

DEPARTMENT POST DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
February 13, 2016

The meeting of the Department Post Development Committee was called to order by Al Ford, Chairman at the Holiday Inn Express Centre Hotel in Flint, Michigan on February 13, 2016, at 10:45 a.m. The following members were present:

MEMBERS: 7

GUEST: 28

MINUTES: The previous minutes were read. Motion made by Dittenber and supported by Parks to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS: No old business to discuss at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

In accordance with the letter from Department Commander Buda from Jan. 11th, 2016, to the District Commanders on Posts with membership under 15 people with instructions on how to remedy the situation.

DISTRICT REPORTS:

District 1 – Chairman Ford reported on 15 Posts that 7 of them don't have 15 members. There was no District representation.

District 2 – Has no posts less than 15.

District 3 – 4 Posts with less than 15 members. There was no District representation.

District 4 – 4th District Commander Wear stated Middleville Post 140 at 13 members. Contact was made with the Post Commander of Middleville and he promised to have 3 more members by March 1st, this was verified by phone with Chairman Ford.

District 5 – No post with less than 15 members

District 6 – No post with less than 15 members

District 7 – No post with less than 15 members

District 8 – Chairman Holt reported Post 500 has 5 PUFLs, unable to contact anyone. Letter to 5 PUFL members with meeting date, time and location will be sent.

District 9 – A representative for the 9th District stated Baldwin Post 133 has until March 1st to come up with 15 members or recommendation for charter to be cancelled.

District 10 – Commander McGillian stated Ewart Post 236 has 13 members and a letter sent to them.

District 11 and 12 – Jerry Lynch stated Hermansville Post 116 have 14 members. PDC Lynch and PDC Hafeman will be contacting them.

District 16 – Acting Commander Clark and PDC Dittenber stated Post 16, Grosse Ile, Detroit Post 388 have 13 and 14 members respectively. No or poor response.

District 19 – Has no posts less than 15 members.

Elmer White, Department Judged Advocate, spoke on attrition, dissolving of posts and their assets.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

On October 19th, Chairman Ford sent a letter to the committee requested them to make contact with the 19 posts in Department that have less than 19 members and to be prepared at the Winter Meetings in Flint to report their findings and what they propose to do to remedy the situation. Each committee was assigned 2 or 3 Districts to make contact with the Posts less than 15 members and encourage them to make attempts to increase their membership by March 1st.

Chairman Al Ford – Assigned Districts 1 and 2. He reported that District 1 has 7 posts out of 15 posts in the district with membership less than 15 that he attended the 1st District meeting a couple weeks ago and informed the District that we would like to have a plan of action to increase the membership in those 7 Posts or action would be taken at Department Convention this year to either merge or cancel charters of those Posts.

2nd District has no posts less than 15 members.

Richard Parks – Reported on District 3 and 4. Contacted 4 Posts less than 15 members and no response.

Skipper Townes – Reported on District 5, 10, and 19. No further interest with Ada Post, Al to follow up with contact.

Lee Bolton – Reported on District 8 and 9. 8th District no problem and 9th – Baldwin has problems and contact has been made.

Jerry Lynch – Reported giving Harris Post a deadline to come up with 15 members.

Ken Dittenber – Reported on the 16th, 17th, and 18th Districts.

The 16th District has 2 Posts with less than 15 members and calls to them were not answered. The 17th and 18th Districts do not have any posts less than 15 members.

At the conclusion of the meeting, it was determined by the committee that Chairman Ford, Judge Advocate Elmer White and Department Adjutant Ron Runyan will meet and draft a letter on Wednesday, February 17th at 2 p.m. at Department Headquarters. The letter will be sent by certified mail to all 19 posts currently with less than 15 members. A copy of that letter will be sent to the District Commanders with Posts less than 15 members.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before this committee, it was moved by Dittenber and supported by Bolton to adjourn at 11:59 a.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Al Ford', is written over the typed name.

AL FORD, DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN
MARILYN BRITTEN, SECRETARY