

\*Senate Committee\*

## COMMITTEE MINUTES for VETERANS AFFAIRS

Date: *February 1, 2022*

Location: *Room 116*

Convened: *1:00 PM*

Adjourned: *2:00 PM*

Attendance Roll Call:

Present: Senators Lofgren-CH, Reichman-VC, Giddens-RM, Carlin, Costello,  
Dawson, Dotzler, Edler, Green, Mathis, Ragan

Absent:

Excused:

The meeting came to order at 1:01 PM.

Roll call was taken silently by the committee secretary. Senator Carlin and Senator Costello were excused until they arrived at 1:02 and 1:03 respectively. Minutes from the last meeting were approved as distributed. Sub-Committee assignments were distributed.

Chair Senator Lofgren introduced Tom Hudson, USN, ret., Executive Director, USS Iowa SSN 797 Commissioning Committee. Executive Director Hudson shared with the committee the construction, christening, and commissioning process that the Navy goes through in placing a vessel into active duty and shared an information card about the USS Iowa as well as a slideshow handout that highlights information about this commissioning and the commissioning of others that have come before.

Chairman Lofgren opened the floor to questions and recognized Senator Reichman. Senator Reichman asked a question and Executive Director Hudson responded.

Chairman Lofgren recognized Senator Edler for a question. Senator Edler asked a question and Executive Director Hudson responded.

Chairman Lofgren recognized Senator Mathis for a question. Senator Mathis asked a question and Executive Director Hudson responded. Chairman Lofgren recognized Senator Carlin for a question. Senator Carlin asked a question and Executive Director Hudson responded.

Chair Senator Lofgren recognized Senator Reichman for [SF 2050](#). Senator Reichman introduced [SF 2050](#), provided the subcommittee report, and gave opening comments on the bill. Chair Senator Lofgren opened the floor to discussion. Seeing no discussion, Chair Senator Lofgren recognized Senator Reichman for final remarks on [SF 2050](#). Senator Reichman provided closing comments and moved the bill. [SF 2050](#) passes unanimously on a short form voice vote and moves to the Calendar as a Committee Bill under Rule 40.

Chair Senator Lofgren introduced Matthew Peterson, Commandant of the Iowa Veterans Home. Commandant Peterson shared demographic information regarding the residents and staff of the Iowa Veterans Home and how they have dealt with and adapted to changes due to the pandemic.

Chairman Lofgren opened the floor to questions and recognized Senator Carlin.

Senator Carlin asked a question and Commandant Peterson answered.

Senator Green excused himself from the meeting at 1:30 PM.

Chairman Lofgren recognized Senator Edler for a question. Senator Edler asked a question and complimented Commandant Peterson on their response to COVID 19 and the radio show. Commandant Peterson responded.

Chairman Lofgren recognized Senator Dotzler for a question. Senator Dotzler complimented Commandant Peterson on the radio show and suggested he get in contact with the Iowa Veterans Museum in Black Hawk County to coordinate efforts.

Chairman Lofgren recognized Senator Carlin for an additional question. Senator Carlin asked a question and Commandant Peterson responded.

Chairman Lofgren recognized Senator Ragan for a question. Senator Ragan asked a question and Commandant Peterson responded.  
 Chairman Lofgren recognized Senator Mathis for a question. Senator Mathis asked a question and Commandant Peterson responded.  
 Chairman Lofgren recognized Senator Costello for a question. Senator Costello asked a question and Commandant Peterson responded.  
 Chairman Lofgren gave final thanks and closing comments.  
 Senator Giddens motioned to adjourn.  
 The meeting adjourned at 1:59 PM.  
**Subcommittee Assignments**

## Committee Veterans Affairs (Senate)

### Legislator ALL

**Date 01/10/2022 - 01/08/2023**

Bill	Bill Title	Legislators	Meetings
<a href="#"><u>SF 255</u></a>	A bill for an act relating to county commissions of veteran affairs contacting discharged veterans regarding veteran benefits. (Formerly <a href="#"><u>SSB 1052</u></a> .)	Lofgren Ragan Reichman	01/13/2022 9:30 AM
<a href="#"><u>SF 2023</u></a>	A bill for an act relating to preexisting military service-related disabilities covered by the second injury fund and including applicability provisions.	Costello Dotzler	
<a href="#"><u>SF 2050</u></a>	A bill for an act making an appropriation to support efforts relating to the U.S.S. Iowa and including effective date provisions.	Reichman Giddens Lofgren	01/25/2022 10:00 AM
<a href="#"><u>SSB 3036</u></a>	A bill for an act relating to motor vehicle registration fees for disabled veterans.	Green Giddens Lofgren	01/19/2022 11:30 AM
<a href="#"><u>SSB 3078</u></a>	A bill for an act appropriating moneys to the Iowa finance authority for the home ownership assistance program for eligible service members.	Lofgren Costello Ragan	02/01/2022 2:00 PM

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Senator Mark S. Lofgren

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Paula Lofgren, Committee Secretary