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DEPARTMENT OF WISCONSIN***



**MASTER OUTLINE OF  
DEPARTMENT COMMITTEES**

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***“In all matters pertaining to The Department of Wisconsin American Legion, its Constitution & Bylaws takes preference.”***

## **DEPARTMENT OF WISCONSIN COMMITTEES**

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## COMMITTEE REFERENCES

The references used in the preparation of the proposed Department Committee Reorganization plan were:

### *National American Legion*

Basic outlines of structure of the National American Legion Divisions.

### *Department Constitution – By Laws*

In all committees, commissions, and Boards definitely provided for by the Department Constitution and By Laws, the exact wording contained therein was used in its essential form.

### *Department Executive Committee Minutes*

Minutes of the Department Executive Committee were used as outlined.

### *Department Policy Committee*

The Department Policy Committee recommendations as to duties and responsibilities of committees were used in defining duties of committees.

### *Use of Terms*

Ex Officio – The Department Commander shall be an Ex Officio member to all committees ***with voice and vote***. Any past National Commander who shall have served in that capacity while a member of the Wisconsin Department American Legion shall be an Ex Officio member of the Policy Committee ***with voice and vote***.

Consultant – The Department Adjutant shall serve as a consultant to all Department Committees. As with all listed as a “Consultant” ***they have a voice but cannot make a motion or vote***.

Liaison – members to committees are appointed by the Department Commander and ***they have a voice but cannot make a motion or vote***.

## **APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN**

The following is an outline of the appointment of Committee Chairmen. The same method also applies to a Committee Vice Chairman. The tenure of a Chairman is one (1) Year.

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Selection Of Chairman</b>
Americanism .....	Department Commander
Badger Legionnaire/Public Relations .....	Department Commander
Camp American Legion.....	Department Commander
Children & Youth.....	Department Commander
Convention And Activities .....	Department Commander
Coordinating.....	National Executive Committeeman
Finance.....	Department Commander
Fundraising.....	Department Commander
Hospital .....	Department Commander
Legislative.....	Department Commander
Membership .....	Department Commander
National Security.....	Department Commander
Policy .....	Committee
POW/MIA.....	Department Commander
Public Relations .....	Department Commander
Public Safety .....	Department Commander
Religious Emphasis.....	Department Commander
Sons Of The American Legion .....	Department Commander
Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation .....	Department Commander

## **AMERICANISM COMMITTEE**

### **Duties Of Committee**

To develop the spirit of Americanism among The American Legion and citizens and residents of the State of Wisconsin; to put into effect Americanism policies and programs of The American Legion; to coordinate any overlapping of programs dealing with Americanism. To oversee and report on programs that relates to Americanism and many youth programs.

### **Composition Of Committee**

The Americanism Committee is made up of thirteen (13) members, of which, three (3) at large members are appointed by the Department Commander annually. The other ten (10) Americanism Committee members are the Chairman of each of the Department Special Committees as follows; Americanism & Government Test Program, Badger Boys State, Baseball, Blood Donor, Boy Scouts, County Youth Government Day, Education & Scholarship, Oratorical, Shooting Sports, and Sons of the American Legion.

The Americanism Committee also consists of the Chairpersons of established programs. Committee members and program chairmen each have voice and a vote at Americanism Committee meetings. The committee will meet at the discretion of the Department Commander.

The Americanism Committee initiates, oversees and reports on programs that relate to Americanism and many of the Youth programs named above. Badger Boys State is a separate corporate entity and reports to the committee only as a courtesy and to help in promotion of the Badger Boys State program.

American Legion Baseball is a program of The American Legion. Rules and By Laws for the baseball program are established by the American Legion Baseball Association. The association enforces all rules, oversees and manages the baseball program. The Baseball Association manages expenditures, income and finances of the Wisconsin American Legion Baseball Program. They establish a budget for approval by the Finance Committee and any surplus income remains in the Baseball Program.

Members of the Americanism Committee meet prior to the Department Convention to judge competition for the Cooper Trophy, McCoy Americanism Trophy, O. W. Rolfe Americanism Trophy, Pendill Trophy, Harvey V. Higley Trophy, Spalding Victory Trophy, Jessel S. Whyte Memorial Trophy, National Americanism awards, National Americanism Award, Gung-Ho Americanism Award and Post Firing Squad Commander Award.

