

DEPARTMENT LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

February 16, 2013

The meeting of the Department Legislative Committee was called to order by Doug Williams, Chairman in the Taft Room at Holiday Inn Gateway Centre, Flint, Michigan, on February 16, 2013.

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Williams at 9:58 AM.

Members: All members present

Guests: 12

Minutes

The minutes of our last meeting were read and approved by committee.

Business

The following topics were reviewed by Chairman Williams:

New Department of Veterans Affairs

SB82 concerning adding the word "Veteran" on our drivers license. There is also discussion on a special veteran's license plate. Proceeds from the license plate to be returned to State of Michigan's Veterans programs.

A handout was presented on defense contracts awarded to companies within the 8th District. These companies currently bring to the state \$4,754,855,275.00. If sequestration goes into effect – think of the loss to our economy. This could also affect Districts with Selfridge air base etc.

New laws that allow veterans just leaving military service to apply for various jobs – using military background training to get certain license.

SB 798 and 799 reviewed, Michigan Homes & M.V.T.F.

Term limits problems with trying to educate them on Veterans program. By the time they understand it all – they are out of office.

Information on County Board of Commissioners collecting 1/10 of 1 mill tax for veterans benefits (soldiers and sailors relief fund) currently a lot of counties collect this money but do not have a person on staff to interact with administration of the funds.

Numerous other legislative programs were reviewed by Chairman Williams.

Meeting adjourned at 10:49 AM.

Respectfully submitted,



Doug Williams, Chairman