

**AMERICAN LEGION
DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN
ECONOMIC COMMITTEE MEETING-Midland, MI**

Appoint Secretary: Rich Kryza

Guest Sign-Up Sheet

DATE: September 26, 2008

*MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 1:15 Room Commodore I
AT THE Valley Plazas, Midland, MI*

ROLL CALL OF ECONOMIC COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Richard Kryza-Chairman
Ronald Runyan-Economic Committee Member
James Duray-Economic Committee Member

ECONOMIC COMMITTEE AGENDA:

Read minutes: Approved

NEW BUSINESS:

American Legion Department of Michigan sponsored Job Fairs-Dow Event Center, Saginaw, Tecumseh American Legion Post, Holiday Inn, Southfield & Oakland Community College.

Also, provided service officers for many other veteran job fairs.

Hire Vets First Campaign-On going throughout the country

Veteran's preference-Economic Committee sent letters to house and senate veteran chairs asking

Them to find out from Civil Service how many veterans/disabled veterans have been hired in

State since law went into effect in 2005. Now lets get the retired veterans preference.

Employer Support of Guard and Reserves (ESGR) American Legion supports Reemployment rights of returning veterans.

Economic Awards nominations by Jan 15,2009

Large Employer:

Medium Employer:

Small Employer:

Disabled Outreach Worker of the Year

Best Veteran Office

Older Worker:

Attended Commanders Group meeting at American Legion Dept. gave economic report.

Support Veteran Employment Training Programs-Letter of support from department in 2009.

Support employment for Michigan National Guard and Reserves.

Chair attended meetings leading up to passage of new GI Bill.

Legion sits on State of Michigan Veterans Counsel, which works on seamless System to ensure veterans that return to Michigan get all help needed.

Michigan "Bill of Rights Wallet Cards"

Legislative Guides

ANY OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THIS COMMITTEE-

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Discussion on Vet owned businesses. State gives preferences to vet owned businesses

**MEETING WAS AJOURNED BY Ron Runyan AND SECONDED
BY James Duray CARRIED AT 2:00 p.m.**