**OUTLINE OF COMMITTEE**

Member	Chairman
Member	Vice Chairman
Member	
Program Chairman	Americanism & Government Testing Program
Program Chairman	Director Badger Boys State Program
Program Chairman	American Legion Baseball Program
Program Chairman	Blood Donor Program
Program Chairman	Boy Scouts Program
Program Chairman	County Youth Government Program
Program Chairman	Education & Scholarship Program
Program Chairman	Oratorical Program
Program Chairman	Shooting Sports Program
Program Chairman	Sons of the American Legion
Liaison	DEC Member
Ex-Officio	Department Commander
Consultant	Department Adjutant

***All members of this Committee have a one year appointment. These Program Chairmen committee members are not subject to the two consecutive terms rule. The BBS Director is appointed by the BBS Board of Directors.***

## ***AMERICANISM PROGRAMS***

### **AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL PROGRAM**

American Legion Baseball is a program of the Wisconsin American Legion. Rules and Bylaws for the program are established by the Wisconsin American Legion Baseball Association. The association enforces all rules, oversees and manages the baseball program.



The Baseball Association is headed by a President and State Baseball Commissioner who are selected by the Directors of the Baseball Association. The Board of Directors consists of ten (10) Regional Directors who manage the American Legion Baseball program in their respective regions.

Directors schedule games in their respective Regions. The association sets dates and sites for state tournament games, secures umpires, establishes a schedule and makes all necessary arrangements.

Regional Directors make recommendations of players from their district to participate in the annual American Legion All-Star game at Milwaukee County Stadium. The Association makes the final selection of participants and also arranges details with the Milwaukee Brewers for the selling of tickets and playing of the All-Star Game.

The Baseball Association manages expenditures, income and finances of the Wisconsin American Legion Baseball Program. They establish a budget for approval by the Finance Committee and any surplus income remains in the Baseball Program. The program is self-sustaining.

### **AMERICANISM & GOVERNMENT TESTING PROGRAM**

The Chairman of the “Americanism & Government Test Program” (A&G Test Program) is appointed for a one (1) year term by the Department Commander. The Chairman is an automatic member of the Americanism Committee and has one (1) vote. The chairman is the only committee member and is responsible for the success of the year’s program.

The A & G Test provides both schools and students an opportunity for recognition awards along with scholarship opportunities for the winners of local, district, and state level competition while promoting an interest and understanding of local, county, state government and U. S. Government and history.

A fifty (50) question matching, multiple choice, true and false, or fill in the blank test is designed to complete in one class period. A total of 32 scholarship awards from \$250.00 to \$500.00 are awarded each year. A student may win in more than one consecutive year.

Past A&G Test materials including tests are available to the chairman to help ensure his/her success with the program. District Chairmen receive information from the various schools two highest scores in their sophomore, junior, and senior classes, then select two winners at each of the levels to be judge by the State Chairman for the purpose of awarding scholarships.

The Chairman of the A&G Test Program is not subject to the two consecutive term rules specified in the Constitution & By Laws.



## **BADGER BOYS STATE PROGRAM**

The Badger Boys State Program is a program of the American Legion. The Director of Badger Boys State is an automatic member of the Americanism Committee by virtue of his office. The Badger Boys State Program has its own Board of Directors and Constitution & By Laws, and is incorporated with the State of Wisconsin.

The Badger Boys State Program brings over 850 young men who have completed their junior year of high school together to form a "51st State". The program is designed to teach participants that our form of government is stronger and more vital in today's world of struggle and change than ever before, and that the American people have no more precious document than that great document, the Constitution.

The young men themselves will elect their own municipal, county and state officials. As aldermen or county supervisors they will frame, present and pass their own ordinances and law, their own police and sheriffs will enforce them. As attorneys, they will prosecute or defend, or as judges, hear cases in their own courts. Through this program, these future leaders should develop a sense of individual obligation to their community, state and nation. "How To Sponsor A Boy To Badger Boys State" can be found in the newly revised "Guide For District Commanders And State Officers".

## **BLOOD DONOR PROGRAM**

The Chairman of the "Blood Donor Program" is appointed for a one (1) year term by the Department Commander. The chairman is an automatic member of the Americanism Committee and has one (1) vote. The chairman is the only committee member and is responsible for the success of the year's program.

The most important part about blood donating is to remember it is the blood on the shelf that saves lives. Waiting for an emergency to donate will not get the blood to the receiver on time. Wisconsin is served by both the American Red Cross and The Wisconsin Blood Center. It does not matter where you donate, as long as you donate.



