

Department National Security and Foreign Relations Committee Meeting
September 18, 2009

The meeting of the Department National Security and Foreign Relations Committee was called to order by John Kailunas, Chairman at 1 p.m. in the Rose Boardroom of the Eastin Hotel in Roseville, Michigan. The following people were present:

MEMBERS: John Kailunas, Donald Connor, Gerald Evans, James Austin, Frank Checchio and Jim Hafeman (Absent).

GUESTS: 9 Present

MINUTES: It was moved and supported that the minutes of Department Convention of the Department National Security and Foreign Relations Committee be approved.
Motion carried.

Chairman's Report – Discussed our goals stopping our missile defense system. The American Legion is not happy with this plan. Reminded us to notify our politicians. This is not a good plan. Also, discussed The American Legion and local military units to work more closely together.

POW-MIA Report – Jim Austin informed all present about websites related to MIAs. Talked about bills in Senate to allow funeral homes to notify VSO about unclaimed veteran's remains. Also, reported the VA will now take osteoporosis as a disability if you're a POW.

Vital Organ Report – Frank Checchio informed only 4 hospitals will take full-body donations. District Command has all vital organ information to pass along. Also, stressed the importance of keeping this program in the forefront.

OLD BUSINESS: What happened to our resolution made at State Convention (about supporting Citizen Corp) - new chairman to follow up.

NEW BUSINESS: National Commander Jim Cadmus introduced Leading National Commander candidate Jimrny Foster. He talked to us and answered several questions.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before this committee, it was moved and supported that the meeting be adjourned at 1:50 p.m. Motion carried.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

JOHN KAILUNAS, DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN