

MINUTES
NATIONAL SECURITY COMMISSION
MEETING OF
NOVEMBER 4th, 2023, at 10:00 A.M.
Department Headquarters- Library

1. Call to Order 10:00 A.M.
Chairman Buxton opened the meeting of the Department National Security Commission at 10:00 A.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
Shane Eaton, 6th District Chairman- PRESENT
7th District Chairman- VACANT
Donald Capps, 8th District Chairman- PRESENT
Jose Rivera, 9th District Chairman- PRESENT
Douglas Russell, 10th District Chairman- PRESENT
Thomas Leach, 11th District Chairman- PRESENT
Bernie Brogan, 12th District Chairman- PRESENT
Richard Wright, 13th District Chairman- PRESENT
John Kowalchik, 14th District Chairman- EXCUSED

Guests Present:

Christie White, Americanism and Children & Youth Coordinator

6. Reading of Previous Minutes

Jose Rivera, 9th District Chairman moved, seconded by Mike Kennedy, 1st District Chairman to approve the minutes of the last meeting.

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7. District Reports
1- They had no of the year awards to present because they need to move their District Conference. Delawares veterans day parade is Sunday November 5th
2- Not present

- 3- Working hard on membership
- 4- Veterans Day program at 2 schools, 1 church, and a company that is honoring veterans. District 4 is in 1st place in membership.
- 5- No report
- 6- No report
- 7- VACANT
- 8- No report
- 9- No report. Jose running for 2nd Vice Commander
- 10- District conference was last weekend. Of the year Awards were encouraged at the conference.
- 11- Jack Hill passed away this week. The district is attending 3 schools Veterans Day programs.
- 12- Columbus Veterans Day parade was cancelled for 2023 due to lack of participation according to the Mayor of Columbus. Veterans are welcome to visit the NVMM on November 10th. The city discussed moving it to the weekend and making parking free to increase participation.
- 13- Members of his Post in the National Guard have been stationed in Texas on the boarder
- 14- Not Present

8. Unfinished Business

- a. National Resolution- Civilian Lifesaver. Chairman Buxton is unsure if it was sent to National.

Jose Rivera, 9th District Chairman motioned, seconded by Shane Eaton, 6th District Chairman to send the Department Civilian Lifesaver Resolution to National Headquarters as well as all Departments and encourage them to create a National Civilian Lifesaver Award.

MOTION PASSED

- b. Ralph Doll Award- Robert Weiler, 3rd District Chairman mentioned that he will discuss the material he has found with Jose Rivera, 9th District Chairman and create criteria.
- c. POW/MIA pins- Chairman Buxton asked the chairmen if they still have pins or need more. Christie White, Department Americanism and Children & Youth Coordinator will see if Department still has some and get them to the Commission at the end of the meeting.

9. New Business- it is an odd year, so the odd Districts will vote on them. 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, and 13.

- a. Civilian Lifesaver
 - i. Anne Niemeyer D2
 - ii. Robert Hursong D4

District 1- District 4
 District 3- District 4
 District 5- District 4
 District 9- District 4
 District 11- District 4
 District 13- District 4

Mike Kennedy, 1st District Chairman motions, seconded by Robert Weiler, 3rd District Charmain to accept Robert Hursong from the 4th District as the Department Civilian Lifesaver of the Year.

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- b. Law Officer
 - i. Phillip Osting D3
 - ii. Kyle Brookover D11

District 1- District 11
District 3- District 11
District 5- District 11
District 9- District 11
District 11- Abstained
District 13- District 11

Jose Rivera, 9th District Chairman motions, seconded by Richard Wright, 13th District Chairman to accept Kyle Brookover from the 11th District as the Department Law Officer of the year.

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- c. Firefighter
 - i. Tiffany Bailes – there wasn't a lot of information given in the packet.

District 1- Accept
District 3- Accept
District 5- Accept
District 9- Accept
District 11- Accept
District 13- Accept

Don Capps, 8th District Chairman, discusses that her submission was weak with information.

Jose Rivera, 9th District Chairman motions, seconded by Richard Wright, 13th District Chairman to accept Tiffany Bailes from the 12th District as the Department Firefighter of the Year.

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- d. Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency- that is the website you can go to in order to get a list of all the POW/MIA's in your District. Chairman Buxton encourages Commission members to take that information back to their Districts and share it with their POW/MIA Chairmen.

10. Good of the Legion- Discussion was had about virtual meetings and meeting in person when things need voted on. Christie White, Americanism and Children & Youth Coordinator notified the Commission that there is not a Department Legislative and National Security Coordinator, but if there are any questions or anyone needs anything, please contact her.

Shane Eaton 6th District Chairman motions, seconded by Jose Rivera, 9th District Chairman that the Standing Commission meetings immediately following Department Convention will be virtual, the Fall Meeting will be in person to vote on awards and the Spring Meeting will be virtual.

MOTION PASSED

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

12. Adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 10:58 P.M.