

VETERANS AND MILITARY AFFAIRS DIVISION

Representative Jay Xiong, Co-Chair of the Veterans and Military Affairs Division, called the meeting to order at 8:15 AM on Wednesday, March 4th, 2026, in Room G23 of the Capitol Building.

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll.

Members Present:

XIONG, Jay (Co-Chair)
REHRAUER, Kari (Co-Vice Chair)
BLISS, Matt (Co-Chair)
BJORN, Olson (Co-Vice Chair)
BENNETT, Peggy
CLARDY, Mary Frances
DAVIS, Ben
DURAN, Bidal
FEIST, Sandra
HILL, Josiah
LEE, Xp
REPINSKI, Aaron

A quorum was present.

Rep. Hill moved that the minutes of February 25th, 2026, be adopted. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Presentation from Meals on Wheels

Presenting:

- Matt Rowan, Executive Director, Meals on Wheels
- Dave Collings, Community Partnerships and Contracts Manager, Meals on Wheels

HF 3919 (Cha); Benefits available to veterans of the Secret War in Laos modified, commissioner of veterans affairs directed to establish an eligibility process, and technical changes made.

Chair Xiong moved that HF 3919 be re-referred to the Transportation Finance and Policy Committee.

Representative Cha presented HF 3919.

Testifying:

- Jon Kelly, Director of Government Affairs, Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs
- Tou T. Yang, Retired Lieutenant Colonel and Vice President, Minnesota Asian American and Pacific Islander Veterans Association
- Andrew Morris, Legislative and Public Affairs Director, Council of Asian Pacific Minnesotans

Chair Xiong renewed the motion that HF 3919 be re-referred to the Transportation Finance and Policy Committee. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF3467 (Rehrauer); Commissioner of veterans affairs allowed to direct agency resources to veterans' initiatives, and reports required.

Chair Xiong moved that HF 3467 be laid over.

Representative Rehrauer presented HF 3467.

Testifying:

- Jon Kelly, Director of Government Affairs, Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs
- Stephen Whitehead, adjutant for the Disabled American Veterans(DAV) Department of Minnesota, DAV

Chair Xiong renewed the motion that HF 3467 be laid over.

HF 3741 (Hill); Educational assistance for veterans' children and spouses modified, and money appropriated.

Representative Hill moved that HF 3741 be re-referred to the general register.

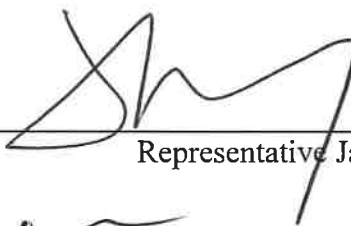
Representative Hill presented HF 3741.

Testifying:

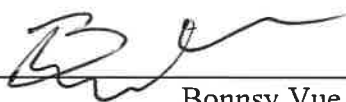
- Jon Kelly, Director of Government Affairs, Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs

Representative Hill renewed the motion that HF 3741 be re-referred to the general register. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:38 AM.



Representative Jay Xiong, Co-Chair



Bonnsy Vue, Committee Legislative Assistant