

The Americanism Commission met at Department Headquarters on October 5, 2024, at 1000hrs. Chairman Micheal Carder called the meeting to order, a salute to the flag was presented, Ralph Rounds presented the opening prayer, and Celeste Latham presented the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call was taken, the following members were present:

1st Division: Micheal Carder Chairman

2nd Division: Celeste Latham Vice Chairman

3rd Division: Norm Flowers Excused

4th Division: Mark Young

5th Division: Ralph Rounds

Chairman Emeritus: Philip Mette

Guest: Shandy Green Department Graphics Office

Celeste Latham and Shandy Green presented the new brochures for the 2025 year for the Oratorical Contest and Essay Contest. After review and discussion, the brochures were approved as presented.

The meeting was visited by Department Commander Joe Lampert and Department Adjutant Marty Conatser. Commander Lampert outlined his goals for the department, Adjutant Conatser discussed changes in his office.

The commission reviewed the new Americanism Pins which were conceived and paid for by Philip Mette. In all there were 250 pins created each division chairman received 50 pins, and it was decided that the pins could be obtained for a donation of \$3.00 or a donation of \$10.00 for 4 pins. The donations would go towards the Americanism Budget. Philip also stated that once the pins were sold out a new pin would be created and again offered for a donation.

With no further business to discuss Chairman Carder asked a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ralph Rounds presented the closing prayer, a salute to the flag was presented and the meeting was adjourned at 1115 hours,

For God and Country

Micheal Carder Chairman