



# Minnesota Senate

## Subcommittee on Veterans

Wednesday, March 19th, 2025  
3:00 pm | Room 1150

### Agenda

#### Chairs

Aric Putnam

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Bruce Anderson  
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1. Call to Order by chair Putnam
2. SF 568 (Hawj) Veteran definition expansion and advisory task force establishment
  - Dr. Lee Pao Xiong, Director, Center for Hmong Studies, Concordia University
  - Ya Lee, SGU Veteran, T-28 Pilot
3. SF 1959 (Putnam) Department of Military Affairs and the Department of Veterans Affairs budget establishment provision, veterans benefits services accreditation disclosure requirements to veterans and veterans' family modifications provision, Gold and Blue Star families honor plaque on State Capitol grounds placed by the commissioner of administration requirement provision, and appropriation
  - Brad Lindsey, Commissioner, Minnesota Department of Veterans
  - Major General Shawn Manke, Adjutant General of the Minnesota National Guard
  - Lieutenant Colonel Eric Athman, Director of Operations, Minnesota Department of Military Affairs
4. SF 1893 (Putnam) Lutheran Social Services CORE program appropriation
  - Amy Vajgrt, Senior Director of LSS Meals
5. SF 2550 (Kupec) Fargo Memorial Honor Guard construction of a chapel and parking lot and related infrastructure at veterans national cemetery in North Dakota appropriation
  - Jim Graalum, Chief of Fundraising, Fargo Memorial Honor Guard
  - Jason Hicks, Commander Fargo Memorial Honor Guard
6. SF 1706 (Kupec) Human services data and veterans data provisions modifications

**Minnesota Senate Agriculture, Veterans, Broadband and Rural Development**

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7. SF 488 (Green) Veteran retreats appropriation

- Marty Seifert, Government Relations, Flaherty & Hood P.A.
- Jesse Sprint, Veteran Breezy Point, MN
- Kirsten Johnson, Veteran, Richfield, MN

8. Adjournment