

House Committee

COMMITTEE MINUTES for VETERANS AFFAIRS

Date: *February 28, 2019*

Location: *RM 19*

Convened: *1:05 PM*

Adjourned: *1:45 PM*

Attendance Roll Call:

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

Absent: Representatives Wheeler, Wills

Excused:

Chairperson Salmon called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

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

The minutes were approved.

The following bills were assigned to subcommittee: [HSB 229](#)

A presentation was given by Judge Jeffrey Poulson with the Woodbury County Veterans Treatment Court in Sioux City.

Representative Mark Smith read the story of his father, Ray Eugene Smith, who served in the U.S. Navy during WWII. Representative Smith said his father did not talk about his experience in war, but was able to overhear him tell his daughter. Ray suffered night terrors because of when his ship was torpedoed. He and his crew members held onto pieces of wood to help keep the ship afloat. He served on the U.S. Kretchmer that went into the Island of Formosa and evacuated American soldiers being held prisoner.

As there was no further business to come before the committee, Representative Thompson moved to adjourn at 1:45 p.m.

Representative Sandy Salmon

Susan R. Foster, Committee Secretary