

MINUTES
DEPARTMENT OF OHIO
INTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
SATURDAY, JANUARY 22, 2022
MID-WINTER CONFERENCE
COLUMBUS, OHIO

Call to Order

Chairman Charles Stennis called the Department Internal Affairs Committee to order at 3:05 pm Saturday, January 22, 2022.

Roll Call

Members present:

Jason Rue (1), Tim Shaw (2), Arnold Whatley (3), Jerry Perry (4), Charles Kvochick (5), Fred James (8), Charles Stennis (9), Doug Russell (10), Andy Matheny (11), George Muss (12)

Guests present:

Tom Poulton (10)

Unfinished Business

Resolution 21-02

By The American Legion Department of Ohio Internal Affairs Committee, That Article XI, Section 1., of the American Legion Department Constitution be amended to change the minimum membership a Post shall have from twenty-five (25) to fifteen (15) members. Article XI 1., shall now read: Section1. The local unit shall be the Post, which shall have a minimum membership of fifteen (15).

Jason Rue made a motion to change to the Constitution, seconded by Doug Russell.

MOTION PASSED

Resolution 21-09

By The American Legion Department of Ohio Internal Affairs Committee, That Article V, Section 2., of the American Legion Department Constitution be changed from:

“Each Post shall be entitled to one delegate and one alternate for the first twenty-five (25) members, two delegates and alternates for sixty-six (66) members, and an additional delegate and alternate for each one hundred (100) members.”

shall now read:

“Each Post shall be entitled to one delegate and one alternate for the first fifteen (15) members, two delegates and alternates for sixty (60) members, and an additional delegate and alternate for each one hundred (100) members”

Fred James made a motion to change the Constitution, seconded by Tim Shaw.

MOTION PASSED

Resolution 22-01A

That the Department Internal Affairs Commission and the Department Finance Commission create, establish, and budget necessary funds for this Distinguished Service Medal Award for The American Legion Department of Ohio.

That the funds include Master Plaque at the Department Headquarters with brass tags for each recipient's name and year awarded and for a new Legion cap with the Distinguished Service Medal embroidered on the cap with additional lettering if needed.

The Ohio Distinguished Service Medal be known as the Fredrick W. Galbraith (1st Department Commander of Ohio and 2nd National Commander of the American Legion) Distinguished Service Medal of Ohio.

The Distinguished Service Medal of Ohio supporting Ribbon colors should be Red, White, and Blue and imprint the State name “Ohio” on the top front along with “Fredrick W. Galbraith Distinguished Service Medal” as well as The American Legion logo in the center of the Medal Medallion

The Criteria for the awarding of Ohio's Distinguished Service Medal will follow the criteria used for the Nation Distinguished Service Medal with revisions allowing for the issuance in the State and Department of Ohio as attached with additional revisions as needed.

The American Legion Department of Ohio Department Internal Affairs Committee in regular meeting assembled at Department Headquarters in Delaware, Ohio establishes the Fredrick W. Galbraith Distinguished Service Medal of Ohio

Fred James made a motion to create the Award, seconded by Tim Shaw.

MOTION PASSED

Resolution 22-02

Arthur F. Lustig's name be the very first name on the Master Plaque at Department and that, his name be in the Center of the plaque with future names being added to the left and right.

A new American Legion cap be provided to Arthur F. Lustig with a replica of the Medal embroidered on the cap with additional wording of "Judge Advocate Emeritus Department of Ohio.

Lucas County Council (The Great First District), in a regular meeting assembled at Whitehouse Post #384 in Whitehouse, Ohio on August 2, 2021, urge Department Executive Committee of The American Legion Department of Ohio to award Arthur F. Lustig the first-ever Frederick W. Galbraith Distinguished Medal of Ohio.

The Great First District of the American Legion Department of Ohio in a specially called virtual meeting held on August 5, 2021, with Roll Call further urges and recommends Arthur F. Lustig be awarded the first-ever Frederick W. Galbraith Service Medal of Ohio.

Fred James made a motion to send **this Resolution back to the Department Executive Committee**, Doug Russell 2nd the motion.

MOTION PASSED