Blood donation information is collected on the Consolidated Post Report (CPR). The cumulative reported numbers are needed for a national report found in the Department Adjutant's Manual (this report is due to the National Legion Office in Washington, DC. by July 15 each year.)

Traditionally, Post's who participate in the blood donor program (those entering numbers on the CPR) receive a Certificate of Participation signed by the Commander and the Blood Program Chairman at the end of the year. The office staff creates the certificates.

The Chairman also works with the Red Cross (or Blood Center), the Convention Committee and the Department Adjutant to coordinate a blood drive during State Convention. This drive is traditionally held on Friday afternoon.

When preparing the annual budget, the chairman should take into consideration the cost of the certificates, pages contained in the Program Manual (the Chairman is responsible for annual updates) and any additional mailing done during the year.

## **BOY SCOUTS PROGRAM**

The Chairman of the “Boys Scout Program” is appointed for a one (1) year term by the Department Commander. The chairman is an automatic member of the Americanism Committee and has one (1) vote. The chairman is the only committee member and is responsible for the success of the year’s program.

The American Legion is the single largest sponsor of Boy Scout programs. Numerous Posts throughout the State of Wisconsin Sponsor Boy Scout Troops. The chairman is responsible for promoting and reporting on the programs activity. He/she will make arrangements to judge applicants to determine a Department winner. Applications must be received at Department Headquarters no later than March 1 and the Department winner sent to National Headquarters to arrive no later than April 2.

The National American Legion sponsors an “Eagle Scout of the Year Award” program whereby the Eagle Scout selection of each participating Department will compete for scholarships and a trip to the National American Legion Convention. The Scout who best meets the qualifications outlined in the Nomination Application will be selected as the American Legion Eagle Scout of the Year by the National Americanism Committee.

The American Legion Eagle Scout of the Year will receive a \$10,000.00 scholarship. Three second place scholarships will be given in the amount of \$2,500.00.

Details of the application procedure for the award may be found on the National WEB site [http://www.legion.org/?section=prog\\_evt&subsection=evt\\_scouting&content=evt\\_eaglescout](http://www.legion.org/?section=prog_evt&subsection=evt_scouting&content=evt_eaglescout) or by contacting the Department Headquarters.

## **COUNTY YOUTH GOVERNMENT PROGRAM**

The objective of the American Legion County Youth Government Programs to give High School students an opportunity for hands on experience in a study of County Government. The Chairman is appointed by the Department Commander for one (1) year.

The Chairman shall promote the County Youth Government Program during the year and will assume responsibility for the ultimate success of the program.

County Posts shall contact their county officials to establish a date, time and location at the local Courthouse to implement the program. It is desirable for each student to sit in on a County Board or County Court session. Participants will be given lunch and awarded certificates.

Teachers will select the classes that will participate in the program. The programs may vary from county to county.

## **EDUCATION AND SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

The Education and Scholarship Program has the responsibility of selecting the three (3) winners for the one thousand dollar (\$1,000.00) Schneider-Emanuel Scholarships. The chairman is appointed by the Department Commander for one (1) year.

The Chairman will select a panel of five (5) judges to select the finalists who will be announced by the annual spring conference. The July issue of the Badger Legionnaire will carry the name and synopsis of the scholarship winners.

The committee doing the judging will comprise of two (2) qualified professional educators, chairman of the Education and Scholarship Committee, Past Department Commander or his delegate, and Department Commander or his delegate.

Scholarship will be paid directly to the register of the school the student is enrolled.

## **ORATORICAL PROGRAM**

The Chairman of the Oratorical program is appointed for one (1) year by the Department Commander. The Chairman is an automatic member of the Americanism Committee and has one (1) vote. The Chairman is the only committee member and is responsible for overseeing the program to assure its success.

The Department Chairman will make arrangements for contests leading to the Department finals. He will make sure that the Department Finals Contest is held in conformance with National Contest procedures, rules and regulations. Failure to submit a Department winner by the date established by the National American Legion could result in disqualification of the Departments winner.

Details on conduction an Oratorical Contest may be found in Wisconsin Oratorical Contest Rules and "The American Legion National High School Oratorical Contest Official Rules." Changes may be made in the rules periodically so a current copy of the rules is suggested.

