

# National Security Standing Commission

Sunday, October 10, 2021

10 am

Cherry Valley Lodge

1. Call to Order
2. Salute the Colors
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Roll Call (11 present, 3 absent, a quorum was present)

District	Name	Substitute	Attendance
1	Michael Kennedy		X
2	John Randolph	Kent Long	X
3	Robert Weiler		X
4	Al Buxton,		X
5	Bill Edward		absent
6	Fred Pringle		X
7	Rick LaValley		absent
8	Robin Johnson		absent
9	Jose Rivera		X
10	Douglas Russell		X
11	Tom Leach		X
12	Bernie Brogan		X
13	Richard Wright		X
14	John Kowalchik		X

5. Introduction of Guests
  - a. Robert Wilson, Department Treasurer, 4<sup>th</sup> district
  - b. Jerry Perry, 4<sup>th</sup> District 1<sup>st</sup> Vice and Law & Order Chair
6. Review of Previous Committee Minutes
  - a. Motion to accept the minutes by Jose Rivera (9), Seconded by Mike Kennedy (1)
    - i. MOTION CARRIED**
7. Chairman Opening Remarks
8. District Reports
  - a. District 6, POW/MIA day was a success and district 6 gave information on how to become a POW/MIA recognized community
  - b. District 14, POW/MIA posters from 2020 were found and given to commission members.
9. Old Business
  - a. Law & Order Committee “of the Year” awards.
    - i. Law & Order Chair, Jerry Perry, spoke on moving the date up for Law & Order awards to mid-winter.
      1. The commission discussed the Law & Order awards. The commission decided that the awards should still be in place for summer convention this year, 2022, but moving forward awards should be at mid-winter 2023.

- a. Michael Kennedy made the motion to keep awards of the years at 2022 Department convention but moving forward department awards to be given out at mid-winter 2023. Doug Russell (10) second the motion.

**i. MOTION CARRIED**

- 2. Jose Rivera made a motion to absorb the Law & Order sub-Committee into the National Security Commission and five members of the National Security Commission will vote on the of the year awards. Richard Wright (13) second the motion.
  - a. A stipulation on the voting members is that voting members cannot vote on their own districts packet.
    - i. Even and odd years have alternating voting years
    - ii. The Commission Chair will always be one of the 5 voting members.
    - iii. The voting members for this year's awards are Districts 2,6,12, and 14 with districts 4,8, and 10 being alternates if anyone from 2,6,12, or 14 is unable to attend.

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- b. WPAFB blood donor program.
    - i. A Department update was given on Wright Patterson blood drive dates for October.
  - c. Amateur Radio Club.
    - i. The commission is interested in having a HAM radio operator come to mid-winter and discuss this programs potential in depth with the commission members.
10. New Business
- a. National Guard is not getting paid when calling up for wildfire service.
    - i. Chairman Buxton is interested in drafting a resolution to address this issue. Jose Rivera volunteered to draft the resolution.
  - b. Environmental conversation committee
    - i. PDC Bob Schmitt is going to be asked by Mike Kennedy about this committee at their District meeting.
      - 1. Mike Kennedy is going to remind PDC Schmitt that there needs to be a meeting held before mid-winter.
11. Resolutions
- a. Asked if M-16 resolution passed at National Convention.
    - i. Department Coordinator Scott Palider researched and informed the Commission Members that this resolution did not pass at National Convention.
12. Good of the Legion

- a. Gov. DeWine recently visited the National Guard members stationed on Southern Border.
    - i. 113 personnel still stationed at the border helping TSA with duties.
  - b. 833 Afghan refugees will be welcomed in Ohio according to Gov. DeWine.
  - c. Debt Ceiling could impact troops getting paid. May be like the Coast Guard not getting paid a few years ago.
  - d. HB 5297 regarding establishing a National POW/MIA memorial museum in Jacksonville, FL.
    - i. Scott Palider researched this piece of legislation for the Commission members since it is regarding POW/MIA.
13. Adjourn by Chairman Buxton at 11:07am