

THE AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF



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IV. NATIONAL SECURITY COMMISSION

Members of Commission and Appointment Procedure:

The National Security Commission shall have fourteen (14) members, one (1) Chairperson representing his/her respective district and thirteen (13) Region Chairpersons from remaining individual districts. Commission members shall serve a term of one (1) year and are appointed by the Department Commander. Commission members may be annually reappointed at the discretion of the Department Commander

Ex-Officio Members:

The Department Adjutant shall serve as an ex-officio member of the National Security Commission . A member of the Department serving currently on the National Security Commission or a National Commission under the direction of the National Security Commission shall be named as an ex officio member.

Liaison to Commission :

The Department Adjutant shall assign a member of the Department Staff to serve as liaison and advisor to the Department National Security Commission .

Rules of Commission :

The rules of the Commission will be reviewed by the National Security Commission and submitted to the Department Executive Committee for approval at the August DEC Meeting.

Responsibility:

1. To recommend policies that will ensure the security of the United States of America and the State of Ohio.
2. To understand the state budget process and the budget of the Ohio National Guard and State Law Enforcement.
3. To maintain a professional working relationship with all legislative oversight committees and staff relating to the purposes of the Commission .
4. To monitor the hearings of these oversight committees and provide legislative testimony in cooperation with the Legislative Commission and staff.

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Responsibility:

5. To be knowledgeable about security threats to the United States of America particularly within the State of Ohio.
6. The National Security Commission shall supervise and coordinate the Department's activities in support of the policy of the National Organization in National Security and Foreign Relations.
7. The Commission shall monitor the budgets, manpower requirements and equipment need of the National Guard to ensure that those units can meet the requirements of both Federal and State deployments and that the Active Duty and Reserve Forces based in Ohio are sufficiently manned, equipped and resourced to fulfill their federal duties when deployed.
8. The National Security Commission shall supervise and coordinate the Department's activities in support of the Department POW/MIA Program.
9. The National Security Commission shall supervise and coordinate awards and activities in support of the Department Law & Order and Environmental programs.

Duties of the Chair:

1. The Chairperson **shall** provide a report of the Commission's activities to the Department Executive Commission scheduled on August 6th, 2022, December 3rd, 2022, and April 1st, 2023.
2. The Chairperson **may** be called upon to provide a report of the Commission's activities at the Pre-Convention DEC meeting or to the Department Convention at the request of the Department Commander.
3. The Chairman shall annually submit a proposed Commission budget to the Finance Commission prior to June 1st of the following calendar year.

Authorized Meetings:

1. **Standing Commission Meetings (JUL):** Standing Commission Meetings are typically held in July following the Department Convention. All members of the Commission are authorized to attend.
 2. **Fall Commission Meeting:** All members of the Commission are authorized to attend.
 3. **Spring Commission Meeting:** The Commission shall convene in the spring to review progress for the year and propose or review resolutions for Department Convention. All members are authorized to attend.
 4. In the event of an additional Commission meeting is required, the Commission is authorized to use the Department Conference Call service to conduct business.
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1. **Vouchers:** All expense vouchers must be submitted to the Department liaison within seven days incurred.
 2. **Mileage:** The reimbursement for the cost of distance by a private automobile shall be at the rate of forty-five (45) cents per mile, roundtrip.
 3. **Meals:** Meals reimbursements require receipts attached to voucher. Reimbursement is limited to \$20 per day.