

THE AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN  
100<sup>TH</sup> CONVENTION  
RADISSON, KALAMAZOO, MICHIGAN  
JUNE 22, 2018  
NATIONAL SECURITY AND FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE

The Department of Michigan National Security and Foreign Relations Committee meeting was called to order by temporary chairman L. Spolarich at 8:30 AM in the Stone Theater at the Radisson Hotel in Kalamazoo, Michigan.

Districts present 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 18 and 19<sup>th</sup>

Roll call of members present Spolarich, Hlavka, Buckley, DuBay, Kailunas, excused Sammon<sup>S</sup> and Rose.

Motion made by R, DuBay and supported by Kailunas to elect L. Spolarich Chairman and C. Buckley as Secretary, motion carried.

Previous minutes read.

R. DuBay reported on immigration. Noting that much has been said within the media without confirming any decision. Bob Spanog~~le~~ stated The American Legion stands on the law as written.

C. Buckley reported on Homeless Veterans with housing growing for them in Kent County. Putting them in temp. Housing for three months and then in furnished permanent apartments. Dept. receives calls concerning the homeless and process is <sup>O</sup>ne in a timely manner.

Hlavka reported seven veterans have finally made it home and received proper burials. Sons of the Civil War found 11 unmarked graves of Civil War Veterans in Oakwood Cemetery, Traverse City, Michigan. The Markers were placed May 19<sup>th</sup> 2018 with veterans group present.  
North Korea is to release 200 veterans.

Larry Chase the 18<sup>th</sup> District Post #14 is going to Russia to get the accounting of 20 missing and try to bring them home. <sup>OF AND A MEMBER</sup>

L. Spolarich reported that a new driver's license goes into effect in 2020 "REAL ID". Request it at time of renewal.

We all know Flag Day is June 14<sup>th</sup> but it is also <sup>WORLD</sup> Blood Donor Day. Arlington Cemetery has 400,000 veterans now and are expanding to receive 100,000 more.

B.Spanog~~le~~ reported that the Army has done a wonderful job getting missing names on headstones at Arlington.

With no further business meeting was adjourned at 9:30 AM

Respectfully Submitted  
Lavern Spolarich

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Z / Beck