

DEPARTMENT VA&R COMMITTEE MEETING

13 FEBRUARY 2016

The meeting of the Department VA&R Committee was called to order by Tony Licari, Vice Chairman, in the Oval Room, Holiday Inn Gateway Centre, Flint, Michigan, at 11:00 AM, 13 February 2016.

MEMBERS: DON HOWARD -- EXCUSED  
TONY LICARI -- PRESENT  
GARY BOURDEAU -- PRESENT  
ALFONSE VanHese -- ABSENT  
TOM SHEPARD -- EXCUSED  
BOB GILLETT, ALTERNATE -- PRESENT  
DAVID SPENCER, ALTERNATE -- ABSENT

Guests: 11 Legionnaires and 1 guest signed the attendance sheet.

MINUTES: It was moved by Bob Gillett, supported by, Gary Bourdeau, that the minutes of the 18 September 2015 meeting of the Department VA&R COMMITTEE be approved. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS: None discussed.

RESOLUTION ~~16-3~~<sup>16-3-W</sup> was read and approved.

NEW BUSINESS AND OPEN DISCUSSION:

The Down River Veterans Center was talked about explaining that it has been helping veterans that might not have been able to get help. Post 2did72 has many members volunteering to help at the center. There was discussion on the Veterans Court about how it is helping veterans with the legal system.

At 11:10 State Commander Buda entered the meeting and thanked to committee for the job they are doing.

Past State Commander Dick Chapman wanted to know why we do not have a full time or part time Veterans Service Officer at the Dingell VA. Gary Easterly commented that because MVAA keeps making changes that he had to cut hours. Gary Easterly does not have the funds at this time to support the Dingell VA. He will look into possibly moving one of his part time VSO to Dingell on day a week. Mr. Chapman will work with Mr. Browning the VAVS Chief to help get space for a VSO.

Southgate Vets Center approximately 2200 veterans and is open two days a week.

We have two part time VSO in the UP. 1 is working 3 days a week and the other is working 2 days a week.

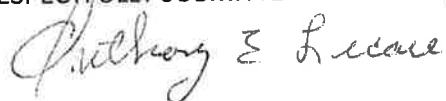
The coalition will be starting contract negotiations with MVAA next month.

Chairman Don Howard requested that we vote on presenting plaques (approximate cost \$80 each) to two gentlemen that have been helping him in the UP. Bruce Patterson and Jim Perry. A motion was made Bob Gillett, supported by Gary Bourdeau, motion carried

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before this committee, it was moved by Bob Gillett and supported by Gary Bourdeau that the meeting be adjourned at 11:30 AM, motion carried.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Anthony E. Licari".

TONY LICARI

Vice Chairman

VA&R Committee