

The American Legion Department of Michigan

Department Standing Legislative Committee

Meeting was held at: The Flint Holiday Inn Gateway Center in the Taylor room.

Meeting opened at 1430.

The following members were present:

Chairman, Tim Poxson

Vice Chairman, Bill Coffey

Secretary, Joe Renis

Other committee members: Stephen Stevens, Brian Mohlman, Doug Carigan, Mark Sutton

Number of guests present: 4

There was a quorum.

Approval of previous meeting and Convention minutes: motion by Mohlman, second by Stevens; motion carried with no corrections.

Guests:

Candidate for National Commander, Paul Dillard and National Vice Commander Richard Heigert gave short talks to the committee.

Motion to cancel the Legislative Breakfast in lieu of conducting a designated day to visit in person Legislators to discuss veteran issues. Motion by Sutton, second by Renis. Discussion centered on the decision to still conduct the breakfast. There has been poor attendance at these breakfasts as well as still being a financial burden to the Department. Motion passed. Day/dates to be determined.

Good of the Legion:

Mark Sutton reviewed the status of

S760, Apprenticeship programs,

HR 3495, Suicide prevention, introduced by Rep Bergman, MI 1st,

S1891, Inclusion on Vietnam wall of soldiers who died on Flying Tiger Flight 739.

Sutton reviewed issues Sen Stabenow is working on, Resolutions adopted by National Executive Committee, and bills introduced by Michigan Legislators.

Derek Blumke gave an update on Resolution 52, Antidepressant Harms Analysis and his discussions with Congressmen and veteran agencies.

Motion to adjourn made by Sutton, seconded by Mohlman.

Meeting closed at 1336.

Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tim Poxson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "T" and "P".

Tim Poxson

Chairman