

COMMITTEE MINUTES for VETERANS AFFAIRS

Date: March 01, 2012

Place: Room 22

Convened: 3/1/2012
11:10 AM

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Adjourned: 3/1/2012
12:00 PM

Present: Senators Beall-CH, Danielson-VC, Seymour-RM, Bacon, Black, Ernst, Greiner, Kibbie, Ragan

Absent: None

Excused: Senators Horn, Sadders

Senator Beall called the meeting to order at 11:10 am.

Senator Seymour moved to approve minutes. Minutes were approved.

Senator Danielson introduced Billie Bailey, Executive Director of the Iowa Veterans Museum. She gave a presentation on the importance of preserving the oral histories of veterans which is the goal of the museum. Her staff member, Bob Neymeyer, showed the committee a short video with samples of the oral history project.

Senator Beall introduced Mary Whisenand and Michael Kates from the National Fort Des Moines Museum and Education Center that trained black officers during WWI, and women officers during WWII. They spoke about preserving the chapel in the museum, which was built in 1910 and is the oldest serving military chapel in the U.S. In addition, the Fort Des Moines Museum is the only organization that celebrates 9/11 Day, Memorial Day and Veterans Day.

Senator Ragan moved to arise at 12:00 pm.

Senator Daryl Beall

Natasha Dutta, Committee Secretary