

DEPARTMENT OF VETERAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

February 23, 2026

A regular meeting of the Chippewa County Department of Veteran Affairs Committee was held on Monday, February 23, 2026, at the Chippewa Courthouse in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan. Acting Chairman Brooks Partridge called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. The Veterans Board had a quorum and normal business was conducted.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Brooks Partridge, Dr. Frederick Ludwig, Robert Savoie, David Pearce

MEMBERS ABSENT: Damon Lieurance

OTHERS PRESENT: John Miller

Approval of the Agenda

It was moved by Robert Savoie, supported by David Pearce, 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 Twenty-four (24) days from January 26, 2026 – February 23, 2026. There were approximately fifty-two (52) visits to the office. Our office received and placed approximately two hundred fifty-five (255) phone calls during this period. Several home visits were completed this month. The number of home visits has increased as our local Veteran population is aging. The UP Veteran's Cemetery Committee has put together a draft letter and legislative proposal for submission to the State. The next meeting for the Cemetery Committee will be March 18th at 7 pm. Claims have been processing through the VA much faster than last year. This has made the process better for Veterans. The DAV vehicle had a slower month. This is normal for this time of year. John will be attending VSO training in Traverse City March 24 through March 26. This training is presented by the MVAA and helps maintain accreditation. We did not have any MVTF applications for the month of February.

Approval of the Minutes

The committee received and reviewed the January 26, 2026, committee minutes.

It was moved by Dr Fredrick Ludwig, supported by Brooks Partridge, to approve the January 26, 2026, minutes as presented. On a voice vote, the motion CARRIED.

Burials

No reimbursements for burials were submitted for the month of February.

No action needed.

Grave Markers

No grave marker funds were used in February.
No action needed.

Food Assistance

No food assistance was needed in February
No action needed.

Chairman of the Committee

The committee discussed the open Chairman position on the board and made a selection of a new Chairman.

The committee discussed filling the Chairman position. The committee made an initial proposal to have current Acting Chairman Brooks Partridge assume the Chairman position. Brooks was honored but declined the position for personal reasons. The committee continued discussion and Dr. Frederick Ludwig was proposed as the next Chairman. Dr. Ludwig accepted the nomination. The committee conducted a vote of members, with Dr. Ludwig abstaining, and on a voice vote Dr. Ludwig was elected Chairman with all members in favor. Dr. Ludwig will assume the role of Chairman effective immediately. Brooks Partridge will return to his prior role as Secretary Treasurer.

Date of next committee meeting.

The next meeting will be Monday, March 30, 2026, at noon.

It was moved by Robert Savoie, supported by Brooks Partridge, to have the next meeting take place on Monday, March 30, 2026, at noon. On a voice vote, the motion CARRIED.

Committee Comments

No comments

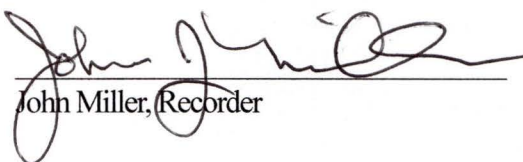
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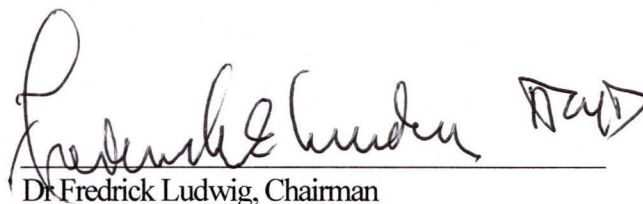
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Adjourn

It was moved by Robert Savoie, supported by Dave Pearce to adjourn. On a voice vote, the motion CARRIED.

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 pm.


John Miller, Recorder


Dr. Frederick Ludwig, Chairman