



AMVETS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN

106 THORPE AVENUE

ROSCOMMON, MICHIGAN 48653

STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

FEBRUARY 21, 2026

Call to Order: 1:00 p.m.

Invocation: Chaplain Lisa Curtis

Pledge of Allegiance: Provost Marshal Rob Harris

Preamble: Adjutant Tim Hill

Commander Nat Pulizzi, present

1st Vice Commander Marlene Gaitan, present

2nd Vice Commander Terry Lavis, present

3rd Vice Commander Jessica Jones, present

Adjutant Timothy Hill, present

Finance Officer pro-temp Craig Robinson, Excused

Judge Advocate Kari Witte, present

Provost Marshal Rob Harris, present

N.E.C. Representative Jean Hall, present

Alternate N.E.C. Representative John Hoecherl, excused

Immediate P.D.C. Kari Witte, present

District 1 Commander Tim Brown, absent

District 2 Commander Richard Cobb acting, present

District 3 Commander Butch Cryderman, present

District 5 Commander Jake Reichert, present

District 6 Commander Lisa Curtis, present

District 7 Commander Mark List, present

Chaplain Lisa Curtis, present

Legislative Director Charles Petch, present

Inspector General Joe Salvia, present

Assistant Inspector General Larry Begin, present

Aide de Camp Lenny Hogan, present

Web-Master Norm Zelony, present

Foundation President Lenny Hogan, present

Foundation Finance Officer, present

Ladies Auxiliary President Pam Pearce, present

Sons of AMVETS Commander Don Torr, present

Sons of AMVETS Coordinator Charles Petch, present

Riders President Joel Trombley, present

Invited Guests:

National 4th District Commander Sara Pierce

National 4th District 1st Vice Commander Rick Shay

Disability Network Attorney Taylor Fenner

V.A. Supervisor Ashley Carlson

At 1:03 p.m. Ms. Taylor Fenner and Ms. Ashly Carlson gave a short presentation on Disability Law. Afterwards, they had a table set up in the rear of the hall for people to come and ask questions and gather information.

1:15 p.m. President Pamela Pearce mentioned that the leaders of the Auxiliary are working on the agenda and look for big changes to come.

Commander Pulizzi thanked Post 29 in Mount Clemons for bringing the traveling wall to the S.E.C. meeting.

Commander Pulizzi thanks AMVETS Post 3720 for hosting this event and for providing a delicious meal for the day.

1st Vice Commander Marlene Gaitan and Chaplain Lisa Curtis mentioned that there will be the Blessing of the Bikes on May 17, 2026, at the Baldwin Post.

Session suspended for 10 minutes to refill your plates etc.

At 1:33 p.m. Motion by Terry Lavis to have Richard Cobb, 1st Vice Commander for District 2, fills in for today's S.E.C. meeting. 2nd by Tim Hill, passed.

1:35 p.m. Commander Pulizzi stated that he has been searching for a "finance officer" to take over for Craig Robinson who has been acting as finance officer pro-temp. Three individuals were contacted, 1 unable to be bonded. After speaking with Mr. Robinson, he stated that he will remain as finance officer until June 21, 2026. Finance Report was read by Commander Pulizzi.

1:40 Commander's Report: Commander Pulizzi read his report. There were questions on the Trusteeship over Post 22 in Bay City. Motion by Terry Lavis to see duties in writing. 2nd by Lisa Curtis. Question from Sarge Parr, why the Trusteeship? Jake Reichert stated that we need to put it in writing, left/right.

Commander stated that he was working on the agenda for the upcoming convention.

1:53 Rob Harris calls the Question

1:54 Kari Witte spoke on the issues with Post 22 in Bay City. How are we sure that without Trustees, Post 22 won't go back to their previous goings on? The S.E.C. approved Tim Hill to serve as an Advisor vice reinstating the Trustees to Post 22 to assist in their dealings.

Commander Pulizzi gave his report on the Great Lakes National Cemetery. 212 Burials in January 2026 with a total of 71,836 interned thus far.

Motion by Lisa Curtis to spend up to \$100.00 to host a Great Lakes National Cemetery luncheon in June. 2nd by Terry Lavis, passed.

1:59 1st Vice Commander's Report was given by Marlene Gaitan. Motion to accept by Marlene Gaitan, 2nd by Rob Harris. Question by Lenny Hogan about where is the dues money owed to the Posts? Tim Hill handed a check for \$4126.00 to the Commander for dues reimbursements. Lenny Hogan asked if the Posts are still making payments directly to National.

Tim Hill calls the question, motion passed.

2:05 p.m. 2nd Vice Commander's Report was presented by Terry Lavis. Motion to accept the report 2nd by Rob Harris. Passed. Motion by Terry Lavis for reimbursement of the raffle tickets totaling 384.90. Commander Pulizzi stated that at our past meeting, it was approved up to \$500.00 for the purchase of tickets. Bill to be submitted for reimbursement.

2:10 p.m. 3rd Vice Commander's Report was presented by Jessica Jones. It was mentioned that she still has not been added to the bank account for Americanism. Deadline for our Americanism program is April 1, 2026. Motion by Jessica Jones to accept her report, 2nd by Terry Lavis, passed.

2:15 p.m. Judge Advocates report was given by Kari Witte. She stated that she is still awaiting CBL's from numerous Posts & Districts. She is also waiting for past records from the previous Judge Advocate. Motion by Witte to accept her report, 2nd by Rob Harris, passed.

