

Department V A & R Committee

September 24, 2010

The meeting of the Department VA & R Committee was called to order at 1pm in the Salon B room of the Troy Marriott in Troy Michigan.

MEMBERS:

Raymond Moore, Chairman

Don Howard

Tony Licari

Donald Chmielewski

David Spencer

Tom Derenzy

GUESTS: There were 27 members present

Vice Chairman: Tony Licari was voted in as Vice Chairman.

DISCUSSION:

Mr. Topps talked to the group about what is going on with the Service Department and introduced Phil McCaskey as the new Department Service Officer.

Mr. Topps answered questions from the group. Mr. Topps report was read and it was moved by Mr. Licari and supported by Mr. Derenzy that the minutes be approved.

Motion carried.

It was moved by Licari and supported to by Derenzy to approve the minutes as read.
Motion carried.

Director Topps talked about doing more work at the post to help out the Department Staff.

Mr. Moore talked about the awards that were given out from last year.

National Commander Candidate was introduced and spoke to the group.

Mr. Holt gave reports from National Convention. He talked about VA third party billing. The VA is studying the female veteran more closely for sexual trauma.

Earl Ruttkofsky, National Service Officer Representative talked about volunteer staffing at out patient clinic.

Curtis Wynn gave his report on VAVS Centers at Detroit VA Medical . He stated that there are 150 apartments for homeless veterans.

NEW BUSINESS:

The letter from National about any problems with the medical staff at VA Facilities needs to be addressed to the National Service Officer Staff.

Mr. Moore went to the Finance Committee and stated that the Department needs a new State Service Officer and National Service Officer.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before this committee, it was moved and supported that the meeting be adjourned at 3:30 pm. Motion Carried.