



**AMVETS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN**

**106 THORPE AVENUE**

**ROSCOMMON, MICHIGAN 48653**

**S.E.C. MEETING APRIL 11, 2026**

**CALL TO ORDER: 11:50 A.M.**

**INVOCATION: CHAPLAIN LISA CURTIS**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: PROVOST MARSHALL ROB HARRIS**

**ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS:**

**COMMANDER NAT PULIZZI, PRESENT**

**1<sup>ST</sup> VICE COMMANDER MARLENE GAITAN, PRESENT**

**2<sup>ND</sup> VICE COMMANDER TERRY LAVIS, PRESENT**

**3<sup>RD</sup> VICE COMMANDER JESSICA JONES, PRESENT**

**ADJUTANT TIMOTHY HILL, PRESENT**

**FINANCE OFFICER PRO-TEMPT CRAIG ROBINSON, PRESENT**

**JUDGE ADVOCATE KARI WITTE, PRESENT**

**PROVOST MARSHAL ROB HARRIS, PRESENT**

**N.E.C. REPRESENTATIVE JEAN HALL, PRESENT**

**ALTERNATE N.E.C. REPRESENTATIVE JOHN HOECHERL, PRESENT**

**IMMEDIATE P.D.C. KARI WITTE, PRESENT**

**DISTRICT 1 COMMANDER, TIM BROWN, ABSENT**

**DISTRICT 2 COMMANDER ACTING RICHARD COBB, PRESENT**

**DISTRICT 3 COMMANDER BUTCH CRYDERMAN, PRESENT**

**DISTRIC 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**

**ALTERNATE INSPECTOR GENERAL LARRY BEGIN, PRESENT**

**AIDE DE CAMP LENNY HOGAN, PRESENT**

**WEB-MASTER NORM ZELONY, EXCUSED**

**FOUNDATION PRESIDENT LENNY HOGAN, PRESENT**

**FOUNDATION FINANCE OFFICER BOB BUSHMAN, PRESENT**

**Commander Pulizzi began with an opening statement: Before we begin the hearings for today, there are a few things that the S.E.C. needs to address.**

**Motion by Terry Lavis to appoint Larry Begin as the Judge Advocate, pro-tempt until the hearings are completed. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bob Bushman. Discussion ensued. Rob Harris asks why the past Judge Advocate Steve Bidstrep couldn't since he knows the National & Department Constitution and By-Laws. Since he is the council representing the accused, he cannot be the J.A.. Judge Advocate Witte asked since Steve Bidstrep is her council, she would like District 5 Commander Jake Reichert as her co-council. Commander Pulizzi granted J.A. Witte's request in having 5<sup>th</sup> District Commander Jake Reichert as co-council. Tim Hill called the question. Motion modified by Terry Lavis to appoint Lenny Hogan as the Judge Advocate with Larry Begin as co-counsel for the Judge Advocate. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tim Hill. Motion passed**

**Motion by Terry Lavis to appoint Richard Cobb as acting District 2 Commander. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lisa Curtis, passed.**

**2nd Vice Commander Terry Lavis gave a report on the Fall Conference 2027. Possible conference dates of October 8-11, 2026, Courtyard by Marriott in Mount Pleasant or September 17-21, 2026, at the Treetops Resort in Gaylord. Discussion ensued, J.A. Kari Witte mentioned Article 5, sect 1 of the National Constitution states that the Convention is to be discussed at the National Convention and not more than 5 years in advance. Bob Bushman stated that that is for conventions not conferences. Lenny Hogan stated that National only approves conventions 3 years out. Commander to investigate. This issue was tabled until the Department Convention in June.**

**Commander Pulizzi spoke about the new Cabin Furniture for cabins 1-6. He mentioned that Roberta Robinson received a quote from Vandry Home Furnishing, which is a Veteran Friendly Business, for \$26,496.00 Motion by Tim Hill to purchase furniture for cabins 1-6. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rob Harris. Discussion ensued concerning the removal of the old furniture and who will install the new furniture? Commander to solicit volunteers from the surrounding Posts. Motion passed.**

**Commander Pulizzi stated that over the years, Roberta Robinson has maintained all the cabins and the lodge whether it be maintenance or registrations. It is recommended that starting this calendar year 2026, Roberta Robertson be given 1 week per year for the next four (4) years as our thanks for their hard work and dedication to the AMVETS organization. Motion by Kari Witte, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Butch Cryderman. Discussion, John Hoecherl mentioned that the cleaning fee should be waved as well. Motion was amended, passed.**

**Commander stated that there is a bill for postage totaling \$272.48. Adjutant Tim Hill sent out certified mail to all involved in today's meeting. Motion by Rob Harris to reimburse Adjutant Tim Hill for postage. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lisa Curtis, passed.**

**Commander Pulizzi stated that we will be having a special guest at our department convention. National Commander Paul Shipley will be in attendance.**

**12:42 p.m. Commander Pulizzi stated that all guests and visitors at this meeting are to depart. We will now be going into a Closed Session.**

**Respectfully submitted**

**Timothy W. Hill**

**Adjutant**