

MINUTES
AMERICAN LEGION POST 318
REGULAR MEETING
October 14, 2020

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

The Post Meeting was called to order by 1st Vice Commander Bob Kamman, at approximately 7:00 PM. Opening Prayer was given by Chaplain Rob Heberly. 1st Vice Commander Bob Kamman led the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance, and 2nd Vice Commander Kirk Minnich led the reciting of the Preamble. 1st Vice Commander Kamman opened meeting for the normal order of business.

Attendance: Sergeant-at-Arms Ralph Caskey advised that there were a total of twenty (20) Post 318 members participating (16 present / 4 virtual), which constituted a quorum. There were no Guests.

Roll Call of Post Officers and Committee Chairs:

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

Elected Officers

Commander	Chester Canter	E
1 st Vice Commander	Bob Kamman	X
2 nd Vice Commander	Kirk Minnich	X
Adjutant / Corporate Statutory Agent	Dan Wolfangel	E
Finance Officer	Randy Lindsey	X
Sgt-at-Arms	Ralph Caskey	X
Chaplain	Rob Heberly	X

Appointed Positions/Chairs

Service Officer	Charlie Cleves	X
Americanism Chair	Paul Henkel	A
Bingo Chair	Ed Sears	X
House Chair	Bob Alfieri	X
Fund-raising Chair	(VACANT)	V
Community Support Chair	Joe DuBois	X
Event Coord. Chair	Ken Knight	A
Charities, Inc Liaison	Don Bishop	X

X = Present

A= Absent

E = Excused (prior notice)

V= Vacant

Minutes: Adjutant Wolfangel noted that the Post Meeting Minutes from the September 9, 2020 Post Meeting were posted in full printed format in Post Meeting Minutes Binder in clubroom, distributed to all E.C. members, and sent to Post Web-Master for posting on Post web-site. *Upon motion made (Don Bishop) to approve Minutes as presented, and seconded (Jerry Porter), motion to approve Minutes passed unanimously.*

Executive Committee Notes: Adjutant Wolfangel advised that the September 30, 2020 E.C. Meeting Minutes, in full printed format, had been placed in the E.C. Meeting Minutes binder in the clubroom, 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 September 30, 2020 E.C. Meeting were reported as follows:

- E.C. passed a motion to fund the Post Christmas Party, in the amount of up to \$700, as was previously budgeted within the 2020-2021 Charities, Inc Budget, based upon C.I. Liaison Don Bishop's indication that sufficient funds were available.

Finance Report: Finance Officer Randy Lindsey provided Adjutant a copy for filing of his EOM Financial Report, effective as of October 14, 2020, and commented on following:

1st Financial Checking \$ 10,640.98

Outstanding Checks \$ 1,170.18

Effective Total \$ 9,470.80

1st Financial Savings \$ 23,019.91

1st Financial 13 mos CD. \$ 10,084.71

Total of All Accounts Currently Available as of This Report = \$ 42,575.42

Hall Account (as of end of September) = \$ 906.

Lindsey further noted:

- Monthly trend for month of September was \$ 2,871.93.
- Monthly trend for August was a plus of \$ 93.02.
- Bingo and Hall Accounts contributed \$5,500 in income to Post last month, approximately \$3,000.00 more than monthly expenses.
- Noted had error on last month's report, as Total of Accounts Currently Available was off by \$3,48.00 (the amount of the Outstanding Check Balance).

Motion made (Don Bishop) to accept Finance Officer's report, subject to audit. Motion was seconded (Steve Stuntz), and passed unanimously.

Membership Report: (Chair - 1st Vice Commander).

Chair Kamman submitted written report to Adjutant for filing, and reported or commented as follows:

- 2021 Post Membership Quota = 167.
- Have 128 members paid for 2021 (76.6% of quota), exceeding 4th District's October Goal of 60%.
- Have had 4 new members transfer in this year.
- Currently have 37 current members not yet renewed for 2021. List of those members was available.
- Announced October member birthdays.

