



# Minnesota Senate

## Subcommittee on Veterans

Wednesday, April 2nd, 2025  
4:00 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 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
  - Lieutenant Colonel Eric Athman, Director of Operations, Minnesota Department of Military Affairs
  - John Blomstrom, Manager of Government and Public Affairs, Veterans Guardians
  - Barry Henriksen, Legislative Chair, Minnesota VFW
  - Trent Dilks, Legislative Director, Disabled American Veterans, Dept. of Minnesota
  - Michael McLaughlin, Veteran Service Officer, Blue Earth County
  - Greg Peterson, Director of Veteran Services, Brown County
  - Jason Marquardt, Army Veteran, Brown County CVSO, Past President, MACVSO
  - Marissa LaCourt, Navy Veteran, Assistant County Veterans Service Officer, Goodhue County
  - Ross LaCourt, Marine Veteran
  - Larry Fonder, Director, Sherburn County Veterans Services
  - Todd Kemery, National Director, Paralyzed Veterans of America, Minnesota Chapter
3. Adjournment

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3:00pm – 5:00pm