

**DEPARTMENT MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE**  
**February 15, 2014**

The Department Membership Committee was called to order at 1:00 pm on Saturday, February 15, 2014, by Chairman, Larry Money, in the Madison/McKinley Room of the Holiday Inn Gateway Centre in Flint, Michigan. The meeting was brought to order with a Pledge of Allegiance.

It was moved by Ron Runyan and supported by the group for Larry Money to be Permanent Chairman. Motion Passed.

It was moved by Kevin Gilliam and supported by Steve Striggow to elect Ron Runyan as Secretary for the meeting. Motion carried.

Roll call was taken and the following people were present:

Larry Money, Membership Chairman  
 Ron Runyan, DMS Coordinator  
 Michael Bruntjens, U.P. Membership Director  
 Gary Hlavka  
 Davidd Spencer

GUESTS: 10

MINUTES: The minutes from Department Fall Conference were read. It was moved by Ron Runyan and supported by David Spencer to accept the minutes. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS: Membership recruitment 10, 20, 30 explanation of the program and what is needed to qualify – forms online or from Department Headquarters.

18 Posts did achieve 100% membership by December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2013, have the certificates available and will be given to posts or sent out.

Spoke about how the Department Michigan fairs currently at the National level and how the Department can reach 100% again this year.

Chairman Money recognized the 17<sup>th</sup> District Kevin Gilliam for the 17<sup>th</sup> District reaching 100%.

Chairman Money read an email from a member from Caro, MI and how he emailed National on quitting The American Legion. Chairman Money gave an example how we as Legionnaires don't loose members do to non-contact and members who don't feel like they are a part of the post.

DMS Coordinator Runyan spoke on Project Stay Active and Request to Transfer. Doug Williams will be holding a meeting with a General National Guard Unit, Chairman Money and DMS Runyan to also meet and discuss recruitment about new members.

National Commander Dellinger was introduced by NEC John Skinner. National Commander Dellinger commented on how well the Department's ranking in The American Legion and Michigan is in 3<sup>rd</sup> Place in Regional but very close to being in 1<sup>st</sup> Place.

Meeting continued ..... regarding the Boys State, Girls State, Student Trooper Programs, members from the membership team and Legion family should be there on opening day for possibly gain membership.

Department Commander Moore had comments on membership. Michigan is ahead of goal. Department is down 30K members from years ago which effects money to Department for programs and services to veterans.

Lavern Spolerich spoke about the article the State Adjutant Patrick Lafferty wrote in the Michigan Legionnaire about next year National will no longer be sending out the green bar reports that accompany the membership cards. Gave an idea on materials/supplies which can be purchased from National Emblem Sales.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business to come before this meeting, motion by Gary Hlavka and supported by Tom DeCarlo that the meeting adjourn at 2:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Larry Money". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

LARRY MONEY, Membership Chairman