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NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEEMAN 2024-2026

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDER 2021-2022

DEPARTMENT OF OKLAHOMA

DEPARTMENT COMMITTEE REPORT: National Guard Liaison Committee

DATE: 10/8/2025

CHAIRPERSON: Charles O'Leary

COCHAIRPERSON: Patricia Mathes-Kerr

MEMBERS: Continually Recruiting

REPORTING PERIOD: July 2025-October 2025

1.PURPOSE: Provide identified needs and services to the service members and family of the Oklahoma National Guard.

2.BACKGROUND: Historically, the Oklahoma National Guard service members and families have needed support and services that are not provided by the military as part of the service contract. The Oklahoma Department of the American Legion National Guard Liaison Committee was established to collaborate with the service members and families of the Oklahoma National Guard to identify those needs and provide support and services which contributes to a healthy and effective military and military family.

3.SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES:

A. Both Chairpersons have informally communicated with the current Adjutant General and staff. Formal meetings were scheduled then had to be canceled due to unforeseen military conflicts and they were not rescheduled.

B. Matheny-Burt-Parrott Post #64 and Auxiliary Unit #64 continue in year 3 of providing support and services to 160th Field Artillery Battalion (FA BDE) and F co 700 Forward Support Company (FSC).

C. Other Oklahoma Department of the American Legion Posts have expressed interest in providing support and services. This committee is currently working with them to provide the connection between those Posts and the Oklahoma National Guard Organization.

D. The Co-Chairperson, Patricia Mathes-Kerr, resigned her position due to the intensity of finishing Seminary. Chairman Charlie O'Leary is in the process of identifying a replacement Co-Chair.

4.FINDINGS AND DISCUSSIONS:

A. The Adjutant General and Staff remain eagerly interested in collaborating with the Department of Oklahoma National Guard Liaison Committee. The re-organization and deployment operational tempo have contributed to challenges with scheduling formal meetings.

B. The best practices and relationship between Matheny-Burt-Parrott post #64 and the 160th FA BDE and Fco 700 FSC will serve to provide guidance to other relationships across the Department.

C. Chairman Charlie O'Leary is currently in the process of identifying a Co-Chair.

5.RECOMMENDATIONS:

A. The committee continue to identify a formal meeting time with The Adjutant General and/or Staff.

B. A Co-Chair be identified as soon as possible.

C. Recruiting continue for committee members.

D. The National Guard Liaison committee continue to assist Department of Oklahoma Posts engage with their local Oklahoma National Guard Organizations.

6.NEXT STEPS:

See Item #5.

7.APPENDICES [IF APPLICABLE] N/A

SUBMITTED BY: Patricia Mathes-Kerr

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