

House Committee

COMMITTEE MINUTES for VETERANS AFFAIRS

Date: *February 21, 2019*

Location: *RM 19*

Convened: *2:05 PM*

Adjourned: *2:30 PM*

Attendance Roll Call:

Present: Representatives Salmon-CH, Gustafson-VC, Kurth-RM, Bennett, Breckenridge, Brown-Powers, Hite, Jeneary, Kacena, Lundgren, Ourth, Smith, M., Sorensen, Thompson

Absent:

Excused: Representatives Gaines, Wheeler, Wills

Chairperson Salmon called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.

Roll call was taken. Representatives Gaines, Wheeler, and Wills were excused.

The minutes were approved.

There were no bills to assign.

A presentation was given by Director Steve Lukan with the Iowa Department of Veterans Affairs. The presentation informed the Committee about the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Veterans Cemetery.

Chairperson Salmon read the story of Archie Dunbar from DeSoto, Iowa. Archie was drafted in the Army in WWII. He was a member of the "Rainbow Division" attached to General Patton's 3rd Army. One particular battle left a mark on him. Of the 70 who left, only 17 came back alive. The darkness during the war took its toll, leading him to sleep with the lights on for the rest of his life. He received the Bronze star for his heroism.

As there was no further business to come before the committee, Representative Thompson moved to adjourn at 2:30 p.m.

Representative Sandy Salmon

Susan R. Foster, Committee Secretary