

DEPARTMENT LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

The meeting of the Department Legislative Committee was called to order by Marilyn Britten, Chairman in Muskegon, Michigan, on September 23, 2016. The following

people were present:

Members: Marilyn Britten, Tim Poxon, Joe Renis.

Guests: National Vice Commander, Paul Martell, MI NEC Rep Roger Webster, and 4 others

Minutes of the Convention Meeting were approved.

Senate Bill 3328 introduced to reform rights, and processes relating to appeals of decisions regarding claims for benefits under the VA.

Opportunity to get 6 new Veterans homes in Michigan. The state will need to finalize site choices and building schematics by 15 Apr of next year to apply for a VA

construction grant that will pay for 65 percent of the construction costs.

Bills to establish the facilities authority are HBS 5919, 5920, 5921; SBs 1098, 1099, 1100.

6 phases of the new vet homes:

Phase 1: Build two new homes - one in Metro Detroit and another in Grand Rapids to replace the current facility - within the first year.

Phase 2: Build a home in the Flint- Saginaw-Bay City area to serve the tri-city and thumb region.

Phase 3: Build one home along the I-94 corridor to serve the "hefty population of veterans" between Jackson and Battle Creek.

Phase 4: The workgroup recommends replacing the Jacobetti home in Marquette.

Phase 5: Recommends building a new home near a freeway exit in a "central Location" to serve the Northern Lower Peninsula region.

Phase 6: Calls for the construction of two homes to serve the Southeast Michigan region.

We need to show support for this plan; so we need all Legionnaires to call their Reps.

February 8th will be the Legislative breakfast in Lansing.

Meeting adjourned at 315pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Chairman
Chairman