

The American Legion Department of Michigan
Department Convention Veteran Affairs & Rehabilitation Committee

26 June 2026

Meeting of the Department of Michigan, VA & R Convention Committee was called to order by Chariman Bob Gillette at 8:30am in Ballroom 2 of the Doubletree, Battlecreek, Michigan.

The following members were elected to these positions:

Chairman: Bob Gillette

Vice Chairman: Toni Licari

Secretary: Elizebeth Cuddington

Districts present (Delegates present their cards):

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Quorum of districts present, **YES**. **27** Legionaries were present.

Subcommittee Reports for VAVS, VR&E, Heros to Hometown and Reconnect were presented and read.

VA&R Director Gary Easterling provided updates on the VSO office. Higgins Lake is almost full dates are August 18th thru 20th cost is \$250. Over 850,000 claims have been submitted thru the American Legion and over 144 million dollars in benefits have been awarded.

Tim Poxen provided update with house bills for veterans. There is about 30 bill held in the house.

RESOLUTIONS:

No resolution were assigned to this committee.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE LEGION: Nothing for the good of the Legion.

Motion to adjourn was made, supported, meeting closed at 9:30 am.

Respectfully Submitted



Bob Gillette

Chairman

VA & R Convention Committee



Elizebeth Cuddington

Secretary

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