



## Department Legislative Committee Fall Meeting

September 12, 2020

10 a.m.

### Minutes

Chairman LaVoy (3<sup>rd</sup>) opened the Department Legislative Committee meeting in the regular form on Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 a.m. at Department Headquarters. Dave Donaldson (13<sup>th</sup>) gave the invocation. Wayne Wright (14<sup>th</sup>) was appointed secretary.

#### Roll Call

District	Chairperson	Present	Absent/Excused
1	Frederick Walter	X	
2	Vacant		X
3	<b>Ken LaVoy, Department Chairman</b>	X	
4	Gary Tarvin	X	
5	Jarrett "Ken" Estep		X
6	Terry Hummel		X
7	Emmett Gregory		X
8	Annette Eden		X
9	Charles Sayers		X
10	Lawrence "Jack" Pealer	X	
11	Floyd Burk		X
12	Bernie Brogan	X	
13	David Donaldson	X	
14	Wayne Wright	X	
	<b>Total</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>

**Introduction of Guest:** Ron Chapman (NLC), Bob Steggeman (NLC), David Cobb (14<sup>th</sup>), and Jermaine Ferguson, Department Liaison.

#### Chairman Opening Remarks

Chairman Ken Lavoy welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for their time.

### **District Chairman Report-Ins**

The District Chairman introduced themselves with their military background, why they serve in The American Legion, their relationships with Congressional and State legislators, their Districts' grassroots efforts.

### **Accept Previous Committee Minutes**

Frederick Walter moved to accept the Committee minutes from the spring meeting that was held on April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2020, as presented, seconded by Gary Tarvin, all in favor.

**MOTION CARRIED**

### **Review & Update 2021 Committee Rules**

The Committee reviewed the proposed Committee Rules. A question was raised about the budget request process. Bernie Brogran moved to accept the Committee Rules as presented, seconded by Gary Tarvin (2<sup>nd</sup>), all in favor.

**MOTION CARRIED**

### **Old Business**

No items

### **New Business**

Jermaine Ferguson presented the following items:

#### **Ohio General Assembly Update**

Nineteen veterans are serving in the state legislature. The primary focus is the COVID-19 response, while the House is recovering from the HB6 scandal. Jermaine presented the legislative tracker to include legislative accomplishments.

#### **OBM Grant for COVID-19 Pandemic Response at Veterans Post**

\$5,000 grant for active American Legion Post available through Ohio Office of Budget and Management.

#### **National Legislative Update**

The Committee reviewed the National's legislative priorities, the National Legislative Division staff, and their contact information. The Committee examined the Congressional Legislative meeting form that is required to be submitted after contact with a Member of Congress.

#### **National's Voter Voice Program**

The Committee reviewed the new Legislative Action Center and are encouraged to disseminate the link to their members. Legionnaires, American Legion Family members, and supporters may all sign-up.

#### **Ohio' Elections & American Legion Get out the Vote Campaign**

The American Legion Department of Ohio is partnering with Ohio Secretary of State Frank LaRose's campaign called, "Second Call to Duty." The drive to educate our members' of their options to vote, recruit poll workers, and to help our members update their voter's registration.

#### **Legislator of the Year Guidelines**

The Committee reviewed the drafted version of the Legislator of the Year Guidelines. After much discussion, the Committee decided it is best to award one State and one Federal per year. Fredrick Walter (1<sup>st</sup>) motioned to accept the guidelines as presented, Gary Tarvin (4<sup>th</sup>) seconded, all in favor.

**MOTION CARRIED**

#### **Nominations for Ohio General Assembly Legislator of the Year Award**

The Committee discussed three potential legislators for the award, Representative Hoops, Senator Hoagland, and Representative Rick Perales. Wayne Wright (14<sup>th</sup>) moved to nominate Rep. Rick Perales for the State Legislator of the Year Award, seconded by David Donaldson (13<sup>th</sup>), all in favor.

**MOTION CARRIED**

### **Nominations for Ohio Congressional Legislator of the Year Award**

The Committee discussed three potential legislators for the award, U.S. Senator Portman, U.S. Senator Sherrod Brown, and U.S. Representative Anthony Gonzales. After much discussion, Fredrick Walter (1<sup>st</sup>) moved to nominate U.S. Representative Anthony Gonzales to the Congressional Legislator of the Year Award, seconded by Gary Tarvin (4<sup>th</sup>), all in favor.

**MOTION CARRIED**

### **Resolutions**

The Committee reviewed active Department and National Resolutions with Legislative intent  
The Committee discussed U.S. Space Command to Select Ohio as their new home. It was recommended that the third district initiate the resolution since Wright-Patterson AFB is in their district.

### **Good of the Legion**

None

### **Closing Remarks**

Chairman LaVoy asked the committee members if they were comfortable with teleconference meetings. Chairman LaVoy will pro-actively communicate with all committee members and instructed Jermaine and the Committee to disseminate materials discussed. Chairman LaVoy thanked the Committee for their hard work and wished safe travels.

Meeting adjourned at 13:15 or 1:15 p.m.

Minutes submitted by:  
Wayne Wright (14<sup>th</sup>)

Minutes approved by:  
Chairman LaVoy