

Senate Committee

COMMITTEE MINUTES for VETERANS AFFAIRS

Date: **February 15, 2022**

Location: **Room 116**

Convened: **1:00 PM**

Adjourned: **1:10 PM**

Attendance Roll Call:

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

Absent:

Excused: Senator Giddens-RM

The meeting came to order at 1:01 PM.

Roll call was taken silently by the committee secretary. Senator Giddens was excused due to illness. Minutes from the last meeting were approved as distributed.

Sub-Committee assignments were assigned as follows:

[SF 2272](#) Edler CH, Costello, Ragan

Chairman Senator Lofgren recognized Senator Edler for Committee Confirmation of the Governors Appointment of Matthew Peterson as Commandant of the Iowa Veterans Home.

Senator Edler read an email from Senator Giddens because of his absence approving the recommendation of Matthew Peterson. Senator Edler spoke about the interim Commandant's desire and passion for ensuring quality care and making the veterans home a real home for the veterans who live there.

Chair Senator Lofgren ask for discussion regarding the appointment.

Senator Ragan commented about how the interim Commandant has been conscientious in responding to follow-up questions from his visit with the Veterans Affairs Committee on 2/1/2022.

Chair Senator Lofgren recognized Senator Edler for closing remarks on the appointment of Matthew Peterson as Commandant of the Iowa Veterans Home.

Senator Edler gave closing comments that included that Matthew Peterson is fully qualified and that it is evident that transparency is a focus for him.

Short form voice vote was requested. Matthew Peterson moves to the Senate individual calendar with recommendation unanimously on a short form voice vote.

Chairman Senator Lofgren yielded the Chair position to Vice Chair Senator Reichman.

Vice Chair Senator Reichman recognized Senator Lofgren for [SF 2217](#). Senator Lofgren introduced [SF 2217](#), provided the subcommittee report, and gave opening comments on the bill and the proposed amendment 3078.

Vice Chair Senator Reichman asked for discussion on Amendment 3078 and recognized Senator Dotzler for comments. Senator Dotzler added that Amendment 3078 added the requirement of a DD214 certificate as proof of honorable discharge from active duty.

Vice Chair Senator Reichman recognized Senator Lofgren for closing comments on the amendment. Senator Lofgren moved Amendment 3078.

Short form was requested. Amendment 3078 passes unanimously on a short form voice vote with 10 Yeas and 1 Excused.

Vice Chair Senator Reichman recognized Senator Lofgren for closing comments on [SF 2217](#). Senator Lofgren moved [SF 2217](#).

Short form was requested. [SF 2217](#) passes on a short form voice vote with 10 Yeas and 1 Excused and moves to the Calendar as a Committee Bill under Rule 40.

Vice Chair Senator Reichman transferred the Chair position back to Chairman Senator Lofgren.

Chairman Senator Lofgren asked for additional business. With no other business, Senator Ragan motioned to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 1:10.

Subcommittee Assignments

Committee Veterans Affairs (Senate)

Legislator ALL

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

Bill	Bill Title	Legislators	Meetings
SF 255	A bill for an act relating to county commissions of veteran affairs contacting discharged veterans regarding veteran benefits. (Formerly SSB 1052 .)	Lofgren Ragan Reichman	01/13/2022 9:30 AM
SF 2023	A bill for an act relating to preexisting military service-related disabilities covered by the second injury fund and including applicability provisions.	Edler Costello Dotzler	
SF 2050	A bill for an act making an appropriation to support efforts relating to the U.S.S. Iowa and including effective date provisions.(See SF 2175 .)	Reichman Giddens Lofgren	01/25/2022 10:00 AM
SF 2217	A bill for an act relating to requirements for veteran special registration plates.	Lofgren Dotzler Green	02/10/2022 10:30 AM
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	A bill for an act codifying a first home buyer program administered by the Iowa finance authority.	Edler Costello Ragan	
SSB 3036	A bill for an act relating to motor vehicle registration fees for disabled veterans.(See SF 2261 .)	Green Giddens Lofgren	01/19/2022 11:30 AM
SSB 3078	A bill for an act appropriating moneys to the Iowa finance authority for the home ownership assistance program for eligible service members.(See SF 2264 .)	Lofgren Costello Ragan	02/01/2022 2:00 PM

Appointee Subcommittee Report

Committee Veterans Affairs

Date 02/08/2022

Appointee	Board	Legislators
Matthew Peterson	Veterans Home, Commandant of the Iowa	Edler - CH Giddens Lofgren
George Mosby	Veterans Affairs, Commission of	Green - CH Dotzler Lofgren

Senator Mark S. Lofgren

Paula Lofgren, Committee Secretary