

House Committee

**COMMITTEE MINUTES for
VETERANS AFFAIRS**

Date: *March 9, 2022* Location: *RM 102, Sup. Ct. Consult*

Convened: *10:00 AM*

Adjourned: *11:05 AM*

Attendance Roll Call:

Present: Representatives Salmon-CH, Graber-VC, Cahill-RM, Andrews, Boden, Bohannon, Brown-Powers, Gaines, Gustafson, Jeneary, McClintock, Stone, Thompson, Wills

Absent:

Excused: Representatives Gjerde, Hunter, Wilburn

Chairperson Salmon called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Roll call was taken. Representatives Gjerde, Hunter and Wilburn were excused.

The minutes were approved.

There were no bills to assign.

A presentation was given by Commandant Matthew Peterson, CEO of the Iowa Veterans Home in Marshalltown. Commandant Peterson explained the three missions of the Iowa Veterans Home: Admissions, Recruiting, and Retention. He gave statistics regarding running and maintaining of the Veterans Home. Commandant Peterson highlighted a new radio program, "Veteran's Voice," involving residents from the Veterans Home. He described his background in the military and how he came into the position he currently holds.

Floor was opened to questions and comments.

A presentation was given by Vince Stephens regarding a proposal for another Veteran home in southwest Iowa. Mr. Stephens gave background of his military experience and his father's. He described his father's illnesses as a result of his military involvement. Mr. Stephens explained the reasoning behind the need to have more than one Veteran home in the state of Iowa. He gave examples comparing the number of Veteran homes in surrounding states. He discussed the proposal of using existing state of Iowa land to establish a new Veteran home in the location previously occupied by Glenwood.

Floor was opened to questions and comments.

As there was no further business to come before the committee, Representative Boden moved to adjourn at 11:05 a.m.

Representative Sandy Salmon

Susan R. Foster, Committee Secretary