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1.1A bill for an act

1.2relating to state government; establishing a budget for the Department of Military

1.3Affairs and the Department of Veterans Affairs; modifying various veterans services

1.4and benefits provisions; modifying certain state active service provisions; providing

1.5for the state armory building commission; providing benefits to veterans of the

1.6Secret War in Laos; establishing a task force; requiring the commissioner of

1.7administration to place a memorial plaque honoring Gold Star and Blue Star

1.8families on State Capitol grounds; requiring reports; appropriating money;

1.9amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 13.461, subdivision 27; 192.49,

1.10subdivisions 1, 2, by adding a subdivision; 193.143; 197.065; 197.236, subdivisions

1.118, 9; 197.608, subdivision 6; 197.75, subdivision 1; 197.791, subdivision 4; Laws

1.122023, chapter 38, article 1, section 3, subdivision 2, as amended; proposing coding

1.13for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 197.

1.14BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.15ARTICLE 1

1.16MILITARY AFFAIRS AND VETERANS AFFAIRS APPROPRIATIONS

1.17Section 1. APPROPRIATIONS.

1.18The sums shown in the columns marked "Appropriations" are appropriated to the agencies

1.19and for the purposes specified in this article. The appropriations are from the general fund,

1.20or another named fund, and are available for the fiscal years indicated for each purpose.

1.21The figures "2026" and "2027" used in this article mean that the appropriations listed under

1.22them are available for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, or June 30, 2027, respectively.

1.23"The first year" is fiscal year 2026. "The second year" is fiscal year 2027. "The biennium"

1.24is fiscal years 2026 and 2027.

1.25APPROPRIATIONS

1.26Available for the Year

2.1		<u>Ending June 30</u>	
2.2		<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
2.3	Sec. 2. <u>MILITARY AFFAIRS</u>		
2.4	Subdivision 1. <u>Total Appropriation</u>	\$	<u>29,487,000</u> \$ <u>33,458,000</u>
2.5	<u>The amounts that may be spent for each</u>		
2.6	<u>purpose are specified in the following</u>		
2.7	<u>subdivisions. The base for this appropriation</u>		
2.8	<u>is \$27,458,000 in fiscal year 2028 and each</u>		
2.9	<u>fiscal year thereafter.</u>		
2.10	Subd. 2. <u>Maintenance of Training Facilities</u>	<u>10,067,000</u>	<u>10,067,000</u>
2.11	Subd. 3. <u>General Support</u>	<u>5,006,000</u>	<u>4,977,000</u>
2.12	<u>Holistic Health and Fitness (H2F).</u> Of this		
2.13	<u>amount, \$242,000 the first year is for</u>		
2.14	<u>administrative and payroll costs to operate</u>		
2.15	<u>Holistic Health and Fitness (H2F) initiatives</u>		
2.16	<u>across the Minnesota Army National Guard.</u>		
2.17	<u>This is a onetime appropriation.</u>		
2.18	Subd. 4. <u>Enlistment Incentives</u>	<u>14,114,000</u>	<u>18,114,000</u>
2.19	<u>The base for this appropriation is \$12,114,000</u>		
2.20	<u>in fiscal year 2028 and each fiscal year</u>		
2.21	<u>thereafter.</u>		
2.22	<u>The appropriations in this subdivision are</u>		
2.23	<u>available until June 30, 2029.</u>		
2.24	<u>If the amount for fiscal year 2026 is</u>		
2.25	<u>insufficient, the amount for 2027 is available</u>		
2.26	<u>in fiscal year 2026. Any unencumbered</u>		
2.27	<u>balance does not cancel at the end of the first</u>		
2.28	<u>year and is available for the second year.</u>		
2.29	Subd. 5. <u>Emergency Services</u>	<u>300,000</u>	<u>300,000</u>
2.30	Sec. 3. <u>VETERANS AFFAIRS</u>		
2.31	Subdivision 1. <u>Total Appropriation</u>	\$	<u>142,457,000</u> \$ <u>146,710,000</u>

3.1 The base for this appropriation is
 3.2 \$151,140,000 in fiscal year 2028 and each
 3.3 fiscal year thereafter. The amounts that may
 3.4 be spent for each purpose are specified in the
 3.5 following subdivisions.

3.6 <u>Subd. 2. Veterans Programs and Services</u>	<u>31,055,000</u>	<u>30,940,000</u>
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3.7 The amounts that may be spent for each
 3.8 purpose are specified in the following
 3.9 paragraphs.

3.10 (a) **State Veterans Cemeteries.** \$3,782,000
 3.11 each year is for the operation of the state
 3.12 veterans cemeteries.

3.13 (b) **Veterans Service Organizations.**
 3.14 \$500,000 each year is for grants to the
 3.15 following congressionally chartered veterans
 3.16 service organizations as designated by the
 3.17 commissioner: Disabled American Veterans,
 3.18 Military Order of the Purple Heart, the
 3.19 American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars,
 3.20 AMVETS, and Paralyzed Veterans of
 3.21 America. This funding must be allocated in
 3.22 direct proportion to the funding currently
 3.23 being provided by the commissioner to these
 3.24 organizations.

3.25 (c) **Honor Guards.** \$200,000 each year is for
 3.26 compensation for honor guards at the funerals
 3.27 of veterans under Minnesota Statutes, section
 3.28 197.231.

3.29 (d) **Minnesota GI Bill.** \$200,000 each year is
 3.30 for the costs of administering the Minnesota
 3.31 GI Bill postsecondary educational benefits,
 3.32 on-the-job training, and apprenticeship
 3.33 program under Minnesota Statutes, section
 3.34 197.791.

4.1 (e) **Gold Star Program.** \$100,000 each year
4.2 is for administering the Gold Star Program for
4.3 surviving family members of deceased
4.4 veterans.

4.5 (f) **County Veterans Service Office.**
4.6 \$1,610,000 each year is for the County
4.7 Veterans Service Office grant program under
4.8 Minnesota Statutes, section 197.608. Of this
4.9 amount, \$20,000 is for a women veterans
4.10 technical assistance coordinator, \$20,000 is
4.11 for a veteran suicide prevention technical
4.12 assistance coordinator, and \$20,000 is for a
4.13 justice-involved veteran technical assistance
4.14 coordinator. Any unencumbered balance in
4.15 the first year does not cancel and is available
4.16 in the second year.

