

DEPARTMENT RECONNECT COMMITTEE MEETING

February 19, 2011

The meeting of the Department Reconnect Committee was called to order by Gary Tanner, Chairman at the Holiday Inn Gateway in Flint, Michigan, on February 19, 2011 at 1:00 pm. The following people were present:

MEMBERS: Gary Tanner, Chairman, James Maki, Kenneth Pierce, Sr., Wilson Coomer, Jim Schutze, Jack Helminski - SAL Rep.

GUESTS:

Minutes:

It was moved by Wilson Coomer and supported by Jim Schutze that the minutes of the 2010 Fall Conference of the Department Reconnect Committee be approved. Motion carried.

Gary spoke on the pamphlets he had with him. There is a lot out there "Thank You for Your Support", so pick up our pamphlets. The post needs a lot to get the information out.

New Business:

Gary Tanner spoke about Wilwin Lodge.

Michigan National Guard Workshops

- Continue attending & supporting
- Feb. 25 – 27 Lansing 777 MP
- March 25 – 27 Ypsilanti or Ann Arbor TBD

Elmobility Room mission scheduled for March 26th, 2011 Montigue, MI 14, 1436 ENG. Mid-deployment briefing.

Wounded Warrior Retreat Program

- MPAF agreed to partner with Department of Michigan to offer screening and seminars for both troops and caregivers. Dr. Carol Elistein will present at special meeting with Commander Hafeman and members of DEC, Wilwin Lodge Committee & VAR. Aco on-board for this years. Hoping to raise 30 – 40 K.

Jim Maki and Willie Coomer working with Buddy 2 Buddy peer mentoring program to assist troops with reintegration.

Distributed reconnect folders to committee to be used for reconnect visits and presentations.

Working to increase Legion awareness through Student Veterans State Director Suzette McGraw-Price.

Open to floor: Jim Maki Reports on UP Reconnect

- On January 21 & 22, 2011 the Upper Peninsula held the midwinter conference. Jim Maki gave a report on the reconnect committee and what they do, and how important it is to get the information out to the legion post. Jim also talked about

