

DEPARTMENT OF VETERAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

May 28, 2025

A regular meeting of the Chippewa County Department of Veteran Affairs Committee was held on Wednesday, May 28, 2025 at the Chippewa Courthouse in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan. Chairman Jim Shogren called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. The Veterans Board had a quorum and normal business was conducted.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Brooks Partridge, Dr. Frederick Ludwig, Bob Savoie, Jim Shogren

MEMBERS ABSENT: Damon Lieurance

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 twenty-nine (29) days from April 29, 2025 – May 28, 2025. There were approximately 44 visits to the office during this time frame. Our office received and placed approximately 284 phone calls during this period. There were 3 home visits conducted for Veterans during this time for Veterans unable to make it into the office. All Memorial Day flags were distributed to organizations and volunteers. John visited several of the cemeteries in the county over the Memorial Weekend to pay respect to our counties fallen Veterans. The large number of flags in our county cemeteries really drew attention to the amount of sacrifice our county has made to the freedom of our country. The office would like to thank all the volunteers and service organizations that take the time every year to honor these fallen heroes. John attended the Memorial Day ceremony in Detour Village on Monday. The ceremony was very well done. The office hosted a VBA hearing for a local Veteran on May 27, 2025 and the hearing went well. The DAV transportation program is going well and on May 27, 2025 we had a volunteer ceremony luncheon at the Elks Lodge #552 for the drivers, sponsored by Iron Mountain Medical and the Local DAV chapter.

Approval of the Minutes

The committee received and reviewed the April 29, 2025 committee minutes.

It was moved by Robert Savoie, supported by Brooks Partridge, to approve the April 29, 2025 minutes as presented. On a voice vote, the motion CARRIED.

Burials

No burial funds were used in May 2025.

No action needed.

Grave Markers

No grave marker funds were used in May 2025.

No action needed.

Food Assistance

Food assistance of \$50

No action needed.

MVAA Grant Distributions in the amount of \$50

- **Advertisement - \$0**
- **Transportation - \$0**
- **Food Assistance - \$50**
- **Emergent Relief - \$0**
- **Part-time Compliance Officer/Project Director - \$0**

The committee reviewed the MVAA grant distributions in the amount of \$50.

It was moved by Robert Savoie, supported by Brooks Partridge, to approve the MVAA grant distributions in the amount of \$50. On a voice vote, the motion CARRIED.

Date of next committee meeting.

The next meeting will be Tuesday June 24, 2025 at 4:00 p.m.

It was moved by Jim Shogren, supported by Dr. Frederick Ludwig, to have the next meeting take place on June 24, 2025 at 4:00 pm. On a voice vote, the motion CARRIED.

Committee Comments

No Comments

Chairman Comments

No comments

Adjourn

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

The meeting adjourned at 4:15 pm.


John Miller, Recorder


Jim Shogren, Chairman