4.17 (g) **Camp Bliss.** \$150,000 each year is for a
4.18 grant to Independent Lifestyles, Inc., to
4.19 provide therapy, transportation, and activities
4.20 customized for veterans who are Minnesota
4.21 residents and the veterans' spouses, domestic
4.22 partners, and children at Camp Bliss in the
4.23 city of Walker. The commissioner of veterans
4.24 affairs must report to the chairs and ranking
4.25 minority members of the legislative
4.26 committees with jurisdiction over veterans
4.27 affairs on:

4.28 (1) the number of veterans and veterans'
4.29 family members served; and
4.30 (2) a detailed explanation of expenditures of
4.31 the grant money.

4.32 (h) **CORE Program.** \$1,525,000 the first year
4.33 and \$1,225,000 the second year are for the

- 5.1 Counseling and Case Management Outreach
5.2 Referral and Education (CORE) program.
- 5.3 Of this amount, \$300,000 the first year is to
5.4 provide:
- 5.5 (1) home-delivered meals to veterans outside
5.6 of Hennepin and Ramsey Counties; and
- 5.7 (2) technical, enrollment, outreach, and
5.8 volunteer recruitment assistance to member
5.9 programs.
- 5.10 The grantee must report to the commissioner
5.11 of veterans affairs and the chairs and ranking
5.12 minority members of the legislative
5.13 committees with jurisdiction over veterans
5.14 affairs policy and finance by September 1 each
5.15 year with a detailed explanation of how the
5.16 grant money was used and the number of
5.17 veterans and service members served by the
5.18 program. Any unencumbered balance in the
5.19 first year does not cancel at the end of the first
5.20 year and is available in the second year. This
5.21 is a onetime appropriation.
- 5.22 **(i) Recently Separated Veterans Program.**
5.23 \$300,000 each year is for operation of the
5.24 recently separated veterans program. The
5.25 commissioner of veterans affairs may use
5.26 Department of Defense and other veteran data
5.27 that was provided with an appropriate
5.28 disclosure to assist with connecting veterans
5.29 to resources and new programming. The
5.30 commissioner may use money for personnel,
5.31 research, marketing, technology solutions, and
5.32 professional or technical contracts.
- 5.33 **(j) Homeless Veterans and SOAR Program.**
5.34 \$1,344,000 each year is to operate the

6.1 homeless veteran registry and homeless
6.2 programs and to assist veterans, former service
6.3 members, and veterans' and former service
6.4 members' dependents with obtaining federal
6.5 benefits through the Social Security
6.6 Administration. The commissioner of veterans
6.7 affairs may use money for personnel, training,
6.8 research, marketing, and professional or
6.9 technical contracts.

6.10 **(k) State Soldiers Assistance Program.**
6.11 \$5,600,000 each year is for veteran financial
6.12 assistance through the state soldiers assistance
6.13 program.

6.14 **(l) Higher Education Veterans Assistance.**
6.15 \$1,629,000 each year is for veterans higher
6.16 education assistance.

6.17 **(m) Claims and Outreach Office. \$3,621,000**
6.18 each year is for the claims and outreach office
6.19 to assist veterans and the veterans' families in
6.20 accessing benefits and services.

6.21 **(n) Minnesota Assistance Council for**
6.22 **Veterans. \$1,075,000 each year is for grants**
6.23 to the Minnesota Assistance Council for
6.24 Veterans to provide assistance throughout
6.25 Minnesota to veterans and veterans' families
6.26 who are homeless or in danger of
6.27 homelessness, including assistance with:

6.28 (1) supportive services to maintain housing;

6.29 (2) employment;

6.30 (3) legal issues;

6.31 (4) housing and housing-related costs;

6.32 (5) transportation;

7.1 (6) the acquisition and creation of permanent
7.2 supportive housing; and

7.3 (7) property management of permanent
7.4 supportive housing.

7.5 Any unencumbered balance remaining in this
7.6 paragraph in the first year does not cancel and
7.7 is available for the second year. Assistance
7.8 authorized under this paragraph must be
7.9 provided only to a veteran who has resided in
7.10 Minnesota for 30 days prior to the veteran's
7.11 application for assistance and according to
7.12 other guidelines established by the
7.13 commissioner. To avoid duplication of
7.14 services, the commissioner must ensure that
7.15 this assistance is coordinated with all other
7.16 available programs for veterans.

7.17 **(o) Veterans of Special Guerilla Units and**
7.18 **Irregular Forces in Laos Advisory Task**
7.19 **Force.** \$118,000 the first year is for the
7.20 commissioner to staff and support the work
7.21 of the Veterans of Special Guerilla Units and
7.22 Irregular Forces in Laos Advisory Task Force.

7.23 **(p) Hometown Hero Outdoors.** \$100,000 the
7.24 first year is for a grant to Hometown Hero
7.25 Outdoors, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization
7.26 based in Stillwater, Minnesota, to fund outdoor
7.27 recreational activities and mental health
7.28 services for currently serving military
7.29 personnel and veterans to promote positive
7.30 mental health and interactions with mental
7.31 health service professionals; to promote
7.32 longevity and quality of life through outdoor
7.33 activities and mental health services, including
7.34 public education; and to ensure that the
7.35 organization is able to continue supporting

8.1 persons who are currently serving or have
 8.2 served in the military. Hometown Hero
 8.3 Outdoors must report to the commissioner of
 8.4 veterans affairs and the chairs and ranking
 8.5 minority members of the legislative
 8.6 committees with jurisdiction over veterans
 8.7 affairs policy and finance no later than
 8.8 September 1, 2026. The report must include,
 8.9 at a minimum, a detailed explanation of how
 8.10 the grant money was used and the number of
 8.11 veterans served by the program.

8.12 (q) **Minnesota Military and Veterans**
 8.13 **Museum.** \$300,000 each year is for a grant to
 8.14 the Minnesota Military and Veterans Museum
 8.15 for museum staff to provide direct services to
 8.16 veterans and their families.

