

## DEPARTMENT VA&R COMMITTEE MEETING

26 JUNE 2014

The meeting of the Department VA&R Committee was called to order by Tony Licari, Vice Chairman, in Lavonia, Michigan, at 2:06 PM, 26 June 2014. The following committee members were present:

MEMBERS: DON HOWARD, excused  
TONY LICARI  
DON CHMIELEWSKI  
JAMES WALLACE  
THOMAS SHEPPARD  
LOUIS OBERLE

GUESTS: RAYMOND MOORE, Commander, Department of Michigan  
20 Legionaries present on sign in roster

Order of business was amended;

Raymond Moore, Commander, Detachment of Michigan American Legion, thanked the Director of the VA&R, his staff, as well as the VA&R committee for the hard work and support that was provided to our veterans during the past year.

### MINUTES:

It was moved by DON CHMIELEWSKI, supported by LOUIS OBERLE that the minutes of the 15 FEBRUARY 2014 meeting of the DEPARTMENT VA&R COMMITTEE be approved. Motion carried.

### OLD BUSINESS:

Director VA&R, Gary Easterling, reported 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

TONY LICARI gave update on the status of sales of the VA&R coin, turned the coins over to the Director VA&R

**NEW BUSINESS:**

No new business.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business to come before this committee, it was moved DON CHMIELEWSKI by and supported by Tom Sheppard that the meeting be adjourned at 2:20PM, motion carried.

**RESPECTFULL SUBMITTED**

TONY LICARI *Tony Licari*  
VICE Chairman  
VA&R Committee