

The American Legion
Department of Ohio
Crown Plaza Hotel-Columbus, Ohio
6500 Doubletree Ave
National Security Committee
Saturday, July 9th, 2016
10:00 a.m.

The meeting of the National Security Committee was called to order by Chairman Roger Friend (District 6). Chairman Friend led the committee in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. Earl Count (District 14) offered the invocation. Chairman Friend appointed Jason Graven (Department Director) to be secretary.

The following members were present:

- 1) Jason Rue-Stan Oren filled in
- 2) John McJunkin
- 3) Bill Willis
- 4) Al Buxton
- 5) Gilbert Cole
- 6) Roger Friend-Chairman
- 7)
- 8)
- 9) Gary Petrochello
- 10) Doug Russell
- 11) Pat Cain-John Robinson filled in
- 12) Bernie Brogan
- 13) Timothy Leahy-absent
- 14) Earl Count

Guests:

Mark Schaublin-District 1

Motion to dispense reading of previous minutes made by Gary Petrochello (District 9), seconded by Al Buxton (District 4).

Motion Carried

Chairman Friend's opening remarks:

Chairman Friend spoke on the concealed carry resolution passed at Department Convention. He cited recent events nationally led to the concern that all states should honor the concealed carry permits of other states as Ohio does.

He further spoke on the need for the Committee to meet more regularly than one official meeting a year other than Department Convention.

Chairman Friend ended his remarks with sharing his new email (rogerfriend50@gmail.com) with the committee.

Department Commander Chapman then entered to address the committee. Commander Chapman began by introducing the new officers for the Department. He thanked the committee members for giving their time to one of the important pillars of the organization. He asked that the committee take information and discussions back to their respective Districts so that they can let the Posts know how Department and National feels about these important issues.

After Commander Chapman's address, regular business resumed.

Discussion over the amount of meetings throughout the year resumed. Several in the committee felt that meeting at Mid-Winter "unofficially" and not being able to conduct business at this meeting made it unnecessary and irrelevant.

Al Buxton (District 4) motioned to petition the November Finance Committee meeting to add an additional \$700.00 in travel allowance for one additional meeting throughout the year. Motion was seconded by Doug Russell (District 10).

Motion Carried

Doug Russell (District 10) then motioned to hold the second meeting the following Saturday after the Washington Conference pending approval of provided funds from the Finance Committee and Department Executive Committee. Motion was seconded by Bernie Brogan (District 12).

Motion Carried

Under new business, Earl Count (District 14) spoke about his concerns regarding the national media's glorification of criminal acts and how do we address the issue without infringing on First Amendments rights of Freedom of Speech.

Discussion then continued to address the actions that recently took place in Dallas concerning murdered police officers. This discussion led to John Robinson (District 11) addressing concerns over the Department Convention and the lack of armed security to protect the members as we are all veterans.

Bernie Brogan (District 12) motioned that Department provide armed security at the convention with recommendation coming from Al Buxton (District 4) that each member return to their district and discuss with the local PD's about the cost of providing armed security. Motion was seconded by Earl Count.

Motion Carried

Jon McJunkin (District 2) then addressed the committee with concerns over the growing addictive illegal drug epidemic and recommended that the committee look at ways over the course of the year in how to properly address the issue.

With no further business to come before the committee, Al Buxton (District 4) motioned to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded by Bernie brogan (District 12).

Motion Carried

The colors were saluted and the meeting was adjourned at 11:04.

Respectfully submitted,

Jason Graven
Secretary