Membership and Post Activities Standing Commission Meeting

Held at Department Headquarters on July 15th, 2023.

1. Call to Order: 10:00AM
2. Salute the Colors
3. Invocation by 4th District Commander AL Buxton
4. Pledge of Allegiance
5. Roll Call

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| **District** | **1st Vice Name** | **2nd Vice Name** | **Substitute** | **Attendance****1st Vice** | **Attendance****2nd Vice** |
| 1 | Mark Mahlman  | Dean Boyers  |  | X | X |
| 2 | VACANT | Mike Homan  |  |  | X |
| 3 | Chris Emmons | Brian Fowle  |  |  | X |
| 4 | Robert Wilson | Champ Brown  | Al Buxton | X |  |
| 5 | Bob Mason | Melissa Rodgers  |  |  |  |
| 6 | Chris Miller  | Dan Goodman  | Sean Eaten | X | X |
| 7 | Johnny Conley | Robert Wagoner  |  |  | X |
| 8 | Larry Sullivan | Mike Lincoln  | Don Caps  |  | X |
| 9 | Jacqueline Whetstone | Samuel Swoger III  |  | X | X |
| 10 | Howard Marotto  | Ralph Vankirk  | Larry Stottsberry | X | X |
| 11 | Lee Price  | David Taylor  |  | X | X |
| 12 | Mike Higgons  | VACANT |  |  |  |
| 13 | Richar wright  | VACANT |  | X |  |
| 14 | Rodger Wiant  | Howard McClain  |  | X |  |

1. Guests: Hunter Woods, Department Membership, PA and GFY Coordinator.
2. Chairs Opening Remarks
	1. AJ Whatley 1st Vice: Teamwork, together we are better, I plan to set the standard high. We should be able to reach 90 to 95 % membership with a large focus on retention. We should be relying on PDC to help with reaching out to the posts and increase retention.
3. Review of Previous Minutes
4. Unfinished business
5. New Business
	1. Adjutant Robinson brings up the ID ME program which offers Veterans and First Responders instant verification. Dean Boyers 1st District 2nd Vice asked if it would be able to be used at post level. Adjutant Robinson responded yes you will be able to verify them right away. Post should verify the DD214 and should then give them back to the veteran or depose of them due to HIPPA laws.
	2. Goals and plan for upcoming membership year.
		1. AJ Whatley 1st Vice asks to go in district order on plans for membership. D1 working on getting the cards out. D2 absent, D3 delivering cards and asking how to help the Posts, D4 working as a team to run membership, D5 absent, D6 working the legion family and trying to get at least a family member to join and work their way to gaining the veteran as a legionnaire., D7 working as a team to build membership, D8 absent, D10 Monthly zoom calls with 1st vice commanders to see how they are doing and create more personal contact that would allow for better information sharing. D11 Some Posts see it too much as a competition and we are working to become more of a team. D12 Absent, D13 it is important to keep contacting the Post. D14 Absent.
		2. AJ Whatley asks that District Officers relay information during District conferences. AJ states that Post 776 created a team that goes out to visit the senior members, so they feel connected, we also started paying the most senior membership and sending out birthday cards.
		3. Adjutant Robinson states, the top five in goal percentage worked their team concept and physically visited the Posts, use all the District and County Officers to go around and visit these Posts.
	3. MyLegion.com
		1. Adjutant Robinson disseminated the following information, National are working to incorporate emblem sales. We are willing to do training at the districts.
	4. Membership cards 2024
		1. Adjutant Robinson states that District Officers should ensure that during the Post inspection that they are turning in their forms to be able to receive membership cards. Adjutant Robinson goes on to disseminate the following: National is aware that rosters do not have PUFL this year but will be on the roster for next year.
	5. Golf
		1. Stan Oren 2nd Vice Commander: the Golf Outing in a few weeks and encouraged the body to push the information so members are aware of upcoming events.
		2. 6th district would like to make a bid for the upcoming year.
	6. Euchre
		1. Adjutant Robinson states that there currently is not a bid packet for Euchre but will have the Membership & PA Coordinator Hunter Woods create one.
		2. Sean Eaton 6th District Commander suggests having Membership & PA Coordinator Hunter Woods send the district all current Bid Packets so they may have them on hand.
		3. Concern was expressed about the Euchre tournament and Laws regarding chartable gaming machines in Posts. Adjutant Robinson responded that he would speak with charities about the current laws.
	7. Bowling
		1. Membership & PA Coordinator Hunter Woods stated that contracts with the hotel and bowling alley are currently in progress. Bowling will be held in Cincinnati this year with Host Post 72.
	8. Any new ideas for post activities
		1. 4th District Commander Al Buxton suggested a fishing tournament.
		2. 6th District Commander Sean Eaten suggested a Ruck March for donations and a Paint Ball tournament to bring in younger veterans.
		3. 1st District 1st Vice Dean Boyers states their district is planning a 5k/ ruck combined it is ADA compliant.
		4. Larry Stottsberry 10th district suggests birthday drive by, present nursing home with older vets with a birthday cake.
6. Good of the Legion
	1. Adjutant Robinson disseminated the following information: the DEC on Aug 5th we will be giving Ohio legion emails, they are all outlook emails and they will allow you into 365 online with a DEC share drive and it will show you every post in your district with their most recent Constitution & By-Laws with Officer Cert, and PDR.
	2. 6th District Commander Sean Eaton informs the commission that the district is putting on a golf tournament that will be open to the public. Hole sponsorship will be $100.00, with the majority of proceeds going to baseball.
	3. Larry Stottsberry 10th District states that they are volunteering with the community to be seen.
7. Benediction by 4th District Commander AL Buxton
8. Salute Colors
9. Adjournment at: 10:51AM