2:20 p.m. National District 4 Commander Sara Pierce stated that Each Post is to be able to govern itself. Their CBL's must mirror Departments CBL's in which will mirror National CBL.

2:22 p.m. Provost Marshal Rob Harris stated that he is actively searching for an Honor Guard for our June Convention. If anyone has any contacts, please let him know. Motion to accept his report as given, 2nd by Marlene Gaitan, passed.

2:24 p.m. N.E.C. Representative Jean Hall read his report. Motion by Lisa Curtis to accept his report, 2nd by Mark List, passed.

2:25 p.m. there was no report given by District 1 Commander.

2:29 p.m. District 2 acting Commander read his report. Rich Cobb made a motion to accept his report as read, 2nd by Rob Harris, passed.

2:33 p.m. 3rd District Commander Butch Cryderman read his report. Motion by Cryderman to accept his report, 2nd by Rob Harris. Question, is the Brighton Post surrendering their charter

2:45 P.M. nec Representative Jean Hall gave his report and spoke about Fort Custer National Cemetery. Motion by Terry Lavis to donate \$100.00 to the advisory committee of the Cemetery. 2nd by Lisa Curtis, passed.

3:05 Web-Master Norm Zelony gave his report and made a motion to be adopted. 2nd by Rob Harris, passed.

3:10 p.m. District 5 Commander Jake Reichert gave his report on the 5th District. Motion to accept by Reichert, 2nd by Rob Harris, passed.

3:14 p.m. Commander Reichert made his presentation for proposed CBL guidelines for Districts and Posts. He also presented a proposed S.O.P. for Districts and Posts. He also made a presentation on the proposed re-districting of the Department of Michigan.

3:45 p.m. 6th District Commander Lisa Curtis gave her report. She made the motion that her report be adopted. 2nd by Marlene Gaitan, passed.

3:55 p.m. Chaplain Lisa Curtis gave her report and spoke about the Blessing of the Bikes. She also spoke about how when we have members of the Department of Michigan going to the National Convention and representing the Department of Michigan that there should be some sort of stipend given so the individual doesn't have to pay for the entire ordeal (i.e. per diem and hotel cost). Chaplain Curtis made the motion to accept the Chaplains report 2nd by Rob Harris, discussion ensued concerning costs to National Convention, financial officer to look into this matter. Motion passed.

4:10 p.m. District 7 Commander Mark List gave his report. Commander List asked that his report be accepted. 2nd by Tim Hill, passed.

4:15 p.m. Legislative Director Charles Petch gave his report. Me made a motion to have his report accepted as read. 2nd by Rob Harris, approved.

4:25 p.m. Lodge Chairman Lenny Hogan gave his report on the Lodge mentioning that the new roof is on. He also mentioned the new pricing for the cabins for 2026 that was approved by his committee. Motion by Terry Lavis to accept the Lodge/Cabin report as read. 2nd by Rob Harris, passed.

4:35 p.m. Karen Puerer offered information on the Lodge Rental, Cabins and Marina.

4:40 p.m. Foundation Finance Officer Bob Bushman gave the financial report for the Foundation. Motion by Tim Hill to accept financial report as read subject to audit, 2nd by Rob Harris, passed.

4:50 p.m. Adjutant Tim Hill gave the Adjutant's report including his expenses of \$1466.53 that have occurred since becoming the Adjutant for the Department. Discussion ensued concerning finances and expenses. Motion by Terry Lavis to reimburse Adjutant Tim Hill the \$1466.53 in a timely fashion. 2nd by Marlene Gaitan, passed.

Adjutant Hill gave an overview of him being appointed as the Chairman of the Trusteeship governing Post 22 in Bay City.

5:10 p.m. Inspector Joe Salvia and Assistant Inspector General Larry Begin. The written report follows specifically, by your authority as Commander (e.g. Article VI, section 1 Department By-laws) your directive to the O.I.G. directed us to investigate the following: 1. Defiance of Department authority and potential interference with the lawful operations of the Department and its trustees for Post 22, Bay City, Michigan. 2. Instances of willful defiance of both written and verbal communications issued by the Department Commander and duly appointed trustees by the Post Executive Board. 3. Whether any individual or individuals are interfering with the operations of the Department or its subordinate entities by giving direction, encouragement or instruction to challenge, ignore or obstruct lawful orders issued by myself or the trustees.

5:30 p.m. Adjutant Tim Hill requested that we vacate the main hall so the nights activities can be put into place. Commander Pulizzi suspended the S.E.C. meeting so we could move to the club room for an Executive Session with S.E.C. members only.

5:45 p.m. Commander Pulizzi called the S.E.C. meeting back into session with S.E.C. members only with the exception for National 4th District Commander Sara Pierce and National 4th District 1st Vice Commander Rick Shay.

Commander Pulizzi asked and received a motion to suspend the S.E.C. meeting until April 11, 2026, by Rob Harris, 2nd by Tim Hill, passed.

The entire O.I.G. report will be provided to every member of the S.E.C. at the Grievance Committee Hearing on April 11, 2026, at 3440 Morrish Road, Swartz Creek, Michigan 48473. The Doors will open at 10.30

Respectfully submitted

Timothy W. Hill

Adjutant