

# THE AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF



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## Membership & Post Activities Commission Meeting

Held Virtually Via Teams on October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

1. Call to Order at: 10:00am
2. Salute the Colors
3. Invocation: James Fast
4. Pledge of Allegiance
5. Roll Call

District	Name (2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice)	Name (1 <sup>st</sup> Vice)	Substitute (2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice)	Substitute (1 <sup>st</sup> Vice)	Attendance
1	Dean Boyers	Mark Mahlman	X		X
2	Mike Homan	James Fast	James Fast		X
3	Brian Fowle	Chris Emmons	X		X
4	Champ Brown	Robert Wilson			
5	Melissa Rodgers	Bob Mason	X		X
6	Dan Goodman	Chris Miller	X	Shane Eaton	X
7	Robert Wagoner	Johnny Conley		Robert Wagoner	X
8	Mike Lincoln	Larry Sullivan	X	Mike Lincoln	X
9	Smauel Swoger	Jacqueline Whetstone	Will Dittebrand	Will Dittebrand	X
10	Ralph Vankirk	Howard Marotto	Excusual		X
11	David Taylor	Lee Price			X
12	Suzette Heller	Mike Higgins	Mike Higgins		X
13	Vacant	Richard Wright			
14	Howard McClain	Rodger Wiant	Rodger Wiant		X

6. Guest: Hunter Woods, Department Membership, PA Coordinator.
7. Chair Opening Remarks: AJ Whatley (Dept. 1<sup>st</sup> Vice) & Stan Oren (Dept. 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice)
  - a. 1<sup>st</sup> Vice: Now that the life members have been accounted for it is important to focus on retention. We currently stand at the 25<sup>th</sup> position.
  - b. 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice: Started 5K race to raise money for honor flight.

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8. Review of Previous Minutes
  - a. Shane Eaton (6D) asks that bid packets be sent out. Hunter Woods Membership & PA coordinator states that Bowling and Golf bid packets should have been sent to all 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> vices in the mailing for the commission meeting.
9. Old Business
  - a. Cornhole
    - i. Howard Marotto (D10) States that Larry Stautsberry has ran them in the past and would be willing to run and set one up for PA.
10. New Business
  - a. Legion Difference
    - i. Department 1<sup>st</sup> Vice AJ Whatley states that we as a department we currently sit at 55.36% which is above the next cut off date. I do believe we will make our goal if we continue to keep up this pace.
  - b. Where do we stand currently compared to this time last year?
  - c. Buddy Check
    - i. Department 1<sup>st</sup> Vice AJ Whatley asked if anyone completed buddy checks. Shane Eaton (D6) stated that he personally completed buddy checks. However, his Post and District did not, but are in the process of setting up a buddy check system. Howard Marotto (D10) stated that mail outs were sent.
  - d. Revitalization
    - i. Department 1<sup>st</sup> Vice AJ Whatley states that it's time we start looking at revitalization of posts and that this must be a team effort as the Post 1<sup>st</sup> vice would not be able to complete the task on their own. The more effort we place into revitalization and buddy checks will help in the long run and I believe that it boosts us back into the big 12.
  - e. MyLegion/Membership training is offered through Hunter Woods
    - i. Hunter Woods Membership & PA Coordinator states that he offers in person training on the operations of MyLegion. Roger Wait (D14) asks Hunter if this means he would be willing to go to the Post that wants the training and Hunter Woods replied yes to this question.
  - f. Euchre
  - g. Bowling
  - h. Golf
11. Good of the Legion
  - a. Michael Higgins (D12) Legion member asked if National and Department would consider one-year free membership to active military as a recruiting tool. Based on return roughly 1-2% would automatically increase. Bob Mason (D5) stated that

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his personal post currently has a sponsorship program where a member of the post sponsors their membership during their active-duty status with a sent letter.

- b. Michael Higgins (D12) requests that we offer the opportunity to opt out of paper mailings.
12. Benediction: James Fast
13. Salute Colors
14. Adjournment: 11:23am