

MINUTES
AMERICAN LEGION POST 318
REGULAR MEETING
August 9, 2023

Commandeer Stegmann called the Post Meeting to order at approximately 7:00 PM. Colors were in place and saluted. Stegmann gave the Recognition of POW-MIAs, and the POW-MIA Chair Cover was placed by Assistant Sergeant at Arms Gregorio. The Opening Prayer was given by Chaplain Heberly. Reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance was led by 1st Vice Commander Kamman. Reciting of the Preamble was led by 2nd Vice Commander Minnich. Stegmann then opened the meeting for the normal order of business.

Attendance: Assistant Sergeant at Arms Gregorio 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.

Roll Call of Post Officers and Committee Chairs:

Adjutant Carey conducted roll call of Officers and Chairs, as follows:

Elected Officers

Commander	Lee Stegmann	X
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	E
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	Don Bishop	X
Corporate Statutory Agent / Ass't Adjutant	Dan Wolfangel	X
SAL Committee Chair	Tony Capetillo	A
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

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

Minutes: Adjutant Carey reported the Minutes from the July 12, 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 (Wolfangel) to accept and approve the Minutes was seconded (Bishop), and passed unanimously.*

Executive Committee Notes: Adjutant Carey advised that the July 26, 2023 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:

- Agreed unanimously to decline terrorism insurance coverage on the property, as in the past.
- Agreed, with one opposed, to vacate the EC decision of June 12, 2023, to pay off the mortgage; and agreed, with one opposed, to continue with the existing mortgage loan, which requires a final balloon payment of approximately \$81,722 at the end of September 2028.
- Selected unanimously the version of the new rooftop sign for the Patriot Center with a white background.
- Declined to subscribe to the HopeCheck email service of buddy checks.
- Agreed unanimously to purchase a Hole Sponsorship in the amount of \$150 in the SAL Golf Outing on September 23, 2023.

Finance Report:

Minnich presented the Financial Report dated August 9, 2023, provided by Lindsey, included with these minutes.

Motion (Surdick) to accept and approve the Finance Report, subject to audit, was seconded (Alfieri), and passed unanimously.

Membership Report: (Chair - 1st Vice Commander)

Chair Kamman submitted his written report for filing with these Minutes, and reported as follows:

- Our quota target for 2024 is 165 members. If all members on the roster now renew, we will make 167.
- Our Post goal is 170 members.
- 92 (55.8%) 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).
- One new member this year: Joe Carroll
- 12 members with August birthdays were recognized.

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

Chair Minnich presented the report as follows:

August 19: Ice Cream Social at 1:00

August 26: Back to School Dance, about 65 tickets sold in advance

Karaoke resumes October 5 at 7:00 (instead of 7:30)

All events are on the Post calendar.

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.
- Thank You letter from Anderson Township for sponsoring the July 4 parade. *Posted on BB.*

- Voicemail requesting a gun salute at Spring Grove Cemetery on August 5. *Called back and left voicemail expressing our regret that due to late notice and schedule conflicts we could not provide the requested service.*
- Renewal application due October 1 for tax exemption from Hamilton County. *Forwarded to Lindsey.*
- Certificate of participation in Charities Information Class. *Forwarded to Wolfangel.*
- Wolfangel received a call from FHSD requesting Color Guard participation in the Forest Hills Opening Day on August 14. *Forwarded to Caskey.*
- Email with schedule of HCC meetings for 2023-2024. *Posted on BB*
- Email with HCC Commander's Corner August 2023. *Posted on BB*

Outgoing Correspondence: None

Chaplain's Report: (Chaplain Heberly):

Heberly provided an update on the condition and residence location of member Free.

He also reminded members that Hospice of Cincinnati requests veterans to visit veteran patients, who make up 3 of 14 patients in Heberly's case load; contact him or Nancy Carol at 513 246-9700 to arrange visits.

Committees and Liaison Reports:

- **Americanism Committee:** (Chair Howland)
In his absence, Howland noted "No report."
- **Community Support & Recognition Committee:** (Chair – VACANT).

Wolfangel reported:

POST 318 AWARDS & RECOGNITION PROGRAM:

- Event went well. Approx 90 to 100 total attendance.
- 8 of 10 students and numerous of their family members attended.
- 1 FHSD administrator attended.
- FFOY / LEOY plus numerous ATFD and HCSO personnel and family members.
- 9 of 27 of Continuous service recipients attended.
- Was only able to secure a family member of one deceased Veteran Honor Program recipient. (Bobby Musselman) out of 11. Appreciate Ohio Sen. Wilson's presentations and attendance.
- Appreciate the several Post members that showed up to support event.
- Certificates for awardees not present were distributed at July E.C. Meeting for personal delivery by Post E.C. Members

A collage of the evenings program and some photos are framed and on display in lobby

- **Service, Veterans Affairs, Economic & Legislation Committee:** (Chair - Cleves)
No report
- **VAVS Coordination Committee:** (Chair - Heberly)
No report.
- **Bingo Committee** (Chair - Sears)

Chair Sears submitted the July Bingo Report. This week's Bingo was extremely successful, with over

\$5,000 in prizes.

