

**American Legion
Department of Michigan
Legislative Committee Meeting
Minutes
Annual Winter Meeting
February 15, 2008**

Meeting called to order by Chairman Williams at 10:00 A.M. February 15, 2008, in Ballroom A of the Holiday Inn South Convention Center.

Roll Call of Officers: Present were Chairman Douglas Williams, Committee members, Mr. Joseph T. Callahan & Mr. Bill Coffey. All members of the Committee were present and accounted for.

In attendance were Mr. John Watson Post #280, Mr. Terry Montgomery Post # 302 B. J. Arnold Post # 143, Arlene Shanley Auxiliary Unit #409 16th District. Mr. Lester Reecker Post #300, Mr. George Dolan Post #119 District #6, Mr. Richard Ma? Post #301, Mr. Kenneth Dittenber Post # 22, Anita Glum Post # 472, Mrs. Rose Callahan Post # 67, & Mary Moos Post # 409.

*** Sign in sheet attached and made part of these minutes**

**The chair moved that the minutes from the previous meeting held on September 14, 2007 at Boyne Highlands resort in Harbor Springs, Michigan, be approved support from Coffey.
Motion carried.**

New Business:

The chairman then discussed information regarding proposed legislation upcoming in the State legislature and legislation that had been approved. Information was passed on to those in attendance of our need to do a better job of involving our Posts and Districts in the legislative process.

The chair informed all of a new program being prepared that would use compact discs to inform both Veterans and Legislators of our needs as well as e-mail letters to those holding legislative office in Lansing and Washington D.C.

This program will be in place within the next 30 days and will it is felt help us get the word out concerning the needs of our States Veterans.

An open discussion was held with regard to the needs of our Veterans Service offices and our current state of returning veterans and their needs.

The chairman requested that Districts and Posts become more involved in the election process so we may get Representatives and Senators who will help with our needs.

All in attendance were informed that should they require additional information or need assistance regarding legislation or issues concerning legislation to contact the chair or committee members and assistance would be forthcoming.

Old Business:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the committee, it was moved by Coffey and supported by Callahan that the meeting be adjourned and the meeting was therefore adjourned at 11:52 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted

Douglas Williams

Department Legislative Chairman