

MINUTES
NATIONAL SECURITY COMMISSION
MEETING OF
MARCH 16, 2024, at 11:30 A.M.
Department Headquarters- Library

1. Call to Order 11:30 A.M.
Chairman Buxton opened the meeting of the Department National Security Commission at 11:30 A.M.
2. Salute to the Colors
The Colors were saluted.
3. Invocation by Jose Rivera, 9th 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- EXCUSED
John Randolph, 2nd District Chairman- NOT PRESENT
Bob Weiler, 3rd District Chairman- PRESENT- VIRTUAL
Al Buxton, Department Chairman- PRESENT- VIRTUAL
Ty Bowers, 5th District Chairman- PRESENT- VIRTUAL
Gary Cox, 6th District Chairman- PRESENT- VIRTUAL
7th District Chairman- VACANT
Donald Capps, 8th District Chairman- PRESENT- VIRTUAL
Jose Rivera, 9th District Chairman- PRESENT- VIRTUAL
Douglas Russell, 10th District Chairman- PRESENT- VIRTUAL
Thomas Leach, 11th District Chairman- EXCUSED
Bernie Brogan, 12th District Chairman- NOT PRESENT
Richard Wright, 13th District Chairman- PRESENT- IN PERSON
John Life fill in for John Kowalchik, 14th District Chairman- PRESENT- IN PERSON

Guests Present:

Christie White, Americanism and Children & Youth Coordinator

6. Reading of Previous Minutes

Jose Rivera, 9th District Chairman moved, seconded by Doug Russell, 10th District Chairman to approve the minutes of the last meeting.

MOTION PASSED

7. District Reports
 - 1-Not Present
 - 2- Not present
 - 3- Working hard on membership- 3rd place.

- 4- Brown Judge party tonight. Won the brown jug and are now in 13th place for membership
- 5- No report from Posts
- 6- No report
- 7- VACANT
- 8- District Conference was on the 3rd and looking forward to convention
- 9- No report. Looking forward to Convention
- 10- Working with a post for Law and Order Awards
- 11- Not Present
- 12- Not Present
- 13- 50% of his Post is deployed. No other Posts gave reports
- 14- Not Present

8. Unfinished Business

a. Ralph Doll Award criteria- Robert Weiler & Jose Rivera

Jose Rivera, 9th District Chairman sent Department Chairman Al Buxton a Resolution for the award. The 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.

Doug Russell, 10th District Chairman motions, seconded by Robert Weiler, 3rd District Chairman to accept the Ralph Doll Resolution and forward it on to Department.

MOTION PASSED

POW/MIA Pins- Christie White, Department Coordinator notified the Commission that if they need POW/MIA pins, send her an email and she will get them to you.

9. New Business- None

10. Good of the Legion- Al Buxton, Department Chairman mentioned that they had a student that attached the American flag to the back of his truck. The principal asked him to remove it. He asked if

it was an order a request. The principal said it was a request. The student said he denied his request. The American Legion and the VFW set up a scholarship for him.

Disaster Preparedness- formal request to all Posts asking for tornado assistance. Christie White, Department Coordinator will reach out to District 2 to see what the needs are instead of requesting money. Richard Wright, 13th District Chairman notified us that Post 2 donated \$500 to National Security, and they can use that for supplies. Christie White, Department Coordinator and Jose Rivera, 9th District Chairman will check with Department Finance and find out. Christie White, Department Coordinator will call Tim Shaw from District 2 to see what items the community needs and she will let Al Buxton, Department Chairman know so he can notify the Commission.

Ty Bowers, 5th District Chairman asked the Commission if there is a set of guidelines the District has in case of emergencies or if the Posts need to have them from the ground up. Discussion was had that it is important for the Districts to talk to their Posts about what the Posts can do following a natural disaster instead of waiting for the District to tell them what to do. At the next in person meeting, the Commission will create suggested guidelines for in Posts and Districts following a natural disaster.

Discussion was had about HAM radio operations during natural disasters. Christie White, Department Coordinator will reach out to the former coordinator and National Headquarters to see if a local HAM radio operator can attend the next meeting and discuss with the Commission the importance of HAM radios and their use after a natural disaster.

11. Benediction. Benediction was given by Jose Rivera, 9th District Chairman

12. Adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 12:08 P.M.