The Chairman will conduct and administer the State Finals at the predetermined contest site, select contest judges, timekeepers, contestant escorts and tabulators.



## **SHOOTING SPORTS PROGRAM**

The object of the shooting Sports Program is to provide an opportunity for students to compete in shooting contests sponsored by American Legion organizations. The Chairman is appointed by the Department Commander for (1) year.

The Chairman Promotes the Shooting Sports Program throughout the year.

First consideration for a \$1,000.00 scholarship will be given to the top scorer from Wisconsin competing in the State/Regional Championship and is declared Wisconsin State Champion. The recipient must be a high school graduate and have participated in the current American Legion Regional or State Championship, Junior Position Air Rifle Tournament.

Judging for the \$1,000.00 scholarship shall be done by the Shooting Sports Chairman and two members of the Wisconsin American Legion.

The scholarship winner will be hosted by the Wisconsin American Legion at the next Department Convention.



## **BADGER LEGIONNAIRE/PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE**

### **Duties Of Committees**

To publish and supervise all activities of the official State paper, "The Badger Legionnaire". Subject to the Department Executive Committee, or a Department Convention, to establish, activate and coordinate, through a medium of newspaper, radio, internet, and other means, the dissemination of news to spread the program of The American Legion. The Department Historian will serve as consultant to the Committee, and there will be three (3) Auxiliary Liaison Members.

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### **Composition Of Committee**

The Committee will be composed of six (6) members to be appointed by the Department Commander two, for three years, two for two (2) years, and two for one (1) year; and annually thereafter, two (2) members for a term of three (3) years to these Standing Committees, Boards and/or Commissions. Committee members may be appointed to succeed themselves no more than two (2) consecutive terms, beginning with the 2005/2006 appointment year.

### **Outline Of Committee**

- |            |                           |
|------------|---------------------------|
| Member     | Chairman                  |
| Member     | Vice-Chairman             |
| Member     |                           |
| Member     |                           |
| Member     |                           |
| Member     |                           |
| Liaison    | DEC Member                |
| Liaison    | American Legion Auxiliary |
| Liaison    | American Legion Auxiliary |
| Liaison    | American Legion Auxiliary |
| Ex-Officio | Department Commander      |
| Consultant | Department Adjutant       |
| Consultant | Department Historian      |



## **CAMP AMERICAN LEGION COMMITTEE**

### **Duties Of Committee**

To oversee and make recommendations on the operations of Camp American Legion, located at Lake Tomahawk, Wisconsin, to the Department Executive Committee.

### **Composition Of Committee**

The Committee will be composed of six (6) members to be appointed by the Department Commander two, for three years, two for two (2) years, and two for one (1) year; and annually thereafter, two (2) members for a term of three (3) years to these Standing Committees, Boards and/or Commissions. Committee members may be appointed to succeed themselves no more than two (2) consecutive terms, beginning with the 2005/2006 appointment year.

### **Outline Of Committee**

Member	Chairman
Member	Vice-Chairman
Member	
Member	
Member	
Member	
Liaison	DEC Member
Ex-Officio	Department Commander
Consultant	Department Adjutant
Consultant	Department Service Officer
Consultant	Immediate Past Department Commander
Consultant	Camp Director
Consultant	VA&R Committee Chairman



## **CHILDREN AND YOUTH COMMITTEE**

### **Duties Of Committee**

To insure that any child of a veteran in need of care and protection shall receive proper and timely service and aid; to strengthen the family unit; extend support; extend support to sound organizations and facilities that provide services for children and youth; and to maintain a well-rounded program that meets the needs of the young people in their respective communities.

### **Composition Of Committee**

The Committee will be composed of six (6) members to be appointed by the Department Commander two, for three years, two for two (2) years, and two for one (1) year; and annually thereafter, two (2) members for a term of three (3) years to these Standing Committees, Boards and/or Commissions. Committee members may be appointed to succeed themselves no more than two (2) consecutive terms, beginning with the 2005/2006 appointment year.

### **Outline Of Committee**

Member	Chairman
Member	Vice-Chairman
Member	
Member	
Member	
Member	
Liaison	DEC Member
Ex-Officio	Department Commander
Consultant	Department Adjutant



## CONVENTION AND ACTIVITIES COMMISSION

### Duties Of Commission

This commission shall be empowered to make the necessary investigation and recommendations for the holding of the annual Department Convention and shall make such further investigation and recommendations for such other annual events of the Department as requested by the Department Executive Committee, and shall make their recommendations after such investigation to the Department Executive Committee, which shall be empowered thereafter to select the time and place for such annual Conventions and annual Department events.

