

CODE OF PROCEDURE LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION

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PURPOSE: To promote public support of the Legions programs through publicity, objectives of the American Legion by a study of American Legion legislative proposals, information to the membership thereon, direct communications with members of the Congress, and State Legislature as requested by the national legislative commission or proper department officials.

1. This Commission shall consist of five (5) members: Two (2) with terms of one year, one each with two (2) years, three (3) years, and four (4) years. Except in the case of an appointment to fill an unexpired term of the deceased, resigned, or member removed for cause. In addition, two (2) additional members shall be appointed in even years, for a period of one (1) year, coinciding with the State Legislature while in session.
2. The Chair shall be appointed by the Commander, Department of Oregon. Minimum term of the Chair shall be for one (1) year.
3. This Commission is authorized to further legislation pertaining to Veterans Affairs and Benefits as transmitted to it by the National Legislative Commission the Department of Oregon Executive Committee and by the Department of Oregon Convention Action.
4. This Commission is further authorized to act for the American Legion, Department of Oregon in preserving the rights of Veterans, their dependents, and survivors as outlined by existing laws pertaining hereto. So long as this does not conflict with National and/or Department of Oregon American Legion by-laws and mandates.
5. The Commission shall meet at the call of the Chair or at the call of the Department Commander. All expenditures of commission funds for travel and other necessary administrative expenses must be approved by the Chair in advance. Such funds shall not exceed amounts allocated to the Commission by the Department of Oregon, except upon approval of the Department Executive Committee in conjunction with the Permanent Finance Commission.
6. The Legislative Commission Chairman should report Legislative actions that take place on the National.
7. A member of the Legislative Commission will attend the United Veterans Groups of Oregon (UVGO) meetings and will report back to the commission any significant legislative agenda items that may pertain to the well-being of Veterans, their family members, or the American Legion Department of Oregon.
8. The Legislative Commission shall produce monthly articles for release and distribution through the Oregon Legionnaire. Articles, as scheduled by the Commission Chair, will be due to the Department Adjutant and Oregon Legionnaire committee chair no later than upon their scheduled due date. Articles may also be released through other designated official social media platforms of the Department of Oregon.

9. Articles will reflect activities of the Commission and efforts that advance the good work of the Department. Articles will reflect positively upon the, Department of Oregon and The American Legion.

10. 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.