8.17	<u>Subd. 3. Veterans Health Care</u>	<u>111,402,000</u>	<u>115,770,000</u>
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8.18 (a) \$110,302,000 the first year and
 8.19 \$114,670,000 the second year may be
 8.20 transferred to a veterans homes special
 8.21 revenue account in the special revenue fund
 8.22 in the same manner as other receipts are
 8.23 deposited according to Minnesota Statutes,
 8.24 section 198.34, and are appropriated to the
 8.25 commissioner of veterans affairs for the
 8.26 operation of veterans homes facilities and
 8.27 programs. The base for this transfer is
 8.28 \$119,100,000 in fiscal year 2028 and each
 8.29 fiscal year thereafter.

8.30 (b) The department shall seek opportunities
 8.31 to maximize federal reimbursements of
 8.32 Medicare-eligible expenses and provide annual
 8.33 reports to the commissioner of management
 8.34 and budget on the federal Medicare
 8.35 reimbursements that are received. Contingent

9.1 upon future federal Medicare receipts,
9.2 reductions to the veterans homes' general fund
9.3 appropriation may be made.

9.4 (c) \$400,000 each year is for the department
9.5 to staff Veteran Community Health Navigators
9.6 in community-based hospitals.

9.7 (d) \$700,000 each year is for the department
9.8 to operate the veteran suicide prevention
9.9 program. The commissioner shall develop a
9.10 comprehensive plan to prevent Minnesota
9.11 veterans from dying by suicide. The plan must
9.12 include:

9.13 (1) a community integration and collaboration
9.14 strategy that brings together veteran-serving
9.15 organizations to provide veterans with
9.16 coordinated services and supports, including
9.17 services and supports related to employment,
9.18 health, housing, benefits, recreation, education,
9.19 and social connections;

9.20 (2) strategies to promote a sense of belonging
9.21 and purpose among veterans by connecting
9.22 veterans with each other, with civilians, and
9.23 with the veteran's communities through a
9.24 range of activities, including physical activity,
9.25 community service, and disaster response
9.26 efforts; and

9.27 (3) an implementation strategy that identifies
9.28 opportunities to coordinate existing efforts
9.29 within federal, state, local, and Tribal
9.30 governments and nongovernmental entities
9.31 and includes a description of the policy
9.32 changes and resources that are required to
9.33 prevent veteran suicides.

10.1 The commissioner must submit a report
10.2 containing the required plan to the chairs and
10.3 ranking minority members of the legislative
10.4 committees with jurisdiction over veterans
10.5 affairs policy and finance by February 15,
10.6 2026.

10.7 (e) The commissioner of veterans affairs is
10.8 not required to perform the annual calculation
10.9 of the cost of care for veterans homes in
10.10 Montevideo, Preston, and Bemidji in the first
10.11 year and second year. In the first year and
10.12 second year, the commissioner must calculate
10.13 the average daily cost of care per resident by
10.14 averaging the cost of care for veterans homes
10.15 in Luverne and Fergus Falls. The
10.16 commissioner must only use this method of
10.17 calculating the cost of care for veterans homes
10.18 in the first year and second year. This
10.19 paragraph expires June 30, 2027.

10.20 Sec. 4. Laws 2023, chapter 38, article 1, section 3, subdivision 2, as amended by Laws
10.21 2024, chapter 100, section 23, is amended to read:

10.22	Subd. 2. Veterans Programs and Services	56,523,000	31,214,000
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10.23 The amounts that may be spent for each
10.24 purpose are specified in the following
10.25 subdivisions. The base is \$30,258,000 in fiscal
10.26 year 2026 and each fiscal year thereafter.

10.27 **(a) State's Veterans Cemeteries.** \$4,282,000
10.28 each year is for the operation of the state's
10.29 veterans cemeteries. The base for this
10.30 appropriation is \$3,782,000 in fiscal year 2026
10.31 and each fiscal year thereafter.

10.32 **(b) Veterans Service Organizations.**
10.33 \$500,000 each year is for grants to the
10.34 following congressionally chartered veterans

11.1 service organizations as designated by the
11.2 commissioner: Disabled American Veterans,
11.3 Military Order of the Purple Heart, the
11.4 American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars,
11.5 Vietnam Veterans of America, AMVETS, and
11.6 Paralyzed Veterans of America. This funding
11.7 must be allocated in direct proportion to the
11.8 funding currently being provided by the
11.9 commissioner to these organizations.

11.10 (c) **Honor Guards.** \$200,000 each year is for
11.11 compensation for honor guards at the funerals
11.12 of veterans under Minnesota Statutes, section
11.13 197.231.

11.14 (d) **Minnesota GI Bill.** \$200,000 each year is
11.15 for the costs of administering the Minnesota
11.16 GI Bill postsecondary educational benefits,
11.17 on-the-job training, and apprenticeship
11.18 program under Minnesota Statutes, section
11.19 197.791.

11.20 (e) **Gold Star Program.** \$100,000 each year
11.21 is for administering the Gold Star Program for
11.22 surviving family members of deceased
11.23 veterans.

11.24 (f) **County Veterans Service Office.**
11.25 \$1,550,000 each year is for funding the
11.26 County Veterans Service Office grant program
11.27 under Minnesota Statutes, section 197.608.

11.28 (g) **Camp Bliss.** \$150,000 each year is for a
11.29 grant to Camp Bliss as provided under article
11.30 2, section 9.

11.31 (h) **Veterans on the Lake.** \$50,000 each year
11.32 is for a grant to Veterans on the Lake for
11.33 expenses related to retreats for veterans,
11.34 including therapy, transportation, and activities

12.1 customized for veterans. These are onetime
12.2 appropriations.

12.3 (i) **Veteran Resilience Project.** \$300,000 each
12.4 year is for a grant to the veteran resilience
12.5 project. Grant funds must be used to make eye
12.6 movement desensitization and reprocessing
12.7 therapy available to veterans, veterans'
12.8 spouses, current military service members,
12.9 and current military service members' spouses
12.10 who are suffering from posttraumatic stress
12.11 disorder and trauma. The base for this
12.12 appropriation is \$200,000 in fiscal year 2026
12.13 and each fiscal year thereafter.

