

DEPARTMENT VA & R COMMITTEE
September 16, 2011

The meeting of the Department VA & R Committee was called to order by Ray Moore, Chairman at 2:00 p.m., Friday, September 16, 2011 in the Salon E Room of the Marriott in Troy, Michigan. The following people were present:

MEMBERS: Ray Moore, Chairman, Don Howard, Tony Licari, Donald Chmielewski; David Spencer excused

GUESTS: 15 guests were present

Salute of Colors and Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman intro of Leading Candidate for national Commander Jim Koutz.

VA&R director Jim Topps Director's report and standing committee report. Motion by Tony Licari, seconded by Don Howard to accept VA&R director report. Motion carried.

Comment by Lannie Thomas for Higgins Lake Harmony

SAL National Rep. Earl Rutkowski spoke on SAL commitment to Legion.

No unfinished business.

Finance committee approved VA&R budget presented by Ray Moore.

Support programs.

At convention meeting Navy Ships Bluewater

Lists on website [www. PublicHealth.VA.gov](http://www.PublicHealth.VA.gov)

District Service Officer of the Year David Loop 2nd District
Post Service Officer of the Year Joe Lada 9th District

VA& R publications available online.

Michigan governor's press conference remarks on VA dollars explained by Chair Ray Moore.

Nominations for Don Howard as Vice Chairman was motioned by Licari, seconded by Chmielewski. Motion carried.

Nominations for Don Chmielewski as Secretary was motioned by Howard, seconded by Licari. Motion carried.

VA/VS report by Chairman Henry Altman.

Grand Rapids home – Pink slips 140.

Saginaw – Ann Arbor Hosp. – Gaylord – looking good in most places.

Pat Kline spoke, Cadillac CBOC, Kinross and UP very busy.

Chris Smirnes new staff member introduced and welcomed.

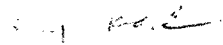
UP vet home Jacobetti report by Tim Feliciano.

Committee consideration – 11-F4 Boys State 501c3 corporation subjection to cost was motioned by Chmielewski seconded by Licari for approval.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before this committee, it was moved by Licari and supported by Howard that the meeting be adjourned at 3:13 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Ray Moore