



**National Security Committee Meeting Minutes**  
Saturday, October 31, 2020  
Department of Ohio HQ – GoToMeeting

1. The Department National Security Committee meeting was called to order in regular form by Chairman Buxton on Saturday, October 31, 2020, at 10:01 a.m. The committee meeting was held via GoToMeeting. Chairman Buxton appointed Jermaine Ferguson, Department liaison, as the secretary.

**2. Roll Call of Committee Members**

Dist.	Name	Substitute	Present	Absent
1	Michael Kennedy		X	
2	John McJunkin			X
3	Robert Weiler		X	
4	Al Buxton		X	
5	Bill Edwards			X
6	Scott Horsington		X	
7	Rick LaValley		X	
8	Robin Johnson			X
9	Jose Rivera			Excused
10	Douglas Russell		X	
11	Tom Leach		X	
12	Bernie Brogan			X
13	Richard Wright	James Dombrose		
14	Chris Hawkins			X
<b>Total</b>			<b>7</b>	<b>5 absent; 1 excused</b>

3. Guest present: Jermaine Ferguson, Department Liaison
4. The Committee read the previous committee minutes from the meeting held on July 11, 2020.  
A motion was made by Douglas Russell (10<sup>th</sup>) to accept the committee minutes as read, seconded by Tom Leach (11<sup>th</sup>). All in favor.

**MOTION CARRIED**

## **5. Unfinished Business**

- a. None

## **6. New Business**

- a. Jermaine Ferguson presented the Ohio Adjutant General's Department Annual Report 2020 to the committee.
- b. Jermaine reminded the Committee to report any relationships with National Guard or Reserve units with American Legion post. The Department seeks to expand relationships through the "Adopt-a-Unit" program after the COVID pandemic.
- c. POW-MIA program seeks to order new POW-MIA pins but does not have a budget to fund the purchase. The last quote reviewed for 500 pins was just over \$800.00. A request for funds was submitted to Charities Inc., but the Chairman has not received an official response. Rick LaValley offered to personally pay for the POW-MIA pins to get the program started. The Districts discussed the possibility of raising funds to purchase the pins. Douglas Russell asked if the travel reimbursement budget for this Committee could be applied to buy the pins since the Committee is saving money by holding meetings and events virtually? Jermaine Ferguson will do the following: (1) Get a new quote and forward it to the Committee with the intent of Rick LaValley purchasing them; (2) To ask the Adjutant to see if the travel reimbursement budget can be used to buy pins; (3) To work with the Finance staff to see if there is a POW-MIA program fund – if not, what is required to set one up.

## **7. Resolutions**

- a. A resolution titled, "To Establish the National Security Committee as the Post Investigative Committee" was presented to the Committee. After much discussion, a motion to rescind the resolution was made by Mike Kennedy (1<sup>st</sup>) and seconded by Rick LaValley (7<sup>th</sup>). All in favor.

**MOTION CARRIED**

- b. Birthed out of the discussion on the first resolution presented, Rick LaValley (7<sup>th</sup>) made a motion to accept resolution titled, "To Establish A Department Internal Affairs Committee,"; seconded by Douglas Russell (10<sup>th</sup>). All in favor.

**MOTION CARRIED**

## **8. Good of The Legion**

- a. None

9. Chairman Buxton adjourned the Committee meeting in regular form at 11:15 a.m.