

**NATIONAL SECURITY
BLOOD & VITAL ORGANS
POW/MIA
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TROY MARRIOTT
TROY, MICHIGAN**

The meeting of the National Security Committee was called to order at 1:30 P.M. September 22, 2006 in the Dennison III Room of the Troy Marriott.

Roll Call – The following members were present: Jim Laine, Frank Checchio, Mark Loser, Bill Welsh, Lew Davis

Absent: Ted Galbraith (excused)

There were 6 guests present.

Bill Welsh was elected Vice Chairman, and Mark Loser was elected Secretary.

Frank Checchio (Blood and Vital Organs) reported further details of the Gift of Life Organ Donation Program, and stressed the need for a living will, and next of kin knowing the wishes of the potential donor. He further reminded those present that there is not age limitation, nor non-pathogenic disease limitations on organs donated, and provided literature to those present for further information and contact information on the program to those interested.

Mark Loser (POW/MIA) reported the remains of an individual believed to be from Michigan have been recovered, and are awaiting DNA confirmation before being returned home by JPAC. He will be contacting JPAC within the week, requesting verification, and of test results and participation of the American Legion, in any and all ceremonies, the event the remains come home to Michigan.

There were several ceremonies throughout the state commemorating POW/MIA Recognition Day on September 16th, 2006, and thanks all those who participated in those ceremonies, “Lest We Forget”.

Chairman Laine stated that the “Buddy Pack” program (sending small packages to service members) has been very successful, except that the package should be marked as for female or male if not addressed to a specific service member. As certain items are gender appropriate.

A discussion was begun on the topic of initiating a “Buddy System” for returning veterans with disabilities, and reconnecting them with the community.

There being no further business to come before this committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

James Laine, Chairman

Mark Loser, Secretary