

## **Keweenaw Detachment #1016**

### **Meeting Minutes**

**October 16, 2025**

The meeting was called to order by Commandant Jim Mattson at 7:00 pm at South Range VFW.

**Roll Call of Officers:** six officers present, one officer absent, no other members present.

**Applications for Membership:** None

**Minutes:** Motion to accept the minutes from the June meeting as printed and published was made by Tim Smigowski. Second by Paul Smigowski. Motion carried.

#### **Correspondence:**

1. We received confirmation from the Post Office in July that our request for mail forwarding was accepted.
2. Received a thank you from Jacobetti home for our June donation.
3. We received a donation request letter from Rockland Legion Post 92 for their new Toys for Area Youth program.
4. Received a flyer on the next UP Zone and Devil Dog meeting on April 25, 2026 in Marquette, MI.

**Paymaster:** Motion by Mike Benard to accept the report as presented by the paymaster subject to audit. Second by Jim Ziemnick. Motion carried.

#### **Members or Family Members Sick, in Distress or Death:**

1. Life Member Joann Bressette passed away May 6<sup>th</sup>.
2. Life member David Heikkila Sr passed away July 4<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Detachment Elected Officer Reports:**

1. Commandant: reported that he did 15 funerals with the CCVA.
2. Sr Vice: absent
3. Jr Vice: no report
4. Judge Advocate: attended the Devil Dog meeting in Munising in Sept.

#### **Detachment Appointed Officer Reports:**

1. Adjutant: Judi Smigowski reported that, in the absence of the chaplain, she sent the notice of death on our two members listed above.

2. Paymaster: submitted the life member audit, the 990, the Corp renewal, and sent the donation check to Dept foundation to establish the Hendrickson Endowed Scholarship Fund.

3. Chaplain: absent.

4. Sgt at Arms: no report

#### **Commandant Appointed Staff Reports:**

1. Ceremonial Officer: absent

#### **Committee Reports:**

**1. Audit:** an audit was completed tonight.

**2. Candy Sales:** Judi Smigowski reported that we sold our share of the candy partnership to Oceana/Brett Witteveen Det 1225. The money received was sent to the Dept Foundation to be added to the Hendrickson endowment. The committee is now disbanded.

**3. Fundraising:** Since we had no fundraising events this year and have no events planned in the future, the committee is now disbanded.

**4. Refreshments for next meeting:** nothing was decided

**5. Scholarship:** no report

**6. Toys for Area Youth:** Jim Gonzales made two buying trips to Walmart and will be making one or two more in Nov and Dec.

**Old Business:** Paul Smigowski made a motion that since no one wanted to buy or sell any Dept raffle tickets that we send them back. Second by Mike Benard. Motion carried.

#### **New Business:**

1. Election of officers was held, and the following people were nominated and accepted the nominations.

Commandant: James Mattson

Sr Vice Commandant: Paul Smigowski

Jr Vice Commandant: Jim Ziemnick

Judge Advocate: Tim Smigowski

Paul Smigowski made a motion that the Adjutant cast one unanimous ballot for the nominees. Second by Tim Smigowski. Motion carried. The officers were then installed.

2. Paul Smigowski made a motion that it is no longer practical to maintain the Keweenaw Detachment and instructed the Board of Trustees to send a letter of intent to dissolve the detachment to the Department of

Michigan. Second by Tim Smigowski. Motion carried.

3. Paul Smigowski made a motion that we cancel the November meeting. Tim Smigowski second. Motion carried.

4. Paul Smigowski made a motion that we designate the next regular detachment meeting on March 19, 2026 as the meeting where the members present will vote on dissolving the detachment. Tim Smigowski second, Motion carried.

5. Paul Smigowski made a motion that the Adjutant send a letter to all the members in February informing them of the March meeting. Tim Smigowski second. Motion carried.

6. Paul Smigowski made a motion that after all the buying for Toys for Area Youth is over in December, we donate any funds left in that account to the Rockland Legion Post 92 Toys for Area Youth fund. Tim Smigowski second, Motion carried.

**Good of the League/Announcements:**

1. November 8, 2025 – 250<sup>th</sup> Marine Corps Birthday Celebration at Island Resort and Casino in Harris, MI

2. April 25, 2026 – UP Zone meeting and Devil Dog Growl in Marquette, MI

The meeting adjourned at 09:05 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Judi Smigowski, Adjutant