

**NATIONAL SECURITY  
BLOOD & VITAL ORGANS  
POW/MIA  
COMMITTEES  
FEBRUARY 15, 2008  
HOLIDAY INN SOUTH HEL  
AND  
CONVENTION CENTER  
LANSING, MICHIGAN**

The meeting of the National Security Committee was called to order at 1:00 P.M. on February 15, 2008, in Ballroom I of the Holiday Inn South Hotel, and Convention Center, Lansing, Michigan

**Roll Call** – The following members were present: George Dolan, Mark Loser, Frank Checchio, and Lew Davis. James Laine and William Welch were absent

There were 6 Districts (11 Posts) were represented, a quorum was present.

Lew Davis was appointed Vice Chairman, and Mark Loser was appointed Secretary.

Minutes of the meeting of September 14, 2007 Meeting at the Department Fall Conference were read. Minutes were accepted as read.

Frank Checchio (Blood and Vital Organs) reported that the “Gift of life Program, has been successful in recruiting donors through the American Legion, and Secretary of States Office, and reminds all that there are no restrictions on donors with a history of cancer. The topic of “whole body” donations was discussed, and four hospitals identified as the sole recipients available within the States of Michigan or Wisconsin for “whole body” donations for organ donations or medical research studies, those being: University of Michigan Ann Arbor, Michigan ([www.med.umich.edu/anatomy/donors](http://www.med.umich.edu/anatomy/donors)), Michigan State University East Lansing, Michigan ([www.rad.msu.edu/ANATOMY/pages/willed](http://www.rad.msu.edu/ANATOMY/pages/willed)), Wayne State University ([www.med.wayne.edu/anatomy/BEQUEST](http://www.med.wayne.edu/anatomy/BEQUEST)), and University of Wisconsin Cadaver Procurement Program Madison, Wisconsin.

Mark Loser (POW/MIA) reported that JPAC has confirmed a set of remains, from WWI, was recovered in France, with DNA Identification in progress.

It has come to the attention of the POW/MIA Committee, that (2) two troops from Michigan have been listed as Missing during this week in IRAQ, we need to rededicate our selves to the fight for the accounting of all those unaccounted for from current, and past conflicts.

Discussions were begun on the topics of recent changes to the Border crossing procedures, including requirements for either, 1.) U.S. Passport

2.) “Trusted Traveler Identification” Card,

3.) A “Raised Seal” copy of you Birth certificate are now

**REQUIRED** at Canadian Border Crossings, Passport is Required at Mexican Border crossings, and Any of the above mentioned are necessary for boarding any flights involving flights to the Caribbean if the flights include any stopover anywhere other than U.S. Territories. Suggestions were made to inform the general public of the necessity of these changes for the protection of all Americans.

Frank Checchio reminded the Committee that anyone with a recent history of diagnostic radiological Isotope testing (i.e.: MRI, or Cardiac Catheterizations, should be reminded that there is enough radiological material in the subjects body for at last three (3) days following any tests, to sound alarms on the Canadian crossing point and should avoid crossing the borders during this time

A discussion was begun concerning Internet security when using credit or debit cards, and how to safely discard magnetic "Key Cards" used by many hotel chains now.

Recent events have brought home the importance of NOT revealing the security code number on the back of credit or debit cards when using them for purchases on the internet, or over the phone, and it has been learned that magnetic "Keys" have sensitive personal information stored on them, and that all it would take is for someone to scan the card after you turned it in, and your card numbers, and in some cases your Social Security Number would be out there for the taking.

The recommendation was made that you either, cut the card "Key" or dispose of it after passing a magnet over the card to scramble or otherwise disrupting your information making the card useless until the desk resets it for the next patron.


Past National Commander Cadmus introduced National Vice Commander Korth (National Security) from Wisconsin who thanked the National Security Committee, Blood and Vital Organs Committee and POW/MIA Committee for their diligence and hard work in informing the Department of Michigan's posts on National Security issues.

Chairman Dolan made pamphlets from The U. S. Department of Homeland security available to all present, the informational pamphlet helps prepare for, and survive, a natural or manmade crisis, or emergency, whether local, or larger in scale. Chairman Dolan made a motion to acquire pamphlets for the Department of Homeland Security, and distribute copies, either through the Legionnaire Magazine or as an inclusion to the department of Michigan's monthly mailings to Commanders and DEC members. Mark Loser appointed to inquire acquisition from Department of homeland Security.

For informational purpose the Department of Homeland Security Website address is:  
WWW.ready.gov.

There being no further business to come before this committee, the meeting was adjourned at 1:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

  
George Dolan, Chairman

Mark Loser, Secretary