

THE AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF



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National Security Standing Commission

March 11, 2023

10 am

Department HQ

1. Call to Order
2. Salute the Colors
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Prayer
5. Roll Call

District	Name	Substitute	Attendance
1	Michael Kennedy		X
2	John Randolph		X
3	Robert Weiler		X
4	Al Buxton (CHAIR)		X
5	Melissa Rodgers		X
6	Shane Eaton		X
7	<i>Vacant</i>		-
8	Donald Capps		X
9	Joyce Hannum		X
10	Douglas Russell		X
11	Tom Leach		X
12	Bernie Brogan		X
13	Richard Wright		X
14	John Kowalchik		X

6. Introduction of Guests: Ken Schutz 2nd, Department Coordinator Palider
7. Chairman Opening Remarks
8. Review of Previous Committee Minutes (they were approved by the 12.3.22 DEC)
 - a. Leach (11) and Wright (13) seconds
 - i. MOTION CARRIED 12-1
9. District Reports
 - a. 6th: Discussed train derailments in Ohio. 18 from WWII and 14 from Korea (POW/MIA) have been returned.
 - b. 14th: passed around is quarterly commission reports.
 - c. 8th: this meeting's information will be shared in its district newsletter. Focused on filling vacant district appointments.
 - d. 12th: prior district meeting discussed East Palestine and Ukraine assistance.
10. Old Business
 - a. Pin disbursement and money collection
 - i. Previous pin money submitted.

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1. 10th submitted \$25.
 2. 9th submitted \$20.
 3. 5th submitted \$60.
 - ii. New Pins Picked Up
11. New Business
 - a. Of the Year Awards Reminder, Due SEP 15th to department.
 - b. Increasing POW/MIA Recognition
 - i. Encouraging cities to have chairs or local buildings to increase recognition.
 - c. East Palestine Help
 - i. Does NOT qualify for NEF but they need help.
 - ii. Cleaning supplies and water
 1. Local Posts (Post 31 & 290) are coming together to help the community.
 - d. Advocate the 118th Congressional Priorities to your congress members and report to National.
 1. Pay the Coast Guard
 2. Protect national defense spending.
 3. Naturalization for military personnel who are immigrants.
 4. Support Afghan Allies Protection Act
 5. Keep assisting Ukraine.
 6. Military quality of life
 - a. If we fix these issues, we may see improvements in recruitment.
 7. GI Bill Parity for National Guard and Reservists
 - e. Richard Wright 13th District: an E2 in his district needs compensation for his work as a member of the drone squadron.
 - i. Group from the Ohio Military Reserve deploy once a month on a weekend and deploy two weeks out of the year. New members go through bootcamp. When deployed they do not get compensated for milage or meals even though they are called up on "orders".
 1. This is a drone unit who must buy their own civilian grade drones out of pocket.
 - a. Looking for a resolution to encourage the state to fund their travel expenses.
 - b. Hannum (9) made a motion to table discussion to research issue more until the first meeting of 2023-2024 year. Eaton (6) second.
 - i. MOTION CARRIED
 - f. Joyce Hannum 9th District: would like a member from her district to come and speak to the Commission about alternative energy for saving posts money (replenishwaterpower.com)
12. Resolutions
 - a. 23-04 National Civilian Life Saver of the Year Award
 - i. Kennedy (1) makes a motion to accept resolution and to send resolution, Department Award packet, and past winner packet to national and other

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Department Adjutants encouraging them to create a Civilian Life Saver Award. Russell (10) seconds.

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13. Good of the Legion

- a. Thursday, 3.9.2023, Al Buxton and Jerry Perry only 5 union stations left in US. They had a tour. Still in use from AMTRACK.
- b. Cintas Center, March 29th. Honorvetsevent.org a night to remember Vietnam veterans.
- c. The department will investigate stories on illegals coming from norther border. Al Buxton heard from Bob Schmidt
- d. NVMM "Operation Hill-arious" veteran comedy group. NVC who is coming to the 4.1.2023 DEC will be attending.

14. Closing Prayer

15. Adjourned