

DEPARTMENT OF VETERAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

May 26, 2026

A regular meeting of the Chippewa County Department of Veteran Affairs Committee was held on Tuesday, May 26, 2026, at the Chippewa Courthouse in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan. Committee Chairman Dr. Frederick Ludwig called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. The Veterans Board had a quorum and normal business was conducted.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

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 (30) days from April 27, 2026 – May 26, 2026. There were approximately seventy-one (71) visits to the office. Our office received and placed approximately four hundred (400) phone calls during this period. John conducted approximately 6 home visits this month. All of the Memorial Day cemetery flags were picked up prior to the holiday weekend. John assisted the American Legion Post #3, Sault Ste Marie, with placing flags this year at the Riverside Cemetery. There was a small ceremony presented by Carl Eagle prior to the volunteers being issues flags. It was a very sobering and rewarding day. John also did a check on flags at the Maple Grove cemetery in Sault Ste. Marie. The VFW Post #3676, Sault Ste Marie, had already placed the flags prior to his visit. John will be contacting all the service organizations and volunteers in the first week of June to ensure the office orders the proper number of flags for next year. The DAV vehicle has been repaired and is ready to be placed back in service. The Iron Mountain VA will exchange vehicles during the next trip to Iron Mountain. VFW Post #9023, Brimley, has started their Friday fish fry for the summer. John will be attending one in June for outreach. VFW Post #3676, Sault Ste Marie, had a breakfast event on May 17th. John attended, interacting with several Veterans and enjoying the food. The office submitted three (3) MVTF applications this month.

Approval of the Minutes

The committee received and reviewed the April 27, 2026, committee minutes.

It was moved by Robert Savoie, supported by Brooks Partridge, to approve April 27, 2026, minutes as presented. On a voice vote, the motion CARRIED.

Burials

The committee received one (1) application for a Burial Allowance in the total amount of \$300.

The committee reviewed the application, and the application was supported unanimously.

Grave Markers

No grave marker funds were used in May.

No action needed.

Food Assistance

No food assistance was needed in May.

No action needed.

Date of next committee meeting.

The next meeting will be held Monday, June 29, 2026, at noon.

It was moved by Robert Savoie, supported by David Pearce, to have the next meeting take place on Monday, June 29, 2026, at noon. On a voice vote, the motion CARRIED.

Committee Comments

Committee Member David Pearce provided information concerning the Memorial Day Parade that the VFW Post #3676 would be presenting. The parade will begin on Ashmun St downtown Sault Sainte Marie at 6:30 pm heading north and ending at the Chippewa County Courthouse lawn. At approximately 7:00 pm, a wreath placing ceremony will take place at the war memorials and the speaker will be the Honorable Judge Blubaugh.

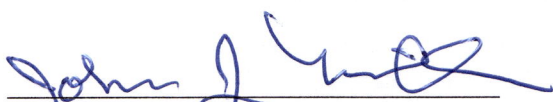
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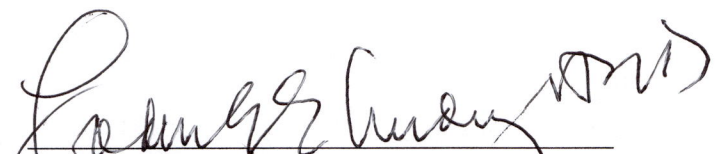
No comments

Adjourn

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

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 pm.



John Miller, Recorder

Dr. Fredrick Ludwig, Chairman