Badger Boys State, American Legion Baseball Association, and the Wisconsin American Legion Bowling Association shall be exempt from the provisions of this section.

### Composition Of Commission

There shall be created a Permanent Convention and Activities Commission to be composed of six (6) members, not more than one member of which shall be from the same District and to be appointed as follows: two (2) members for one year, two (2) members for two years, one (1) member for three years, and thereafter appointments for the expiring terms of such members shall be for three years. No Commission member may serve more than two (2) consecutive terms, beginning with the 2005/2006 appointment year.

### Outline Of Commission

Member	Chairman
Member	Vice-Chairman
Member	
Member	
Member	
Member	
Liaison	DEC Member
Ex-Officio	Department Commander
Consultant	Department Adjutant





## **COORDINATING COMMITTEE**

### **Duties Of Committee**

It shall be the duty of this committee to adequately present at the National Convention matters deemed by this Department to be in the best interests of The American Legion; and to this end, it shall hold regular meetings, closely coordinate the activities of this Department with other Departments and shall have authority to commit this Department, in close cooperation with other Departments, to any or all measures deemed to be in the best interests of The American Legion, provided that it shall act only consonant to mandates laid down at Department Conventions and the approval of the Department Executive Committee on interim convention action.

This committee shall make a preliminary report on its doings and proposed actions to the Department Conventions shall make a further report to the delegates to the National Convention at their first caucus, and such other reports as the committee shall deem advisable or may be requested by said delegates.

### **Composition Of Committee**

There shall be a committee composed of the National Executive Committeeman, Alternate National Executive Committeeman, the immediate Past Department Commander, the Department Commander, all Past National Commanders from Wisconsin, and two members to be elected by the delegates to the National Convention as a first order of business at the first caucus held at the National Convention. In the event of any vacancy at any time on the committee, the remaining members thereof are authorized to fill the vacancy by election for the unexpired term. Each member shall serve a term of office commencing immediately upon his election and will serve until the following Department Convention, or until his successor is elected.

### **Outline Of Committee**

Member	National Executive Committeeman – Chairman
Member	Alternate National Executive Committeeman
Member	Immediate Past Department Commander
Member	Department Commander
Member	All Past National Commanders from Wisconsin
Member	Elected at National Convention
Member	Elected at National Convention



## **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

### **Duties Of Committee**

The Department Finance Committee shall approve, budget, and audit the expenditures of the Department, its decisions being final unless overruled by a majority of the members present at a regular or special meeting of the Department Executive Committee. The Department Finance Committee shall have the authority to engage the auditors for Department Funds.

The Department Finance Committee shall adopt its own rules regulating the approval, budgeting, and auditing of the expenditures of the Department, subject to approval by the Department Executive Committee. The Department Finance Committee shall arrange to have the monthly financial statement of the Department published in the official publications, or other designated media used by the Department.

### **Composition Of Committee**

The Finance Committee will be composed of six (6) members to be appointed by the Department Commander two, for three years, two for two (2) years, and two for one (1) year; and annually thereafter, two (2) members for a term of three (3) years. Committee members may be appointed to succeed themselves no more than two (2) consecutive terms, beginning with the 2005/2006 appointment year.

### **Outline Of Committee**

Member	Chairman
Member	Vice-Chairman
Member	
Member	
Member	
Member	
Liaison	DEC Member
Ex-Officio	Department Commander
Consultant	Department Adjutant
Consultant	Fundraising Chairman



## FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

### Duties Of Committee

The Fundraising committee is responsible for overseeing, accounting and reporting of all fundraising activities within the Department as directed by the Department Executive Committee.

They will make recommendations on program changes or new programs to the Department Executive Committee and advise the State Finance Committee how much fund raising money will be projected for budgeting purposes and Fund Raising. The Committee Chairman shall be Consultant to the Finance Committee.

### Composition Of Committee

The Committee will be composed of six (6) members to be appointed by the Department Commander two, for three years, two for two (2) years, and two for one (1) year; and annually thereafter, two (2) members for a term of three (3) years to these Standing Committees, Boards and/or Commissions. Committee members may be appointed to succeed themselves no more than two (2) consecutive terms, beginning with the 2005/2006 appointment year.

