

VETERANS AFFAIRS AND REHABILITATION CONVENTION COMMITTEE

27 JUNE 2014

Meeting of the Department of VA&R Convention Committee was called to order by Chairman Don Howard at 8:32 A.M. in Superior Room B of the Holiday Inn, Livonia, Michigan.

Present were Standing Committee members Don Howard, Tony Licari, Donald Chimielewski, Louis Oberlle and Thomas Sheppard

Districts represented were 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 16, 17, and 18. There were a total of 25 legionnaires present.

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 28 June 2013 in Sault Saint Marie, MI, and motion to accept the minutes prevailed.

Chairman Don Howard requested VA&R Director Gary Easterling, report on the current status of the Department of Michigan, VA&R Division and the status of Department Veteran Service Officers in Detroit and in the field.

- Addition of 2 new DVSOs' in Detroit office
- Backlog of files in the Detroit Office has been caught up.
- Office will soon be totally paperless, files will be converted to digital copies.
- Negotiations with the MVAA with a 2 year contract are ongoing
- Post Service Officer training at Higgins Lake in September with a theme of "Going Back To Basic".
- Dollar amount returned to Veterans from the DVSO during the period 1 October 2013 thru 31 May 2014.

3926 cases, total award in dollars \$72,910,283.23

Old Business: None

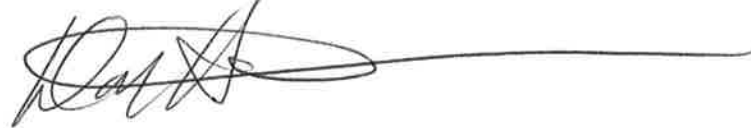
New Business:

Nine Department Convention Resolutions were reviewed:

- Recommended to approve resolutions 7-14-C, 11-14-C, 12-14-C, 13-14-C, 14-14-C, 15-14-C16-14-C
- Recommended to decline approval on resolutions 9-14-C, 10-14-C

VA&R Director Gary Easterling reported that there is newly opened Veterans Center to assist processing Veterans as a "one stop" processing center on Northline and Southgate, in the Downriver community building, phone number 734-720-7852. There being no further business to come to the floor, a motion to adjourn prevailed at 9:29 A.M.

RESPECTFULL SUBMITTED

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Don Howard", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

DON HOWARD
Chairman
VA&R Committee