

Legislative Standing Commission  
Department HQ  
March 11, 2023, at 12 pm

1. Call to Order 12:03pm on 3.11.2023 and at 10:08 am on 3.25.2023
2. Salute the Flag, Pledge, Prayer
3. Roll Call

District	Name	Substitute	Attendance
1	Dean Boyers		X -
2	Tim Shaw		X X
3	Ken LaVoy (CHAIR)		X -
4	Ron Chapman		X X
5	Lenny White Jr	Excused	(-) X
6	Jermaine Ferguson		X X
7	Emmett Gregory		X -
8	Fred James	Don Capps	X X
9	Frank Adley	Joyce Hannum	X X
10	Holly Lewis		X X
11	Floyd Burk	Excused	- -
12	Brad Beatty		X -
13	Bert Boyd		X X
14	Bob Carson		X X

4. Introduction of Guests: Department Coordinator Palider
5. Chairman Opening Remarks
  - a. Thanked everyone for being there and asked about License plate update from Coordinator Palider.
6. District Reports
  - a. 13<sup>th</sup>: Bert Boyd communicated with Shontel Brown and their district will be in attendance of her district roundtable.
7. Old Business
  - a. PACT Act will not be touched by Carey (OH-15) or House GOP.
8. New Business
  - a. Washington Conference Summary
  - b. 118<sup>th</sup> Congressional Legislative priorities
    - i. Contact your reps and report the contacts to national. (Department could win a national award! You could even win an individual award)
  - c. 135<sup>th</sup> GA legislative update
    - i. HB 69: County Veteran Service Commissioner Bill
      1. Palider explained the bill to the commission.

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- a. Multiple members of the legislative commission are county commissioners and explained current structure.
- b. Young people are not members of VSO as much so how will they be appointed when they must belong to a VSO to be a member.
- c. Recommended HB 69 Bill Changes:
  - i. Term Limits imposed on members. This can bring in younger veterans.
    1. “No more than 2 consecutive terms on the commission... unless there are no other interested members.”
      - a. This discussion on term limits was tabled for the future to see how HB69 continues in 135<sup>th</sup> GA.
        - i. Motion made by Chapman (4) second by Lewis (10)
        - ii. MOTION CARRIED (3.25.2023)
    - ii. The Commission believes there needs to be regulations in place that should notify veterans about openings with a mass mailing to a database of all veterans.
      1. Currently counties are supposed to send opening out to the members clubs/ organizations and it is a concern of the commission that the posts of these VSOs are not communicating to their members.
    - iii. Commission agrees that only 1 seat should be mandated for post 9/11 veterans, not 2, and it must go through the common pleas court, not the county commissioner.
      1. If post cannot be filled by a 9/11 veteran, it can be filled by any properly vetted veteran.
      2. The American Legion Department of Ohio will remain an **Interested Party** with HB 69. Not opposed nor a proponent of HB 69.
  - d. Motion from Lewis (10) to table the remaining policy talks till after Summer Convention Beatty (12) seconds.
    - i. Motion Carried
  - e. Legislators of the Year Ideas
    - i. Richardson for State Rep of the Year

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- a. Ferguson (6) made a motion to accept the nomination as the Of the Year Winner. Shaw (2) seconds.
  - i. Motion Carried (resolution needed)
  - ii. Federal Ohio Legislator of the Year
    1. Carson nominates Brown (SEN)
      - a. Withdrew nomination on 3.25
    2. Hannum nominates Joyce (OH-14)
      - a. Carson (14) makes a motion to accept the nomination and Shaw (2) seconds.
        - i. Motion Carried. (Resolution needed)
    3. Ferguson nominates Balderson (OH-12)
      - a. Withdrawal nomination on 3.25
9. Resolutions
10. Good of the Legion
  - a. Use advocacy efforts to recruit new members. PUSH THE ISSUE
  - b. Governor's Budget on VSO, TAL \$400k is budgeted. Coordinator Palider gave written testimony to the House asking for a 10% increase in funding from the state. VFW is pushing for a raise too. They asked for 500k (a 100K increase).
    - i. All VSOs get the same amount so a raise could be on the table.
  - c. April 15<sup>th</sup> @11:30 am, Post 566 Akron will be having a veteran's outreach event to reach out to VA, our DSO, county veteran office.
    - i. Will work with anyone who needs help getting registered with VA or VSOs.
  - d. HB 103: revising standards for social studies standards K-12 is one to keep an eye out as they look to organize a task force for establishing a social studies curriculum.
    - i. We may be able to incorporate our push for civics into this bill.
11. Closing prayer
12. Salute flag
13. Closing statement from the Chair
14. Adjourn 1:59 pm on 3.11.2023 and 11:22 am on 3.25.2023