

**MINUTES**  
**AMERICAN LEGION POST 318**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**September 8, 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. Commander Stegmann 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.

**Guest Presentation:** House Chair Alfieri introduced ATFD Battalion Chief Christopher Kasperczyk, who discussed ATFD personnel conducting AED training classes for event workers, and CPR training classes for any Post membership and interested Post member family members. More will be forthcoming.

**Attendance:** Sergeant-at-Arms Caskey advised that there were a total of seventeen (17) Post 318 members attending physically, and four (4) members attending virtually, for a total of twenty-one (21), which constituted a quorum. One (1) Guest present: Christopher Kasperczyk [ATFD].

**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 (Z)</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 the Post Meeting Minutes from the August 11, 2021 Post Meeting were posted in full printed format in the Post Meeting Minutes Binder in clubroom, distributed to all E.C. members, and sent to Post Web-Master for posting on Post web-site. ***Motion made (Jerry Porter) to approve Minutes as presented. Motion seconded (Don Bishop), and passed unanimously.***

**Executive Committee Notes:** Adjutant Wolfangel advised that the August 25, 2021 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 E.C. Meeting were reported as follows:

- Authorized purchase of AED device for Post, which has already been installed in Post foyer.
- Authorized prepayment of up to 45 membership renewals (max of approximately \$1,260) to reach necessary quota by September 11, 2021, to qualify for membership Quota Incentive Cash Award.
- Authorized Bingo Chair Sears to order a new Bingo console to replace our aging and obsolete Bingo console, in amount of \$10,090. Delivery could take three to six months.
- Hosting of a monthly HCC Meeting on February 2, 2022.

**Finance Report:** Finance Officer Lindsey gave Post Financial Report as of September 8, 2021, and provided Adjutant with copy for filing, and provided copies to members in attendance at this meeting, and in addition noted:

- Balance reported includes total of \$7,489.50 for checks written for Flood and Building insurance, but not yet cleared.
- .All bills are currently paid.

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

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

On behalf of Chair Kamman, who was present virtually, Adjutant Wolfangel presented Kamman's submitted written report for filing, as follows:

- Expects 2021-2022 Quota will be 169 (not yet confirmed).
- Currently at 147 paid members, or 87% of expected quota of 169, and goal of 170, which should qualify our Post for a Quota Incentive Cash Award.
- Noted we have 7 new Post members (2 new / 5 transfers in)
- Have four deceased members this year (Joe Burkart / Charles Gill / John Wakefield / Dan Crocker).
- New cards are available upon payment of dues.
- Announced thirteen (13) September member birthdays.

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

Chair Minnich noted or commented on:

- Tailgate Social: - For Post members and families, being considered for Saturday – October 16<sup>th</sup>. More will follow when confirmed.
- Marketing Committee Meeting – Wednesday – September 15<sup>th</sup>, at 7 PM.
- Fall Live Band / Dance Season: Season in progress – Next dance Saturday-September 11<sup>th</sup>.
- A/T Veterans Day Recognition Social / Dinner / Entertainment Event: Thursday – November 11<sup>th</sup>.

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

- Info / Reservation Form for New Department of Ohio Commander Jean Wilson (Post 199) Homecoming Event. - 9/25/21 - \$35 Per Person: ***Posted on BB.***
- Dept of Ohio Charities, Inc Info reference “Electronic Charitable (Video Raffle) Gaming Update”: ***No***

***action required.***

- OAG Dave Yost Info on “Electronic Instant Bingo”: ***No action required.***
- Email from 4<sup>th</sup> District Commander Steve Ervin Reference Membership Quota Incentive Awards for Post Achieving 85% Membership by September 11<sup>th</sup>: ***No action required.***
- Donation Acknowledgment for \$50 C.I. Donation to Korean War Veteran's Association for “Ohio Korean Veterans KIA Memorial Wall”: ***Posted on BB.***
- Notice / Invoice for Post 318's 4<sup>th</sup> District Assessment - \$58.45: ***To F.O. Lindsey for payment.***
- 4<sup>th</sup> District Newsletter – September 2021: ***Posted in Newsletter Binder in Clubroom, with copies to Post Officers.***
- Obituary – Post Member Dan Crocker: ***Post on BB.***
- Info and Anderson Insight Article Regarding A/T Veterans Day Celebration Event: ***Posted on BB.***
- Letter of Appreciation from Post Scholarship Recipient – Conner Flora: ***Read and Posted on BB.***
- Reminder of “Operation Thank You” - Lunken Airport – Saturday – 9/11/21: ***Posted on BB.***
- Notice of 4<sup>th</sup> District Bowling Tournament -11/27/21 – Madison Bowl: ***Posted on BB / Copy to 2nd Vice Cmdr.***

Outgoing Correspondence:

