

**CONVENTION NATIONAL SECURITY AND FOREIGN RELATIONS
COMMITTEE MEETING**

June 28, 2013

The meeting of the Department National Security and Foreign Relations Committee was called to order by Jim Austin, Chairman in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, on June 28, 2013 at 8:30 a.m. The following people were present:

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

It was moved by Bell and supported by Sturm to elect Austin as permanent Chairman. Motion carried.

ELECTION OF SECRETARY

It was moved by Austin and supported by Thompson to elect Bell as secretary. Motion carried.

DISTRICTS: 1,3,4,5,7,9,10, and 18

GUEST: 8

BUSINESS

POW/MIA report given – 3 remains have been I.D.

Discussion ensued concerning website showing veteran status.

Blood & Vital Organs – 13 blood donors have received awards. Discussion ensues concerning restriction of blood donations.

Immigration bill going thru house 30 billion for law enforcement, 15 years for citizenship. National Homeland Security looking at bill.

Bob Spanogle spoke on committees working together for certain bills.

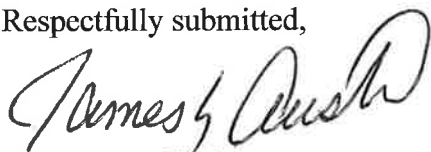
Bob Spanogle gave report from National Commander concerning Army downsizing, due to budget cuts. T.A.L. has 2 resolutions going thru national. 1a) Finding funds so Army isn't forced to downsize 2) Support veterans transition from Army to civilian life.

Discussion ensued concerning cutbacks in military and the after effects. Military cutting back quiet and quickly. Every Legionnaire should be talking to their congressman and senators.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before this committee, it was moved by Dubai and supported by Kailunas that the meeting be adjourned at 9:09 a.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Jim Austin, Chairman