

**CONVENTION VA & R COMMITTEE MEETING**

June 24, 2011

The meeting of the Convention VA & R Committee was called to order by Ray Moore Temporary Chairman in Grand View C room of the Amway Grand Plaza Hotel in Grand Rapids, Michigan, on June 24, 2011 at 8:25 AM.

Temporary Chairman appointed Dave Spencer as temporary secretary. Salute to colors. Pledge.

Motion offered and supported to appoint Ray Moore as committee chairman. Approved unanimously.

Motion offered and supported to appoint Dave Spencer as Committee Secretary.  
national veterans cemetery in the UP of Michigan. Recommended approval by unanimous vote.

**The following districts were present:** 1,2,5,7,8,9,10,11,16,18 Also present 12, 19

**Minutes:**

Minutes of June 2010 meeting were read and approved.

**Business:**

Chairman Moore recognized national VA&R representative for Michigan, Brett Holt, for a report from the March 2011 Washington conference.

There were two resolutions presented:

7-11-C from the UP Association to request a committee be appointed to explore establishment of a National Veterans Cemetery in the U.P. of Michigan. Recommend approval by unanimous vote.

8-11-C same as 7-11-C to establish a State Veterans Cemetery in the U.P. of Michigan. Recommend approval by unanimous vote.

Chairman reviewed highlights of Director Topps report to the Standing Committee and the new employees. He also reported on the current procedure in process for awarding State funding to the VA&R coalition members.

There was discussion regarding the suicide hot lines for OIF/OEF Veterans and if any information is available regarding numbers related to previous wars.

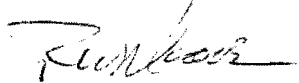
We also discussed the Vet Clinics and the services & counseling available through them.

Chairman Moore thanked all present for their attendance and their efforts in support of our VA & R program and our veterans.

**Adjournment:**

A motion to adjourn prevailed and the meeting was adjourned in due form at 9:35 am.

Respectfully submitted by,



Raymond Moore, Chairman