

House Veterans and Military Affairs Division
Wednesday, April 2, 2025
Room G23, State Capitol Building
8:15-10:00 AM

Gaveling Co-Chair: Rep. Jay Xiong
Co-Chair: Rep. Matt Bliss

- I. Call to order
- II. Approval of minutes of March 26, 2025
- III. [HF2773](#) (Clardy) Lutheran Social Services CORE program funding provided, reports required, and money appropriated.
 1. Amy Vajgrt, Senior Director of LSS Meals
- IV. [HF3005](#) (Gottfried) Metro Meals on Wheels funding provided, reports required, and money appropriated.
 1. Patrick Rowan, Executive Director, MMOW
 2. Carter Drake, Veteran and Meals on Wheels Recipient
- V. [HF982](#) (Clardy) Education benefit established for dependents of disabled veterans
 1. Trent Dilks, Legislative Director, Disabled American Veterans of MN
 2. Alen Graske
- VI. [HF1845](#) (Cha) Veterans definition expanded to include units operating from Laos and or naturalized under the federal Hmong Veterans' Naturalization Act.
 1. Dr. Lee Pao Xiong, Director, Center of Hmong Studies, Concordia University
 2. Yee Hang, Chair, Minnesota AAPI Veterans Association
 3. Ya Lee, Former SGU Pilot
 4. Pa Xang Vang, Former SGU
- VII. [HF1511](#) (Clardy) Commissioner of veterans affairs funding provided for a veteran mentorship program for Black youth, and money appropriated.
 1. Julius Cochran, MN Black Farmers Association
- VIII. [HF1514](#) (Clardy) Veterans resilience project funding provided, reports required, and money appropriated.

1. Julius Cochran, MN Black Farmers Association
 2. Jonna Phillips, Veterans Resilience Project
 3. John Thompson, Licensed Therapist, Veterans Resilience Project
- IX. [HF1516](#) (Clardy) Commissioner of veterans affairs funding provided for a grant to an organization to establish a Black veterans support program, and money appropriated.
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- X. Adjourn