

# MINUTES

## AMERICAN LEGION POST 318

### REGULAR MEETING

### November 10, 2021

(NOTE: This meeting was conducted physically at Post 318 and virtually on ZOOM).

The Post Meeting was called to order by Commander Lee Stegmann, at approximately 7:00 PM. Colors were in place and were saluted. Opening Prayer was given by Chaplain Jerry Porter. Stegmann then gave the recognition of POW-MIAs, with POW-MIA Chair Cover put in place by SAA Ralph Caskey. 1st Vice Commander Bob Kamman led the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance, and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander Kirk Minnich led the reciting of the Preamble. Stegmann then opened meeting for the normal order of business.

**Attendance:** Sergeant-at-Arms Caskey advised that there were a total of twenty-two (22) Post 318 members attending physically, and one (1) member attending virtually, for a total of twenty-three (23), which constitutes a quorum. There was one (1) invited guests present for celebration of Marine Corp Birthday Event, and an additional eleven(11) guests arriving at 8 PM for the Hometown Heroes Benefit Recognition.

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

Adjutant Wolfangel conducted the roll call of Officers and Chairs, as follows  
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**Elected Officers**

Commander	Lee Stegmann	<b>X</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice Commander	Bob Kamman	<b>X</b>
2nd Vice Commander	Kirk Minnich	<b>X</b>
Adjutant / Corporate Statutory Agent	Dan Wolfangel	<b>X</b>
Finance Officer	Randy Lindsey	<b>X</b>
Sgt-at-Arms	Ralph Caskey	<b>X</b>
Chaplain	Jerry Porter	<b>X</b>

**Appointed Positions/Chairs**

Service Officer	Charlie Cleves	<b>X</b>
Americanism Chair	(VACANT)	<b>V</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>A</b>
Charities, Inc Liaison	Don Bishop	<b>X</b>
<b>Alternates to Officers and Chairs</b>		
Ass't Finance Officer / Newsletter Editor	Joe Dubois	<b>X</b>

X = Present **(Z) via ZOOM**                      A= Absent  
E = Excused (prior notice)                      V= Vacant

**Minutes:** Adjutant Wolfangel noted that due to lack of quorum for vote on Minutes acceptance at October 13, 2021, he was advising that both the Minutes from September 8, 2021 and October 13, 2021 were being presented

for approval at this meeting. Both sets of Post Meeting Minutes have been posted in full printed format in the

Post Meeting Minutes Binder in club room, distributed to all E.C. members, and sent to Post Web-Master for posting on Post web-site. ***Upon Motion (Don Bishop) to accept and approve both sets of Minutes, and second (Ralph Caskey), motion passed unanimously.***

**Executive Committee Notes:** Adjutant Wolfangel advised that the October 27, 2021 E.C. Meeting Minutes, in full printed format, had been placed 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. A summary of noteworthy items or actions from the E.C. Meeting were reported as follows:

- Adjutant Wolfangel officially advised the E.C. of his intent to step down from his appointment as Post Adjutant, not later than June 2022, or sooner if replacement was found, or elected.
- Took under advisement three items, to be reported back on at November E.C. Meeting.
  - 1) “Mission Blue” Legion Grant Eligibility.
  - 2) Crime / Fidelity Insurance Bond for various Post Officers responsible for handling Post funds, in accordance with national Legion mandate to Posts.
  - 3) Action, if any, required on Post's part, as a Sponsoring Charter organization relative to Boy Scouts of America's filing of bankruptcy.
- Validated for record, an affirmative vote taken by E.C. at October 13, 2021 Meeting relative to purchase of a freezer for \$200.
- Requested SAA Caskey to contact a Nagel Middle School student's mother regarding assisting with a Veterans' Day activity.
- Voted to proceed with scheduling for a Spring Season of Live Band Dance events.
- Approved “gratis” use of rental hall for AARP Tax Prep in February and March of 2022, if request made.

