

MINUTES
AMERICAN LEGION POST 318
REGULAR MEETING
September 9, 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 Acting Chaplain Jerry Porter. 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 seventeen (17) Post 318 members participating (16 present / 1 virtual), which constituted a quorum. There were no Guests.

Roll Call of Post Officers and Committee Chairs:

Ass't 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
2nd Vice Commander	Kirk Minnich	X
Adjutant	Ed Ruffennach	E
Finance Officer	Randy Lindsey	X
Sgt-at-Arms	Ralph Caskey	X
Chaplain	Rob Heberly	A

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
Corporate Statutory Agent / Ass't Adjutant	Dan Wolfangel	X

X = Present A= Absent
E = Excused (prior notice) V= Vacant

Minutes: Ass't Adjutant Wolfangel noted that the Post Meeting Minutes from the August 12, 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 (Bob Alfieri), and seconded (Walter Geil), motion to approve Minutes as presented passed unanimously.*

Executive Committee Notes: Ass't Adjutant Wolfangel advised that the August 26, 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 August 26, 2020 E.C. Meeting were reported as follows:

- Were advised that Post received a \$500 liquor credit rebate as result of Matt Lilly filing for same.
- Discussed issue of lack of a quorum at Post General Meetings, which was impacting Post's ability to conduct official business. It was suggested that encouraging "virtual" participation in meetings, through Zoom, might help to achieve quorum. Randy Lindsey advised he would set up a Zoom link for September Post Meeting, and such would be promoted in September Post Newsletter.
- No other major actions were taken.

Finance Report: Finance Officer Randy Lindsey provided Ass't Adjutant a copy for filing of his EOM Financial Report, effective as of August 31, 2020, and commented on following:

1 st Financial Checking	\$ 10,047.80
Outstanding Checks	\$ 3,048.00
Effective Total	\$ 6,999.80
1 st Financial Savings	\$ 22,618.98
1 st Financial 13 mos CD.	\$ 10,084.71
Total of All Accounts Available end of August	= \$ 42,751.48
Hall Account (as of end of August)	= \$ 2,018.56

Lindsey further noted:

- Monthly trend for month of July was a minus of \$ 3,237.68.
- Monthly trend for August was a plus of \$ 93.02, which was the first positive month since March.

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

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

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

- Have 109 members paid for 2020 (65.3% of quota), exceeding 4th District's October Goal of 60%.
- Have had 4 new members transfer in this year. (Two from Post 888, out of 44 letters sent).
- Currently have 55 members not yet renewed. Provided list of those members.
- Announced September member birthdays.

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

Chair Kirk Minnich noted:

- 4th District is looking for Post to sponsor / host a District activity or event.
- Invites for Post Christmas Party will be going out next month.

Adjutant Reports and Correspondence: Ass't Adjutant Wolfangel advised following regarding received

correspondence:

- Ad for T-Shirts (“I Stand for the Flag / I Kneel for the Fallen”, w/POW-MIA Logo, and Post identification if 12 ordered): Posted on BB
- Info on Post 484 Legion Riders hosting a “Bike Night” on Friday – September 18th: Copy to Post Activity Chair and Posted on BB.
- List of 4th District E-Board / Conferences / Convention Dates: Posted on BB.
- 4th District August Newsletter: Copy of select articles to various Post Members, and full newsletter in Newsletter Binder in clubroom.
- Thank You Note from Post 318 Scholarship Awardee – Abbey Blocksidge: Posted on BB.

Wolfangel also advised on:

- Enquirer Sept 6th Section on “75th Anniversary of the End of WWII”: Posted on BB.
- Military Times Magazines: Noted we were no longer currently receiving courtesy copies for Post of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Military Times. The respective individual publications are available for an annual subscription of \$55 for 24 issues. To subscribe, write to: Army Times, or Navy Times, or AF Times, or Marine Times, ATTN: Subscriber Services, P.O. 433042, Palm Coast, FL32143-3042. Customer Info contact: (800) 408-0030 and (703) 750-7400.

Chaplain’s & VAVS Report: (VAVS Chair - Chaplain):

Acting Chaplain Jerry Porter advised:

- There is a “Go Fund Me” account set up for Steve Knight (member Ken Knight's son) who recently suffered a gunshot wound and has a long recovery ahead.
- Adjutant Ed Ruffennach is either still hospitalized or is in rehabilitation for a continuing serious medical episode.
- All VAVS activities still on hold..