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

Chair Kirk Minnich noted:

- Invites for Post Christmas Party will be going out next month.
- Will be re-instituting snacks as of tonight's meeting.

Don Bishop noted he would have cake for celebration of Marine Corp Birthday at Post on Nov 10th – 7 PM.

Adjutant Reports and Correspondence: Adjutant Wolfangel advised following regarding correspondence received since last meeting:

- Receipt / Acknowledgment from Dept of Liquor Control Regarding Receipt of Fee for Post's Liquor Permit: Provides for continued operation under current permit while Renewal Application is in process. Has been posted with current permit in Clubroom.
- Three (3) Contributions to Post in Memory of Deceased Post Adjutant Ed Ruffennach Totaling \$125: Donations turned over to Finance Officer / Acknowledgments will be sent by Adjutant.
- Dept of Ohio Info on "Department 888 Member Engagement Program: Info provided to Membership Chair / "Post Selection Sheet" completed by Adjutant and submitted to Dept of Ohio as requested.

Wolfangel also advised:

- Due to the death of Post Adjutant Ed Ruffennach, Commander Chester Canter, on October 3, 2020 in accordance with the Post Constitution, appointed Ass't Adjutant Dan Wolfangel to position of Post Adjutant for the balance of Ruffennach's current term of office. This appointment, according to the Post Constitution, also requires a confirmation of appointment vote by the membership at a Post Meeting. *A Motion (Rob Heberly) was made to confirm the appointment. Motion was seconded (Eric Howland), and passed unanimously.*
- He noted that he was accepting Adjutant appointment for balance of Ruffennach's current term, however, is not interested in running for a new term at end of his appointed term. He suggested it might be appropriate for any member interested in the Adjutant position, to seek appointment as Ass't Adjutant in preparation for running for Post Adjutant in May election. Anyone interested should contact Commander Canter.
- He advised that an updated "Certification of Post Officers" had been sent to Dept of Ohio to notify of Post Adjutant change, and that Administrator access to the MyLegion on-line portal has also been updated..

Chaplain's Report: Chaplain): Chaplain Rob Heberly advised:

- He had no information on any member needs.
- The best way to contact him was via cellphone TEXT, as opposed to email.
- Reminded all of the need to vote in upcoming election.

Committees and Liaison Reports:

- **Americanism Committee:** (Chair – Paul Henkel). No Report.
- **Community Support & Recognition Committee:** (Chair – Joe DuBois). Chair DuBois advised he had nothing to report, however, planned to attend two forthcoming AACC meetings to be held virtually via Zoom.
- **Service, Veterans Affairs, Economic & Legislation Committee:** (Chair - Service Officer). Chair Cleves advised he had delivered ten (10) American Flags to Hospice of Cincinnati, for use in veteran death situations. The flags were provided by SAA Ralph Caskey from surplus Post supply.
- **VAVS Committee:** VAVS Coordinator Jerry Porter advised that all VAVS events were currently on hold..
- **Bingo Committee** (Chair – Ed Sears) Chair Sears advised or commented on following:
 - Thanks for all volunteers and can still use more;
 - September Bingo was busy, for only three Sundays, with a total receipts of \$3,526. Distributed \$2,500 to Post, \$715 to C.I., and concessions making \$311. Bingo account EOM balance is \$592.
 - Total distributions so far this Bingo year are: Post - \$20,000 / C.I. - \$6,650.

- October is last month of the Bingo license year, according to Ohio.
- Set-up for this Sunday's Bingo will be at 3 PM

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

Dance Fund-Raising: Don Bishop, commented noted attendance at Band /Dance events has declined, and only 18 tickets sold at this time for October 17th dance. He advised that he is still looking for volunteers to take dance leads for upcoming scheduled dances. He noted it was time to start drafting a plan for 2021 Spring Dance season, and he was looking at dates, but he was not going to move forward with any scheduling if he did not get members to step up and take dance leads. He again noted the NYE Gala Dance is still on hold pending COVID-19 restrictions. Joe DuBois noted that the S-T-P winner at the October 3rd dance donated the \$44 back to Post. Randy Lindsey, dance lead for October 17th dance advised he still needed some volunteers.

