

MICHIGAN LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

February 19, 2011

The meeting of the Department Legislative Committee was called to order by Doug Williams, Chairman at 9:50 a.m. in the Taft Room of the Holiday Inn Gateway Centre in Flint, Michigan. The following people were present:

MEMBERS: Douglas Williams (Chairman), Willard Coffey, Ernest Ingles, John Nelson (excused)

GUESTS: 15 present

Chairman Williams discussed issues that are now occurring in Lansing.

MINUTES: It was moved by Willard Coffey and supported by Ernest Ingles that the minutes of the Michigan Legislative Committee be approved. Motion approved.

OLD BUSINESS: There was no old business to come before this committee.

NEW BUSINESS: There was a discussion on the Cold War bill that Don Lotter initiated.

There was a discussion on the Legislative Reception in Lansing regarding the high cost will be divided among the Commanders Group and have the Commander's Group take part in the reception.

There was a discussion on funding for veterans homes regarding a need for change in coming year. There will be a \$4.2 million cut to the Grand Rapids Home for Veterans.

There was a discussion on the Washington Conference and those visits to meet with the reps.

Department Commander Hafeman's 5-year plan was discussed.

Discussion on a Legislative Council for State of Michigan following the National Legislative Council.

There was a lot of discussion on needs for women veterans and the treatment and needs for our young veterans.

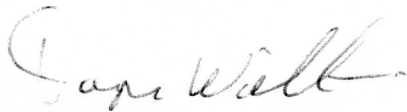
Discussion on issues relative to homeless vets.

Senate Bill #69 (Property Tax) was discussed.

Gold Star Plate Bill was discussed.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before this committee, it was moved by Willard Coffey and supported by Ernest Ingles that the meeting be adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Douglas Williams".

DOUGLAS WILLIAMS, Department Chairman