

Department Legislative Committee

September 21, 2012

The meeting of the Department Legislative Committee was called to order by Doug Williams at 11:00 am in the Boyne Highlands Complex in the Champions West Room.

It was moved by Ken Dittenber and supported by Bill Coffey to approve the minutes of the meeting held in June at the Department Convention. Motion carried.

Members: Doug Williams, Chairman
Ken Dittenber
Bill Coffey

The meeting was opened for specific issues:

There were two (2) representatives from the Auxiliary present.

Sequestration was reviewed and explained to all by Chairman Williams.

Veterans Courts legislation passed

There are 14 representatives who are term limited out this year.

Current Bills before the legislature as follows:

HB 5251 – 5252 – 5253

SB 637 – American Legion Stand on Flag Amendment

New Budget date is October 1, 2012.

The Department Public Relations Officer will be setting up Service Announcements on Veterans Legislation.

HB 4348 Testimony on disabled Veteran's payment of property taxes. If the Veteran is 100% disabled they will not be paying property taxes.

You use the internet to keep track Michigan Legislation.

Testimony on Mortgage Loans with Bill Schuette (Michigan Attorney General) for Veterans. We won a lawsuit for 97 million dollars to be returned to Michigan because of fraudulent home foreclosures.

There being no further business to come before the committee, it was moved by Dittenber and supported by Coffey that the meeting be adjourned at 11:36 am. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by,



Doug Williams, Chairman

Ken Dittenber, Secretary