

MINUTES  
AMERICANISM COMMISSION  
MEETING OF  
MARCH 16, 2024, at 10:00 A.M.  
Department Headquarters- VIRTUAL

1. Call to Order 10:00 A.M.  
Chairman Rowe opened the meeting of the Department Americanism Commission at 10:00 A.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 Rowe led those present in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.
5. Roll Call: Christie White, Americanism and Children & Youth Coordinator

**Members present:**

Harold Landis, 1<sup>st</sup> District Chairman- PRESENT- VIRTUAL  
Thomas Tierney, 2<sup>nd</sup> District Chairman- PRESENT- VIRTUAL  
Melissa Fowle, 3<sup>rd</sup> District Chairwoman- PRESENT- VIRTUAL  
Henry Knight Jr, 4<sup>th</sup> District Chairman- EXCUSED  
Cheryl MacDonald, 5<sup>th</sup> District Chairwoman- PRESENT- VIRTUAL  
John Loudermilk, 6<sup>th</sup> District Chairman- PRESENT- VIRTUAL  
7<sup>th</sup> District Chairman- VACANT  
Don Capps, 8<sup>th</sup> District Chairman- NOT PRESENT  
William Dittebrand, 9<sup>th</sup> District Chairman- PRESENT- VIRTUAL  
Richard Houp, 10<sup>th</sup> District Chairman- PRESENT- VIRTUAL  
David Taylor fill in for Thom Stan, 11<sup>th</sup> District Chairman- PRESENT- VIRTUAL  
Tom Rowe, Americanism Commission Chairman- PRESENT- VIRTUAL  
Kevin Conlan, 13<sup>th</sup> District Chairman- PRESENT- VIRTUAL  
John Life, 14<sup>th</sup> District Chairman- PRESENT- IN PERSON

**Guests Present:**

Christie White, Americanism and Children & Youth Coordinator

6. Reading of Previous Minutes

Richard Houp, 10<sup>th</sup> District Chairman moved, seconded by Harold Landis, 1<sup>st</sup> District Chairman to approve the minutes of the last meeting.

**MOTION PASSED**

7. A&G Trip Recap
  - A. AJ Whatley- Very well planned, very detailed. Students had an awesome time. Very respectful. Thank you Christie for an awesome trip.
  - B. John Life- We hear about this trip every year, but being on it is a very different

- experience. Students were amazing.
- C. Christie White- gave a recap of the trip, students, and chaperones.

Melissa Fowle, 3<sup>rd</sup> District Chairwoman mentioned that she enjoyed seeing the agenda, daily recaps and pictures on Department social media. Christie White mentioned that the week of the trip is when the Department social media gets the most interaction.

8. Eagle Scout of the Year-

- a. Logan Crawford- Tom Rowe, Department Americanism Chairman said he looks like a strong candidate and seems to have all his info. Melissa Fowle, 3<sup>rd</sup> District Chairwoman was impressed that his application was typed. Cheryl MacDonald, 5<sup>th</sup> District Chairwoman, asked if the application was emailed or mailed.

Richard Houpp, 10<sup>th</sup> District Chairman motioned, seconded by Melissa Fowle 3<sup>rd</sup> District Chairwoman to accept Logan Crawford as the Department of Ohio Eagle Scout of the Year.

**MOTION PASSED**

9. Unfinished Business

- a. Educator of the Year- Edit Packet. Tom Rowe, Department Chairman discussed with the Commission about having a designated representative sign the application instead of just requiring one person. Melissa Fowle, 3<sup>rd</sup> District Chairwoman asked if the designates representative would be the post commander, post 1<sup>st</sup> vice commander, post 2<sup>nd</sup> vice commander, post adjutant, post Americanism Chairman.

Richard Houpp 10<sup>th</sup> District Chairman motions, seconded by John Life, 14<sup>th</sup> District Chairman to change the wording to "Must be signed by a designated representative. Designated Representatives are Post Commander, Post 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander, Post 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander, Post Adjutant, or Post Americanism Chairman." There will also be a signature line and a title line.

**MOTION PASSED**

Melissa Fowle, 3<sup>rd</sup> District Chairwoman mentioned that the District Americanism Chairs need to look at the Educator of the Year applications that are turned in to them and verify that all paperwork is complete. The only forms that go to Department Headquarters are completed forms that are complete.

10. New Business

- a. A&G Testing Rules- it needs to be communicated to the schools that the students should not take the test if they don't plan on attending. Commission discussed the issue of students that do not respond.

11. Good of the Legion

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

13. Adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 10:52 A.M.