

**NATIONAL SECURITY
BLOOD & VITAL ORGANS
POW/MIA
COMMITTEES
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BOYNE HIGHLANDS RESORT
AND
CONVENTION CENTER
HARBOR SPRINGS, MICHIGAN**

The meeting of the National Security Committee was called to order at 1:00 P.M. on September 14, 2007 in The Champions Room West of the Boyne Highlands Resort, and Convention Center, Harbor Springs, Michigan

Roll Call – The following members were present: George Dolan, Mark Loser, and William Welsh, Frank Checchio, Jim Laine, Lew Davis

There were 5 Districts were represented, a quorum was present.

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

Minutes of the meeting of June 15, 2007 Meeting at the Department Convention were read, and with addition of the proposed resolution to preclude and censure Ms. Jane Fonda from being nominated as one of Time Magazines “100 Top influential women of the year (Nominated by Barbara Walters, (Said Resolution having been defeated in committee by the Internal Affairs Committee), Minutes were accepted as corrected.

Frank Checchio (Blood and Vital Organs) reported that the “Gift of life Program, has been successful in recruiting donors through the American Legion, and Secretary of States Office, and reminds all that there are no restrictions on donors with a history of cancer, and continues contact with the Gift of Life program, and will investigate the possibility of publishing their brochure, or inserting them in a future mailing of the Michigan Legionnaire.

Mark Loser (POW/MIA) reported that a set of remains, from WWI, recovered in France, has tentatively been identified through I.D tags by JPAC with DNA confirmation in progress.

The Joint Casualty Identification Center has moved from Barbers Point in Hawaii, to the area of Kaneohe, and has recently released an Informational DVD describing the process used in recovery, and identification of remains presumed to be American, This DVD **is not** Copyrighted, and may copied and freely distributed.

A copy of this DVD has been forwarded to the Department Publications, and Public Relations Group for duplication, and distribution to all Posts wishing a copy, or you may request a copy directly from JPAC at the following e-mail address: PUBLIC_AFFAIRS@JPAC.PACOM.MIL

Discussions were begun on the topics of Impending changes to the Border crossing procedures, and suggestions were made to inform the general public of the necessity of these changes for the protection of all Americans.

Frank Checchio reminded the Committee that anyone with a recent history of diagnostic radiological Isotope testing (i.e.: MRI, or Cardiac Catherizations, should be reminded that there is enough radiological material in the subjects system for at last three (3) days following any tests, to sound alarms on the Canadian crossing point and should avoid crossing the borders during this time

A discussion was begun concerning Internet security when using credit or debit cards, and how to safely discard magnetic "Key Cards" used by many hotel chains now.

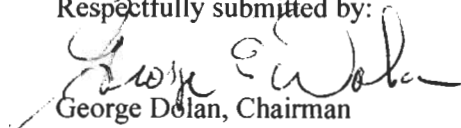
Recent events have brought home the importance of NOT revealing the security code number on the back of credit or debit cards when using them for purchases on the internet, or over the phone, and it has been learned that magnetic "Keys" have sensitive personal information stored on them, and that all it would take is for someone to scan the card after you turned it in, and your card numbers, and in some cases your Social Security Number would be out there for the taking.

The recommendation was made that you either, cut the card "Key" or dispose of it after passing a magnet over the card to scramble or otherwise disrupting your information making the card useless until the desk resets it for the next patron.

The Heroes to Hometown program was discussed, the program is expensive, and discussions included fundraising methods for increasing the funds to assist those troops coming home with devastating injuries requiring modification of their homes, which is the purpose of the program. The committee was reminded that Lowe's, Menards, 84 Lumber, and other Building supply companies, are willing to participate, either through donations of materials, or significant discounts if legionnaires would b willing to "just let the store know" of the project being for a returning soldier (Branch non specific term)

There being no further business to come before this committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:



George Dolan, Chairman

Mark Loser, Secretary