

MINUTES
NATIONAL SECURITY COMMISSION
MEETING OF
OCTOBER 5, 2024, at 1:00 P.M.
Department Headquarters-Library

1. Call to Order 1:00 P.M.
Chairman Buxton opened the meeting of the Department National Security Commission at 1:00 P.M.
2. Salute to the Colors
The Colors were saluted.
3. Invocation by Tom Leach, 11th District Chairman.
4. Pledge of Allegiance
Chairman Buxton led those present in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.
5. Roll Call: Christie White, Americanism and Children & Youth Coordinator

Members present:

Mike Kennedy, 1st District Chairman- PRESENT
John Randolph, 2nd District Chairman- NOT PRESENT
Bob Weiler, 3rd District Chairman- PRESENT
Al Buxton, Department Chairman- PRESENT
Ty Bowers, 5th District Chairman- PRESENT
William Little, 6th District Chairman- PRESENT
7th District Chairman- VACANT
Donald Capps, 8th District Chairman- NOT PRESENT
Samuel Swoger, 9th District Chairman- NOT PRESENT
Douglas Russell, 10th District Chairman- PRESENT
Tom Leach, 11th District Chairman- PRESENT
Bernie Brogan, 12th District Chairman- PRESENT
Richard Wright, 13th District Chairman- PRESENT
Patrick Holland, 14th District Chairman- PRESENT

Guests Present:

Christie White, Americanism and Children & Youth Coordinator

6. Reading of Previous Minutes

Tom Leach, 11th District Chairman moved, seconded by Mike Kennedy, 1st District Chairman to approve the minutes of the last meeting.

MOTION PASSED

7. District Reports
1-Working on membership. 1st district conference is tomorrow.
2- Not present.

- 3- 4th Place in Membership.
- 4- doing alright. Fall Conference is next weekend.
- 5- No report. Fall Conference is next weekend.
- 6- District Conference is tomorrow. District Commander had a baby.
- 7- VACANT
- 8- Not present.
- 9- Not present.
- 10- District Conference is in 2 weeks. Having a hard time getting district to submit for the of the year awards.
- 11-District Meeting is tomorrow. POW/MIA monument was dedicated in Marietta on POW/MIA Day, September 20th. Jessica Lynch was present.
- 12- District is in 1st Place for Membership. His Post Queen of Hearts drawing is up to \$120,000 so that is a good way to grow membership.
- 13- District lost a member that was 106 years old and an 80-year member. District is also having a hard time getting submissions for the of the year awards.
- 14- Doing ok. Working on membership.

8. Unfinished Business

- a. Ralph Doll Award Information- Chairman Buxton still has no information on who Ralph Doll was. The Resolution will still be tabled until the Commission finds out more information. If the Commission is not able to find out who he is, they will probably end up changes the name of the award.

Ty Bowers, 5th District Chairman motioned, seconded by Richard Wright, 13th District Chairman to table the Resolution until next meeting.

MOTION PASSED

The tabled Resolution is as follows.

The American Legion
Department of Ohio
Held on July 12-14, 2024

Resolution 01-24: Establishment of the National Ralph Doll Award
Origin: American Legion Department of Ohio
Submitted by: National Security Commission
WHEREAS, The American Legion Department of Ohio has established the Ralph Doll award; and
WHEREAS, It is given to the Post with the best energy and conservation program in Ohio; and
WHEREAS, It is a program that National should urge all Departments to have in place which supports energy and conservation; and
WHEREAS, The Department of Ohio has program which can be used for a pilot program in place for other Departments to use for their program; and
WHEREAS, We would assist any Department of the American Legion to begin a great program as this which helps the planet; Now be it
RESOLVED, By the American Legion Department of Ohio in regular session assembled in Independence, Ohio on July 12-14, 2024 that National establish the Ralph Doll Award; be it further
RESOLVED, That the Ralph Doll Award be given at National Convention to the Post with the best energy and conservation program throughout all Departments.

b. CPR Awards Packet

Bob Weiler, 3rd District Chairman moved, seconded by Douglas Russell, 10th District Chairman to approve the National Security Sections of the CPR Packets as well as adding the Ralph Doll Environmental Award criteria.

MOTION PASSED

9. New Business

a. 911 Dispatcher of the Year Resolution

RESOLUTION No.: 24-02

ORIGIN: Department of Ohio National Security Commission

SUBJECT: Creation of a Department 911 Dispatcher of the Year Award

WHEREAS The Preamble of the Constitution of The American Legion includes as one of the objectives "...to inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state, and nation,"; and

WHEREAS, The American Legion has always strived to be active and supportive in the local communities; and

WHEREAS, The Department Law Enforcement Officer of the Year Award is a fitting support and recognition of 'America's Finest,' the Department Fire Fighter of the Year Award is a fitting support and recognition of 'America's Bravest,' and a Department Civilian Life Saver of the Year Award is a fitting recognition of 'America's Boldest;' and

WHEREAS, a department 911 Dispatcher of the Year award would be fitting recognition of 'America's Calmest'; and

WHEREAS, the National Security Commission commits to finance the award from the sale of pins; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Department Executive Committee of The American Legion Department of Ohio in regular meeting assembled in Delaware, Ohio, on December 7, 2024, hereby establishes The American Legion Department of Ohio 911 Dispatcher of the Year Award.

Doug Russell, 10th District Chairman motioned, seconded by Richard Wright, 13th District Chairman to approve the Resolution.

Discussion was had.

Bob Weiler, 3rd District Chairman motioned, seconded by Richard Wright, 13th District Chairman to modify the motion to amend the resolution to say.

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MOTION PASSED

- b. Law Officer of the year
 - i. D1- Captain Matthew Krill
 - ii. D2- Chief Ryan Burkholder
 - iii. D3- Officer Seth Victor
 - iv. D4- Detective Tara Smith
 - v. D11- Trooper David Handschumcher

Bob Weiler, 3rd District Chairman motioned, seconded by Douglas Russell, 10th District Chairman to allow the entire Commission to vote on the of the Year Awards, but each District cannot vote for their own submission.

MOTION PASSED

The Commission discussed all the law officer of the year applications.

D1- Abstain
D3- D11
D4- Abstain
D5- D11
D6- D11
D10- D11
D11- Abstain
D12- D11
D13- D11
D14- D11

William Little, 6th District Chairman motioned, seconded by Ty Bowers, 5th District Chairman to accept David Handschumacher as the Law Officer of the Year.

MOTION PASSED

- c. Firefighter of the Year
 - i. D4- Daric Homan

Douglas Russell, 10th District Chairman motioned, seconded by Bob Weiler, 3rd District Chairman to accept Daric Homan as the Firefighter of the Year.

MOTION PASSED

- d. Civilian Lifesaver of the Year Award
 - i. Akelius- Lotoya-Chayce

Mike Kennedy, 1st District Chairman motioned, seconded by William Little, 6th District Chairman to accept Akelius, Lotoya and Chayce as the Civilian Lifesavers of the Year.

MOTION PASSED

10. Good of the Legion- Christie White, Department Americanism and Children & Youth Coordinator notified the Commission that they will be having a new Coordinator starting on Monday.

11. Benediction. Benediction was given by Tom Leach, 11th District Chairman

12. Adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 2:27 P.M.