

## **Minutes of Convention Economic Committee Meeting**

The meeting of the Department Economic Committee was called to order by Gerald Merrell Chairman in Grand Rapids Michigan Amyway Grand Emerald A Ball Room at 8:30am Friday June 24<sup>th</sup> 2011

The Following Districts were represented. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> 12<sup>th</sup>, 17th and Washington DC

Legionnaires' in Attendance: Gerald Merrell Chairman, Richard Parks, Larry Gregory, Dan Walsh, Stan Truskowski, Donald Connor, Kelly Stanley

Guest Mark Walker National Economic Committee

Meeting opened with Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes were read, motion made by Stan Truskowski, to accept the minutes seconded by Richard Parks, Motion passed

Old Business: None

New Business:

- Chairman Gerald Merrell mentioned the 3 Local Veterans' Employment Representative Jobs in the Wayne, Benton Harbor and Jackson
- Discussed the current award winners and nominations for next years Economic awards, encourage Local Posts and Districts to submit names
- Veterans Preference and Veterans Services to all veterans young and old
- Veterans Wallet cards were passed out a great resource for the Post to help a veteran looking for a JOB
- Discussed the Veterans Service Web Page, how Posts can get into contact with Local Veterans Employment Representative to assist veterans in need
- Goal to have Veterans' Service staff more involved in touch with Local Posts
- Mark Walker from National Economic Committee discussed National's role lobbying for Veterans Rights / Preference, and the New GI Bill

No other business brought forward

Meeting adjourned at 9:00am

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Gerald Merrell', written over a horizontal line.