

MINUTES
AMERICAN LEGION POST 318
REGULAR MEETING
November 9, 2022

(NOTE: This Meeting was conducted physically at Post 318, with none in attendance via ZOOM.)

The Post Meeting was called to order by Post Commander Stegmann, at approximately 7:00 PM. Colors were in place and saluted. Commander Stegmann gave the Recognition and Placement of POW-MIAs, and the POW-MIA Chair Cover was placed by 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. Commander Stegmann then opened the meeting for the normal order of business.

Attendance: SAA Caskey advised that there were twenty (20) Post 318 members physically, and none via ZOOM, in attendance, for a total of twenty (20) members, which constituted a quorum. Additionally, there were in attendance sixteen (16) SAL Squadron 318 members and four (4) guests, Jerry Perry, 4th District Commander, Mark Haeufle, 4th District SAL Commander, Ron Wissman, 4th District SAL Adjutant, and Chuck Castle, 4th District Immediate Past SAL Commander.

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	Randy Lindsey	X
Sgt-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	Bob Alfieri	E
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	E
Bar/Concession Manager	Steve Stuntz	X

Alternate to Officers and Chairs

Ass't Finance Officer	Joe Dubois	X
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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 noted that the Post Meeting Minutes from the October 12, 2022, meeting were posted in 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. ***Motion made (Bishop) to accept the October 12, 2022 Minutes. Motion was Seconded (Porter), and approved unanimously.***

Executive Committee Notes: Adjutant Carey advised that the October 26, 2022 E.C. Meeting Minutes, in full printed format, had been placed in the E.C. Meeting Minutes binder in the clubroom bookcase, and 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:

- Agreed to take no action in response to a request from mesotheliomaguide.com seeking a relationship with Post 318 by adding a link to their website on ours.
- Accepted as of November 1 the concession and beverage pricing revisions recommended by the Marketing Committee.
- Confirmed the partial payment of the Acuity Insurance bill while continuing research on possible alternative carriers.
- Confirmed the Post will not pay the tips to the NYE dance band

Finance Report:

Finance Officer Lindsey presented a written Post Financial Report, as of November 9, 2022, copy included with these Minutes, provided copies to members in attendance at this meeting, and noted all known bills are currently paid. He reported the IRS Form 990 has been submitted and accepted by IRS, and the Charitable Registration fees have been paid to the Ohio Attorney General, concluding our financial obligations to the government. Bingo and hall rentals have been carrying the Post, and they are doing well.

Motion made (Surdick) to accept the November 9, 2022, Finance Report, subject to audit. Motion was Seconded (Heberly), and approved unanimously.

SAL Report

Wolfangel presented a summary of the SAL startup processes and status:

- The SAL charter has been received, properly executed.
- Summary of the process of establishing SAL Squadron 318:
 - February 24, 2021: EC authorized the exploration of establishing SAL Squadron 318
 - January 25, 2022: Meeting to work through the organizational and informational process, determining we had the minimum of 10 charter members (12 at that time); SAL Advisory Committee was formed, consisting of Capetillo, Dubois, Cleves
 - January 26, 2022: EC voted to proceed with obtaining a SAL charter
 - March 8, 2022: Reviewed the SAL Squadron proposed Constitution and By-Laws, set the amount of the dues, appointed the interim SAL Commander (Short) and 1st Vice Commander (Kiefer), and proposed the first Wednesday of each month as SAL meeting dates
 - March 20, 2022: First SAL organizational meeting, approved SAL Constitution and By-Laws, added 3 more charter members (15 at that time), set the dues at \$40, appointed additional interim officers
 - March 30, 2022: EC adopted the SAL organizational structure, and approved the changes to the Post Constitution and By-Laws to accommodate SAL Squadron 318
 - April 26, 2022: Submitted SAL charter application to Dept of Ohio with 21 charter members
 - Since that time, SAL has added 6 more charter members, making the total 21
 - October 11, 2022: Charter received, but returned to Dept. of Ohio due to missing signatures

- Properly signed charter document received.
- The Charter signature page was signed by the charter members who were present.
- He recognized those members who were instrumental in the establishment of the SAL squadron: Capetillo, Dubois, Cleves, Lindsey, and Stuntz. Much assistance was also provided by Castle, Wissman, and Perry. SAL Commander Short was recognized for his contribution to the effort.
- He reported the SAL flag has been shipped.

Kamman presented membership cards to the SAL members present.

Commander Stegmann expressed his appreciation and welcome to the SAL members.

All attendees expressed their appreciation to Wolfangel for his hard work and being instrumental in accomplishing the establishment of SAL Squadron 318.

Membership Report: (Chair - 1st Vice Commander)

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

- We are at 75% of quota (133 members); adding 2 transfers and 2 new members
- 23 members with November birthdays were recognized.

Commander Stegmann commented on his attendance at 4th District conference, and encouraged members to invite more veterans to join the Legion.

Perry commented the 4th District is closest to receiving the Brown Jug Award

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

Chair Minnich reported as follows:

- The Veterans Day celebration will be here at the Post November 11.
- The Christmas Party will be December 17. Evite to be sent out.
- The next Marketing meeting is November 21

Bishop reminded that the Marine Corps Birthday party is November 10 in Hall A.

