

**POST DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**  
**September 21, 2012**

The Department Post Development Committee was called to order at 2:30 p.m. by Chairman Al Ford in Room D/E at Boyne Highlands Resort in Harbor Springs, Michigan.

**MEMBERS:** Al Ford Chairman, Skipper Townes, Richard Tracy, Richard Parks, Janice Roy, Excused

**GUESTS:** 18

**MINUTES:**

It was moved by Parks and supported by Townes that the minutes of the June 2012, meeting of the Department Post Development Committee be approved. Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Chairman Al Ford gave a briefing on Posts in the Department that are in need of help increasing their membership in their perspective posts.

**The following are reports from Districts:**

**5<sup>th</sup> District:** Post 107 is in need of help from Department.

**4<sup>th</sup> District:** Post 163 wants to turn in their Charter in. They are reminded to go through Post Development.

**1<sup>st</sup> District:** Gave a brief report on the district.

A new Post is being formed on October 6, 2012 at Highland Park; we are in need of help.

The 4<sup>th</sup> District Commander talked on the 42 posts in the District and how things are going.

**6<sup>th</sup> District:** Alternate Committee <sup>MAN</sup> William Cool reported problems in the Flint area. Post 130, Burton is in need of Post Development help. The following Posts in the Flint <sup>ALL A 241, 310, 342 + 366</sup> appears has transferred most of their membership to Post 64. This was not approved by Department. There needs to be a recruiting drive in the Flint area because of the large concentration of veterans in the area. There <sup>is</sup> about 14,000 veterans in the Flint area. Total membership in those 5 posts is approximately 500 veterans. <sup>OR ABOUT 3% OF THE ELIGIBLE VETS</sup>

**8<sup>th</sup> District:** Past Department Commander Ken Dittenber gave an update on district <sup>8,</sup> Post 125 has come up with a way to save it through the Legion Riders. They now have 80 plus members and are growing.

Student Veterans of America are the fastest growing Veterans Organization the Country. In the state of Michigan we have over 15,000 Student Veterans enrolled in the colleges and universities. We the American Legion should be contacting these veterans inviting them to our posts and offering to help them get their VA benefits that they were promised.

**10<sup>th</sup> District:** Richard Tracy, District Commander reported that Post 78, Reed City and Post 236, Ewart are in need of revitalization.

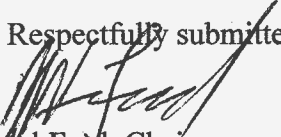
**11<sup>th</sup> District:** It was reported that Post 82 in Escanaba held a special meeting to determine what to do about keeping or cancelling their charter. Three PDC's, Lynch, Mella and Ford went to that meeting. After a long discussion it was decided that they would continue and do a recruiting drive in October.

**16<sup>th</sup> Districts:** Ron Runyan reported on Post 285<sup>SILKSTER</sup> Stating that they are planning revitalization. Also the 16<sup>th</sup> District is contemplating two new Legion Posts.

There were no comments from the 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, and 19<sup>th</sup> Districts.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business to come before this committee the meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,



Al Ford, Chairman