### Outline Of Committee

Member	Chairman
Member	Vice-Chairman
Member	
Member	
Member	
Member	
Liaison	DEC Member
Ex-Officio	Department Commander
Consultant	Department Adjutant



## HOSPITAL COMMITTEE

### Duties Of Committee

To provide entertainment and recreational programs at all Federal and State Veteran's Hospitals in Wisconsin, to work in close cooperation with the Department Rehabilitation Committee, and to assist existing hospital facilities to aid in making the Veteran's stay in the hospital as pleasant as possible. The Department Service Officer shall be a consultant to this committee.

### Composition Of Committee

The Hospital Committee will be composed of two (2) members and in addition, the eight (8) hospital representatives or their assistant representative, for each of the eight (8) Veterans Hospitals; Iron Mountain, Zablocki, Fort Snelling, Tomah, Madison, King, Union Grove and Chippewa Falls, for a term of (1) one year. The hospital representatives will make a written accounting report of all donations received, to be submitted to the Department Adjutant thirty (30) days prior to the Department Convention.

### Outline Of Committee

Member	Chairman
Member	Vice-Chairman
Representative	Iron Mountain
Representative	Zablocki
Representative	Fort Snelling
Representative	Tomah
Representative	Madison
Representative	King
Representative	Union Grove
Representative	Chippewa Falls
Liaison	DEC Member
Ex-Officio	Department Commander
Consultant	Department Adjutant
Consultant	Department Service Officer



## LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

### Duties Of Committee

To represent The American Legion in Madison while the State Legislature is in session, and to consider legislative matters, make recommendations to the Department Convention and Department Executive Committee, and in general to supervise the legislative program of the Department. This committee has exclusive responsibility for petitioning the State Legislature on behalf of, or in opposition to, all legislation in which the American Legion is interested. They shall select the State Legislator of year. The Department Judge Advocate shall be a consultant to this committee.

### Composition Of Committee

The committee will be composed of six (6) members to be appointed by the Department Commander two, for three years, two for two (2) years, and two for one (1) year; and annually thereafter, two (2) members for a term of three (3) years to these Standing Committees, Boards and/or Commissions. Committee members may be appointed to succeed themselves no more than two (2) consecutive terms, beginning with the 2005/2006 appointment year.

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Ex-Officio	Department Commander
Consultant	Department Adjutant
Consultant	Department Judge Advocate

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to the Legislature**

## **MEMBERSHIP AND POST ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE**

### **Duties Of Committee**

To promote an increase of membership in the Department, to ascertain the causes for failure of former members to renew their membership, and generally, to assist the Posts in a program working toward increasing the numerical strength of the Department. Also, to recommend programs to Posts for the promotion of such activities as would stimulate interest in The American Legion and its programs in all communities.

The committee will be composed in accordance with Article III, Section 4a, and in addition will include the four (4) Department Vice Commanders.

### **Composition Of Committee**

The Committee will be composed of six (6) members to be appointed by the Department Commander two, for three years, two for two (2) years, and two for one (1) year; and annually thereafter, two (2) members for a term of three (3) years. In addition the Committee will include the four (4) Department Vice Commanders. Committee members may be appointed to succeed themselves no more than two (2) consecutive terms, beginning with the 2005/2006 appointment year.

### **Outline Of Committee**

Member	Chairman
Member	Vice-Chairman
Member	
Member	
Member	
Member	
Member	Department Vice Commander
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Member	Department Vice Commander
Member	Department Vice Commander
Liaison	DEC Member
Ex-Officio	Department Commander
Consultant	Department Adjutant



## **NATIONAL SECURITY - HOMELAND SECURITY COMMITTEE**

### **Duties Of Committee**

To organize the membership in support of national or civilian defense projects in the communities To organize the department and to assist in organizing communities for readiness to meet any emergency. In addition, to keep the rank and file informed of any actions that could have an effect on the security of the state and nation. To use sources available such as media and/or word of mouth to insure that we are informed of threats to our interests be it foreign or domestic.

This committee will select the Guard/Reservist of the year submitted by participating districts. The POW/MIA Chairman shall be consultant to this committee.

### **Composition Of Committee**

The Committee will be composed of six (6) members to be appointed by the Department Commander two, for three (3) years, two for two (2) years, and two for one (1) year; and annually thereafter, two members for a term of three (3) years to these standing Committees, Boards, and/or Commissions. Committee members may be appointed to succeed themselves no more than two (2) consecutive terms, beginning with the 2005/2006 appointment year.

