

DEPARTMENT OF VETERAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

August 31, 2026

A regular meeting of the Chippewa County Department of Veteran Affairs Committee was held on Monday, August 31, 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-three (33) days from July 27, 2026 – August 31, 2026. There were approximately Ninety (90) visits to the office. Our office received and placed approximately four hundred fifteen (415) phone calls during this period. There were three (3) home visits this month. John attended an outreach event in Bay Mills at the Elder Center and the event went well. John attended training presented by the American Legion August 18th through August 20th at the Ralph A MacMullan conference center in Higgins Lake. The training was informative and the office was closed during these dates. An application for the MVAA County Veteran Service Fund (CVSF) was submitted this month. In a change from prior grants the fund can no longer be used for direct Veteran relief. The grant will help cover training costs, advertising, office resources, and a possible part-time employee. The DAV transportation vehicle has been in steady use throughout the month. The office submitted one (1) MVTF application this month and had two (2) other applications submitted that were deemed ineligible by the MVTF. The ineligible applicants were referred to other possible resources. John will be out of the office September 2nd, September 9th, and September 10th for VA enrollment fair and VA Veteran Townhalls. The Enrollment Fair on the 2nd is at the VFW in Sault Ste. Marie. The Veteran Townhall will be in Trout Lake on September 9th. On September 10th the Veteran Townhall will be in Kincheloe and the Sault.

Approval of the Minutes

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

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

Burials

No burial funds were used in August

No action needed

Grave Markers

No grave marker funds were used in August.

No action needed.

The committee discussed the absence of grave marker reimbursement requests. They requested that John contact the businesses that usually seek reimbursement for markers and report back to the board at the next meeting.

Food Assistance

No Food Vouchers were issued in the month of August.

No action needed.

Date of next committee meeting.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, September 28, 2026, at noon.

It was moved by Brooks Partridge, supported by Robert Savoie, to have the next meeting take place on Monday, September 28, 2026, at noon. On a voice vote, the motion CARRIED.

Committee Comments

No comments

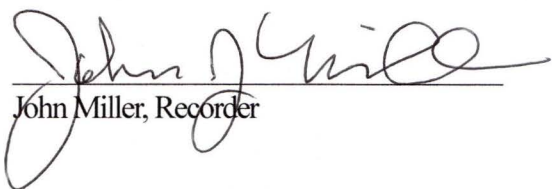
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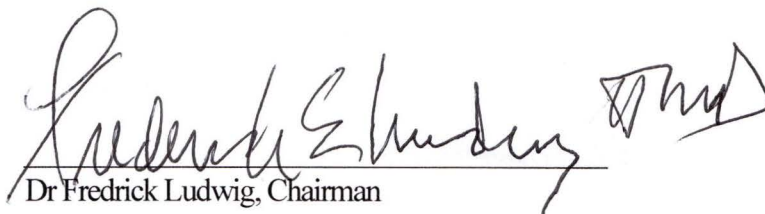
No comments

Adjourn

It was moved by Chairman Dr Frederick Ludwig, supported by David Pearce, to adjourn. On a voice vote, the motion CARRIED.

The meeting adjourned at 12:20 pm.


John Miller, Recorder


Dr Frederick Ludwig, Chairman