

MINUTES
SAL AMERICAN LEGION POST 318
REGULAR MEETING
February 7, 2024

Commander Short called the SAL Meeting to order at approximately 7:00 PM. The Opening Prayer was given by Chaplain Scott. Reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance was led by 1st Vice Commander Kiefer. Commander Short then opened the meeting for the normal order of business.

Attendance: (21) SAL Post 318 members physically in attendance.

Elected Officers

Commander	Chris Short	X
1 st Vice Commander	Jason Kiefer	X
2nd Vice Commander	Todd Sledge	X
Finance Officer	Rick Barrick	X
Secretary - excused	Rob Herking	E
Chaplain	Charlie Scott	X

KEY: X=Present; E=Excused (Prior Notice); A=Absent; V=Vacant

Minutes: Commander Short reported he attended the recent District 4 SAL meeting in Reading, Ohio. At that meeting Commander Short received a \$25 check from SAL District 4 that he will be providing to SAL Treasurer at the end of tonight’s meeting. Commander Short also reported he entered the District SAL split the pot and won and donated the proceeds back to the District SAL committee. Commander Short passed to SAL 2nd Vice Commander a flyer about a upcoming March 9, 2024 District SAL Brown jug meeting and asked for as many SAL members to attend this event. Lastly, Commander Short spoke about VAVS (Veterans Affairs Voluntary Service) committee he learned about at the District meeting that provided donations to the Cincinnati VA Medical Center. Donations to the VAVS helps the Cincinnati VA support Veterans with comfort items and programs that serve Veterans. Commander Short requested that the SAL make a \$1k donation to the VAVS at the Cincinnati VA. SAL members second this request and will be done before next meeting.

Executive Committee Notes: February Meeting Minutes will be placed in binder in the club room and minutes will be distributed to all E.C. members and be posted on Post 318 website. A summary of noteworthy items or actions from the E.C. Meeting were reported as follows:

Finance Report: (Treasurer – Rick Barrick)

Treasurer Barrick reviewed and provided comments about the SAL yearly financial statement. In his report Treasurer Barrick reported that the SAL begins 2024 with \$18,189.66 in the SAL bank account. Treasurer Barrick stated the collection of monies from New Years Eve Dance, Golf Outing, Fish Fry’s, and donations contributed to the solvent balance currently in the SAL bank account. Treasurer Barrick also stated this solvent balance is after SAL contributing \$7,200.00 to the remodeling of the Post Club Room.

During the finance report, Post and SAL member Randy Lindsey who serves as the Post’s Accountant provided at the meeting a comprehensive overview of the Post’s financial well-being and status. Randy’s reporting was the first that the SAL members besides the SAL Executive members heard details about the Post’s finances. This reporting was very well received by the SAL members. One significant note that Randy stressed to the SAL members and why the needed and importance for supporting Post events is a matter of the Post loses 10K a year and has done so yearly for the past several years.

Membership Report: (Chair - 1st Vice Commander)

Chair Kiefer reported the following:

- 2 New potentials have been contacted about joining. Chair Kiefer will be following up.
- The SAL has achieved and continues a 100% of quota.

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

Chair Sledge presented his report as follows:

- SAL member Adam Mansfield (Deceased) Benefit – February 18, 2024, at Tap House located in the Anderson Towne Center.
- SAL member Rob Herking (critically ill) / SAL Benefit – March 16, 2024, at Tap House located in the Anderson Towne Center.
- SAL Volunteer needs for upcoming Fish Fry season that starts February 16, 2024. Todd Sledge will put out reminders and requests for volunteers for each weeks Fish Fry.
- SAL started Wednesdays SAL Assembly Socials from 5pm-10pm effective January 10, 2024. First 4 weeks of this efforts has seen decent turnouts.
- SAL Committed to American Legion Boys and Girls Camp (1) Membership
- SAL Committed to (1) Post Scholarship
- SAL Golf Outing planned for Friday September 20, 2024.
- SAL member Jeff Heilman presented a donation to the Post that is a book wrote by his Uncle Fred Heilman (Vietnam Veteran) titled “Never Give Up”. This book is a wonderful donation to the Post that provided a first hand inside look into the experiences of Vietnam during the war and afterwards.

- **Old Business:**
None

- **New Business:**
 - As a result of SAL member Rob Herking medical condition who serves as SAL Secretary, SAL 2nd Vice Todd Sledge has resumed secretarial duties during Rob’s status until further notice.

- **Next SAL Post Meeting:** March 6, 2024

- **Closing:**

Closing Prayer was given by Chaplain Scott
Meeting Adjourned approximately 8:00 PM.

Prepared By:

Todd Sledge
2nd- Vice –SAL Post 318