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## Department National Security Committee Report

**TO:** Department Executive Committee  
**FROM:** Al Buxton, National Security Chairman  
**DATE:** April 4, 2020  
**SUBJECT:** Department National Security Committee Report

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The Department National Security Committee met on Saturday, February 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at Department HQ. Ten (10) members of the National Security Committee and two (2) guest were present. Reading of the previous committee minutes were accepted with no additions or corrections. The Committee reviewed the report of its' Ad Hoc Committee. The minutes of The National Security Committee meeting are included in your meeting packet.

The Committee moved to absorb the Department Environmental Conversation Committee and program on a one-year probationary period, to be revisited to measure post participation. If participation does not increase this committee will consider a motion to discontinue this program. The Committee also reviewed and updated the guidelines for the Ralph Doll Convention Award. Once the Ralph Doll Convention Award guidelines are reviewed once more by The National Security Committee, we will present to the Department Executive Committee for final approval.

The Committee moved to submit a request to Charities Inc. for funds for the POW/MIA program. Once funds are secured, this Committee will purchase 500 POW/MIA pins which was designed by the 5<sup>th</sup> District to commemorate the passage of Resolution 19-24 – which urges The American Legion to take a stand in protecting the integrity of the POW/MIA Flag by urging Congress to pass a resolution for not replacing the POW/MIA Flag with any other supplemental flag. The POW/MIA Pin is a POW/MIA Flag with a red ribbon behind it. The POW/MIA pin will be a gift for a donation of \$5 or more from an individual member. Proceeds would go into the POW/MIA fund. After a year, the National Security Committee may vote to award the USO of Central and Southern Ohio to be the recipient of a grant in which the amount is to be determined.

The Committee drafted a resolution to issue a statement of disapproval of Jane Fonda's scheduled appearance as a keynote speaker of the 50<sup>th</sup> commemoration of May 4<sup>th</sup>, 1970 which is now cancelled. However, this resolution is not limited to this event alone, it will permit the Department of Ohio to issue a statement of disapproval for any speaking engagement opportunities or distinguished honors presented at or awarded to Jane Fonda by any public institutions within the State of Ohio. This resolution is now before the Department Executive Committee and we respectfully ask for your support. **This concludes my report.**