

District Reassignment Ad Hoc Committee

10-3-2026 Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Don Horn-1st Division; Wayne Erickson-4th Division; Jeff Roscow-5th Division and Wayne Fischer 2nd Division. Roger Bennett was excused. Note Committee change: Don Horn was selected by the 1st Division Commander to represent the 1st Division in place of Larry Hippert. Approved by Department Commander.

Item 1: Commander Latham gave me what she had prepared prior to the Convention a handout spelling out the change of our committee assignment for this year is now to monitor and support the approved 1st Division redistricting plan during the 2026-2027 administrative year. All Committee members now have this handout.

Item 2: Commander Celeste and Department Adjutant Josh joined us initially and Celeste updated us on Membership efforts targeting non-renewals from the past 3-4-years. Revitalization efforts will initially focus on this group in October 2026.

Item 3: We started the meeting with a general and open discussion regarding Post items that needed to be addressed moving forward. They are Leadership; Membership; Post Activities; Financial Strength; and American Legion Family Strength.

Item 4: 1st Division Update by Don Horn, 1st Division Committee Member. Don had prepared a manual highlighting the current update of where things stand in the 1st Division Redistricting. In general, all is moving forward thanks to the District Officers and Don's leadership and "PUSH"!!!! Change is always a challenge, but here things are moving forward. Don has set our April 2027 DEC as the target for completing the major implementation activities, other than elections, and hopefully with the Districts using the manual as their guide it will help with the process. Then they can elect officers in April or May

then we can complete the final package for the Department before our Convention.

Item 5: Moving forward, at this point only Districts 2&3 and 4&5 may have some issues, and they have pretty much been identified. The original 7 Districts still operate independently but are moving together to get all the needed changes and work done for final presentation. Upcoming meeting dates; October 31st-District Updates and November 4th-1st Division Meeting.

Item 6: The final subject discussed was dealing with “Uncertified Posts”. This remains a big issue for the 1st division as many Posts are Corporate Posts, but we should explore how to keep these members in our American Legion.

In summary, our meeting went well, with everyone’s input. Don has put forth a lot of time and effort into this, and the “Redistricting Success” rests with our Division, District and Post Officers.

Respectively,


Wayne Fischer-Chair