy education and donations, and on May 9 for Poppy Distribution to all students by a Post 318 member during respective school's lunch period. Still need at least 2 more Post Members to cover Sherwood and Maddux on May 9. See me if you can assist with this educational / fundraising event.
 - ATC Kroger's "Poppy Days" Program (Memorial Day) Will be held on Friday / Saturday / Sunday - May 23, 24 and 25. Need total of 4 volunteers per 2-hour shift from 10 am to 12 noon / 12 noon to 2 pm / 2 pm to 4 pm / 4 pm to 6 pm, or 16 volunteers per day. Sign-Up sheet available tonight.

Lindsey reported *Venmo* will be available. Member Bob King donated funds to purchase poppies.

- **Capital Projects:** (Chair VACANT) .
- **Marketing Committee:** (Chair Sunderhaus) No report
- **SAL Committee:** (Chair Capetillo) Tim Sunderhaus reported:

April 13, District SAL Spring Conference will be held here. 70-80 attendees expected. 45 door prizes.

- **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:**
Kamman reported on efforts to ensure all members receive Mailchimp, but some free carriers (AOL, Gmail, yahoo, fuse) are rejecting it. Members should also check their spam folders.
The nominating committee is working on the slate for the summer election of officer election
- **New Business:** none
- **Good of the Legion:** Certificate and Service pin awarded to Stegmann
- **Joseph House Bin in Clubroom:** Collections are for toiletries only, no clothing.
- **Volunteer Raffle:** Gift Card won by Caskey
- **Split-The-Pot:** Handled by Prem, won by Stegmann
- **Next E.C. Meeting:** April 30, 2025
- **Next Post Meeting:** May 14, 2025
- **Further Business:** Carey noted he will be out of town during the next EC meeting
- **Closing:**
There being no further business to come before the membership,
Closing Prayer was given by Minnich.
The POW/MIA chair cover was recovered by Gregorio.
Meeting adjourned for refreshments approximately 8:00 PM.

Prepared by:



Bob Carey
Adjutant Post 318