

**DEPARTMENT NATIONAL SECURITY & FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE**  
**June 28, 2012**

The meeting of the Department National Security & Foreign Relations Committee was called to order by James "Big Daddy" Austin, Chairman at 2:00 p.m., Thursday, June 28, 2012 in the Great Lakes Room 1 of the Radisson Plaza Hotel Kalamazoo, Michigan. The following people were present:

MEMBERS: James "Big Daddy" Austin, Chairman, Laverne Spolarich, Stan Kennedy, Richard Dubay

GUESTS: 7 guests present

**MINUTES:**

It was supported by consensus that the minutes of the Winter meeting of the Department National Security & Foreign Relations committee be approved.

**REPORTS:**

Vital Organ/Blood Bank Subcom – Spolarich, Chair  
Criteria was presented for recognition of outstanding donors:  
10-19 gal of blood – certificate  
20-29 gal of blood – bronze award  
30 – 39 gal of blood – silver  
40-40+ gal of blood – gold award

Recommended that SAL/Legion Auxiliary member awards be supported by appropriate SAL/Aux. organizations.

Moved by Spolarich, Seconded by Kennedy to recommend DEC approval of Resoluton 5-12-C. Discussion. Motion approved.

POW/MIA Subcom. – Kennedy, Chair  
Presented reprehensive statutes on recovery, identification and burial of POW/MIA remains by JPAC. Also related details of six most recently reported identifications in past two months. Reported on apparent continuation of current JPAC funding; improved cooperation with SE Asia nations – Vietnam, Laos, etc, but stag noted efforts during recent turmoil in North Korea; and finally the announced selection by JPAC of Offutt AFB, NB (Omaha) as the proposed site for a second JPAC facility for recovery and laboratory operations.  
Finally, reviewed JPAC's public plea for photos of Korean War MIAs to facilitate identification efforts.

Border Control Issues – Dubay.  
Short discussion of US Border control problems. No specific actions taken.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Proposed Resolution 17-12-C, Authorize to wear Military Decorations & Award on Am. Legion recommended uniforms referred back to committee for clarification. Not considered within the ND & FR preview.

Proposed Resolution 6-12-C, Investigate Israeli Attack on USS Liberty: Extended discussion and review of survivor accounts led to recommended forwarding Res 6-12-C to DEC for approval.

**ADJOURNMENT**

No further new business items, the ND& FR committee chair declared the meeting adjourned at 1444 hours EDT.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James 'Big Daddy' Austin". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

James "Big Daddy" Austin, Chairman