

Department National Security Committee

Fall Conference meeting held in Upper Restaurant of the Holiday Inn Muskegon,
Michigan September 22, 2017

The meeting of Department National Security Committee was called to order by Lavern Spolarich, Chairman in Muskegon, Michigan, on September 22, 2017. The following were present

Member: 6

Guest: 4 Districts 7, 9, 16, 18

Election was held for with Richard Debay nominated Vice Chairman, motion made by Gary Hiavka, supported by Catherine Buckley, motion carried. Election was held for Secretary, with Catherine Buckley nominated, motion made by Gary Sammons supported by Richard Dubay. Motion carried.

It was moved by Richard Dubay and supported by Gary Sammons that the minutes of the June 24th 2017 meeting of the Department National Security Committee be approved. Motion carried

There was no Old Business

The committee discussed Resolution F-17-3 The committee concurred that Resolution F-17-3 was just. It was moved by Richard Dubay supported by Catherine Buckley to approve Resolution F-17-3. Motion carried

Alt NEC John Knox introduced leading candidate for National Commander Brett Reistad. He told us how impressed he was with our programs. He was asked many question by Frank Flores his opinion on President Trumps immigration law with undocumented veterans vs the Wall and does he think the veterans should be eliminated from this law? , Brett Reistad responded with put something together for your NEC on these topic.

Mr. Gary Hiavka announced that the Traverse City ~~Aleda E. Lutz~~ Va. Medical Clinic will be having a name change ceremony 24th of September 2017 to Colonel Demas T. Craw Va. Medical Clinic.

Chairman Spolarich on blood and platelets and the award structure.

Mr. Gary Sammons gave his report on the Cemeteries. Fort Custer improvements and they are doing pretty good. Great Lakes doing very well. They check flags and replace. They used more than 12,000 flags last year and they expect more this year.

Mr. Gary Hiavka gave his report on POW?MIA's. We have 83,000 veterans still unaccounted for, over 28,000 are in the water.

From the Korean War we have 7700 of which 5300 are in North Korea

From Michigan

WWII 2476 unaccounted for

Vietnam 49 unaccounted for 34 recovered

Korean 343 unaccounted for 21 recovered

Cold War 4 unaccounted for

Goldstar monument the second only in the Nation is in Traverse City Michigan with ceremony September 24th 2017 from 2-4PM

Chairman Spolarich read letter from Senator Peters.

There being no further business to come before this committee, it was moved by Gary Sammons and supported by Richard Dubay that the meeting be adjourned at 3:07 PM. Motion carried

*Respectfully
Submitted by
Loren Spolarich
Chairman*