

National Security and Foreign Relations
Causeway Bay Hotel
February 21, 2009

Call to Order: Chairman George Dolan called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. in the Lansing Ball Room I of the Causeway Bay Hotel.

Roll Call: The following members were present: Chairman George Dolan, Franck Checchio, Don Connor, Gerald Evans, and James Austin. The following member was absent: James Laine. There were nine guests present.

Minutes: A motion to accept the minutes of the Fall Conference meeting as written was made by Frank Checchio and supported by Don Connor. Motion carried.

Old Business:

Organ Donations-Frank Checchio informed the Committee that last year was the best year for organ donations.

POW/MIA Website- James Austin said the website is www.donations.public_affairs@jpac.pacom.mil which has a link for families with missing military. Also discussed where KIA's are interred overseas.

New Business:

Illegal Immigrants: A report on Illegal Immigrants and the problems it causes. US Department of Homeland Security form "Preparing Makes Sense" is available at

www.ready.gov and can be stamped with endorsement from a post and distributed to the public.

Department Commander: Department Commander Anderson gave remarks and retired from the meeting.

A discussion on instituting Citizen Corps Council at the Posts which would unite the Communities and prepare the Nation for disasters. Chairman Dolan passed out information to the Committee Members to study and be prepared to discuss and possibly write a resolution to go before the Department Convention

The website for the Department www.michiganlegion.org and links to collect information on committee progress and history.

Chairman Dolan passed out over 300 pamphlets to the guests in attendance.

There being no further business to come before this Committee a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:55 p.m. was made by Mr. Austin and supported by Mr. Connor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted:


George Dolan, Chairman