12.14 The veteran resilience project must report to
12.15 the commissioner of veterans affairs and the
12.16 chairs and ranking minority members of the
12.17 legislative committees with jurisdiction over
12.18 veterans affairs policy and finance by January
12.19 15 of each year on the program. The report
12.20 must include an overview of the program's
12.21 budget, a detailed explanation of program
12.22 expenditures, the number of veterans and
12.23 service members served by the program, and
12.24 a list and explanation of the services provided
12.25 to program participants.

12.26 (j) **CORE Program.** \$1,225,000 each year is
12.27 for the Counseling and Case Management
12.28 Outreach Referral and Education (CORE)
12.29 program.

12.30 (k) **LinkVet Call Center.** \$369,000 each year
12.31 is for the operation of the state's LinkVet Call
12.32 Center.

12.33 (l) **Recently Separated Veterans Program.**
12.34 \$350,000 each year is for operation of the

13.1 recently separated veterans program. The
13.2 commissioner of veterans affairs may use
13.3 Department of Defense and other veteran data
13.4 that were provided with an appropriate
13.5 disclosure to assist with connecting veterans
13.6 to resources and new programming. The
13.7 commissioner may use money for personnel,
13.8 research, marketing, technology solutions, and
13.9 professional or technical contracts. The base
13.10 for this appropriation is \$300,000 in fiscal year
13.11 2026 and each fiscal year thereafter.

13.12 **(m) Homeless Veterans and SOAR**
13.13 **Program.** \$1,035,000 each year is to operate
13.14 the homeless veteran registry and homeless
13.15 programs and to assist veterans, former service
13.16 members, and veterans' and former service
13.17 members' dependents with obtaining federal
13.18 benefits through the Social Security
13.19 Administration. The commissioner of veterans
13.20 affairs may use money for personnel, training,
13.21 research, marketing, and professional or
13.22 technical contracts. The base for this
13.23 appropriation is \$1,344,000 in fiscal year 2026
13.24 and each fiscal year thereafter.

13.25 **(n) Minnesota Assistance Council for**
13.26 **Veterans.** \$7,865,000 the first year and
13.27 \$1,075,000 the second year are for grants to
13.28 the Minnesota Assistance Council for Veterans
13.29 to provide assistance throughout Minnesota
13.30 to veterans and veterans' families who are
13.31 homeless or in danger of homelessness,
13.32 including assistance with:
13.33 (1) supportive services to maintain housing;
13.34 (2) employment;

- 14.1 (3) legal issues;
- 14.2 (4) housing and housing-related costs;
- 14.3 (5) transportation;
- 14.4 (6) the acquisition and creation of permanent
- 14.5 supportive housing; and
- 14.6 (7) property management of permanent
- 14.7 supportive housing.
- 14.8 Of these amounts, \$6,350,000 the first year is
- 14.9 for the establishment of permanent supportive
- 14.10 housing options for homeless veterans and
- 14.11 former service members. This is a onetime
- 14.12 appropriation and is available until June 30,
- 14.13 2026. \$440,000 the first year is for the direct
- 14.14 veteran assistance grant. This is a onetime
- 14.15 appropriation. Any unencumbered balance
- 14.16 remaining in this subdivision in the first year
- 14.17 for grants to the Minnesota Assistance Council
- 14.18 for Veterans does not cancel and is available
- 14.19 for the second year. Assistance authorized
- 14.20 under this paragraph must be provided only
- 14.21 to a veteran who has resided in Minnesota for
- 14.22 30 days prior to the veteran's application for
- 14.23 assistance and according to other guidelines
- 14.24 established by the commissioner. To avoid
- 14.25 duplication of services, the commissioner must
- 14.26 ensure that this assistance is coordinated with
- 14.27 all other available programs for veterans.
- 14.28 **(o) Veterans Bonus Program.** \$15,000,000
- 14.29 the first year is for service bonuses to
- 14.30 Post-9/11 Veterans and Gold Star families
- 14.31 under Minnesota Statutes, section 197.79. This
- 14.32 is a onetime appropriation and is available
- 14.33 until June 30, 2024.

15.1 (p) **Metro Meals on Wheels.** \$540,000 each
15.2 year is for a grant to Metro Meals on Wheels
15.3 to provide: (1) home-delivered meals to
15.4 veterans; and (2) technical, enrollment,
15.5 outreach, and volunteer recruitment assistance
15.6 to member programs. Metro Meals on Wheels
15.7 must report to the commissioner of veterans
15.8 affairs and the chairs and ranking minority
15.9 members of the legislative committees with
15.10 jurisdiction over veterans affairs policy and
15.11 finance by September 1 each year with a
15.12 detailed explanation of how the grant money
15.13 was used and the number of veterans and
15.14 service members served by the program. ~~This~~
15.15 ~~is a onetime appropriation. Any unencumbered~~
15.16 ~~balance does not cancel at the end of the first~~
15.17 ~~year and is available for the second year. This~~
15.18 is a onetime appropriation and is available
15.19 until June 30, 2027.

15.20 (q) **Minnesota Military and Veterans**
15.21 **Museum.** \$225,000 the second year is for a
15.22 grant to the Minnesota Military and Veterans
15.23 Museum for museum staff to provide direct
15.24 services to veterans and their families. The
15.25 base for this appropriation is \$300,000 in fiscal
15.26 year 2026 and each fiscal year thereafter.

15.27 (r) **Every Third Saturday.** \$100,000 each
15.28 year is for a grant to Every Third Saturday to
15.29 provide veterans with emergency assistance
15.30 and internships. Every Third Saturday must
15.31 report to the commissioner of veterans affairs
15.32 and the chairs and ranking minority members
15.33 of the legislative committees with jurisdiction
15.34 over veterans affairs policy and finance no
15.35 later than September 1, 2024, and by

16.1 September 1 of each subsequent year. Each
16.2 report must include, at a minimum, a detailed
16.3 explanation of how the grant money was used
16.4 and the number of veterans served by the
16.5 program. ~~These are onetime appropriations.~~
16.6 These are onetime appropriations and are
16.7 available until June 30, 2026.

