

DEPARTMENT OF VETERAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

April 27, 2026

A regular meeting of the Chippewa County Department of Veteran Affairs Committee was held on Monday, March 30, 2026, at the Chippewa Courthouse in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan. Board Member Robert Savoie 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, Robert Savoie, David Pearce

MEMBERS ABSENT: Damon Lieurance, Dr. Frederick Ludwig

OTHERS PRESENT: John Miller

Approval of the Agenda

It was moved by David Pearce, 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 twenty-nine (29) days from March 30, 2026 – April 27, 2026. There were approximately forty-four (44) visits to the office. Our office received and placed approximately two hundred eighty-three (283) phone calls during this period. John conducted 3 home visits this month. The office was closed April 20, 2026, through April 24, 2026, while John attended training in Bellaire, Michigan. The VSO training was provided by the MACVC and necessary for John to maintain accreditation. The weeklong training was very informative. The UP-Veteran's Cemetery Committee provided an update on the Veterans Cemetery progress. Two (2) bills have been introduced to the State House of Representatives, HB 5843 and HB 5844. The UP-Veteran's Cemetery Committee is encouraging people to contact their representatives and express their support for these bills. The Memorial Day flags arrived last month, people and Veteran organizations have been picking up the flags to be placed graveside for Memorial Day. The DAV vehicle suffered a breakdown this month. The VA has provided a loaner vehicle while they assess the ability to repair the DAV vehicle. The office has been in contact with Dave Spence of DAV to see about the possibility of getting a new vehicle if necessary. John attended a fund raiser, Soup for Vets, at the VWF Post #3676 this month. John was able to speak with a few Veterans, and the event was very busy. The office did not submit any MVTF applications during the month of April. A letter of intent was submitted to the MVAA for the fiscal year 2027 County Veteran Service Fund grant. The letter does not bind our county to accepting the grant. It does allow the office to seek the grant if the grant is advantageous to County Veterans. The terms of the grant have not been made available by the MVAA.

Approval of the Minutes

The committee received and reviewed the February 23, 2026, committee minutes.

It was moved by Robert Savoie, supported by Brooks Partridge, to approve March 30, 2026, minutes as presented. On a voice vote, the motion CARRIED.

Burials

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

No action needed.

Grave Markers

No grave marker funds were used in April.

No action needed.

Food Assistance

No food assistance was needed in April.

No action needed.

Date of next committee meeting.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, May 26, 2026, at noon.

It was moved by David Pearce, supported by Brooks Partridge, to have the next meeting take place on Tuesday, May 26, 2026, at noon. On a voice vote, the motion CARRIED.

Committee Comments

No comments

Chairman Comments

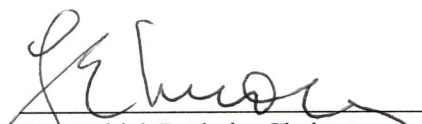
No comments

Adjourn

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

The meeting adjourned at 12:25 pm.



John Miller, Recorder

Dr. Fredrick Ludwig, Chairman