

American Legion
Department of Ohio
VA&R Standing Commission
4 pm
July 16th, 2022

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

District	Name	Substitute	Attendance
1	Patrick Grzybowski		X
2	Charles Craynon		-
3	Michael Blackwell		X
4	Robert Ray		excused
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6	David Cook	Gary Cox Jr	X
7	Jeffrey Hoffman		-
8		Donald Capps	X
9	Frank Adley		-
10	Bob Rhode		X
11	Vacant		
12	Traci Washington		-
13	Leroy Brinkhoff		X
14	Bob Carson		X

6. Introduction of Guests: Kaylynn Cox
7. District Reports
8. Old Business
9. New Business
 - a. Gifts for Yanks Update
 - 9.a.i. Gifts for Yanks will operate as its own committee answering directly to the DEC without VA&R commission oversight per resolution 22-09 that passed at Convention 2022.
 - b. Commander VA Visits/ VA Voluntary Service/ Veterans Homes Update
 - 9.b.i. Commander visits are being scheduled by Bill Genochio and Scott Palider
 - 9.b.i.1. Carson (14) informed the commission that Wade Park is still using escorts only. CBOCs in Ravenna and Akron are not

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- letting people in. If the clinics manager isn't letting people in that is all that is allowed
- 9.b.i.2. Toledo is very limited still, but their coffee room is open.
Appointment only: Patrick Grzybowski 91)
- 9.b.ii. The Ohio Veterans homes are in a "critical" staffing shortage, meaning they are below 50% staffed
- 9.b.ii.1. Applying to our VE&E committee the commission was notified that if they knew any healthcare workers looking to serve veterans in the Sandusky and Georgetown area apply at Ohiojobs.com
- 9.b.ii.2. The Commission was notified that Ohio is looking to get new homes due to the crumbling infrastructure of the two homes and this push could be successful given the budget surplus of 2022.
- c. Veterans Employment and Education Program
- 9.c.i. The 2nd annual Veterans Employment Expo will be held at the NVMM in Columbus on September 8th from 12pm-6pm.
- d. PTSD/ Suicide Awareness
- 9.d.i. SAW is the commanders project again
- e. Rules of the commission
- 9.e.i. Cox. Jr (6) made a motion to accept. Rhode (10) second.
9.e.i.1.a.i.1.a.i. Motion Carried
- f. Post Service Officer training
- 9.f.i. Will be held in Department on September 17th from 8:30am till 4pm
- 9.f.i.1. It will be taught by the DSOs, and you can tell people to sign up by emailing Bill Genochio.
- 9.f.i.1.a. Information is on the website under "Post Service Officer" tab
10. Resolutions
11. Good of the Legion
- a. The Commission was briefed on SB 252: asbestos claims bill and how if passed with its current language it could be problematic for veterans who file non-service-connected asbestos cases.
12. Closing Prayer
13. Adjourned @ 4:33pm

"Veterans Strengthening America"