**Finance Report:** Finance Officer Lindsey submitted a written Post Financial Report as of November 10, 2021, and provided Adjutant with copy for filing, and provided copies to members in attendance at this meeting. He reviewed financial data contained within the submitted report, and in addition noted:

- Report included the purchase of a new Bingo console at a cost of \$11,000.
- Advised that IRS Form 990 for year of 2020 was completed and filed with IRS, with copy to Adjutant Wolfangel (Corporation Statutory Agent) for his filing for OAG Charitable Registration Annual Report for 2020.
- .All bills are currently paid.

Following the review of current submitted report, Adjutant Wolfangel noted that due to lack of quorum for vote on Finance Report acceptance at October 13, 2021, both of the Finance reports from October 13, 2021 and November 10, 2021 were being presented for approval at this time. He advised that copies of both reports would be placed on file along with this Post Meeting Minutes in Post Meeting Minutes binder in Post Club Room, for individual review, or may be provided upon individual request. ***Upon Motion (Kirk Minnich) to accept both reports, subject to audit, and second (Ralph Caskey), motion passed unanimously.***

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

Chair Kamman, submitted a written Membership Report to Adjutant for filing, and to be placed in Post Meeting Minutes binder with these meeting Minutes. Kamman commented as follows from report:

- Currently at 155 paid members, or approximately 92% of quota of 169, and goal of 170.
- Noted we have 10 new Post members (4 new / 6 transfers in), and have had two transfers out of Post.
- Have 46 members currently not yet renewed for 2021-2022.
- Have five deceased members this year (Joe Burkart / Joseph Chalfant / Dan Crocker) / Charles Gill / John Wakefield.
- Announced twenty (20) November member birthdays.

**Post Activities Report:** (Chair - 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander).

Randy Lindsey, in absence of Chair Minnich, noted or commented on:

- Marine Corp Birthday / Cake Cutting: - In club room following the meeting.
- A/T Veterans Day Recognition Social / Dinner / Entertainment Event: Thursday – November 11<sup>th</sup>.
- Fall Live Band / Dance Season: Season in progress. Event on November 13<sup>th</sup> canceled. – Next band / dance event is Saturday- December 4<sup>th</sup>, and NYE band / dance on December 31<sup>st</sup>.
- Post Christmas Party: Saturday – December 10<sup>th</sup>.
- Christmas Show: – Saturday – December 18<sup>th</sup>. (132 Advance Tickets sold so far).
- Upcoming Post Family Social Event: February – Chili cook-Off. Date TBD.

**Adjutant Reports and Correspondence:** Adjutant Wolfangel advised following regarding correspondence of consequence or requiring action received since last meeting:

- Donation Acknowledgment Received from Memorial Day Foundation for \$25 Donation (C.I. Funding) to Holiday Wreath Program: ***Posted on BB.***
- Invite to Participate in Pearl Harbor Day Event – Sunday , December 5<sup>th</sup> - Post 534: ***Posted on BB.***
- Multiple Emails regarding Membership Issues from 4<sup>th</sup> District (Ervin / Perry / Buxton): ***Forwarded to 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander Kamman and Commander Stegmann.***
- Info / Photos / Thanks Relative to an Eagle Scout Project at Nagel Middle School from Deacon Howland (son of member): ***Posted on BB.***
- Post 186 Invite to Veteran Honor Event with Boy Scouts – Lebanon YMCA : ***Posted on BB.***
- Cinti Bell Notification of Rate Increases for Post Services: ***Forwarded to F.O. Lindsey.***
- Reminder - 4<sup>th</sup> District Bowling Tournament – November 27<sup>th</sup>: ***Posted on BB.***

Outgoing Correspondence:

- Donation Acknowledgment to Harold St. Clair for donation of five cases of 2-liter beverages.
- Donation Acknowledgment to Post member Pedro Ramirez for \$25 winnings from Football-Mania donated back to Post.
- Donation Acknowledgment to Post member H. John Bothwell for \$60 donation to Post.
- Prepared and sent 99 Donation Acknowledgments to” Hometown Heroes III (HH III)” Benefit donors of: cash donations; silent auction items, and purchase of VIP tables.
- Prepared and sent 19 Invites to “HH III” planners, promoters and workers Benefit Recognition Event to be held at tonight's meeting
- Donation Acknowledgment to The Anderson Care Center for pie donation to Post for members in honor of Veterans Day will be prepared and sent out shortly.