16.8 **(s) Veteran Homelessness Initiative.**
16.9 \$4,311,000 the first year and \$1,311,000 the
16.10 second year are for an initiative to prevent and
16.11 end veteran homelessness.

16.12 **(t) Veterans Campground Wastewater**
16.13 **System Upgrades.** \$744,000 the first year is
16.14 for one or more grants to the Veterans
16.15 Campground on Big Marine Lake, a 501(c)(3)
16.16 nonprofit organization, to design, engineer,
16.17 permit, and construct wastewater systems on
16.18 campground property to increase the capacity
16.19 of wastewater systems. This is a onetime
16.20 appropriation.

16.21 **ARTICLE 2**
16.22 **MILITARY AFFAIRS AND VETERANS AFFAIRS POLICY**

16.23 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 13.461, subdivision 27, is amended to read:

16.24 Subd. 27. ~~State soldiers assistance program~~ **Veterans affairs programs.** Access to
16.25 information for purposes of verifying eligibility for the State Soldiers Assistance Program,
16.26 the Veterans Stable Housing Initiative, and veterans programs is governed by section
16.27 197.065.

16.28 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 192.49, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

16.29 Subdivision 1. **Officers.** Every commissioned officer of the military forces shall receive
16.30 from the state, while engaged in any state active service ~~ordered by the governor~~ as defined
16.31 in section 190.05, subdivision 5a, pay and allowances at the rate now or hereafter paid or
16.32 allowed by law to officers of the same grade and length of service in the armed forces of
16.33 the United States, but not less than \$130 a day.

17.1 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 192.49, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

17.2 Subd. 2. **Enlisted persons.** When called into state active service by the governor, other
17.3 than for encampment or maneuvers, including the time necessarily consumed in travel, each
17.4 enlisted person of the military forces shall be paid by the state the pay and the allowances,
17.5 when not furnished in kind, provided by law for enlisted persons of similar grade, rating,
17.6 and length of service in the armed forces of the United States, or \$130 a day, whichever is
17.7 more.

17.8 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 192.49, is amended by adding a subdivision to
17.9 read:

17.10 Subd. 2a. **Pension offset stipend.** The adjutant general is authorized to pay service
17.11 members ordered into state active service a stipend equivalent to five percent of basic pay
17.12 for the period of duty to compensate the service member for pension inequity compared to
17.13 similar federal service.

17.14 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 193.143, is amended to read:

17.15 **193.143 STATE ARMORY BUILDING COMMISSION, POWERS.**

17.16 Such corporation, subject to the conditions and limitations prescribed in sections 193.141
17.17 to 193.149, shall possess all the powers of a body corporate necessary and convenient to
17.18 accomplish the objectives and perform the duties prescribed by sections 193.141 to 193.149,
17.19 including the following, which shall not be construed as a limitation upon the general powers
17.20 hereby conferred:

17.21 (1) To acquire by lease, purchase, gift, or condemnation proceedings all necessary right,
17.22 title, and interest in and to the lands required for a site for a new armory and all other real
17.23 or personal property required for the purposes contemplated by the Military Code and to
17.24 hold and dispose of the same, subject to the conditions and limitations herein prescribed;
17.25 provided that any such real or personal property or interest therein may be so acquired or
17.26 accepted subject to any condition which may be imposed thereon by the grantor or donor
17.27 and agreed to by such corporation not inconsistent with the proper use of such property by
17.28 the state for armory or military purposes as herein provided.

17.29 (2) To exercise the power of eminent domain in the manner provided by chapter 117,
17.30 for the purpose of acquiring any property which such corporation is herein authorized to
17.31 acquire by condemnation; provided, that the corporation may take possession of any such
17.32 property so to be acquired at any time after the filing of the petition describing the same in

18.1 condemnation proceedings; provided further, that this shall not preclude the corporation
18.2 from abandoning the condemnation of any such property in any case where possession
18.3 thereof has not been taken.

18.4 (3) To construct and equip new armories as authorized herein; to pay therefor out of the
18.5 funds obtained as hereinafter provided and to hold, manage, and dispose of such armory,
18.6 equipment, and site as hereinafter provided. The total amount of bonds issued on account
18.7 of such armories shall not exceed the amount of the cost thereof; provided also, that the
18.8 total bonded indebtedness of the commission shall not at any time exceed the aggregate
18.9 sum of ~~\$15,000,000~~ \$45,000,000.

18.10 (4) To provide partnerships with federal and state governments and to match federal and
18.11 local funds, when available.

18.12 (5) To sue and be sued.

18.13 (6) To contract and be contracted with in any matter connected with any purpose or
18.14 activity within the powers of such corporations as herein specified; provided, that no officer
18.15 or member of such corporation shall be personally interested, directly or indirectly, in any
18.16 contract in which such corporation is interested.

18.17 (7) To employ any and all professional and nonprofessional services and all agents,
18.18 employees, workers, and servants necessary and proper for the purposes and activities of
18.19 such corporation as authorized or contemplated herein and to pay for the same out of any
18.20 portion of the income of the corporation available for such purposes or activities. The officers
18.21 and members of such corporation shall not receive any compensation therefrom, but may
18.22 receive their reasonable and necessary expenses incurred in connection with the performance
18.23 of their duties; provided however, that whenever the duties of any member of the commission
18.24 require full time and attention the commission may compensate the member therefor at such
18.25 rates as it may determine.

18.26 (8) To borrow money and issue bonds for the purposes and in the manner and within
18.27 the limitations herein specified, and to pledge any and all property and income of such
18.28 corporation acquired or received as herein provided to secure the payment of such bonds,
18.29 subject to the provisions and limitations herein prescribed, and to redeem any such bonds
18.30 if so provided therein or in the mortgage or trust deed accompanying the same.

