



## Department National Security Committee

Saturday, July 11, 2020

### Minutes

1. Call to Order

Chairman Al Buxton opened at 10:00 a.m. on July 11, 2020, at Department Headquarters, Invocation by Tom Leach (11th). Appoint Secretary - Jose Rivera (9th)

2. Roll Call:

Mike Kennedy (1<sup>st</sup>), Present; John McJunkin (2<sup>nd</sup>), Absent; Robert Weiler (3<sup>rd</sup>), Present; Al Buxton (4<sup>th</sup>), Present; Bill Edwards (5<sup>th</sup>), Present; Scott Horsington (6<sup>th</sup>), Present; Rick LaValley (7<sup>th</sup>), Present; Robin Johnson (8<sup>th</sup>), Present; Jose Rivera (9<sup>th</sup>), Present; Douglas Russell (10<sup>th</sup>), Present; Tom Leach (11<sup>th</sup>), Present; Bernie Brogan (12<sup>th</sup>), Present; Richard Wright (13<sup>th</sup>), Excused; Chris Hawkins (14<sup>th</sup>), Absent.

Eleven committee members present and three absent or excused, there is a quorum.

3. Guest: Jermaine Ferguson, Jerry Perry (4<sup>th</sup>) and Danya Beyer.

4. Reading of previous Committee Meeting minutes

A motion was made by Michael Kennedy (1st) to accept the reading of the minutes as printed and seconded by Tom Leach (11th): all in favor

Motion Carried

5. Committee Rules

Updated Rules of the National Security Committee were provided to the committee for approval. A motion was made by Jose Rivera (9th) that the meeting be 10:00 a.m. instead of 12:30 p.m. and seconded by Rick LaValley (7th): all in favor

Motion Carried

Motion by Jose Rivera (9th) that rules be approved with amended changes to time and seconded by Douglas Russell (10th): all in favor

Motion Carried



6. The Administrative Report

POW-MIA Program

The amount received from POW-MIA Pin sales is near \$300.00. The cost of the newly designed pin is just over \$850.00. Chairman Al Buxton read the document about the request to charities for \$3000.00 for the POW-MIA fund, which will ultimately assist with the military, by supporting organizations like the USO.

Blood Donor Program

According to the Department CPR, at the end of the year, we have 2,086 donors from Post that donated 4,577 pints of blood.

Red Cross blood donor drives we need to get out the word to all posts that advertising is the main thing they need to do. Red Cross will provide the volunteers and snacks.

7. Old Business: None

8. New Business:

Rick LaValley (7<sup>th</sup>) brought up the issue which is plaguing the Department Of Ohio involving posts that are asking for help because of wrongdoing at post level issues involving money stealing and other problems at the post level. It was suggested that a resolution be drafted to make the NSC responsible for investigating post issues by visiting those posts in trouble do audits and get the individuals accountable for the problems held accountable for their actions. Resolution writing committee subcommittee includes Jose Rivera (9th), Rick LaValley (7th), and Douglas Russell (10th) for the initial drafting of said resolution.

9. Good of the Legion:

Benediction given by Tom Leach (11th). The meeting was adjourned in the regular form at 11:30 a.m.

Minutes submitted by:

Jose Rivera, 9th District National Security  
Al Buxton, Department National Security Chairman