

MINUTES  
AMERICANISM COMMISSION  
MEETING OF  
OCTOBER 8, 2021, at 3:00 P.M.  
Cherry Valley Lodge

1. Call to Order 3:00 P.M.  
Chairman Houp opened the meeting of the Department Americanism Commission at 3:00P.M.
2. Salute to the Colors  
The Colors were saluted.
3. Invocation by Kent Long, 2<sup>nd</sup> District Chairman.
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  
Kent Long, 2<sup>nd</sup> District Chairman- PRESENT  
Brian Fowle, 3<sup>rd</sup> District Chairman- PRESENT  
Steve Ervin, 4<sup>th</sup> District Chairman- PRESENT  
Cheryl 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- PRESENT  
Robert Schmoll, 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  
Thomas 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  
Paul Sands, District 7  
Harold Landis, District 1

6. Reading of Previous Minutes  
William Dittebrand, 9<sup>th</sup> District Chairman moved, seconded by Stan Oren, 1<sup>st</sup> District Chairman to approve the minutes of the last meeting.

**MOTION PASSED**

7. Testing Dates
  - a. November 1-5, 2021
  - b. November 8-12, 2021- make-up dates

Christie White, Americanism and Children & Youth Coordinator notified the commission of when testing dates should be in schools and asked that each chairman notifies all the Posts in their Districts of what the dates should be. If they must work with schools and do the testing earlier, we are flexible.

Posts need to have winning tests to the County Commanders by November 26<sup>th</sup>. County Commanders need to have winning tests to the District Americanism Chairs by December 10<sup>th</sup>. District Americanism Chairs need to have their winning tests to Department Headquarters by January 7<sup>th</sup>.

8. Trip dates
  - a. February 28<sup>th</sup>- March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022

9. Unfinished business

- a. Americanism Pins

Thom Stan, 11<sup>th</sup> District Chairman motions that Americanism Pin A be the pin the commission chooses, and that the pin will be American made. Kent Long, 2<sup>nd</sup> District Chairman seconds the motion.

Open discussion- Chairman Houp mentions to the Commission that he has talked to Glenn Hickman and Charities Inc will more then likely pay for the initial expense of \$3240.00 for purchasing 800 pins. William Dittebrand, 9<sup>th</sup> District Chairman asks that the commission orders 1400 pins, which will be 100 for each District.

**MOTION PASSED**

- b. Resolution

Kent Long, 2<sup>nd</sup> District Chairman motions to approve Resolution 22-03 that will Bring Civics Back into The Classroom of Ohio Schools. Thom Stan, 11<sup>th</sup> District Chairman seconds the motion.

**MOTION PASSED**

The Commission will share the Resolution with the Children & Youth Commission to see if they would like to support it as well. Regardless, the Americanism Commission will take it to the DEC for Approval.

10. New business

- a. A&G Test Printing- The A&G tests are printing in house and will be mailed to all Posts that have ordered tests within the next 2 weeks.
  - b. A&G Judging Selections at Mid-Winter (January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022)- Since it is an even year, the judges for the A&G Trip will be District 8, District 10, District 14, and District 4. The alternate judges will be District 6, District 12, and District 2.

John Life, 14<sup>th</sup> District Chairman motions that the judges for the A&G tests will be District 8, District 10, District 14, and District 4, SAL Americanism Chairman and Auxiliary Americanism Chairwoman. The alternate judges will be District 6, District 12, and District 2. Tom Rowe, 12<sup>th</sup> District Chairman seconds the motion.

**MOTION PASSED**

- c. Educator of the Year selections
  - District 1- Dennis Heban
  - District 2- Mary Beth DelCalzo
  - District 3- Mary Beth DelCalzo
  - District 4- Kale Chevalier
  - District 5- Mary Beth DelCalzo
  - District 6- Kale Chevalier
  - District 7- Kale Chevalier
  - District 8- Dennis Heban
  - District 9- Kale Chevalier
  - District 10- Kale Chevalier
  - District 11- Dennis Heban
  - District 12- Kale Chevalier
  - District 13- Kale Chevalier
  - District 14- Dennis Heban

Dennis- 4. Mary Beth- 3. Kale- 7.

Tom Rowe, 12<sup>th</sup> District Chairman motions that the Americanism Commission has selected Kale Chevalier from District 13 as the 2021 Educator of the Year. Roy Terry, 6<sup>th</sup> District Chairman seconds the motion.

**MOTION PASSED**

11. Good of the Legion

John Life, 14<sup>th</sup> District Chairman mentions that Post 449 has teamed up with The University of Akron SVA to host a Charity Dinner on October 23<sup>rd</sup> at 5:30PM. Post 496 is also teaming up with Kent State University to help them purchase a new building for their SVA.

William Frost, 7<sup>th</sup> District Chairman notifies the commission that they are having a Disabled Veterans Hunt on October 30<sup>th</sup>, October 31<sup>st</sup> and November 13<sup>th</sup> in Pickaway County.

Tom Rowe, 12<sup>th</sup> District Chairman mentions that the Veterans Day Parade in Columbus is put on by MILVETS and will have a military fly over and will honor the Veterans returning home.

12. Benediction

Kent Long, 2<sup>nd</sup> District Chairman gives the benediction.

13. Adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 4:06 P.M.