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Liaison	DEC Member
Ex-Officio	Department Commander
Consultant	Department Adjutant
Consultant	Department POW/MIA Chairman

## **POLICY COMMITTEE**

### **Duties Of Committee**

The Department Policy Committee will study, recommend, and formulate policies that will be beneficial to the Department on all matters that will tend to increase the prestige of the Department of Wisconsin and to advance the best interests of The American Legion. No recommendation shall be considered as final unless approved by the Department Executive Committee or a Department Convention.

The Policy Committee will review all Convention Resolutions before they are presented to the convention for action. The Policy Committee shall determine if Convention Resolutions are properly written and/or germane to the policies and mandates of the Wisconsin American Legion.

Any Past National Commanders that were members of the Wisconsin American Legion when elected will serve as Ex Officio members of this committee and the Department Judge Advocate shall serve as consultant to this Committee.

The Policy committee, as established by the Department By-laws, Article III, Section 4a, shall meet not more than forty-five (45) days prior to the annual Department Convention to consider all resolutions, of any nature whatsoever, that have been submitted or presented to the annual Convention, consolidate all resolutions of similar content, indicating the source of such consolidated resolutions, assign to proper committee with recommendations and submit the Resolving Clause of proposed resolutions, to all Posts in the Department not later than thirty (30) days prior to the Convention, through Department Headquarters.

All resolutions must emanate from a Post, County, or District after favorable action at any authorized meeting thereof, or from the Department Executive Committee or any Department officer, or from the floor of the Convention, subject to Convention rules, except where otherwise provided.

No resolution shall be considered at any annual Department Convention unless such resolution shall have been submitted to the Department Headquarters on a date not less than forty-five (45) days prior to the first day of such Convention. No exception from this rule shall be permitted unless such resolution shall be presented to such Convention by or with the consent of the Department Executive Committee, or unless unanimous consent of all delegates present is obtained from the floor of the convention.

### **Composition Of Committee**

The Policy Committee will be composed of six (6) members to be appointed by the Department Commander two, for three years, two for two (2) years, and two for one (1) year; and annually thereafter, two (2) members for a term of three (3) years to these Standing Committees, Boards and/or Commissions. Committee members may be appointed to succeed themselves no more than two (2) consecutive terms, beginning with the 2005/2006 appointment year.



The committee shall elect its own Chairman and Vice Chairman. The Chairman will preside at all meetings of the committee, and make reports to the Department Executive Committee at its regular meetings and to each annual Department Convention.

**Outline Of Committee**

Member	Chairman
Member	Vice-Chairman
Member	
Member	
Member	
Member	
Liaison	DEC Member
Ex-Officio	Past National Commander
Ex-Officio	Department Commander
Consultant	Department Adjutant
Consultant	Department Judge Advocate



## **POW/MIA COMMITTEE**

### **Duties Of Committee**

To provide increased awareness of POW/MIA's; to organize the Department and Posts POW/MIA activities and to provide education to the public

### **Composition Of Committee**

The Committee will be composed of three (3) members to be appointed by the Department Commander for a one (1) year term.

### **Outline Of Committee**

Member	Chairman
Member	Vice-Chairman
Member	
Liaison	DEC Member
Ex-Officio	Department Commander
Consultant	Department Adjutant



## **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

### **Duties Of Committee**

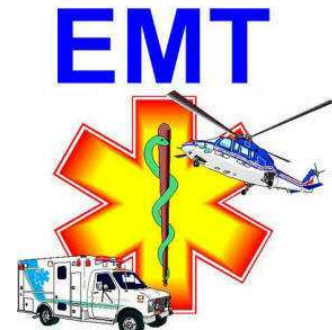
The purpose of the Public Safety Committee is to select the winners of the Edward J. Ormsby Law and Order Award, the Outstanding Fire Fighter Award, and the Emergency Medical Technician Award and any other awards assigned to the committee. The committee will meet during the annual Department Spring meetings. There will be no other meeting of the committee.

### **Composition Of Committee**

The Public Safety Committee will be composed of three (3) members to be appointed by the Department Commander for a one (1) year term.

