

DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN LEGISLATIVE CONVENTION COMMITTEE MEETING, 22 JUN 2018

The meeting of the Department Legislative Committee was called to order by Tim Poxson, Chairman, in Kalamazoo, Michigan on June 22, 2018. The following people were present:

Members: Tim Poxson, Skipper Townes, Joe Renis, and Mark Sutton.

Guests: 8

Chairman Poxson gave a review of the years legislative activities.

Nationally: VA Appeals Modernization Act, Harry W. Colmery Veterans Educational Assistance Act.

State: SB662 allowing American Legion members to be served at any American Legion post with a lounge.

Fought to ensure that veterans' due process rights were not taken away from them in cases involving asbestos litigation claims.

Received a grant from the US Dept of Veterans Administration to construct the first of two new state veteran homes; one in Grand Rapids, and one in SE Michigan.

Mark Sutton reiterated the do's and don'ts during this campaign season. Bottomline: American Legion does not endorse candidates. If working for or endorsing a candidate do it without American Legion identifying clothing on.

After the election season the Department will be busy re-educating the newly elected representatives on veteran's issues.

Meeting adjourned at 0848.

Respectfully submitted,



Tim Poxson
Chairman

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| David McAllen | 239 |
| LYNN KONZER | 219 |
| Rudy ALANZ | 34 |
| Steve Marko | 217 |
| Bob Gillette | 396 |
| Bob Crans | 258 |
| BOB PORTER | 258 |
| MARK SUTTON | 32 |
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