

**DEPARTMENT NATIONAL SECURITY & FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE**  
**February 18, 2012**

The meeting of the Department National Security & Foreign Relations Committee was called to order by James "Big Daddy" Austin, Chairman at 1:00 p.m., Saturday, February 18, 2012 in the Taft Room of the Holiday Inn Gateway Center in Flint, Michigan. The following people were present:

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

**GUESTS:** 8 guests present including National Commander Wong

**MINUTES:**

Read and approved by consensus.

**REPORTS:**

- A) Laverne Spolarich reported on blood and vital organ and described award presentation for the DEC meeting. Spolarich described the award levels for blood donations.
- B) Stan Kennedy POW/MIA Report: attended Legislative Affairs Committee meeting earlier today. Concerned about whether DoD budget cuts would result in financing for POW/MIA program. Recommend every individual contact their legislators to emphasize the importance of funding.
- C) Mike Trickey reported on visit with Rep. Dan Benishek, US rep 1<sup>st</sup> Congressional District. I am to report back.

Chairman Austin reported on existing resolutions in process, particularly 12-W-4 by the 9<sup>th</sup> District, "Investigate the Israeli Attack on the USS Liberty." The committee, moved by Spolarich, sent resolution back for further clarification. Seconded by Dubay. Motion passed.

Chairman announcements made regarding publicity issues. One was about receiving a US Flag when killed in line-of-duty. The issue of the status of Arlington National Cemetery.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

None

**OLD BUSINESS:**

PDC Lynch reported on private land owners along border of Canada resolution requiring barriers to crossing the border of USA. Resolution failed at National Convention. Richard DuBay reported on issues surrounding Border Patrol versus Homeland Security for responsibility of boarder security. National Security issues are in discussion at the national level.

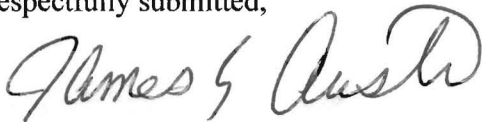
Laverne Spolarich asked about whether budget dollars would be available for awards. Comes under general committee.

Question asked by visitor, Don Lotter Post 7, about organ donation issue. Who pays to donate the organ? Spolarich to investigate this matter, because a survivor is soliciting funds to pay \$30,000 hospital bill. This matter will be researched thoroughly.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James & Austin". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

James "Big Daddy" Austin, Chairman