- Donation Acknowledgment to member Terry Childs for \$50 donation to Post (in lieu of Football Mania participation):

***Adjutant Wolfangel advised he would be out of town, and unavailable from Sunday – 9/19/21 through Sunday – 9/26/21. F.O. Lindsey will be handling Post mail pickup and distribution.***

**Chaplain’s Report:** (Chaplain): Chaplain Jerry Porter indicated he had nothing new to report. Reminded of seeking of volunteers for September 11<sup>th</sup> at Lunken Airport event. Schedule and info on BB,

**Committees and Liaison Reports:**

- **Americanism Committee:** (Chair – VACANT) Jerry Porter advised he was attempting to meet with AHS Principal regarding Legion / Post Programs available for participation by students/schools.
- **Community Support & Recognition Committee:** (Chair – VACANT).  
A/T Veteran Day Celebration: Don Bishop commented on logistics and reservation process for November 11<sup>th</sup> event.
- **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 schedule as yet.
- **Bingo Committee** (Chair – Ed Sears) Chair Sears referenced the written August Bingo Report, which will be filed with these meeting minutes, in Post Meeting Minutes binder in clubroom for review, or access. He further noted or commented regarding:
  - Thanks to Bingo volunteers. Still need more. Have need for set up on this Sunday.
  - The 2020 / 2021 Bingo year should be a record year as to revenue produced for Post and C.I..
  - New Bingo console is ordered.
  - Completed audit with State of Ohio. Believes we did well. Did receive a few suggestions.
- **Fund-Raising Committee:** (Chair – VACANT).  
“Hometown Heroes Benefit”: Dan Wolfangel noted the benefit that was planned, promoted and conducted by private individuals, at Latitudes Bar & Bistro (Anderson Towne Center), on Sunday –

August 29, 2021, solely for benefit of Post 318, was for the third year a huge success., exceeding previous years' efforts. Funds have been turned over to F.O. Lindsey. Recognition and appreciation for the benefit promoters and workers will be held at either the October or November Post meeting.

Fall Season Live Band / Dances: Don Bishop commented on the logistics of the schedule and events , which are now in progress. Indicated attendance is coming back slowly. Desperately needs volunteers for dance on September 11<sup>th</sup>. Next dance after that will be on September 25<sup>th</sup>.

Christmas Show: Don Bishop advised will be held on Saturday December 18<sup>th</sup>, and already has sold 67 tickets.

Football Mania: Randy Lindsey submitted written report, which will be filed with Minutes, noting the net to Post should be around \$1,152.

■ **Event Coordination Committee:** (Chair – Ken Knight). No report, in absence.

■ **House Committee:** (Chair – Bob Alfieri). Chair Alfieri noted:

- AED / CPR Training: Commented on ATFD offer for training.
- Thanks for turnout for clean-up / set-up details.
- Recycle Bin : Has ordered one for Post.

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

External Communications: Adjutant Wolfangel noted that recent articles published in Enquirer Hometown and Eastside Press are on BB for viewing. .

Internal Communications: Joe DuBois indicated needs articles for October Post Newsletter by September 25<sup>th</sup>.

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

- Color Guard still needs two volunteers for 9/10/21 Football Game at McNicholas H.S.
- Color Guard will need volunteers for 9/17/21 Military Night at AHS Football Game..
- Color Guard will need volunteers for AHS/THS Football Game on 10/27/21 (@ THS).

■ **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 currently indicate about \$ 9,226, for funding of 2021-2022 Programs, with some committed to yet to be expended 2020-2021 programs.
- The major portion of 2021-2022 C.I. Budget Year revenue is still expected to come from Post Bingo and four C.I. fund-raising programs (Wave-The Flag / Old Coney Christmas Lights / Cookies and Cocoa with Santa / Poppy Days).

■ **Marketing Committee:** Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday – September 15, 2021 – 7 PM.

**Hamilton County Council (HCC) Report:** It was already noted we will be hosting HCC Meeting on 2/2/22.

**4<sup>th</sup> District Report:** Nothing to report.

**Dept. of Ohio:** Nothing to report.

**Old Business:** None.

**New Business:** None.

**Good Of The Legion:**

- Fisher House / Joseph House Bins in Clubroom: Joseph House deliver in next couple of days.
- Volunteer Raffle: Gift Card won by Don Bishop.
- Split-The-Pot: Handled by Tom Prem. Won by Joe DuBois.
- Next E.C. Meeting: September 29, 2021.
- Next Post Meeting: October 27, 2021.
- Refreshments in Clubroom: Immediately following meeting.
- Honor Flight: Cmdr. Stegmann advised he had been selected to go on an Honor Flight trip in October.

**Further Business:** None,

**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 7:55 PM.

Prepared by: Dan Wolfangel