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Sent via certified mail and Kiteworks to Randy Matthews, Commander at:
legionpost178@gmail.com

Re: Notice of Intent to Revoke and Opportunity for Hearing
EIN: 34-4176090

American Legion Post No. 178 Members

Enclosed is a Notice of Intent to Reject your 2026 Bingo Application and Opportunity for Hearing. Please read it carefully as the information contained within concerns your bingo license. Be advised if you would like to request a hearing on this matter, **you must do so within 30 days of the service of this Notice.**

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Very respectfully yours,

DAVE YOST
Ohio Attorney General

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Amy Davison".

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Enclosure



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Notice of Intent to Reject and Opportunity for a Hearing

For purposes of this Notice, the terms “you” or “your” shall refer to the organization American Legion Post No. 178 or “AL #178”.

The Ohio Attorney General’s Office hereby informs you that it intends to reject and deny your 2026 Type I and III Paper and Electronic Instant Bingo License Application for the following reasons:

1. Ohio Revised Code Section (“O.R.C.”) 2915.101(A)(1) requires Veterans and Fraternal to distribute a percentage of the net profit from the proceeds of the sale of electronic instant bingo to an organization described in ORC 2915.01(V)(1).

In violation of ORC 2915.101(A)(1), you have underpaid your contracted charity, American Legion Department of Ohio Charities, Inc. by \$35,480.87 in 2025.

2. ORC 2915.10(C) requires the gross profit from each bingo session, “be deposited into a checking account devoted exclusively to the bingo session or game. Payments for allowable expenses incurred in conducting the bingo session or game and payments to recipients of some or all of the net profit of the bingo session or game shall be made only by checks or electronic fund transfers drawn on the bingo session or game account.”

You did not follow this requirement and therefore the following denotes the status of your instant bingo accounts:

- 2024 electronic instant bingo account deposit shortage of \$86,709;
- 2024 paper instant bingo account deposit shortage of \$5,103; and
- 2025 electronic instant bingo account deposit shortage of \$58,824.

Additionally, in 2024 and 2025 payments were made for unallowable expenses and funds were transferred incorrectly from these accounts throughout those years.

3. OAC 109:1-5-14 requires Veterans and Fraternal organizations that conduct electronic instant bingo to file a quarterly report with the Attorney General’s Office.

In violation of OAC 109:1-5-14, you failed to file complete and timely reports for 2024-2025. Your compliance inspection had to request these documents from your organization before the financial inspection could be completed.

4. O.R.C. 2915.08(F)(2)(e) authorizes the Attorney General to deny a bingo license if it “has good cause to believe that the organization will not conduct bingo in accordance with sections 2915.07 to 2915.15 of the Revised Code or with any rule adopted by the attorney general pursuant to this chapter.”

Considering the violations described above, the Attorney General has determined that your organization cannot be relied upon to adequately supervise bingo operations and ensure future compliance with applicable regulations.

Pursuant to Section 119.07 of the Revised Code, you are entitled to a hearing on this matter if you timely request one. If you wish to request a hearing, the Attorney General’s Office must receive the request from you within 30 days of the date you are served with this notice. You may email a request for a hearing to the Ohio Attorney General’s Charitable Law Section at kimberly.bossman@ohioago.gov. Alternatively, you may mail a request to:

Ohio Attorney General’s Office
Attn: Bingo Unit, Charitable Law Section
30 East Broad Street, 25th Floor
Columbus, Ohio 43215

In the event you timely request a hearing, you may appear in person and represent yourself or be represented by an attorney that is permitted to practice law in the State of Ohio.* At the hearing, you may present evidence and examine witnesses appearing for and against you. In lieu of attending the hearing, you may also present your position, arguments, or contentions in writing. At all times, you have the burden of demonstrating to the attorney general, by clear and convincing evidence, that you are eligible, qualified, and suitable for licensure under Chapter 2915 of the Revised Code and Agency 109:1 of the Administrative Code.

***Be advised that, under Ohio law, corporations must be represented by an attorney authorized to practice law in this State and that individuals not so authorized may not appear and represent those entities. If you have any questions regarding your status, you should contact an attorney for further guidance.**

Respectfully,

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