COMMITTEE MINUTES for
VETERANS AFFAIRS

Date: February 10, 2011 **Place:** Room 19

Convened: 2/10/2011 1:00 PM **Recessed:** **Reconvened:** **Adjourned:** 2/10/2011 2:00 PM

Present: Representatives Chambers-CH, Vander Linden-VC, Kearns-RM, Alons, Hanusa, Heddens, Lukan, Muhlbauer, Rayhons, Shaw, Sweeney, Taylor, J., Thomas

Absent: None

Excused: Representatives Berry, Wittneben

The Veterans Affairs Committee was called to order by Representative Chambers. Roll call was taken and the minutes from the previous meeting were approved. The Chair informed the committee that the attendance record from the meeting on February 8th had been corrected to read that Representative Berry was excused, not absent.

The Chair assigned HF 229. A bill for an act excluding from the computation of net income military retirement benefits of certain retired veterans and including retroactive applicability provisions.
Rep. Hanusa-Chair
Rep. Rayhons
Rep. Kearns

The Chair informed the Committee that the tour of Camp Dodge scheduled for February 28th has been postponed to a later date.

The Chair introduced to the committee our Speakers.
Michael J. Hall, Ph.D. - A staff neuropsychologist at the VAMC
Tamara Woods - A Doctoral candidate in the Education Department at the University of Iowa.
Jack Hackett - A Senior Therapist with Iowa Health.
Dr. Hall and Ms. Woods helped create a new course at the University titled "Life After War: Post-Deployment Issues"
They created the course to help veterans better understand the consequences of combat, from Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder and Traumatic Brain injury to depression, chronic pain and musculoskeletal problems.
There was a question and answer time following the presentation.

Representative Kearns moved for adjournment.

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Representative Royd E. Chambers

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Melba Murken, Committee Secretary