

The American Legion Department of Michigan

Winter Conference

February 12, 2022

National Security and Foreign Relations Committee

The Department of Michigan National Security and Foreign Relations Committee was called to order by the Chairman in Ballroom E at the Crowne Plaza Hotel at 1302.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Districts in Attendance: 8, 18, 2, 4

There was a quorum as there were 3 committee members present (Mr. Spolarich, Mr. DeCarlo, Mr. Wakefield).

Guests: 5 guests in attendance.

Minutes of previous meeting at Shanty Creek, MI on 17 September, 2021 were read and accepted.

Old Business: None

New Business: POW/MIA Resolution was addressed by the committee. Much discussion. Motion to reject resolution made by Mr. Wotring. Seconded by Mr. Spolarich. Motion passed.

Motion to combine POW/MIA Subcommittee and Blood/Eye/Vital Organ Subcommittee moved by Spolarich, seconded by DeCarlo. Motion passed. Chair will discuss possible combination with Department staff.

Good of the Legion:

Mr. DeCarlo spoke about the Good Guy Award he received last year. He has been proudly displaying it all over the UP.

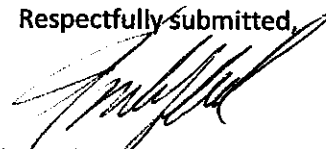
John Mella spoke about needing a Veterans Cemetery in the UP. The VA needs 80,000 veterans in the UP to consider establishing a National Cemetery. There are only 40,000 veterans in the UP now.

Political activities during upcoming elections were discussed. Posts were reminded to insure no favoritism shown to any political candidate. The American Legion is a apolitical.

Discussed current situation in Ukraine.

Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Spolarich. Second by Mr. DeCarlo. Meeting adjourned at 1350.

Respectfully submitted,


Keith M. Wakefield, Chair

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motion pass