

## American Legion

### Department of Michigan Legislative Convention Committee Meeting

June 24, 2011

The meeting of the Department Legislative Committee was called to order at 08:30 June 24, 2011 by Chairman Doug Williams in the Thornapple room of the Amway Grand Plaza in Grand Rapids Michigan. Present were Chairman Doug Williams and member Ernest Ingles. Not present member William Coffey. (Excused).

There not being a quorum the meeting was declared unofficial.

Districts represented were #5 #16 #17 #12 Posts represented were #416 #287 #478 #32 #17 SAL #258.

As the meeting was unofficial discussion was held on a variety of issues of importance to those in attendance. Discussed were the State of Michigan budget and its effect on our VSO program. Our need to contact and work with our Legislators and the diminishing numbers of veterans in our Legion. Also discussed was the need to work with the Student Veterans of America.

The coalition that was formed representing the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Disabled American Veterans, Marine Corps League and the Purple Heart was discussed and explained.

There was discussion with regard to the Michigan Veterans Homes and how to provide for their needs in the future.

The Cold War Legislation was discussed as it will be going before the House for a vote within the next three weeks.

Guests:

During the meeting Commander Hafeman entered and introduced National vice Commander John M. Mella who spoke about the importance of staying active in all legislative issues at the State and National levels.

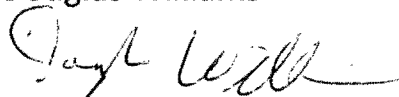
Vice Commander Mella spoke about his visit to the Walter Reed Army Hospital with Commander Hafeman Chairman Williams and Department Public Relations Director Mark Sutton in March. This was inspirational and warmly received.

As meeting time expired a motion was made to adjourn by Jim Lane and seconded by Ernest Ingles.

The meeting was adjourned at 09:30.

Respectfully Submitted

Douglas Williams

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Doug Williams', written in a cursive style.

Department Legislative Affairs Chairman