Wolfangel advised that as Post Corporation Statutory Agent, he has filed Post's required Charitable Organization Annual Report for tax year 2020, with the Ohio Attorney Generals Office, and has submitted the \$200 fee due.

Wolfangel introduced Post member Bob Carey, who has stepped forward to serve as Ass't Adjutant in preparation for forthcoming appointment or election to Post Adjutant position, to replace Wolfangel.

**Chaplain's Report:** (Chaplain): Chaplain Jerry Porter gave a status update on ill or recuperating Post members.

## Committees and Liaison Reports:

- **Americanism Committee:** (Chair – VACANT) Jerry Porter advised he has contacted Joe Walla and Dave Kammerer of AHS, relative to hopefully securing some student participants in the Oratorical Competition Program. Also noted that he is not sure who was going to handle the Buckeye Boys & Girls State Program this year, as he has heard nothing from Paul Henkel.
- **Community Support & Recognition Committee:** (Chair – VACANT).  
A/T Veteran Day Celebration: Don Bishop gave an update on the logistics and reservations, relative to event to be held on November 11<sup>th</sup>.  
Law & Order (L&O) Program: Dan Wolfangel advised he has sent request for L & O nominations for 2022 to A/TFD and HCSO-D5, requesting them to be submitted by December 15<sup>th</sup>, to meet expedited timeline again this year.
- **Service, Veterans Affairs, Economic & Legislation Committee:** (Chair - Service Officer). Chair Cleves advised no report.
- **VAVS Committee:** (Coordinator - Jerry Porter) Chair Porter advised no VAVS activity scheduled as yet.
- **Bingo Committee** (Chair – Ed Sears) Chair Sears referenced the written October Bingo Report, which will be filed with these meeting minutes, in Post Meeting Minutes binder in club room for review, or access. He further noted or commented regarding:
  - Thanks to Bingo volunteers. Still need more.
  - Noted the month of October completed the State of Ohio's Bingo year.
  - Attendance at Bingo, although dropping some in recent weeks, was still a record year, with 2,348 this year as compared to 2,057 the previous year.
  - However, overall the 2020 / 2021 Bingo year was a record year as to revenue produced for the Post and C.I.
  - New Bingo console has been received and is operational.
- **Fund-Raising Committee:** (Chair – VACANT).  
Fall Season Live Band / Dances: Don Bishop noted the November 13<sup>th</sup> dance was canceled by Model Behavior band due to poor advance ticket sales. Not sure why sales are down. Still have two band events left on December 4<sup>th</sup> and December 31 (NYE Gala).s  
Christmas Show: Don Bishop advised will be held on Saturday December 18<sup>th</sup>, with 132 advance tickets sold to-date.  
Silent Auction of Two “HH III Benefit” Baskets: Adjutant Wolfangel advised the on-line bidding auction of the two items did not receive any bids. Following discussion of several options, *a Motion was made (Ralph Caskey) to put them up for auction at the A/T Veterans Day Event on November 11<sup>th</sup>. Upon second (Bob Alfieri), Motion passed unanimously.* Mike Stringer will handle the auction.
- **Event Coordination Committee:** (Chair – Ken Knight). No report, in Chair Knight's absence.
- **House Committee:** (Chair – Bob Alfieri). Chair Alfieri, noted:
  - Thanks for volunteers on the many rental hall set-ups.
  - Will be repainting stage in near future.
  - Will be replacing stained ceiling tiles in near future.
  - Noted exterior flag pole rope had been replaced with assistance of A/T Road Maintenance personnel. *Requested Adjutant to send letter of appreciation for their assistance.*

■ **Internal / External Communications Committee:** (Chair – Adjutant).

External Communications: Adjutant Wolfangel noted he had prepared and had published a media release for the A/T Veterans Day Event, and would be preparing media releases for the Post Christmas Show and the NYE Gala.

Internal Communications: Joe DuBois noted that items for December Post Newsletter should be to him by November 25<sup>th</sup>.