Committees and Liaison Reports:

- **Americanism Committee:** (Chair – Paul Henkel). No Report.
- **Community Support & Recognition Committee:** (Chair – Joe DuBois). Chair DuBois advised he had recently attended a Zoom meeting of the AACC. There was nothing of impact on Post.
- **Service, Veterans Affairs, Economic & Legislation Committee:** (Chair - Service Officer). Chair Cleves advised he had received a call from Hospice, regarding a program which would involve letters sent to all funeral directors regarding the placing of American Flags on all veterans caskets for services and internment. He is unsure at this time as to what will be expected of him. He will advise further as info becomes available.
- **Bingo Committee** (Chair – Ed Sears) Char Sears advised or commented on following:
 - Thanks for all volunteers and can still use more;
 - August Bingo was busy, with five Sundays, with a total receipts of \$5,128.50. Distributed \$3,400 to Post, \$1,080 to C.I., and concessions making \$648.50. Bingo account EOM balance is \$593.55.
 - Total distributions so far this Bingo year are: Post - \$17,500 / C.I. - \$5,935.
 - He estimated we probably lost between \$3,500 and \$4,500 during our bingo closure.
 - Set-up for this Sunday's Bingo will be at 3 PM
- **Fund-Raising Committee:** (Chair – VACANT).

Dance Fund-Raising: Don Bishop, commented noted the August 29th dance, noting 68 tickets were sold, resulting in a \$280 profit, and no major problems. Currently there are 44 tickets sold for the

September 12th dance, and he hopes to reach about 85. Bob Kamman will be the dance lead for this dance. Dance Leads committed for the September 26th dance will be Randy Lindsey, and for October 3rd will be Joe DuBois. Noted the NYE Gala Dance is still on hold pending COVID-19 restrictions.

Marketing Committee Issues Referral: Bishop indicated he has several items that he has forwarded to the Marketing Committee for review, which are: 1) requests for the possible availability of packaged snacks at dances – to buy, or free?; 2) an offer of a sponsor for the Costume Contest at the Halloween Dance?; and 3) a dance attendee's suggestion to consider re-starting “Open Mic” Nights?

Football Mania Program: Randy Lindsey submitted a written report to Ass't Adjutant, and noted that we had 83 tickets sold, collecting \$1,660. Program costs \$498. (Tickets \$97 / Postage \$88.) Profit to Post of \$977. Also had straight donations to Post of \$175.

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 5 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.

- **Event Coordination Committee:** (Chair – Ken Knight). No Report.
- **House Committee:** (Chair – Bob Alfieri). Chair Alfieri noted we need volunteers for clean-up / set-up crews before dance on Saturday – September 12th at 9 AM, and for clean-up / set-up for Bingo on Sunday – September 13th at 3 PM.
- **Internal / External Communications Committee:** (Chair – Adjutant).

External Communications: Ass't Adjutant Wolfangel noted that media releases for both the Post 318 Awards Program and the Fall Dance/Band Schedule were published in the Enquirer Hometown Section and the Eastside Press. Copies of both articles are posted on BB.

Internal Communications: 2nd Vice Commander Minnich indicated September Post Newsletter had not yet been distributed.

- **Uniformed Ceremonies Committee:** (Chair - Sgt.-At-Arms): SAA Caskey indicated he was putting Color Guard together for the Hometown Heros Benefit on October 18th, and needed volunteers.
- **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 August EOM balances of \$6,131.30 in General Account and 593.89 in Veterans Account. High-lighted expenses were Awards Program, 9 Flags for Schools, and one scholarship. Revenue was from Bingo, and two donations.
 - Wave-The-Flag Fundraiser: Indicated request to hold the fund-raisers at Kroger stores for Veterans Day have been submitted, however, he doubts they will be approved at this time.,

Hamilton County Council (HCC) Report: Joe DuBois noted he had received a letter regarding Post attendance at HCC meetings, and he had forwarded to Commander Canter, as the current Post Commander..

4th District Report: No Report

Dept. of Ohio: No report

Old Business: None.

New Business: None.

Good Of The Legion:

- Fisher House Bin in Clubroom:
- Volunteer Raffle: \$ 25 Outback gift card. Won by: Dan Wolfangel
- Split-The-Pot: Handled by Tom Prem. Won by Jerry Porter.
- Next E.C. Meeting: September 30, 2020.
- Next Post Meeting: October 14, 2020.

Closing:

There being no further business to come before the membership, Acting Chaplain Porter gave closing prayer, followed by 1st Vice Commander Kamman's call for removal of POW-MIA Chair Cover by SAA Caskey. Commander Canter then called for saluting the colors in place, and then declared the meeting adjourned at approximately 7:45 PM.

Prepared by:

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