18.31 (9) To use for the following purposes any available money received by such corporation
18.32 from any source as herein provided in excess of those required for the payment of the cost
18.33 of such armory and for the payment of any bonds issued by the corporation and interest

19.1 thereon according to the terms of such bonds or of any mortgage or trust deed accompanying
19.2 the same:

19.3 (a) to pay the necessary incidental expenses of carrying on the business and activities
19.4 of the corporation as herein authorized;

19.5 (b) to pay the cost of operating, maintaining, repairing, and improving such new armories;

19.6 (c) if any further excess money remains, to purchase upon the open market at or above
19.7 or below the face or par value thereof any bonds issued by the corporation as herein
19.8 authorized, provided that any bonds so purchased shall thereupon be canceled.

19.9 (10) To adopt and use a corporate seal.

19.10 (11) To adopt all needful bylaws and rules for the conduct of business and affairs of
19.11 such corporation and for the management and use of all armories while under the ownership
19.12 and control of such corporation as herein provided, not inconsistent with the use of such
19.13 armory for armory or military purposes.

19.14 (12) Such corporation shall issue no stock.

19.15 (13) No officer or member of such corporation shall have any personal share or interest
19.16 in any funds or property of the corporation or be subject to any personal liability by reason
19.17 of any liability of the corporation.

19.18 (14) The Minnesota State Armory Building Commission created under section 193.142
19.19 shall keep all money and credits received by it as a single fund, to be designated as the
19.20 "Minnesota State Armory Building Commission fund," with separate accounts for each
19.21 armory; and the commission may make transfers of money from funds appertaining to any
19.22 armory under its control for use for any other such armory; provided such transfers shall
19.23 be made only from money on hand, from time to time, in excess of the amounts required
19.24 to meet payments of interest or principal on bonds or other obligations appertaining to the
19.25 armory to which such funds pertain and only when necessary to pay expenses of construction,
19.26 operation, maintenance, debt service, and other obligations reasonable and necessary, of
19.27 such other armory; provided further, no such transfer of any money paid for the support of
19.28 any armory by the municipality in which such armory is situated shall be made by the
19.29 commission.

19.30 (15) The corporation created under section 193.142 may designate one or more state or
19.31 national banks as depositories of its funds, and may provide, upon such conditions as the
19.32 corporation may determine, that the treasurer of the corporation shall be exempt from

20.1 personal liability for loss of funds deposited in any such depository due to the insolvency
20.2 or other acts or omissions of such depository.

20.3 (16) The governor is empowered to apply for grants of money, equipment, and materials
20.4 which may be made available to the states by the federal government for leasing, building,
20.5 and equipping armories for the use of the military forces of the state which are reserve
20.6 components of the armed forces of the United States, whenever the governor is satisfied
20.7 that the conditions under which such grants are offered by the federal government, are for
20.8 the best interests of the state and are not inconsistent with the laws of the state relating to
20.9 armories, and to accept such grants in the name of the state. The Minnesota State Armory
20.10 Building Commission is designated as the agency of the state to receive such grants and to
20.11 use them for armory purposes as prescribed in this chapter, and by federal laws, and
20.12 regulations not inconsistent therewith.

20.13 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 197.065, is amended to read:

20.14 **197.065 ACCESS TO DATABASE.**

20.15 (a) Notwithstanding section 13.46, subdivision 2, the commissioner of veterans affairs
20.16 may electronically access the MAXIS database maintained by the Department of Human
20.17 Services Children, Youth, and Families for the purpose of verifying eligibility status of
20.18 applicants for benefits under the State Soldiers Assistance Program, the Veterans Stable
20.19 Housing Initiative, and veterans programs. The commissioner may electronically access
20.20 the MAXIS database to ensure that veterans are connected to all available state and federal
20.21 resources for which the veterans are eligible.

20.22 (b) In order to access any private data on individuals, as defined by section 13.02,
20.23 subdivision 12, pursuant to paragraph (a), the commissioner of veterans affairs must have
20.24 received informed consent from the subject of the data.

20.25 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 197.236, subdivision 8, is amended to read:

20.26 Subd. 8. **Eligibility.** Cemeteries must be operated solely for the burial of service members
20.27 who die on active duty, eligible veterans, and their spouses and dependent children, as
20.28 defined in United States Code, title 38, section ~~101~~ 2402, paragraph ~~(2)~~ (a), subparagraphs
20.29 1 to 5 and 7.

20.30 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 197.236, subdivision 9, is amended to read:

20.31 Subd. 9. **Burial fees.** (a) The commissioner of veterans affairs shall establish a fee
20.32 schedule, which may be adjusted from time to time, for the interment of eligible spouses

21.1 and dependent children. The fees shall cover as nearly as practicable the actual costs of
21.2 interment, excluding the value of the plot.

21.3 (b) Upon application, the commissioner may waive or reduce the burial fee for an indigent
21.4 eligible person. The commissioner shall ~~develop~~ maintain a policy, eligibility standards,
21.5 and application form for requests to waive or reduce the burial fee to indigent eligible
21.6 applicants.

21.7 (c) No plot or interment fees may be charged for the burial of service members who die
21.8 on active duty or eligible veterans, as defined in United States Code, title 38, section ~~401~~
21.9 2402, paragraph (2) (a), subparagraphs 1 to 4 and 7.

21.10 Sec. 9. [197.448] VETERAN OF THE SECRET WAR IN LAOS.

21.11 Subdivision 1. **Definition.** As used in this section, the term "veteran of the Secret War
21.12 in Laos" means a person who resides in Minnesota and who:

21.13 (1) was naturalized as provided in section 2(1) of the federal Hmong Veterans'
21.14 Naturalization Act of 2000, Public Law 106-207; or

21.15 (2) is a person who the commissioner of veterans affairs determines served honorably
21.16 with a special guerrilla unit or with irregular forces that operated from a base in Laos in
21.17 support of the armed forces of the United States at any time during the period beginning
21.18 February 28, 1961, and ending May 14, 1975, and is a citizen of the United States or an
21.19 alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence in the United States.

21.20 Subd. 2. **Eligibility for benefits and privileges.** (a) A veteran of the Secret War in Laos,
21.21 as defined in subdivision 1, clause (1), is entitled to the benefits and privileges listed in
21.22 paragraph (d) the day following the effective date of this act.

