

American Legion Department of Michigan
National Security and Foreign Relations
Committee

Conducted at Fall Conference September 26, 2025
Double Tree by Hilton 50 Capitol Ave SW, Battle Creek Michigan
Room 3 & 4

Commenced 09:00

Adjourned 09:16

Roll Call of Committee Members, 4 Present a Quorum was Achieved

Committeeman Doug Carignan spoke on National Security Joint Commission/ Council conducted in Tampa Florida convention center August 23, 2025 09:00, Bradley Taylor, Stony Beech program director POW/MIA; Guest speakers, recovery operations & efforts to overcome challenges for unaccounted service members for the Viet-Nam War. Also,

Chief Michael Banks Program Director U.S. Border Patrol gave update on Security / Immigration. Also,

Major General Brian Sidari U.S. Space Force spoke on Intelligence Operation enhanced Nation Security. Also,

James Cragg, Lieutenant Colonel U.S. Army Reserve, led discussion on Disasters & Preparedness.

Moved by, J. Andrus to accept report, seconded by L. Chase no Discussion - passed.

Jerry Andrus spoke on Blood Eye & Vital Organs and the need to donate Blood and Organs. Chairman added, since 2023 to date 11.6 million units have been collected, America uses 29,000 units per day & since January Blood collections are down 25% Women donors 53% of all blood collected, most common O+.

L. Chase spoke on POW/MIA issues; Charles G. Gibson Killed in action (KIA) in Korea, Chosen Reservoir resident of Battle Creek, Michigan has been identified and will be buried in October 2025, also since 1973 1,000 Americans killed in Viet-Nam action have been identified Chairman Added; 1600 Americans are still unaccounted for, hundreds are listed as "non-recoverable" category. Unaccounted for: Laos 280; Cambodia 40; Viet-Nam over 400 & United States & Russian Joint Commission on POW missing efforts. Also, U.S.C.G. set contract on Pier renewal 11 million dollars, a Destroyer has been added to the Caribbean Sea bringing 8 Warship in the region dealing with drug runner action, 2 boats destroyed.

M/ McMurry
L/ Lepinski
to Accept

Guest: Fred Young spoke on back in the 1970's in Germany people could not donate blood due to the Mad Cow disease; that has been lifted.

Respectfully Submitted

Michael Buda

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Chairman