Football Mania Program: Randy Lindsey noted we have had four winners so far. Two \$50 and two \$25 winners.

Hometown Heros Benefit: Dan Wolfangel provided updated info on benefit for Post being held on October 18th at Latitudes Bistro. All VIP tables which are inside are sold. Admission for standing room inside or outside, or for outside table seating will be \$10 at the door. Event starts at 12 noon through about 6 PM. Various music entertainment throughout the event. Silent Auction, Split-The-Pot, and TV Raffle to be conducted. Post Color Guard and opening ceremonies will occur at approximately 2 PM. Wolfangel, Caskey, Porter and Kamman will be meeting at Latitudes at 3 PM on October 16th to confirm Legion participation logistics.

- **Event Coordination Committee:** (Chair – Ken Knight). In absence of Chair Knight, it was noted that other than the on-going Remote Learning Center rental, there was currently only one hall rental scheduled for the balance is year – October 27th for Eastside Republican Club.
- **House Committee:** (Chair – Bob Alfieri). Chair Alfieri noted we need volunteers for clean-up / set-up crews before dance on Saturday – October 17th, at 9 AM, and for clean-up / set-up for Bingo on Sunday – October 18th, at 3 PM. He indicated he was making arrangements to have one of the front window large blinds repaired
- **Internal / External Communications Committee:** (Chair – Adjutant).

External Communications: Adjutant Wolfangel noted no report..

Internal Communications: 2nd Vice Commander Minnich indicated that anyone that had an item for the Post Newsletter should submit ASAP.

- **Uniformed Ceremonies Committee:** (Chair - Sgt.-At-Arms): SAA Caskey commented on the Post Color Guards participation in the Latitudes Benefit for the Post on October 18th, noting he currently had all Color Guard and Service Flags positions filled.
- **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 September EOM balances of \$7,657.21 in General Account and 593.89 in Veterans Account. Expenses were Awards Program, and a scholarship, with revenue being received from Bingo, and three donations. He especially noted a \$1,000 donation from a Post Member to C.I..
 - Wave-The- Flag Fundraiser: Indicated a request to hold the fund-raisers at Kroger stores for Veterans Day have been submitted, but not responded to by Kroger, thus they will probably not be held.
 - C.I Rent to Post: Indicated that C.I. has restarted rental payments to Post, in light of receiving some revenue.

Hamilton County Council (HCC) Report: Nothing to report.

4th District Report: Nothing to report

Dept. of Ohio: Nothing to report.

Old Business: None.

New Business: Veterans Day at Anderson Twp. Senior Center: Jerry Porter noted that Claire O'Connell, Director of the A/T Senior Center, was requesting Post to provide a Color Guard and the POW-MIA table for their Veterans Day Event at noon on November 11th. SAA Caskey and Porter will coordinate.

Adjutant Ruffennach Funeral Services: Jerry Porter noted Ed Ruffennach's family was very appreciative of Post's representation at Ed's services in McDonald, PA. Porter and Mike Stringer attended and conducted Poppy Ceremony and presented a Memorial Bible to family

Good Of The Legion:

- Fisher House Bin in Clubroom:
- Volunteer Raffle: \$ 25 gift card. Won by: Meredith Lindsey.
- Split-The-Pot: Handled by Mike Stringer. Won by Gene Sawka.
- Next E.C. Meeting: October 28, 2020.
- Next Post Meeting: November 11, 2020.
- Refreshments in Clubroom:

Closing:

There being no further business to come before the membership, Chaplain Heberly gave closing prayer, followed by 1st Vice Commander Kamman's call for removal of POW-MIA Chair Cover by SAA Caskey. 1st Vice Commander Kamman then called for saluting the colors in place, and then declared the meeting adjourned at approximately 8 PM.

Prepared by:

Dan Wolfangel

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