He reminded members that Randy Lindsey will withdraw from his Bingo duties as of October 31.

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

Wolfangel reported:

KARAOKE THURSDAYS:

- E.C. authorized continuation of this weekly fund-raising event starting Oct 5th thru May 30th, however, there will be a new starting and ending time. Will be 7 PM to 10:30 PM as opposed to previous events being from 7:30 PM to 11 PM. Will begin promotion in September.
- All dates on Post calendar.
- No events on Thanksgiving and last two weeks of December due to holidays.
- Need some volunteers to help with coordination and concessions. See him if interested.

Marketing meeting is next Wednesday August 16.

• **Event Coordination Committee:** (Chair - Knight)

No report.

• **House Committee:** (Chair - Alfieri).

Alfieri reported we have a contract for grass cutting, including clearing out the overgrown area out back. Interior painting probably will be this fall.

Stripping and re-waxing the Hall floor will be scheduled.

• **Public Relations / External Communications Committee:** (Chair – Carey).

Wolfangel noted media releases prepared and sent to Enquirer “Hometown” on both August 26th Dance and the recent Post Awards Program (Including several photos). Both are pending publication, probably only in the Sunday edition.

• **Internal Communications Committee:** (Chair - Minnich)

Gregorio reported the August newsletter was sent out, including 18 paper copies.

Submit articles for the September newsletter by August 25.

Thanks to Minnich and Kamman for their assistance with formatting and website posting.

• **Uniformed Ceremonies Committee:** (Chair - Caskey):

Gregorio noted following upcoming events:

Forest Hills opening day Color Guard August 14 at 8:00 AM

Military Night at AHS: need 10-12 volunteers, hopefully including some SAL members

Football game color guard details will begin in September.

The Joseph House bin is in the club room for donations, for delivery during August.

• **Charities, Inc. Committee:** (Chair Bishop)

Bishop submitted the CI Treasurer’s Report as of July 31, 2023 prepared by Geil, included with these Minutes. He also noted:

He and Caskey are working on a fund raiser for Save A Warrior during the Military Night at AHS; will need 6 volunteers. Goal will be \$5,000 for Save A Warrior.

- **Capital Projects:** (Chair – Vacant):

Wolfangel noted new roof top sign is ordered at an installed cost of approx. \$1,400.00 Urban Banner will contact both House Chair Alfieri and Wolfangel when ready for install.

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

Meeting next Wednesday.

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

Dubois presented notes from last week's SAL meeting:

- The completion date of the club room revitalization is nebulous, but the work is performed as the SAL members' work and family duties permit.
- Regarding the SAL Golf Tournament: Have 12 out of 25 foursomes (8 are paid); 13 out of 18 holes are sponsored; lunch and dinner are provided.
- SAL is planning several future fund raising projects.
- Stegmann's attendance was appreciated.
- The estimate for club room completion is about 3-4 weeks.

Wolfangel gave a summary update on the CLUB ROOM / LOBBY - CORRIDOR REVITALIZATION, noting that completion of CR project is pending:

- completion of steel on lower walls, and TV installations.
- after which the new replacement tables and chairs and wall hangings will be put in place.
- Secondary can light system installation by SAL will be done later.
- Wolfangel noted he had delayed having Grover Gaming attending for demo and discussion on Electronic Gaming Machines until CR complete. He passed the responsibility of continuing discussions and demonstrations with Grover, Arrow, and Powerhouse OH to Minnich.

Wolfangel reported on status on planned POST / SAL COMMUNICATIONS MEETING:

- Purpose to improve relationship, communications and understanding of roles and responsibilities.
- Meeting to consist of Post / SAL elected officers.
- Pre-meeting email sent out to E.C.'s of both entities soliciting topics to be included in agenda. So far have only heard from Kamman, Caskey, Carey,
- Will be putting together Agenda, and attempting to arrive at a mutually agreeable meeting date. Within next week or two.

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

No report

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

Schedule of meetings received August 8, posted on BB.

Stegmann summarized the August Commander's Corner:

Restart programs:

The AL's Certificate of Appreciation

The AL's Military Commitment Certificate of Commendation

The Red, White, & Blue Award (due September 20)

Vietnam Vets Tribute & Pinning Ceremony (name due by August 15)

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

No report

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

No report

- **Old Business:**

Wolfangel noted that the plaques noting HALL A “IN MEMORY OF POST 318 BENEFACTOR HUGO VONTZ, JR.”) and the blank plaque for “Hall B” were now in place over doors to respective halls.

- **New Business:**

None

- **Good of the Legion:**

We are in critical need of a volunteer to assume the duties of Finance Officer

- **Joseph House Bin in Clubroom**

- **Volunteer Raffle:** Gift Card won by Bobbe Hinaman.

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

- **Next E.C. Meeting:** August 30, 2023

- **Next Post Meeting:** September 13, 2023

- **Further Business:**

None

- **Closing:**

There being no further business to come before the membership,

Closing Prayer was given by Heberly.

Stegmann called for removal of POW-MIA Chair Cover by Gregorio.

Stegmann then called for Saluting the Colors in place.

Meeting Adjourned approximately 8:00 PM.

Prepared By:

Bob Carey

Adjutant – Post 318