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## National Security Standing Commission

October 1st, 2022

10 am

Department HQ

1. Call to Order at 10 am
2. Salute the Colors
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Prayer
5. Roll Call

a. Mike Kennedy was appointed secretary

District	Name	Substitute	Attendance
1*	Michael Kennedy		X
2	John Randolph		-
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		-
13**	Richard Wright		X
14	John Kowalchik		X

6. Introduction of Guests: Commander Stennis joined the commission to thank the members for their hard work and dedication to the American Legion
7. Chairman Opening Remarks
  - a. Chairman Buxton had commission members introduce themselves
8. Review of Previous Committee Minutes
  - a. Leach (10) made a motion to accept minutes. Second by Rodgers (5)
    - i. Motion Caried
9. District Reports
  - a. 1<sup>st</sup>: Mike Kennedy stated 1<sup>st</sup> District had no applications for these years 'Of the Year' awards for this year but that applications are out for next year's Sept 15<sup>th</sup> deadline.
  - b. 6<sup>th</sup>: Shane Easton let the Commission know that 6<sup>th</sup> districts fall conference is tomorrow, 10/2. No "Of the Year" submissions from district this year. 6<sup>th</sup> District would like Department to plan something for national POW/MIA day for next year.
    - i. Department Coordinator Palider suggested 6<sup>th</sup> District come up idea for what they would like to see out of Department.

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- c. 9<sup>th</sup>: District thinks time frame for awards is difficult and might take time to adjust so future submissions are in on time. 9<sup>th</sup> District believes National should have a National Civilian life saver of the year award. Commission agreed that a resolution should be drafted on this since National has Law Officer and Firefighter of the year awards.
  - d. 13<sup>th</sup>: Nothing coming forward on awards even though they have a police post and a firefighter post. Post 703 had a veteran's memorial that was refurbished and cleaned up. Brought copies of report concerning the National Guard and increasing their benefits.
  - e. 14<sup>th</sup>: Notified the commission how 2 OH POW/MIAs were identified and returned.
10. Old Business
- a. Pin money from last meetings pin disbursement was turned in from the districts
11. New Business
- a. Of the Year Awards
    - i. 1,3,5,9 were the voting members this year for the "Of the Year" awards. District 13 stepped in to vote after 9<sup>th</sup> District recused themselves for the Law Officer of the Year vote so there was not a conflict of interest.
    - ii. Firefighter or the Year
      - 1. 3<sup>rd</sup> District Nominee
        - a. Rejected due to lack of qualifications of nominee
          - i. Motion was made Rodgers (5) second by Leach (11)
          - i. Motion carried
      - 2. 4<sup>th</sup> District Nominee
        - a. Did not have complete nomination form=DQ
    - iii. Law Officer of the Year
      - 1. 4<sup>th</sup> District Nominee
        - a. Did not have complete nomination form=DQ
      - 2. 9<sup>th</sup> District Nominee
        - a. Nomination was accepted
          - i. Motion was made Rodgers (5) second by Leach (11)
          - i. Motion carried
      - 3. 10<sup>th</sup> District Nominee
        - a. Did not have complete nomination form=DQ
    - iv. Civilian Life Saver
      - 1. 1<sup>st</sup> District
        - a. Wright (13) made a motion to go into discussion about a group of people being nominated for award. Russell (10) second motion.
          - i. Wright (13) withdrew motion Russell (10) withdrew second
        - b. Wright (13) made a motion to nominate the 5 civilians who were nominated for the Civilian Life Saver award be awarded the commanders appreciation award and be presented to them at midwinter in the form of a medallion. Second by Russell (10)

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- i. Motion Carried
      - a. Motion made by Russell (10) second by Weiler (3) to accept using emblem sales for the award.
        - i. Motion Carried
- 12. Resolutions
  - a. The Commission was notified that Department resolution 22-07 Passed National Convention
  - b. Drafting a resolution to national for a national civilian life saver award to be established
- 13. Good of the Legion
  - a. 2022 National veterans suicide prevention annual report
  - b. Sam Vector (14) passed away. Previously held a department position
- 14. Closing Prayer
- 15. Adjourned @11:20am