21.23 (b) A veteran of the Secret War in Laos, as defined in subdivision 1, clause (2), is entitled
21.24 to the benefits and privileges listed in paragraph (d) after the commissioner of veterans
21.25 affairs verifies the person's veteran status. The commissioner must not begin accepting
21.26 applications for verification under this paragraph until the legislature enacts criteria and a
21.27 protocol to determine:

21.28 (1) which Minnesotans served in special guerilla units or with irregular forces in Laos;
21.29 and

21.30 (2) which of the Minnesotans who served in special guerilla units or with irregular forces
21.31 in Laos are deserving of Minnesota veterans benefits.

(c) If the commissioner verifies a person's status as a veteran of the Secret War in Laos, the commissioner must provide the person with a certificate of eligibility for the benefits and privileges listed in paragraph (d) on a form developed by the commissioner for this purpose. The commissioner must develop the form required under this paragraph no later than September 15, 2025.

(d) The following statutory benefits and privileges available to a veteran, as defined in section 197.447, are also available to a veteran of the Secret War in Laos: section 171.07, subdivision 15 (veteran designation on drivers' licenses and state identification cards); section 197.23 (purchase of grave markers); section 197.231 (honor guards); section 197.236 (state veterans cemeteries); section 197.455 (veterans preference); section 197.4551 (permissive preference for veterans in private employment); section 197.63 (vital records, certified copies); section 197.65 (renewal of professional licenses, motor vehicle registration, and drivers' licenses); and section 197.987 (honor and remember flag).

Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 197.608, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

Subd. 6. **Grant amount.** (a) Each county is eligible to receive an annual grant of \$7,500 for the following purposes:

(1) to provide outreach to the county's veterans;

(2) to assist in the reintegration of combat veterans into society;

(3) to collaborate with other social service agencies, educational institutions, and other community organizations for the purposes of enhancing services offered to veterans;

(4) to reduce homelessness among veterans; and

(5) to enhance the operations of the county veterans service office.

(b) In addition to the grant amount in paragraph (a), each county is eligible to receive an additional annual grant under this paragraph. The amount of each additional annual grant must be determined by the commissioner and may not exceed:

(1) \$0, if the county's veteran population is less than 1,000;

(2) \$2,500, if the county's veteran population is 1,000 or more but less than 3,000;

(3) \$5,000, if the county's veteran population is 3,000 or more but less than 5,000;

(4) \$7,500, if the county's veteran population is 5,000 or more but less than 10,000;

(5) \$10,000, if the county's veteran population is 10,000 or more but less than 20,000;

23.1 (6) \$15,000, if the county's veteran population is 20,000 or more but less than 30,000;
23.2 or

23.3 (7) \$20,000, if the county's veteran population is 30,000 or more.

23.4 (c) The Minnesota Association of County Veterans Service Officers is eligible to receive
23.5 an annual grant of ~~\$100,000~~ \$160,000. The grant ~~shall~~ must be used for administrative costs
23.6 of the association, certification of mandated county veterans service officer training and
23.7 accreditation, and costs associated with reintegration services. Up to \$60,000 of this amount
23.8 may be used to train technical assistance coordinators and for technical assistance
23.9 coordinators to travel to consult with Minnesota counties on specific areas of expertise upon
23.10 request. The Minnesota Association of County Veterans Service Officers executive board
23.11 must select technical assistance coordinators, who are either county veterans service officers
23.12 or assistant county veterans service officers, to serve for a minimum of one year.

23.13 (d) The veteran population of each county shall be determined by the figure supplied
23.14 by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, as adopted by the commissioner.

23.15 Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 197.75, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

23.16 Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** (a) The definitions in this subdivision apply to this section.

23.17 (b) "Commissioner" means the commissioner of veterans affairs.

23.18 (c) "Deceased veteran" means a veteran who has died as a result of the person's military
23.19 service, as determined by the United States Veterans Administration, and who was a resident
23.20 of this state: (1) within six months of entering the United States armed forces, or (2) for the
23.21 six months preceding the veteran's date of death.

23.22 (d) "Eligible child" means a person who:

23.23 (1) is the natural or adopted child or stepchild of a deceased veteran; and

23.24 (2) is a student making satisfactory academic progress at an eligible institution of higher
23.25 education.

23.26 (e) "Eligible institution" means a postsecondary educational institution located in this
23.27 state that either is operated by this state or the Board of Regents of the University of
23.28 Minnesota, or is licensed or registered with the Office of Higher Education.

23.29 (f) "Eligible spouse" means the surviving spouse of a deceased veteran, regardless of
23.30 whether the surviving spouse remarries.

23.31 (g) "Eligible veteran" means a veteran who:

24.1 (1) is a student making satisfactory academic progress at an eligible institution of higher
24.2 education;

24.3 (2) had Minnesota as the person's state of residence at the time of the person's enlistment
24.4 or any reenlistment into the United States armed forces, as shown by the person's federal
24.5 form DD-214 or other official documentation to the satisfaction of the commissioner;

24.6 (3) except for benefits under this section, has no remaining military or veteran-related
24.7 educational assistance benefits for which the person may have been entitled; and

24.8 (4) while using the educational assistance authorized in this section, remains a resident
24.9 student as defined in section 136A.101, subdivision 8.

24.10 (h) "Satisfactory academic progress" has the meaning given in section 136A.101,
24.11 subdivision 10.

24.12 (i) "Student" has the meaning given in section 136A.101, subdivision 7.

24.13 (j) "Veteran" has the meaning given in section 197.447.

