CODE OF PROCEDURE
LAW AND ORDER HOMELAND SECURITY COMMITTEE

Approved Fall D.E.C. October 2021

Section 1. In the interest of an effective organization and control of American Legion Activities, the Law and Order Homeland Security Committee has developed a Code of Procedure in conjunction with the Department National Security/Foreign Relations and Homeland Security Commission. This Code of Procedure will better formulate and guide the Law and Order Homeland Security Committee in its support of the parent Commission and Department of Oregon.

Section 2. This Committee shall consist of five (5) members. The Department Commander shall appoint a new four (4) year member and one (1) year member to the Committee.

Section 3. This Committee shall meet at the direction of the Committee Chair or the Commission Chair. The Committee Chair shall report to the Commission Chair ten (10) days prior to the D.E.C. and the annual Department Convention.

Section 4. This Committee shall annually prepare and present a proposed budget to the Commission Chair for Permanent Finance Commission review prior to the Annual Department Convention.

Section 5. A minimum of two (2) meetings must be held each year and the Chair shall make a written report to the Commission Chair at years' end. If by prior information, a quorum (3 members) cannot be present at called meeting, the Chair shall contact each member by mail, phone, conference call, or e-mail and their replies to proposed actions and recommendations shall be the basis for actions and recommendations by the Chair.

Section 6. The Committee shall help the Department National Security/Foreign Relations and Homeland Security Commission in supporting all Posts with the programs pertaining to this Committee and keep the Commission Chair aware of and informed about the world situations.

Section 7. The Commission Chair shall appoint one (1) member of the Committee to take the position of MIA-POW issue and to help bring this issue to a successful conclusion.

Section 8. It shall be the duty of the Law and Order Homeland Security Committee to review, keep track of and report on the MIA/POW issue and inform and support the Commission to help bring this issue to a successful conclusion.

Section 9. As the National Security/Foreign Relations and Homeland Security Commission Code of Procedure shall be reviewed and updated if necessary, by this Commission so will the Code of Procedure for the Law and Order Homeland Security Committee prior to the Fall D.E.C. meeting approval.

Section 10. It shall be the duty of the Law and Order Homeland Security Committee to support the National Security/Foreign Relations and Homeland Security Commission in

promoting an active relationship with the nearest American Red Cross (ARC) chapter to every American Legion Post within this Department. The purpose of this relationship being to promote and encourage The American Legion family to participate in the long-established ARC training programs as students, teachers, and blood donors.

Section 11 The Law and Order Homeland Security Committee will be responsible for the program titled "The American Legion Law Enforcement Officer of The Year Award".

(a) The rules and guidelines to follow are published by the National Security Foreign Relations Division, The American Legion, 1608 K Street, NW, Washington DC 20006 in a memorandum dated December 1, 1998, a copy of which is attached.

(b) A copy of the rules and guidelines to be used by all Posts in the Department of Oregon can be obtained by requesting it from the Adjutant, The American Legion, Department of Oregon, and PO Box 1730, Wilsonville, Oregon 97070-1730 or by phone 503-685-5006. A copy is attached.

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Section 15 Technical Correction: Meetings may be conducted using virtual technologies (i.e., video/teleconferencing platforms) in addition to what may already be provided for in this code of procedure. (Action approved at Fall DEC, 10/10/2021.)