### **Outline Of Committee**

Member	Chairman
Member	Vice-Chairman
Member	
Liaison	DEC Member
Ex-Officio	Department Commander
Consultant	Department Adjutant



## **RELIGIOUS EMPHASIS COMMITTEE**

### **Duties Of Committee**

The committee will consist of the Department Assistant Chaplain, the Immediate Past Department Chaplain and one member appointed by the Department Commander. The Department Chaplain will serve as a liaison to this committee

### **Composition Of Committee**

The committee will be composed of three (3) members. From these three members, there will be appointed by the Department Commander, a Chairman and a Vice Chairman.

### **Outline Of Committee**

Member	Immediate Past Department Chaplain
Member	Department Assistant Chaplain
Member	
Liaison	Department Chaplain
Ex-Officio	Department Commander
Consultant	Department Adjutant



## SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

Article XIV of the Department of Wisconsin By-Laws recognizes “The Sons of the American Legion” as a program of the Wisconsin American Legion. The National American Legion and the Department Headquarters of the Sons of the American Legion in Wisconsin shall have jurisdiction over the Sons of the American Legion that is organized by any post of the American Legion.

### Composition Of Committee

The Department Commander of The Wisconsin American Legion shall appoint a committee of five (5) members to be known as, “Detachment Headquarters of the Wisconsin Sons of the American Legion.” Two (2) are to be from the ranks of The Sons of The American Legion while the Chairman and two (2) remaining members will be from the ranks of The Wisconsin American Legion, and the Chairman of said committee shall serve as a member of the Department of Wisconsin American Legion Americanism Committee.

The legislative body of the Sons of the American Legion shall be the National Convention of the Sons of the American Legion and its acts must be ratified by the National Executive Committee of the American Legion. In the Department of Wisconsin, the legislative body of The Sons of the American Legion shall be the Detachment Convention of The Sons of the American Legion and its acts must be ratified by the Department Executive Committee of The American Legion, Department of Wisconsin.

The Sons of the American Legion shall be organized as a “Squadron” under the jurisdiction of the local post of The American Legion and shall bear the name of the post as follows: “The Sons of The American Legion”, Squadron of \_\_\_\_\_ Post No. \_\_\_\_\_, Department of Wisconsin.

The Commander of the post of The American Legion shall appoint a committee of three (3) or more members to supervise the activities of The Sons of The American Legion Squadron.

All male descendants, adopted sons and stepsons of members of The American Legion, and such descendants of male and female veterans who died in service, or who died subsequent to an honorable discharge from such service, shall be eligible for membership in The Sons of the American Legion.

There shall be no form or class of membership except an active member in The Sons of The American Legion. The Sons of the American Legion Detachment elects organization officers at their annual Convention, which is held at the same time and in conjunction with the Wisconsin American Legion Convention. The Sons of the American Legion establish their own dues structure, submit resolutions and administers its own program with approval of the Department Executive Committee.



## **VETERANS AFFAIRS & REHABILITATION COMMITTEE**

### **Duties Of Committee**

To formulate policies in coordination with the Department Service Officer, subject to approval by the Department Executive Committee or a Department Convention, of all the different phases of the rehabilitation problems of veterans and their dependents of all wartime conflict as defined by the U.S. Congress.

The committee will be composed in accordance with Article III, Section 4a, and include the Chairman, which are appointed for one (1) year, of the following committees: Employment, Hospital, and Homeless Veterans Task Force.

The Department Service Officer and Camp Committee Chairman shall serve as a consultant to this Committee.

### **Composition Of Committee**

The committee will be composed of six (6) members to be appointed by the Department Commander two, for three years, two for two (2) years, and two for one (1) year; and annually thereafter, two (2) members for a term of three (3) years to these Standing Committees, Boards and/or Commissions. Committee members may be appointed to succeed themselves no more than two (2) consecutive terms, beginning with the 2005/2006 appointment year.

### **Outline Of Committee**



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|------------|---------------------------------------|
| Member     | Chairman                              |
| Member     | Vice-Chairman                         |
| Member     |                                       |
| Member     |                                       |
| Member     |                                       |
| Member     |                                       |
| Member     | Employment Chairman                   |
| Member     | Hospital Chairman                     |
| Member     | Homeless Veterans Task Force Chairman |
| Liaison    | DEC Member                            |
| Ex-Officio | Department Commander                  |
| Consultant | Department Adjutant                   |
| Consultant | Department Service Officer            |
| Consultant | Department Camp Committee Chairman    |