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:

- Email from 4th District specifying the annual Gifts for Yanks Christmas Tree Lady gift distribution at the VA Hospital will be limited to a gift card so there will be no packing needed. ***Forwarded to Caskey.***
- Email from Dept of Ohio Memo on Political Affiliations. ***Forwarded to EC.***
- Notice of flood insurance obtained by First Financial at a cost of \$2,508. ***Forwarded to Lindsey.***
- Invitation from Post 534 to attend their Pearl Harbor Remembrance December 4. ***Forwarded to Caskey and posted on BB.***
- Questionnaire from Oakland Insurance. ***Forwarded to Lindsey and Alfieri***
- Statement from First Financial. ***Forwarded to Lindsey***
- Voicemail from Barbara Ryan asking Mike Stringer to call her at 513 520-3738. ***Forwarded to Stringer.***
- November Issues of AL magazine. ***Placed in club room***
- Flyer from SAL Post 72, Chicken Wing Contest January 29 during the NFL championship games. ***Posted on BB***

- Flyer from Anderson Nursing and Rehab Center “Happy Veterans Day.” *Posted on BB*

Outgoing Correspondence:

None

Chaplain’s Report: (Chaplain Heberly):

He advised of members’ health concerns and invited prayer for their recovery.

He emphasized the importance of encouraging family members to vote, and the importance of moral courage (doing the right thing even when no one is looking).

Porter reported that Alfieri may be able to resume his House Committee duties soon.

Committees and Liaison Reports:

- **Americanism Committee:** (Chair Eric Howland).

As Howland is working tonight, he provided the following report to Carey:

“Buckeye Boys State has announced its dates as June 11-18, 2023 at Miami University.”

- **Community Support & Recognition Committee:** (Chair – VACANT).

No report

- **Service, Veterans Affairs, Economic & Legislation Committee:** (Chair - Service Officer Cleves)

No report.

- **VAVS Coordination Committee:** (Chair Chaplain Heberly)

No report.

- **Bingo Committee** (Chair Ed Sears)

Chair Sears submitted the October Bingo Report, attached to these minutes, and gave the following additional comments:

- Bingo year 2023 began this week.
- Attendance for the year was 2,543; \$423 grossed.
- Pull tabs sales were \$248,156.
- Card games made \$2,861.
- The new Bingo license application is submitted, costing \$1,614.
- Invited SAL members to attend Bingo and get involved in its operation.

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

Wolfangel reported on the status of "Karaoke Thursdays" and invited all to attend. Tending bar could also use some assistance.

Carey questioned if the Post or SAL may be interested in having video gaming available to members. Referred to EC.

- **Event Coordination Committee:** (Chair – Ken Knight)

No report.

- **House Committee:** (Chair – Bob Alfieri).

In the absence of Chair Alfieri, Sears reported:

- Requested help setting up tables for the Veterans Day banquet, beginning at 1:30 Friday afternoon, and again Sunday for Bingo.
- We had a fire inspection October 29: Found violations (extension cords, fire exit lights) which are being corrected.
- **Public Relations / External Communications Committee:** (Chair – Adjutant).
No report
- **Internal Communications Committee:** (Chair 2nd Vice)
Gregorio is working on the December newsletter.
- **Uniformed Ceremonies Committee:** (Chair - Sgt.-At-Arms Caskey):
Chair Caskey reported:
 - On November 10 the color guard and piper will participate IHM.
 - On November 10 Wilson Elementary will hold two concerts; Stegmann will deliver remarks at the second one.
 - On November 11 there will be a concert at Sherwood Elementary.
 - On November 11 there will be breakfasts at Maddux and Summit Elementary schools
 - He made a delivery to Joseph House; the next delivery will be after the Post Christmas party; they are requesting toiletries and pillows by Christmas, also jackets, shoes, socks are needed.
- **Charities, Inc. Committee:** (Chair Don Bishop)
Chair Bishop submitted the CI Treasurer’s Report as of October 31, 2022, prepared by Geil, included with these Minutes.
- **Capital Projects:** (Chair – Vacant):
No report.
- **Marketing Committee:** (Chair - Kirk Minnick):
The next Marketing meeting will be November 21.
- **SAL Committee:** (Chair – Tony Capetillo)
In the absence of Capetillo, Short reported:
The Lounge on Beechmont will be conducting a Queen of Hearts game; the SAL is planning to use the Post Hall for the drawing. Will be discussed at the next EC meeting.
New Year’s Eve dance tables (\$500 each) and tickets (\$20 each) are being sold online; cost goal is \$5,000. Doors open at 7:00, band starts at 9:00, and end at 1:00. Setup to be done the night before, and cleanup the day after.
- **Hamilton County Council (HCC) Report / Items:**
Stegmann reported on the November 2 meeting: there were 5 EC members and only 5 attendees. He encouraged members to attend HCC meetings on the first Wednesday of the month.
- **4th District Report / Items:**
No report.
- **Dept. of Ohio Report / Items:**

Perry gave an update on membership data.

- **Old Business:**

Wolfangel noted the Post Constitution and By-Laws are in review by EC; they should be approved at the EC meeting November 30 and made available to members in December, with a vote during the January General meeting

Wolfangel noted the Ohio AG has confirmed receipt of the Charitable Registration fee.

- **New Business:** None

- **Good of the Legion:**

Perry invited members to attend the Christmas gift card presentations at the VAMC on December 20

- Joseph House Bin in Clubroom

Perry reported a new Joseph House is being built at corner of Old Colerain and Sassafras Ave.

- Volunteer Raffle: Gift Card won by Porter.

- Split-The-Pot: Handled by Porter, won by Stegmann

- Next E.C. Meeting: November 30, 2022

- Next Post Meeting: December 14, 2022

- **Further Business:** None

- **Closing:**

There being no further business to come before the membership,

Closing Prayer was given by Chaplain Heberly.

Commander Stegmann called for “Removal of POW-MIA Chair Cover” by Gregorio.

Commander Stegmann then called for “Saluting the Colors” in place.

Meeting Adjourned approximately 8:15 PM.

Prepared By:
Bob Carey
Adjutant – Post 318