

The American Legion Department of Michigan Convention 2026  
Michigan American Legion Foundation Board Meeting  
Meeting Minutes 06/26/2026

The Foundation met in rooms 3 and 4 of the Hilton Double Tree Hotel located at 50 Capital Ave. SW, Battle Creek Michigan

The meeting was called to order by President Larry Money at 2pm

**Roll Call**

Present- President Larry Money, Secretary Scott Nichols, members Roger Avie, James Wallace, John Mella, Howard Crumit

Excused- Randy Gilbert

A quorum was established

Guests- There were six guests in attendance

**Old Business**

Increase authorized individual Temporary Financial Assistance payouts for the Wounded and Returning Warrior Program to \$3,000.00 without board approval and up to \$5,000.00 with board approval.

Motion- Avie

Seconded- Mella

Discussion- Avie and Gary Tanner reviewed the application process, The number of awards for the past year, average payouts and the different financial needs veterans require financial assistance for. This past year there were 77 applications with a total of \$128,110.73 being made.

**Motion carried**

Avie- The Foundation acted as a passthrough organization for a post which was awarded a \$10k grant for post improvement. The process was approved by Yeo & Yeo Accounting.

**New Business**

Gary Easterling stated several posts and companies have donated funds to assist with the VSO training this year at Higgins Lake. That money will be deposited in the VA&R endowment account with the Foundation and used accordingly.

Wallace asked for clarification on a donation made by the Howell Post 141 possibly to the Wounded and Returning Warrior Program. Gary Tanner stated he would contact the post.

Request to reimburse Gary Tanner for travel and other expenses (\$1,290.26) for the Wounded and Returning Warrior program.

Motion- Avie

Seconded- Nichlos

Discussion- None

**Motion carried**

Request to reimburse board members (Crunit, Wallace, Mella) and Gary Tanner for mileage and one day of per diem to attend foundation board meeting.

Motion-Avie

Seconded- Nichols

Discussion- None

**Motion carried**

### **Good of the Foundation**

Wendy Retzloff expressed interest in serving on the foundation board when an opening occurred.

Next foundation board meeting will be Saturday November 7<sup>th</sup> (TBD and subject to change) Treetops Resort during The American Legion Department of Michigan's Fall Conference.

Motion to adjourn- Mella

Second- Wallace

Discussion- None

**Motion carried**

Meeting adjourned at 2:43 pm

Respectfully submitted

Larry Money, President

Michigan American Legion Foundation

m/ Money

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