

DEPARTMENT VA & R COMMITTEE MEETING

February 19, 2011

The meeting of the Department VA & R Committee was called to order by Ray Moore, Chairman in Flint, Michigan, on February 19, 2011 at 1:45 pm. The following people were present:

MEMBERS: Raymond Moore, Chairman, V.C. Tony Licari, David Spencer, Secretary, Don Howard, Donald Chmielewski

GUESTS: 12 Guests were present.

Salute the colors and Pledge of Allegence.

Chairman welcomed all present and introduced committee members.

National Commander Jimmie Foster received and addressed the group at 1:50 pm.

Minutes:

It was moved by Licari and supported by Howard that the minutes of the previous meeting in Troy of the Department VA & R Committee be approved. Motion carried.

Business:

Chairman requested all present to stay in contact with State Reps and Senators re appropriation for Veteran Service Organizations. Also noted still short staffed in field. Also noted recoveries for Michigan Vets \$396 million VA benefits.

In the absence of Director Topps (in executive Committee Meeting w/finance) Chairman read directors report.

Chairman excused himself to attend special meeting with Commander. Reconnect and Wilwin Committee re: psych screening services available for Vets invited to decompress at Wilwin property.

Vice Chairman Licari assumed Chair.

New Business:

Blue water Navy try to get ships name to give them claims (ships on list).

VAVS reporting:

Reports from Detroit, Ann Arbor, Saginaw, Grand Rapids, Iron Mountain. Detroit Director removed from Detroit 2 names are being presented by state Commander.

Service Officer reports are being mailed out to Post Service Officers. Mr. Topps is giving out awards to people who earn the National Department.

Adjournment:

There being no further business to come before this committee, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted by,



Ray Moore, Chairman
David Spencer, Secretary