

**RESOLUTION:**        #21-11

**SUBMITTED BY:**    The American Legion, Department of Michigan

**SUBJECT:**            Add District 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-Commanders or District Alternate Commanders to the Department Membership Committee

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS,** Pursuant to Department Executive Committee action of February 12, 2016, the Department of Michigan Membership Committee shall be composed of the elected Department Vice Commanders, a Membership Director, an Assistant Membership Director, an Upper Peninsula or Lower Peninsula Director and a Direct Market Solicitation (DMS) Coordinator; and

**WHEREAS,** A purpose of the Membership Committee is to formulate and recommend policies, to oversee the implementation of adopted policies relating to the enrollment of members, the functioning of Zones, Districts and Posts in a manner to attract and retain members; and

**WHEREAS,** Expanding the Membership Committee to include District 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-Commanders or District Alternate Commanders will ensure the Department Membership Director has a clear line of communication to each District, allowing for a better exchange of information to include National goals and directives, as well as the needs of local posts and their members; and

**WHEREAS,** This will increase the total number of members from both committees, including alternates, from 17 total members to 32 total members; and

**WHEREAS,** The overall purpose of this resolution is to increase membership and Post development by creating a culture of sustained growth; and

**WHEREAS,** The committee Zone representation shall be the Zone Commander as member of the Membership Committee; and

**WHEREAS,** The District 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-Commander or District Alternate Commander of each district is responsible for the membership activities with their respective district; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** By The American Legion, Department of Michigan, in annual Winter Department Executive Committee Meeting, assembled via Zoom, February 11, 2021, that The American Legion, Department of Michigan approve that the District 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-Commanders or District Alternate Commanders become members of the Membership Committee to represent each District on the committee and to assist the Zone representative with membership duties; and, be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED, The District 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-Commanders or District Alternate Commanders receive a call with the Membership Committee; and, be it**

**FURTHER RESOLVED, That appropriate amendments to the Department Constitution and Bylaws be accomplished to reflect this change; and, be it**

**FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Department Finance Committee review the effectiveness and available funding during their May 2022 Budget Meeting, to determine the feasibility of continuing with the changes mandated by this resolution; and, be it**

**FINALLY RESOLVED, This action take place at the close of Department Convention 2021.**

APPROVED AS AMENDED