

MINUTES

AMERICAN LEGION POST 318

REGULAR MEETING

AUGUST 13, 2025

In the excused absence of Commander Minnich, 1st Vice Commander Sipes called the Post Meeting to order at approximately 7:00 PM. Colors were in place and saluted. Sipes 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 Sipes. Reciting of the Preamble was led by 2nd Vice Commander Sunderhaus. Sipes then opened the meeting for the normal order of business.

Attendance: Sergeant at Arms Caskey advised that there were 22 Post 318 members physically and none via ZOOM in attendance for a total of 22 Post members, which exceeded the quorum of 18. There was 1 SAL Squadron 318 member and 1 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 (Capital "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	E
1 st Vice Commander	Morgan Sipes	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	X

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	A
Charities, Inc Liaison	Dan Wolfangel	E
SAL Committee Chair	Tony Capetillo	E
Bar/Concession Manager	Steve Stuntz	X

Alternate to Officers and Chairs

Assistant Finance Officer	Joe Dubois	X
Assistant Sergeant at Arms	Gary Gregorio	X

Assistant Adjutant	(VACANT)	V
Charities, Inc. Treasurer	Martin Gilbert	E
Additional Attendees		
SAL 2 nd Vice Commander	Tim Sunderhaus	X

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

Minutes: Adjutant Carey advised that the July 9, 2025 Meeting Minutes have been posted in the Meeting Minutes binder in the club room, distributed to all EC members, and have been submitted for posting on Post website. **Motion by Caskey to accept the Minutes of the July 9, 2025 meeting was Seconded by Kamman and approved unanimously by the members.**

Executive Committee Notes: Adjutant Carey advised that the July 30, 2025 EC Meeting Minutes have been posted in the EC Meeting Minutes binder in the club room, distributed to all EC members, and have been submitted for posting on Post website. No action other than routine reports was taken by the EC at the July 30, 2025 meeting.

Finance Report: Finance Officer Lindsey provided the August 13, 2025 Financial Summary included with the hard copy of these Minutes. He noted that the CD interest payment is due tomorrow, and his recommendation for award of the roof replacement contract will be submitted for approval at the September EC meeting. **Motion by Surdick to accept the August 13, 2025 financial report, subject to audit, was Seconded by Stuntz and approved unanimously by the members.**

Membership Report: (Chair - 1st Vice Commander) Chair Sipes reported: 101 members have paid their current dues, and our quota this year is 182.

Technology and Security: Kamman presented the August Technology/Security report, included with the hard copy of these Minutes.

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

- August 16: Anderson Area Chamber of Commerce Stein Hoisting competition at 7:30
- September 6: Post picnic/car show/ice cream social, social time 4:30, serve at 5:30; all food will be provided
- September 6: Stein Hoist Finals competition at Beech Acres at 1:30
- Sunderhaus presented a "Streaker" tee shirt to Hinaman in recognition of his participation in all 27 Flying Pig races
- September 11: Karaoke resumes Thursday nights
- The Club Room will be open Friday nights
- October 25: Cincy Rockers Halloween dance

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.
- Item from Friends of Fisher House. To Gilbert
- Thank you letter from Anderson Township. To Caskey
- Life Safety Permit from Anderson Fire. To Minnich
- Voicemail from Margaret Grimes asking if Post 318 will participate in the veterans function at Sawyer Point on August 23. To Minnich and Sipes. Also received an Email from 4th District for the Hamilton County Military Veterans Appreciation Day at Sawyer Point on August 23. Posted on BB
- Flyer from 4th District for the Car Show at VA September 27. Posted on BB
- Thank you letter from AL Legacy Scholarship Fund. Posted on BB and copy to Wolfangel
- Solicitation from Honor Across America. To Minnich and Wolfangel
- Ad from Cincinnati Bagpiper. To Caskey
- Voicemail asking if she left a black sweater at the Post Sunday. To Sears

- Tax Exemption Renewal application from County Auditor. To Lindsey

Outgoing Correspondence: Acknowledgment letter to be sent to the business/individual who provided the work to clean out the ditch behind and beside the building.

Chaplain's Report: Heberly commented:

The recent flag folding ceremony was impressive and meaningful
He now works at The Glen and will be available most Wednesdays for Post meetings
Porter reported on members having health issues.

Committees and Liaison Reports:

- **Americanism Committee:** (Chair Howland) None
- **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 provided the July report, included with hard copies of these Minutes. The average attendance last 3 weeks was 95 per week
Bingo will be ending by October 1.
- **Fund-Raising Committee:** (Chair VACANT) No report
- **Event Coordination Committee:** (Chair Knight) No report
- **House Committee:** No report
- **Public Relations / External Communications Committee:** (Chair Carey) No report
- **Internal Communications Committee:** (Chair Sunderhaus) Gregorio noted the August newsletter is posted; September is in progress.
- **Uniformed Ceremonies Committee:** (Chair Caskey): Caskey reported:
 - Thanks to 11 volunteers for the flag folding ceremony
 - September 9 Anderson Girls Soccer game Honor Night. Need at least 10 volunteers
 - Anderson football game to be determined
 - Honor Flight October 28: 2 of our members will probably be on the flight. Need 4 volunteers for Honor Guard sendoff ceremony 4:30 AM at CVG
 - Lobby display in September is Coast Guard; October display will be Navy; November will be Marines
 - Need photos of members in uniform for Veterans Day display
 - Turpin High School Choir will perform at the Veterans Day program
 - Military Night at AHS this fall
- **Charities, Inc. Committee:** (CI Liaison Wolfangel): Geil provided the CI Treasurer's Report of July 30, included with hard copy version of these Minutes.
- **Capital Projects:** (Chair VACANT) No report
- **Marketing Committee:** (Chair Minnich) No report
- **SAL Committee:** (Chair Capetillo) Tim Sunderhaus reported:
 - The donation presentation of \$1,553 to the Henderson family was attended by over 20 members, over 50 total attendance; included presentation of a remembrance brick
 - October 19 benefit fund raiser at the Anderson Tap House
 - Planning the NYE party
 - Texas Hold'Em tournament February 7, with Anderson Fire Department
 - Have 3 new members
 - Carey noted SAL has achieved over 400,000 members nationally
- **Concession/Bar Manager (Stuntz):** No report
- **Hamilton County Council (HCC) Report / Items:** None
- **4th District Report / Items:** None

- **Dept. of Ohio Report / Items:** None
- **Old Business:** None
- **New Business:** Franz reported:
 - The cleanup will be completed in the front by December
 - **Motion by Franz to install a new 86" TV behind the bar with an improved sound system for easier viewing during football nights at a cost of \$1,000 was Seconded by Cleves and approved unanimously by the members**
 - Clarified that policy changes are to be worked by the EC.
- **Good of the Legion:** None
- **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 Sears
- **Next E.C. Meeting:** August 27, 2025
- **Next Post Meeting:** September 10, 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 by Sipes for refreshments approximately 7:50 PM.

Prepared by:



Bob Carey
Adjutant Post 318