

**IN THE MATTER OF  
THE AMERICAN LEGION #243  
2025 ELECTRONIC AND PAPER INSTANT  
BINGO APPLICATION**

**SUMMARY OF DECISION**

This matter is now before the Attorney General pursuant to R.C. 119.09 for consideration of the Hearing Examiner's Report and Recommendation recommending that the AGO reject American Legion #243's 2025 bingo application. Upon review of the record evidence considered in this case, the Attorney General **approves** the Report and Recommendation. American Legion #243's 2025 bingo application is rejected.

**BACKGROUND**

On August 11, 2025 the AGO issued a written notice to American Legion #243 ("Respondent") of the AGO's intent to reject its 2025 bingo license application. At the Respondent's request, on November 11, 2025, a hearing was held on the intent to reject. The AGO was represented by AAG Amy Davison, American Legion #243 was not represented by counsel, but Rick Johnson and Megan Scribner were present at the hearing as representatives. On January 5, 2026 Hearing Examiner Andrew Cooke issued a report and recommendation recommending that the AGO reject American Legion #243's 2025 bingo application. Respondent was served with the Hearing Examiner's report and recommendation via certified mail, which was signed for by Dean M. Hetzel. Although Mr. Hetzel did not date the certified mail receipt, it was returned to the AGO on January 12, 2026. Thus, Respondent was notified of the Hearing Examiner's recommendation before January 12, 2026. This matters because with the recommendation was a letter informing Respondent that it could object to the report and recommendation within 10 days. American Legion #243 did not object to the Hearing Examiner's recommendation that the AGO reject its 2025 bingo license application.

The undisputed facts in the record are as follows: on December 31, 2024 Respondent electronically submitted a 2025 Type III paper and Type III Electronic bingo application to the AGO. On the application Megan Scribner identified herself as American Legion #243's canteen manager, primary bingo game operator and volunteer. Ms. Scribner identified herself as Respondent's representative and provided two different emails on the application ([meggan74@hotmail.com](mailto:meggan74@hotmail.com), [mscrib1974@icloud.com](mailto:mscrib1974@icloud.com)).

In 2024 the AGO conducted a review to determine Respondent's compliance with Ohio law in its bingo operations in the years 2022 and 2023. The review revealed a number of deficiencies, including the bingo account being short \$5,830, Respondent had failed to remit over \$30,000 to American Legion charities from 2022-2023, Respondent had failed to deposit paper bingo proceeds as required by Ohio law, and had also failed to timely supply bank statements.

After setting a discrepancy in the email that Ms. Scribner had initially provided on Respondent's bingo application, the inspector who conducted the review contacted Ms. Scribner and informed her of the aforementioned deficiencies. Over a six-month period the inspector emailed Ms. Scribner and other American Legion #243 representatives to try to get them to fix the deficiencies and comply with Ohio law.

In addition to the deficiencies found by the inspector, Respondents failed to file complete quarterly

reports with the Ohio Attorney General's Office, as required by O.A.C. 109:1-5-14 for all of 2024 and for the first two quarters of 2025. Respondent further failed to respond to the AGO's request for the reports, which prevented AGO bingo inspectors from performing annual financial reviews of American Legion #243.

### DECISION

In broad terms, O.A.C. Section 109:1-4-02 requires bingo applicants and licensees to provide any information requested by the AGO relating to bingo licensing, to cooperate with the AGO in investigations, and to comply with all conditions placed on the bingo license by the AGO. Respondent failed to comply with these requirements by failing to file quarterly reports, failing to provide proof of its 2022 charitable distribution to its contracted charity, failing to deposit paper bingo proceeds, and failing to timely supply bank statements.

Based on the foregoing, the Hearing Examiner correctly concluded that American Legion #243 will not conduct bingo in accordance with R.C. 2915.07 to 2915.15, or with the rules governing bingo operations. The Attorney General adopts and approves the Hearing Examiner's Report and Recommendation and the American Legion #243's 2025 bingo application is **rejected**.

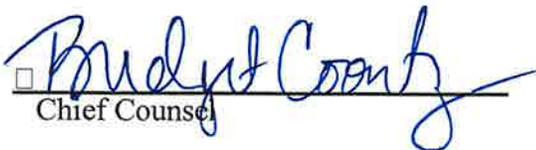
### ADJUDICATION

**IT IS ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED THAT THE 2025 ELECTRONIC AND PAPER INSTANT BINGO LICENSE APPLICATION FILED BY AMERICAN LEGION #243 IS HEREBY REJECTED.**

Any appeal from this Adjudication must be pursued by filing a Notice of Appeal (a copy or the original) with the Ohio Attorney General's Office, Charitable Law Section, 30 East Broad Street, 25th Floor, Columbus, Ohio, 43215.

The appeal must set forth the order appealed from and state that the Order is not supported by reliable, probative and substantial evidence and is not accordance with law. A copy or the original of such Notice of Appeal shall also be filed by the appellant with the Court of Common Pleas of the county in which the place of business of the appellant is located. Such Notice of Appeal shall be filed within fifteen (15) days after the mailing of the notice of the Ohio Attorney General's Order as provided in Section 119.12 of the Ohio Revised Code.

By Order of the Ohio Attorney General DAVE YOST

  
Chief Counsel

2-10-26  
Date

Appendix - Delegation Letter



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February 24, 2023

Re: Authorized Designee for Charitable Bingo and Distributor Adjudications

Chief Counsel and Ethics Officer, Bridget C. Coontz will serve as the designee of Ohio Attorney General Dave Yost for Charitable Bingo and Distributor Adjudications issued pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Chapters 2915 and 119, revoking the prior designation of Deputy Attorney General, Jonathan Fulkerson.

The Charitable Law Section will transmit the record of proceedings to Chief Counsel and Ethics Officer, Bridget C. Coontz with ten (10) days of the deadline to file objections to the hearing officer's report and recommendation pursuant to ORC 119.09.

Upon receipt of an adjudication order, the Charitable Law Section will enter the order in its journal and serve a copy to the party affected in accordance with ORC 119.09.

This designation shall remain in effect for the duration of her employment or until revoked under my signature.

DAVE YOST  
Ohio Attorney General

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dave Yost", written over a horizontal line.

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