The Duties of the State Commander

A. Presides at all meetings of the Department of Michigan Veterans of Foreign Wars

B. Enforce the strict observance of the by-laws and usage of the organization

C. Insist that department business and activities are conducted in such a manner that they do not violate any applicable governmental law, ordinance or regulation nor bring or tend to bring dishonor or embarrassment on the department.

D. Decide all questions of law and usage in the department

E. Approve all disbursements of the funds properly authorized by the council of administration.

F. Assure the office of the quartermaster is bonded.

G. Make sure all monies due the national headquarters and received by the department is forwarded promptly.

H. Make sure all reports are correctly prepared and promptly forwarded and that all the business of the departments handled with in a timely manner.

I. Assure that all eligible veterans are encouraged to join and maintain membership.

J. Oversee 12 districts a total of 294 posts and 4 county council with a total membership of 45,938 to date.

K. Appoint 32 director

L. Also sit on the board of the coalition of veterans organizations

M. Appoints reps. to the VAVS at Detroit, Ann Arbor, Battle Creek, Saginaw, Iron Mountain, and two Veteran's homes in Grand Rapids and Marquette.

N. Appoints directors to the two National Cemeteries at Fort Custer and Holly

O. The Commander also the chairman of the VFW camp trotter for children

P. Oversees a banquet honoring High school and Jr. High students who submitted written and oral essays on a specific topic determined by the National committee, with awards given to 12 high schoolers and 12 Jr. High schoolers, with the winners going to Washington, DC to compete for national honors