



Department Membership Meeting
September 21st, 2020
6 p.m.
Conference Call – GoToMeeting

Minutes

- Chairman Bradley Teis called the Department Membership Committee meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.
- Roll Call:**

District	Name	Substitute	Present	Absent Excused
	Department Commander		X	
	1st Vice Jean Wilson			Excused
	2nd Vice Bradley Teis		X	
1	Joe Navarre		X	
2	Mike Homan			X
3	Betsy Law		X	
4	Steven Ervin		X	
5	Ron Dull			X
6	Gary Cox		X	
7	Paul Sands		X	
8	Harold Smathers		X	
9	William Runyan		X	
10	Robert Rhode		X	
11	John Robinson		X	
12	Tom Poulton		X	
13	Richard Wright		X	
14	Robert Carson		X	
Total			14	2

3. Introduction of Guest

Jermaine Ferguson, Liaison; Dave Cobb; Jason Rue; Joe Ruland; Suzette Heller

4. Reading of Previous Committee Minutes

Tom Poulton (12th) moved to accept committee minutes as presented, seconded by Joe Navarre (1st). All in favor.

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5. Opening Remarks

Chairman Teis welcomed everyone to the meeting and brought greetings from Department 1st Vice Commander Wilson. Chairman Teis reminded the committee to assist with uncleared SAL squadrons. Department Commander Roger Friend congratulated the committee on their hard work and diligence. Commander Friend informed the committee that the Department is ranked in 13th place nationally and 2nd place within the region.

6. District First-Vice Membership Report-In's

District, 1st Vice

Commanders

District 1st Vice Commanders gave an update on where their District stands. Many Districts request 888 and expired members lists. Some Districts report that some post is not fully functional due to COVID-19 regulations.

7. Department Administrative Report

Jermaine Ferguson – HQ Staff

Jermaine Ferguson, Department Liaison, gave a presentation regarding current membership status.

- a. **Membership Report:** 49,079 members renewed for 2021, which equals 57.93% quota.
- b. **Post Selection Response Report:** Emails sent to 247 Post requesting responses. All responses are due by November 1st.
- c. **Post below 30% quota Report:** 71 Post is at 30% or under. It is critical to reach out to assist the Post under 30%. In the next meeting, we will report Post under 50% quota.
- d. **Post Quota and All-Time High Awards:** Will be presented for review later this week.
- e. **Future training opportunities:** We have identified the need to plan virtual training for new Post Commanders, Adjutants, Membership Chairman on MyLegion, Membership forms, and National and Department Membership Awards & Incentives. More details to come.
- f. **Ohio Life Members Update:** We have identified 17 members who were marked deceased but are alive. We have a reinstatement process and ask our Post to contact us if a Life member is alive but marked deceased.
- g. **Project Reinstate:** If every Post and District achieve quota, we will fall short of our Department quota goal. We must reinstate expired members.
- h. **Concepts for Resolutions**
 - i. To require the National DMS program to obtain a member's phone number and email address – Committee in favor of the concept.
 - ii. To create a process for Department 1st Year 888 members to be transferred into local Post – Committee in favor of the concept. The 10th District may work to put forth language for this committee's consideration.
 - iii. Establish a Committee to Focus on the retention of current/previous membership year – Committee favors the concept.
- i. **Upcoming Target Goal:** The next national target goal is 65% by Veterans Day. We ask that every Post and District take ownership of the goal to focus on reinstatement and recruitment in the spring months where we traditionally lag.

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8. Old Business

None

9. New Business

None

10. Resolutions

None

11. Closing Remarks

Chairman Teis thanked the committee for their time. They were meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.