■ **Uniform Ceremonies Committee:** (Chair – SAA Caskey) Caskey noted following:

- Color Guard Details: Only pending Color Guard detail is IHM on November 11<sup>th</sup>. All have been notified.
- Nagel Veteran Day Project: Advised would need several member volunteers to answer some written questions submitted by Nagel Middle School students as part of a Veterans Day project.
- Gift For Yanks (GFY): Noted is accepting donations from membership, to be submitted to GFY, in addition to Post's budgeted donation. All donations of \$5 or more will get listed on Donor List in Club room. Will be accepting donations through March.
- Joseph House Donations: Donations have been delivered. Have needed for pillows and toiletries, in addition to clothing, underwear and socks. Noted there are currently 34 veterans housed at Joseph House.

■ **Charities, Inc. Committee:** (Chair Don Bishop) Chair Bishop noted or commented on following:

- C.I. Financial Report (prepared by C.I. Treasurer Walt Geil): Noted October EOM balances currently indicate about \$ 10,467, for funding of 2021-2022 Programs.
- The major portion of 2021-2022 C.I. Budget Year revenue is still expected to come from Post Bingo, as the Wave-The-Flag fund-raising program at Kroger had been canceled by Kroger, and the anticipated Old Coney Christmas Lights fund-raising opportunity does not look like it will materialize. That only leaves the Cookies and Cocoa with Santa as a possibility, and Poppy Days next Memorial Day.)

■ **Marketing Committee:** Marketing Committee Meeting – Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday – November 17<sup>th</sup> – 7 PM.

**Hamilton County Council (HCC) Report:** No report.

**4<sup>th</sup> District Report:** No report.

**Dept. of Ohio:** No report.

**Old Business:** None.

**New Business:** Establishment of an Annual Award / Recognition for A/T Maintenance Personnel: Tom Prem indicated he felt we should recognize a A/T Maintenance Person annually, since they assist the Post in many endeavors at Post. Adjutant Wolfangel noted that the Legion does not have such a program, but Post could establish it's own local recognition program. ***Upon Motion made (Tom Prem) to request E.C. establish a local award program for this purpose, and second (Rob Heberly), Motion passed unanimously.***

**Good Of The Legion:**

- Fisher House / Joseph House Bins in Club Room:
- Volunteer Raffle: Gift Card won by Dan Wolfangel
- Split-The-Pot: Handled by Tom Prem. Won by Mike Stringer.
- Next E.C. Meeting: November 24, 2021
- Next Post Meeting: December 8, 2021.

- Refreshments in Club Room: Immediately following meeting and Benefit Recognition for celebration of the Marine Corps 246<sup>th</sup> Birthday and the Benefit Recognitions.

### **Further Business:**

Hometown Heroes III Benefit Recognition: Dan Wolfangel emceed this portion of program, giving a brief narrative of benefit logistics held on Saturday – August 29, 2021, at Latitudes Bar & Bistro, and expressed the Post's sincere appreciation for their highly successful benefit endeavors. He then announced the following individuals to be recognized. Commander Stegmann presented the award to each recipient that was present (\*). Recognized were:

#### *Planners / Promoters:*

Kerri Wolfangel (\*) {Comey-Shepherd Realtor}  
Sammy Khoury {Co-Owner Latitudes Bar & Bistro}  
Charles Ferrara (\*) {Co-Owner Latitudes Bar & Bistro}

#### *Musicians:*

Dan Varner (\*) / Brad Netherton / Nick Neherton (\*) / Ben Osborne / Jon Wayne Hatfield / Glen Hock.

#### *HCSO Pipes and Drums Unit:*

Steve Watt / Roger Loth (\*) / Mark Beahr (\*).

#### *Volunteers:*

Renee Bode (\*) / Sherri Hudson (\*) / Tracey Raymond (\*) / Chris Short (\*) / Anne Stratman (\*) /  
Lori Ware {Latitudes Mgr.} / Mike Stringer (\*) {Post 318 Member}

### **Closing:**

There being no further business to come before the membership, Chaplain Porter gave closing prayer, followed by Commander Stegmann's call for removal of POW-MIA Chair Cover by SAA Caskey. Stegmann then called for saluting the colors in place, and then declared the meeting adjourned at approximately 8:15 PM.

Prepared by: Dan Wolfangel