

Minnesota House of Representatives
Veterans and Military Affairs Division



G23 State Capitol, 8:15 – 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday, March 26, 2025 Meeting Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Minutes
3. [HF 1042](#) (Moller) – Independent Use of Force Investigations Unit authority amended to investigate offenses that occur on state-owned military installations.

Testifiers:

- Sheriff Scott Hable, Renville County
- Lieutenant Colonel Eric Athman, Director of Operations, Department of Military Affairs (*available for questions*)

4. [HF 2444](#) (Bliss and Xiong) – Governor’s budget and policy recommendations for the Departments of Military Affairs and Veterans Affairs.

Note: No action will be taken on this bill. The Departments of Military Affairs and Veterans Affairs will give the Division a presentation of the Governor’s recommendations contained in HF 2444.

Testifiers:

- Major General Shawn Manke, Adjutant General of the Minnesota National Guard
- Lieutenant Colonel Eric Athman, Director of Operations, Department of Military Affairs

- Brad Lindsay, Commissioner, Department of Veterans Affairs (MDVA)
 - Ben Johnson, Deputy Commissioner of MDVA for Programs and Services
 - Eric Meittunen, Deputy Commissioner of MDVA for Veterans Healthcare
 - John Powers, Chief Financial Officer of MDVA
 - Kristy Janigo, on behalf of the Commanders Task Force
5. [HF 2338](#) (Olson) – Military affairs; pay and allowances modified, and pension offset stipends established.

Testifiers:

- Lieutenant Colonel Eric Athman, Director of Operations, Department of Military Affairs (*available for questions*)
6. [HF 2410](#) (Bliss) – Continued education benefits provided to surviving spouses who remarry.

Testifiers:

- Leah Patton, Executive Director, Joint Religious Legislative Coalition
7. Adjourn