

MINUTES  
AMERICANISM COMMISSION  
MEETING OF  
OCTOBER 1, 2022, at 2:00 P.M.  
Department Headquarters- Library

1. Call to Order 2:00 P.M.  
Chairman Houp opened the meeting of the Department Americanism Commission at 2:00 P.M.
2. Salute to the Colors  
The Colors were saluted.
3. Invocation by Melissa Fowle, 3<sup>rd</sup> District Chairwoman.
4. Pledge of Allegiance  
Chairman Houp led those present in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.
5. Roll Call: Christie White, Americanism and Children & Youth Coordinator

**Members present:**

Stan Oren, 1<sup>st</sup> District Chairman- PRESENT  
Thomas Tierney, 2<sup>nd</sup> District Chairman- PRESENT  
Melissa Fowle, 3<sup>rd</sup> District Chairwoman- PRESENT  
Henry Knight Jr, 4<sup>th</sup> District Chairman- PRESENT  
Sheryl MacDonald, 5<sup>th</sup> District Chairwoman- PRESENT  
Roy Terry, 6<sup>th</sup> District Chairman- PRESENT  
Bill Frost, 7<sup>th</sup> District Chairman- EXCUSED  
Donald Capps, 8<sup>th</sup> District Chairman- PRESENT  
William Dittebrand, 9<sup>th</sup> District Chairman- PRESENT  
Richard Houp, Americanism Commission Chairman- PRESENT  
Thom Stan, 11<sup>th</sup> District Chairman- PRESENT  
Tom Rowe, 12<sup>th</sup> District Chairman- PRESENT  
Kevin Conlan, 13<sup>th</sup> District Chairman- PRESENT  
John Life, 14<sup>th</sup> District Chairman- PRESENT

**Guests Present:**

Christie White, Americanism and Children & Youth Coordinator  
Hunter Woods, Fundraising and Post Activities Coordinator  
William Lindsay, 12<sup>th</sup> District

6. Reading of Previous Minutes  
John Life, 14<sup>th</sup> District Chairman moved, seconded by Tom Rowe, 12<sup>th</sup> District Chairman to approve the minutes of the last meeting.

**MOTION PASSED**

7. Testing Dates
  - a. October 31<sup>st</sup>- November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022
  - b. November 7<sup>th</sup>- November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022- Make-up dates

8. Trip Dates
  - a. March 5<sup>th</sup>- 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023
    - i. Arlington Wreath Laying requested for March 7<sup>th</sup> – approved for March 8<sup>th</sup> at 11:15AM.

Commission also mentioned that the winning tests need to be into Department from the District by January 6<sup>th</sup>. That is physically into Department and not postmarked in the mail.

Stan Oren, 1<sup>st</sup> District Chairman motioned, seconded by John Life 14<sup>th</sup> District Chairman to set the date for the district winners to be turned in to Department by January 6<sup>th</sup>.

**MOTION PASSED**

9. Educator of the Year selections- Chris Lyons of the 1<sup>st</sup> District is the only nominee for the Department Educator of the Year.

Thom Stan 11<sup>th</sup> District Chairman motioned, seconded by William Dittebrand 9<sup>th</sup> District Chairman to award Chris Lyons as the Educator of the Year.

**MOTION PASSED**

10. Eagle Scout of the Year selections-

Thom Stan, 11<sup>th</sup> District Chairman motions, seconded by Stan Oren, 1<sup>st</sup> District Chairman to accept Codey Mellinger as the Department Eagle Scout of the year as long as they fix the information on the cover sheet.

**MOTION PASSED**

11. A&G Judge Selections- Since this is an odd judging year, only the odd numbered Districts are considered. District numbers were put in a cap, and the Districts that were chosen were..... District 7, 9, 11 and 13. Districts 5, 1, and 3 will be alternate judges. Those Districts and Alternates will be grading the tests as well as the Auxiliary Americanism Chairwoman and the SAL Americanism Chairman at Mid-Winter on January 20<sup>th</sup>. Mid-Winter will be held at the Marriott Dublin.

12. Unfinished Business- Henry Knight, 4<sup>th</sup> District Chairman mentioned that the A&G spreadsheet being sent to the District Chairmen ahead of time is helpful. The A&G test request needs to be into Department by October 21<sup>st</sup>.

13. New Business
  - a. Chaperones –

William Dittebrand, 9<sup>th</sup> District Chairman motions, seconded by John Life, 14<sup>th</sup> District Chairman to ask the Department Commander Charles Stennis, as well as Department 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander Jason Rue to attend the A&G Trip as chaperones.

**MOTION PASSED**

- b. Melissa Fowle, 3<sup>rd</sup> District Chairwoman handed each District attendance numbers by Post for

Buckeye Boys State attendance for 2022 since she is Buckeye Boys State 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President this year. That way the District Americanism Chairs can encourage Posts in their District to send more boys to Boys State.

- c. Henry Knight- would like the Chairman address to be updated.

14. Good of the Legion- Districts still need to pick up their A&G pins.

Richard Houp mentioned that Brad Teis had Commander coins that he was supposed to give out. 10<sup>th</sup> District took over the coins and will be selling them so the donations can go to Save a Warrior which was Brads project.

15. Benediction. Benediction was given by Melissa Fowle, 3<sup>rd</sup> District Chairwoman

16. Adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 2:40 P.M.