

**The American Legion Department of Michigan
101st Convention
Radisson Hotel
Kalamazoo, Michigan
June 28, 2019
National Security and Foreign Relations Committee**

The Department of Michigan National Security and Foreign Relations Committee meeting was called to order in the Stone Theater Room by L. Spolarich at 8:30 am.
Pledge was one with a moment of silence for Gary Sammons.

Districts present; 5,6,7,8,9,11,12,16,18,19

Roll call; present L. Spolarich, G. Hiavka, R. DuBay, J. Kailunas. Absent Rose.
Guest; PNC Bob Spanagle, PDC John Mella
Minutes read, motion by DuBay and second by Kailunas to accept. Passed

Report by G. Hiavka on POW/MIA (attached)

Larry Chase gave updated report on Post 14 District 18 who have sent veterans to Russia.
The group is working with the Russian's to get verification on our 18 missing veterans. Next step is bringing them home.

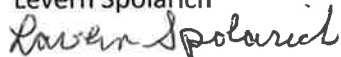
Resolution #19-C24 act on line 5. Gas line. Chairman Spolarich reading the resolution when Mark Sutton came in and he was able explain and answer questions on resolution #19-C24C. Buckley made motion to accept, DuBay second, motion passed

John Mella gave a brief on U.P. Cemeteries for veterans.
Bob Spanagle voiced in saying it made sense to have state controlled cemeteries.

Meeting adjourned 9:35 am

Respectfully Submitted

Lavern Spolarich



POW-MIA REPORT

THE DEFENSE POW-MIA ACCOUNTING AGENCY HAS ANNOUNCED THE IDENTIFICATION OF REMAINS OF SEVEN ARMY SOLDIERS UNACCOUNTED FOR SINCE THE KOREAN WAR.

STG 1ST CLASS DONALD R. STRUM CO C 19TH INFANTRY REGIMENT, 24TH INFANTRY DIVISION WHO WAS LOST IN NORTH KOREA ON NOV 4TH 1950

CPL ROBERT HIGGINS 21 OF BUCKS CO. PENN. HE WAS ASSIGNED TO BATTERY C 15TH FIELD ARTILLERY BATTAL C 15TH FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION 2ND INFANTRY DIV. WHEN LOST IN BATTLE IN SOUTH KOREA ON FEB 13, 1951

STG FLOYD J. E. JACKSON 20 OF WARRENSBURG, MO. DIED WHILE A POW IN NORTH KOREA ON FEB 13, 1951. HE WAS ASSIGNED TO HEADQUARTERS CO 3RD BATTALION 31ST INFANTRY REGIMENT, 7TH INFANTRY DIVISION WHICH MADE UP PART OF THE 31ST REGIMENTAL COMBAT TEAM.

STG ARNOLD V. ANDRINS OF GARY, INDIAN DIED WHILE A POW IN NORTH KOREA AFTER BEING CAPTURED ON FEB 14, HE WAS ASSIGNED TO CO L 3RD BATTALION 9TH INFANTRY REGIMENT 8TH ARMY

CPL LINDSEY C. LOCKETT 25 OF HENRIKO VA. DIED WHILE A POW IN NORTH KOREA ON MAY 31, 1951. HE WAS ASSIGNED TO MEDICAL DETACHMENT HEADQUARTERS BATTERY 503 RD FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION, 2ND INF DIVISION.

PFC JOHN R. BOWERS OF GREENVILLE S.C. HE WAS ASSIGNED TO COMPANY L 3RD BATTALION 9TH INF DIVISION WHEN LOST IN SOUTH KOREA ON FEB 14, 1951

22 OF THE REMAINS RELEASED HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED

NAVY WATER TENDER 2ND CLASS EGAR GROSS 34 OF ATHENS ALABAMA KILLED DURING THE ATTACK OF PEARL HARBOR DEC 7TH 1941 ABOARD THE USS OKLAHOMA HIS REMAINS WERE RECOVERED IN 1944. IN 2015 THE DEFENSE DEPT ISSUED A POLICY THAT DIRECTED THE DISINTERMENT OF REMAINS ASSOCIATED WITH THE OKLAHOMA. GROSS RELATIVES PROVIDED DNA THAT LEAD IDENTIFICATION. HE WAS BURIED MEMORIAL DAY 2019 IN HIS HOME TOWN OF ATHENS ALABAMA.

THE REMAINS OF A TRAVERSE CITY MAN KILLED IN KOREA WAS NOW BACK IN THE U.S. ACCOUNTED FOR AFTER MISSING FOR ALMOST 70 YRS. CPL CHARLES LAWLER KILLED ON NOV. 2ND 1950 HE WAS 19 YRS OLD, HE WAS NEVER REPORTED AS A POW. HE WAS

DECLARED DEAD IN 1953, HIS REMAINS WERE IN ONE
OF THE 55 BOXES HANDED OVER TO THE U.S.

LAWLER WILL BE BURIED ON JULY 27, 2019 IN
TRAVERSE CITY MICHIGAN.

THERE ARE STILL MORE THAN 7,600 UNACCOUNT
FOR IN KOREA.

SUBMITTED BY GARY HAWKS POW-MIA CA