

The Department Veterans Affairs Voluntary Service (VAVS) Sub. Committee was held at 10:00 in the Oval room of the Holiday Inn Gateway Centre, Flint, Mi. on March 11rd. 2017.

The meeting of the VAVS Committee was called to order by Chairman Gerald Dennis, the following people were present: Guests 12, Districts in attendance, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 10, 11, 16, 17th. Committee members Gerald Dennis, Chairman, Grand Rapids Home, James Long, Ann Arbor Hospital, Henry Altman, Saginaw Hospital, Dan Osborne, Battle Creek Hospital. excused was Ferrend Ethington from Iron Mountain Hospital. He sent in his report which was red and is attached, Absent was Frank Roche, from Detroit Hospital and James Feliciano from the Marquette, (Jacobetti Home)

The minutes of Fall 2016 was accepted as read.

Reports were heard and written copies accepted on the Grand Rapids Home, Ann Arbor Hospital, the Saginaw Hospital, See copies attached.

Much discussion on the Construction going on at the existing Homes and Hospitals and Future changes that are proposed in the projected 6 phase plan. We will be having a 4 day event , LZ Michigan in September this year. It will be open to all war era veterans. A true Welcome Home. Most of the activities will be at the Fifth Third Ball Park. The Riders and Posts in the Fifth District are supporting the activities at the GR Home with monies and labor. We have the Carnival coming up the last Saturday in July. Always good for the Residents of the home.

Gary Easterling wants to apply for a National award and needs our Volunteer Hours done at the Homes, Hospitals and Clinics. Along with donations made. Send copy to Gary at

Our next meeting will be at Convention in Flint.

With no further business, meeting was adjourned at 10:38.

Respectfully summited

Jim long, Secretary

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Gerald Dennis".

Gerald Dennis, Chairman