

Department of Illinois American Legion  
Public Relations Committee Meeting  
September 23, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. We started the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. The following members present:

Josefina Frances	P.R. Rep.	1 <sup>ST</sup> Division
<b>Tom Marciciak</b>	Chairman	2 <sup>ND</sup> Division
Gary Granberg	P.R. Rep.	3 <sup>RD</sup> Division
Paul Garrett	Vice Chairman	4 <sup>TH</sup> Division
Stephen Welty	P.R. Rep.	5 <sup>TH</sup> Division Absent

Department Adjutant Marty Conatser visited the meeting and discussed centennial challenge coin. Only 500 coins will be produced and marketed by the Department. The price is \$100.00. Any centennial post (a post that received its charter in 1919) will have first choice to purchase a coin with its post number. They will have 30 days to decide on their purchase. After 30 days the coins will be offered on first come basis.

The Public Relations Committee reviewed the Departments list of events to gather photos and videos. The need for more local post event videos was discussed. Each committeeman is responsible for publicity of Legion activities within their division. It was recommended that District public relations committeemen also get involved.

Department Commander Bob Henderson and Senior Vice Commander Michael Carder visited the committee and discussed videos for the convention. Topics include, Lincoln pilgrimage, Special Olympics, and Poppy day distribution. National Commander Denise Rohan will attend Armed forces day event and the Lincoln pilgrimage. Michael Carder commented on membership. Posts and Districts need to remind members that if their dues are not paid by December 31, 2017 they lose their benefits. Bob Henderson recommended that Post, District, and Division officers take the online American Legion Extension Institute (ALEI) course.

<https://www.legion.org/promos/229417/american-legion-extension-institute-alei>

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

Gary Granberg