

VETERANS AFFAIRS & REHABILITATION CONVENTION COMMITTEE

June 29, 2012

The meeting of the Department VA&R Convention Committee was called to order by Ray Moore at 8:30 a.m. at the Kalamazoo Radisson.

Salute Colors & Pledge of Allegiance.

MEMBERS: Moore, Chimielewski, Howard, Licari & Spencer.

DISTRICTS: 1,2,7,8,9,10,16,18

GUESTS: 25 Guest present.

MINUTES :

The minutes of the previous year were read by Ray Moore moved by Art Thompson and supported by Henry Altman.

Mr. Holt spoke to the group about National V.A.R., Conference in Washington, better programs for women veterans, new convention at VA Hospitals.

Mr. Ruttkofsky from the SONS talked about \$1,000 to service officer school in Higgins Lake.

Mr. Moore talked about Post and District service officers attending service officer school in September.

Mr. Topps introduced his staff states no service officer manual by national.

All Motions to recommend approval

4-12-c K-9 Veterans Day motion to adopt by Altman, seconded by Licari. Motion carried.

7-12-c Raise copays for Veterans at VA hospital. Motion by Licari, seconded by Don Chmielewski. Motion supported by group

8-12-c Tobacco Related Disabilities moved to approved, supported by Holt, seconded by Licari. Motion to accept.

9-12-c Exempt Certain Income for VA Pension. Motioned by Thomson, supported by Holt. Motion carried by group.

10-12-c Agent Orange Vietnam Vets. Motion to accept by Licari, supported by Holt. Motion carried by group.

11-12-c VA Benefits any Survivor by Pay Go. Motion to approve by Altman, supported by Holt. Motion carried by group.

12-12-c Opposed lump sum payment of VA Disability comp. Motion by Thompson supported by Chmielewski. Motion carried by group.

18-12c Marker Medallon. Motion by Howard supported by Mallia. Motion carried by group.

Motion to adjourn at 9:35 AM by Don Howard, supported by Thompson. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Raymond Moore
VA & R Chairman