



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE-----

Tuesday, June 8, 2021

On Monday, June 7th, The American Legion Department of Ohio Department Commander Roger Friend and Vice Officers met with the Post Commander of Bishop-Lee American Legion Post 464 of Hudson to discuss the temporary suspension of charter for this Post. The Post Commander, Clark Wonderland, has called for a Post meeting of all current members of Hudson Post 464 on Thursday, June 24th, at 3:00 PM to be held at the Streetsboro American Legion Post 685. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the future of Hudson Post 464.

The American Legion Department of Ohio understands the value and impact an American Legion Post brings to any community through its Pillars of Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation, Americanism, Children & Youth, and National Security programs. A temporary suspension of charter does not mean a full cancellation of the Post. A suspension of charter will allow the Post to rally its members to make a decision about the future of the Post and to seek new leadership within the election process when the Post suspension is lifted.

We want to assure our members that an American Legion Post is operated and controlled by its members. All Departments have the authority of a Post charter and a right to suspend a charter of a Post whose members violate the integrity of our mission, vision, principles, and values. The matters concerning the incident on Memorial Day are still under investigation based on the complaint filed by Department and we are working with what remains of the Post Leadership to ensure correction and a formal apology.

The American Legion was created to enhance the well-being of America's veterans, their families, our military, and our communities by our devotion to mutual helpfulness. The American Legion's vision statement is "The American Legion: Veterans Strengthening America." The American Legion's value principles are as follows:

A VETERAN IS A VETERAN - which means The American Legion embraces all current and former members of the military and endeavors to help them transition into their communities.

SELFLESS SERVICE - which means The American Legion celebrates all who contribute to something larger than themselves and inspires others to serve and strengthen America.

AMERICAN VALUES AND PATRIOTISM - which means The American Legion advocates for upholding and defending the United States Constitution, equal justice and opportunity for everyone and discrimination against no one, youth education, responsible citizenship and honoring military service by observing and participating in memorial events.

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT - which means The American Legion meets the unique needs of local communities.

ADVANCING THE VISION - which means The American Legion educates, mentors and leads new generations of Americans.

HONOR THOSE WHO CAME BEFORE US - which means The American Legion pays perpetual respect for all past military sacrifices to ensure they are never forgotten by new generations.

The American Legion's motto is "Veterans Strengthening America."

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