

DEPARTMENT CONVENTION NATIONAL SECURITY AND FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE

June 29, 2012

The meeting of the Department Convention National Security and Foreign Relations Committee was called to order by Jim Austin, Chairman at 8:30 a.m. in the Stone Theater in Kalamazoo, Michigan.

DISTRICTS: 5th, 6th, 7th, 9th, 10th, and 18th were present.

GUESTS: 7 present

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11th

NEW BUSINESS: Laverne Spolarich reported on awards. Three awards will be presented by the Department Blood, Eye and Vital Organs Committee.

Stan Kennedy reported to the committee on P.O.W. M.I.A. Every Legionnaire is requested to urge their legislators to support the continuing acceleration of a second site. The second site will be used by J.P.A.C., 8000 Korean service men. Anyone with family M.I.A.s will furnish J.P.A.C. with frontal pictures of the missing.

Federal law now allows veteran organizations to retrieve cremation of soldier's remains for proper burial.

The Chairman talked to the committee on Americanism.

Motion to approve the resolution to investigate the Israeli attack on the USS Liberty. The committee voted to approve the resolution.

A question on immigration came before the committee. It was referred to the Americanism Committee.

Mr. Spagnola pointed out the proper procedures. Mr. Spagnola printed out a program that will be presented on August 1-4 in rooms 205-207 at the convention center in Indianapolis on national security. He also announced the Legion Riders expo to be held at this year's convention.

Andre Savacha, SAL Homeland Security, passed out material he had available.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before this committee, it was moved and supported that the meeting be adjourned at 9:25 a.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,



JAMES AUSTIN, CHAIRMAN
JOHN KAILUNAS, SECRETARY