

Minnesota House of Representatives
Veterans and Military Affairs Division



G23 State Capitol, 8:15 – 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday, February 12, 2025 Meeting Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Member and staff introductions
3. Committee Rules
4. Overview of Minnesota Department of Military Affairs

Testifiers:

- Major General Shawn Manke, The Adjutant General of the Minnesota National Guard
- Don Kerr, Executive Director of the Minnesota Department of Military Affairs

5. Overview of Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs

Testifiers:

- Commissioner Brad Lindsay
- Eric Meittunen, Deputy Commissioner for Healthcare
- Ben Johnson, Deputy Commissioner for Programs and Services

6. HF 194 (Knudsen) - Veterans with a disability homestead exclusion increase provision

Testifiers:

- Trent Dilks, Legislative Director, Disabled American Veterans of Minnesota
- Master Sergeant (Retired) Guy Sing, Olmstead County Veterans Service Officer
- Bret Sample, Executive Director of Forgotten Heroes Ranges and Retreat, and Aitkin County Commissioner

7. HF 195 (Bennett) - Property tax exemption establishment for certain property owned and operated by a congressionally chartered veterans service organization

Testifiers:

- David Staehlin, VFW State Commander
- Dr. Carl Moon, American Legion State Commander and Commanders Task Force Chair
- Alan Skramstad, Mora American Legion

8. Adjourn