

American Legion
Department of Ohio
VA&R Standing Commission
11 am

1. Called to Order by Chairman Craynon @ 11:06 am
2. Salute the Flag
3. Prayer
4. Pledge of Allegiance
5. Roll Call (8 present, so we have a Quorum)

District	Name	Substitute	Attendance
1	Patrick Grzybowski		X
2	Charles Craynon		X
3	Michael Blackwell		X
4	Robert Ray		excused
5	Darell Bishop		X
6	David Cook		X
7	Jeffrey Hoffman		-
8	Tina Walker		-
9	Bill Keller		-
10	Gary Ickes		-
11	Vacant		-
12	John Tepper		X
13	Leroy Brinkhoff		X
14	Bob Carson		X

6. Introduction of Guests: Commander, 1st Vice, and Adjutant, Department Coordinator Andrew Klingler
7. Chairman Craynon Opening Remarks
8. District Reports
 - a. **District 1:** Toledo VA is allowing volunteers back into the facility since last week. Almost 2 years of no volunteers due to COVID. Toledo is considering extending the VA PT department.
 - b. **District 3:** Dayton still not letting Volunteers in.
 - c. **District 5:** Letting volunteers back in and the clinic is completely open.
 - d. **District 6:** trying to get into the Marion Cboc to see how it is.
 - e. **District 12:** Chillicothe VA closing will keep the rest home open. The ER is closed/ on restricted hours. No medical at the facility for a while. They have been shipping out major treatment to Columbus and Cincinnati.
 - 8.e.i. cannot find enough to staff the facility. Outdated and has hazardous materials in the building's infrastructure.
 - 8.e.ii. Planning on building a site in Circleville for medical.
 - f. **District 13:** Wade Park has still not fully opened up, but Leroy is going to drop off more donations to help the facility.

- g. **District 14:** Two Cboc has been open to volunteers and they are allowing more into the facility as they open the facilities more.
- 9. Old Business
- 10. New Business
 - a. Department updates on Of the Year Awards
 - 10.a.i. Darell Bishop made a motion to accept Aug 1st and September 15th deadline for Department VA&R awards nominations, second by Cook
 - 10.a.i.1.a.i.1.a.i. Motion carried.
 - 10.a.i.1.a.i.ii. A discussion was held on Department sending nomination packets out to Districts by a certain date incase areas of Ohio do not have reliable internet.
 - b. Gifts for Yanks Update
 - 10.b.i. Gift card idea, \$25 amount good for 1 year.
 - 10.b.i.1. \$110,000 currently. More donations are to come in. deadline is May 31st because the awards are in June.
 - 10.b.i.2. VAVS need clinic representatives for cbocs across Ohio.
 - 10.b.i.3. The GFY committee has NOT set the budget yet.
 - c. Commander VA Visits/ VA Voluntary Service/ Veterans Homes Update
 - 10.c.i. Contacted Dayton & Cincinnati and department is working on visits.
 - 10.c.ii. Toledo VA would like to have the Commander for a visit
 - 10.c.iii. Potential Closure of the Chillicothe VAMC
 - d. Veterans Employment and Education Program
 - 10.d.i. Sons VE&E needs to be folded back into their VA&R committee.
 - 10.d.i.1. Cannot get any participation in 6 years.
 - e. PTSD/ Suicide Awareness
- 11. Resolutions
- 12. Good of the Legion
 - a. Some resolution news from Washington Conference
 - 12.a.i. National has resolutions on immigrants who served or who are currently serving to gain citizenship and therefore receive their VA care.
 - 12.a.ii. Benefits resolution out of the Department of Delaware
 - 12.a.ii.1. If you adopt someone it will not matter what their age is if they're a developmentally disabled. They will be eligible for care still.
 - 12.a.ii.2. Sent back to be re-written and will go to National convention floor.
- 13. Closing Prayer
- 14. Adjourned at 11:55 pm