

DEPARTMENT OF VETERAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

August 11, 2025

A regular meeting of the Chippewa County Department of Veteran Affairs Committee was held on Monday, August 11, 2025 at the Chippewa Courthouse in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan. Chairman Jim Shogren called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. The Veterans Board had a quorum and normal business was conducted.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Brooks Partridge, Jim Shogren, Robert Savoie

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dr. Frederick Ludwig, Damon Lieurance

OTHERS PRESENT: John Miller

Approval of the Agenda

It was moved by Robert Savoie, supported by Brooks Partridge, to approve the agenda as presented. On a voice vote, the motion CARRIED.

Public Comment

No public comment was offered.

Monthly Report

The office has been open for thirty-five (35) days from June 24, 2025 – July 28, 2025. There were approximately 75 visits to the office. Our office received and placed approximately 323 phone calls during this period. John conducted several home visits with veterans that were unable to make into the office. John and his wife marched in the Drummond Island 4th of July parade with a banner for the office. John's wife distributed candy to the children during the march. The Veterans Fishing Tournament in Barbeau was held July 13th. The original date was July 12th, but was delayed due to rain. John will be attending Suicide Awareness training this month July 29, 30, 31. The office has been very busy, which is good. Cady and John completed the application for CVTF for FY26. The DAV transportation program is going well. The office continues to seek assistance for veterans in financial need through all known resources. The MVTF has been the main source for most veteran's needs. The Tri-County Veteran's Fund has been very helpful as well. The Tri-County Veteran's Fund are the people who have the boots located in businesses in our area. We have worked closely with SSVF in helping homeless veterans seek housing and VA benefits. There will be a Veterans outreach at the American Legion Post #3 August 13th at 10 am with the Public Relations team from Iron Mountain Medical. John will be attending.

Approval of the Minutes

The committee received and reviewed the June 24, 2025 committee minutes.

It was moved by Robert Savoie, supported by Jim Shogren, to approve the June 24, 2025 minutes as presented. On a voice vote, the motion CARRIED.

Burials

No burial funds were used in July 2025.

No action needed.

Grave Markers

No grave marker funds were used in July 2025.

No action needed.

Food Assistance

Food assistance of \$0

No action needed.

MVAA Grant Distributions in the amount of \$0

- **Advertisement - \$0**
- **Transportation - \$0**
- **Food Assistance - \$0**
- **Emergent Relief - \$0**
- **Part-time Compliance Officer/Project Director - \$0**

The committee reviewed the MVAA grant distributions in the amount of \$0.

No action needed.

Date of next committee meeting.

The next meeting will be August 26, 2025 at 4:00 p.m.

It was moved by Robert Savoie, supported by Brooks Partridge, to have the next meeting take place on August 26, 2025 at 4:00 pm. On a voice vote, the motion CARRIED.

Committee Comments

No Comments


Chairman Comments

No comments

Adjourn

It was moved by Jim Shogren, supported by Brooks Partridge to adjourn. On a voice vote, the motion CARRIED.

The meeting adjourned at 4:15 pm.


John Miller, Recorder


Brook Partridge, Acting Chairman