

DEPARTMENT OF VETERAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

March 30, 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. Chairman 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: 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 Dr Frederick Ludwig, 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-six (36) days from February 23, 2026 – March 30, 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 Office was closed due to weather March 16, 2026, and closed March 24, 2026, through March 26, 2026, while John attended training in Traverse City. The VSO training was provided by the MVAA and necessary for John to maintain accreditation. The presenters of the training were National Veterans Legal Services Program. They are a non-profit legal firm that specializes in Veterans law. The UP-Veteran's Cemetery Committee will be submitting the request letter and legislative proposal to the State April 14, 2026. Claims are still processing smoothly and faster than prior years. The Memorial Day flags have arrived and are available for pick up. The DAV vehicle had a slower month. We received a \$4000 donation from the Elks Lodge #552. This was very much appreciated and a thank you letter was sent. The Check was turned over to Dave Spencer of the DAV. John will be attending VSO training April 20, 2026, through April 24, 2026, in Bellaire, Michigan. This training is presented by the MACVC and is needed to maintain accreditation. We did have one MVTF application for the month of March.

Approval of the Minutes

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

It was moved by David Pearce, supported by Brooks Partridge, to approve February 23, 2026, minutes as presented. On a voice vote, the motion CARRIED.

Burials

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

No action needed.

Grave Markers

No grave marker funds were used in March.

No action needed.

Food Assistance

No food assistance was needed in March.

No action needed.

Chairman of the Committee

We welcomed the new Chairman, Dr Frederick Ludwig. The committee discussed whether there were changes that needed to be made with how the office operated or if the office needed to report additional information to the board. After minimal discussion the board was happy with how the office is operating and didn't seek additional information at this time.

Date of next committee meeting.

The next meeting will be Monday, April 27, 2026, at noon.

It was moved by Robert Savoie, supported by Brooks Partridge, to have the next meeting take place on Monday, April 27, 2026, at noon. On a voice vote, the motion CARRIED.

Committee Comments

Committee member David Pearce wanted to inform the board that the VFW held a fund raiser, Gilligan's Island event, at the VFW and raised over \$2000 that was donated to Hospice.

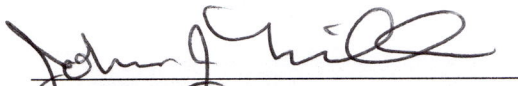
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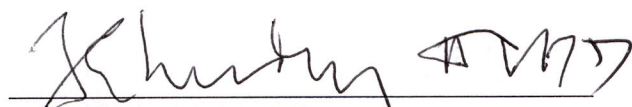
No comments

Adjourn

It was moved by Brooks Partridge, 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