

The American Legion Department of Michigan

Legislative

Meeting was held Friday July 9, 2021, at the Kewadin Grand Island I room

Meeting open at 10:30 am

Chair and Secretary were nominated and elected as follows Tim Poxson to Chair and Joe Renis to Secretary.

Districts Present: 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>

10 Districts present quorum

Number of Guest was 12

Department Commander Barry Wood talked about the importance of Legislative Committee and Veteran Legislation. Commander Wood also stated that it is important to be involved with your Representatives.

Reading of past (2019) convention minutes by Poxson, with one correction that Carignan was in attendance, Motion to approve by Carignan and seconded by Hafeman, Motion carried with the correction.

Update on the VA homes in Macomb Co and Grand Rapids. And talk of next steps for two more new homes.

Reading of the Legislative Committee Report. By Poxson (As Reported in the Michigan Legionnaire)

Motion #1 by Hafeman seconded by Carignan:

Directing the Legislative Committee and Department of Michigan American Legion to investigate the status and funding of a National Veterans Cemetery in the Upper Peninsula.

Discussion: Not much information is being relayed on the status of this project to the American Legion Membership.

Motion Carried with no objections.

New Business: None

Old Business: None

Good of the Legion: Discussion about what legislative efforts is taking place for post 911 Veterans and the issues with Suicides. Input was given and some suggestion that we work with other VSO groups to help move this forward as a priority both at the State and Federal Legislative levels.

Chairman Comments: The Chair thanked everyone who was in attendance and asked them to contact us at Department if we can be of assistance. The Chair also asked for the members to assist when called upon to contact their own elected officials.

Meeting closed at 11:16 am.

Respectfully Submitted

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tim Poxson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "T".

Tim Poxson Chair Legislative Committee