24.14 Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 197.791, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

24.15 Subd. 4. **Eligibility.** (a) A person is eligible for educational assistance under subdivision
24.16 5 if:

24.17 (1) the person is:

24.18 (i) a veteran who is serving or has served honorably in any branch or unit of the United
24.19 States armed forces at any time;

24.20 (ii) a nonveteran who has served honorably for a total of five years or more cumulatively
24.21 as a member of the Minnesota National Guard or any other active or reserve component of
24.22 the United States armed forces, and any part of that service occurred on or after September
24.23 11, 2001;

24.24 (iii) the surviving spouse or child of a person who has served in the military and who
24.25 has died as a direct result of that military service, only if the surviving spouse or child is
24.26 eligible to receive federal education benefits under United States Code, title 38, chapter 33,
24.27 as amended, or United States Code, title 38, chapter 35, as amended, except that remarriage
24.28 does not terminate a surviving spouse's eligibility; or

24.29 (iv) the spouse or child of a person who has served in the military at any time and who
24.30 has a total and permanent service-connected disability as rated by the United States Veterans
24.31 Administration, only if the spouse or child is eligible to receive federal education benefits

25.1 under United States Code, title 38, chapter 33, as amended, or United States Code, title 38,
25.2 chapter 35, as amended; and

25.3 (2) the person receiving the educational assistance is a Minnesota resident, as defined
25.4 in section 136A.101, subdivision 8; and

25.5 (3) the person receiving the educational assistance:

25.6 (i) is an undergraduate or graduate student at an eligible institution;

25.7 (ii) is maintaining satisfactory academic progress as defined by the institution for students
25.8 participating in federal Title IV programs;

25.9 (iii) is enrolled in an education program leading to a certificate, diploma, or degree at
25.10 an eligible institution;

25.11 (iv) has applied for educational assistance under this section prior to the end of the
25.12 academic term for which the assistance is being requested;

25.13 (v) is in compliance with child support payment requirements under section 136A.121,
25.14 subdivision 2, clause (5); and

25.15 (vi) has completed the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

25.16 (b) A person's eligibility terminates when the person becomes eligible for benefits under
25.17 section 135A.52.

25.18 (c) To determine eligibility, the commissioner may require official documentation,
25.19 including the person's federal form DD-214 or other official military discharge papers;
25.20 correspondence from the United States Veterans Administration; birth certificate; marriage
25.21 certificate; proof of enrollment at an eligible institution; signed affidavits; proof of residency;
25.22 proof of identity; or any other official documentation the commissioner considers necessary
25.23 to determine eligibility.

25.24 (d) The commissioner may deny eligibility or terminate benefits under this section to
25.25 any person who has not provided sufficient documentation to determine eligibility for the
25.26 program. An applicant may appeal the commissioner's eligibility determination or termination
25.27 of benefits in writing to the commissioner at any time. The commissioner must rule on any
25.28 application or appeal within 30 days of receipt of all documentation that the commissioner
25.29 requires. The decision of the commissioner regarding an appeal is final. However, an
25.30 applicant whose appeal of an eligibility determination has been rejected by the commissioner
25.31 may submit an additional appeal of that determination in writing to the commissioner at
25.32 any time that the applicant is able to provide substantively significant additional information

regarding the applicant's eligibility for the program. An approval of an applicant's eligibility by the commissioner following an appeal by the applicant is not retroactively effective for more than one year or the semester of the person's original application, whichever is later.

(e) Upon receiving an application with insufficient documentation to determine eligibility, the commissioner must notify the applicant within 30 days of receipt of the application that the application is being suspended pending receipt by the commissioner of sufficient documentation from the applicant to determine eligibility.

Sec. 13. ADVISORY TASK FORCE ESTABLISHED; VETERANS OF SPECIAL GUERILLA UNITS AND IRREGULAR FORCES IN LAOS.

Subdivision 1. Establishment; membership. (a) The commissioner of veterans affairs must establish a Veterans of Special Guerilla Units and Irregular Forces in Laos Advisory Task Force.

(b) The advisory task force must consist of the commissioner, or a designee, and the following additional 12 members appointed by the commissioner, except as otherwise provided:

(1) a representative of the Minnesota Commanders Task Force designated by the Commanders Task Force;

(2) one member with direct experience in Military Assistance Command Vietnam Special Forces operations during the dates established in Minnesota Statutes, section 197.448, subdivision 1, clause (2);

(3) a United States armed forces veteran who served on active duty in Vietnam during the Vietnam War;

(4) a Hmong American Minnesota resident who served in the United States armed forces;

(5) two veterans of a special guerilla unit or irregular forces in Laos;

(6) one member with expertise in the history of allied irregular and surrogate forces during the dates established in Minnesota Statutes, section 197.448, subdivision 1, clause (2);

(7) one member with direct experience in United States intelligence or special operations in Southeast Asia during the dates established in Minnesota Statutes, section 197.448, subdivision 1, clause (2); and

(8) four legislators, with one member each appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives, the house Democratic-Farmer-Labor leader, the senate majority leader, and the senate minority leader.

Subd. 2. **Duties; report.** (a) The task force must:

(1) establish criteria for determining which Minnesotans served in the special guerrilla units or with irregular forces in Laos; and

(2) establish criteria and a protocol to determine which Minnesotans who served in the special guerilla units or with irregular forces in Laos are deserving of the benefits of a veteran under Minnesota law and which veterans benefits should be extended to these Minnesotans.

(b) The task force must prepare a report to the legislature that includes the findings, criteria, protocol, and recommendations required under paragraph (a). The commissioner must deliver the report to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over veterans affairs policy and finance by February 15, 2026.

Subd. 3. **Administration; terms of membership.** The commissioner shall convene the first meeting of the advisory task force by September 15, 2025, and provide staff support to the advisory task force. Minnesota Statutes, section 15.059, subdivision 6, governs the terms and removal of members of the advisory task force. Members of the task force serve without compensation or per diem.

Subd. 4. **Expiration.** The task force expires February 15, 2026.

Sec. 14. GOLD STAR AND BLUE STAR FAMILIES; MEMORIAL PLAQUE.

Subdivision 1. **Purpose.** The state of Minnesota wishes to honor and recognize the service and sacrifices of Gold Star and Blue Star families.

Subd. 2. **Memorial plaque.** The commissioner of administration shall place a memorial plaque in the court of honor on State Capitol grounds to recognize the service and sacrifices of Minnesota's Gold Star and Blue Star families. The process for determining design and location of the Gold Star and Blue Star memorial will follow the Capitol Area Architectural and Planning Board commemorative works rules under Minnesota Rules, part 2400.2703. The Capitol Area Architectural and Planning Board shall select a design from the submitted designs to use as a basis for final production. The Capitol Area Architectural and Planning Board must include the commissioner of veterans affairs on the design review committee established under Minnesota Rules, part 2400.2703. The memorial design must be furnished by the person or group who submit the design at no cost to the state.

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