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Senator Ronald Sorvaag-Chairman
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63rd Legislative Assembly
Interim Committee

Chairman Sorvaag,

Thank you for allowing me to provide information to your committee. Attached you will find information which will provide your committee with a better understanding of the structure that makes up the ND Veterans Community and veteran/military related legislative bills from the 63rd legislative assembly. I look forward to working with you on this interim study. I will brief through these documents and answer any questions you may have.

Attached is information on...

Administrative Committee on Veterans Affairs (ACOVA)

Commissioner of Veterans Affairs

North Dakota Veterans Coordinating Council (NDVCC)

Legislative bills from 63rd legislative assembly

Thank you,

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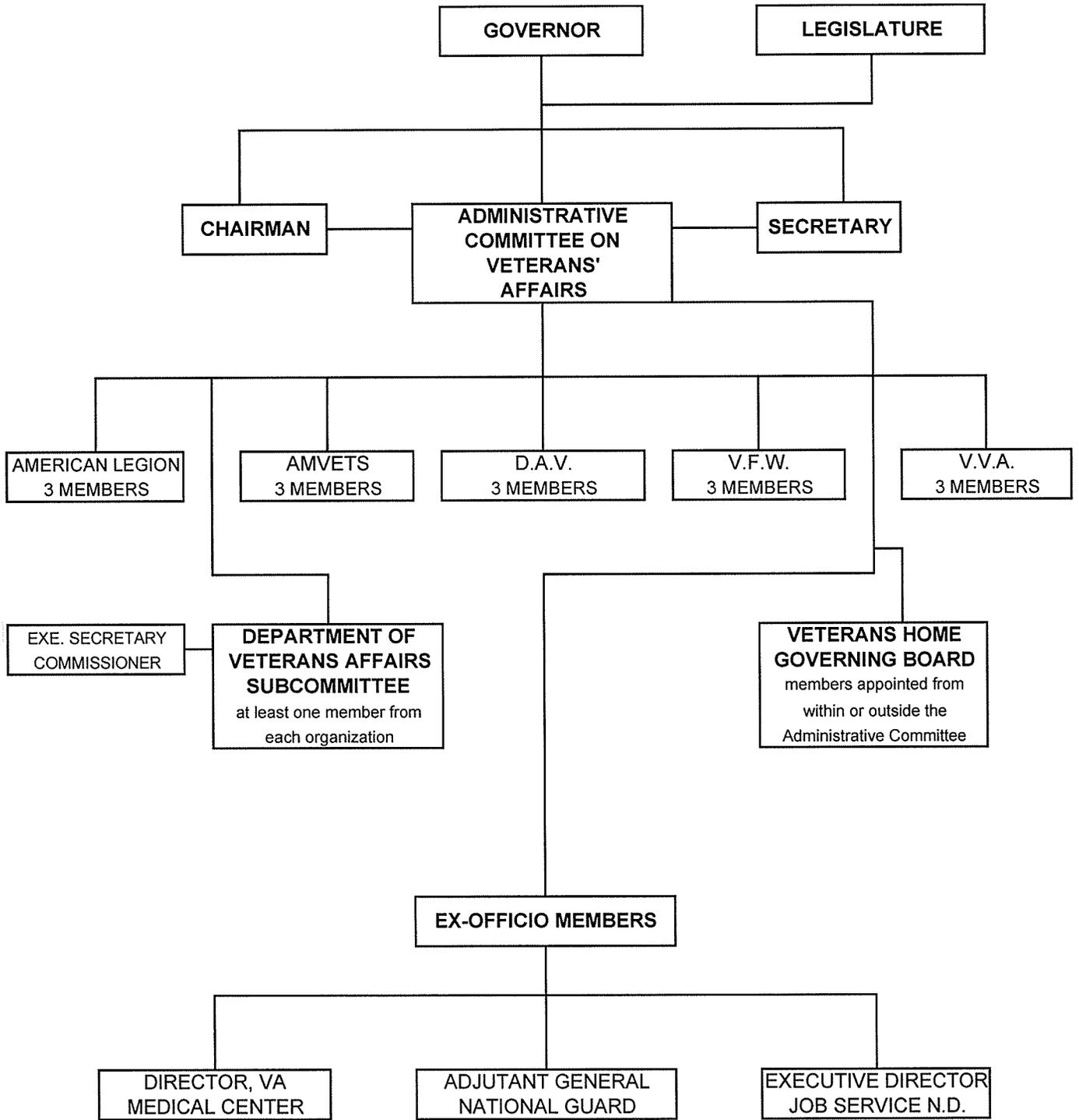
Administrative Committee on Veterans Affairs

The Administrative Committee is responsible for the organization, policy, and general administration of all veterans' affairs in North Dakota. NDCC 37-18.1-03

The Administrative Committee is comprised of 15 voting members, each appointed by the Governor, representing the five major veteran organizations in the state. Each year, the Governor is to appoint one member from a list of two names submitted by the following veteran organizations: American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Disabled American Veterans, AmVets, and Vietnam Veterans of America. The Committee is also comprised of three nonvoting members who are to serve in an advisory capacity - the North Dakota Adjutant General, the Center Director of the federal Veterans Affairs, and the Executive Director Job Service North Dakota. NDCC 37-18.1 The Governor appoints a chairman and secretary of the Administrative Committee. NDCC 37-18.1-02

Commissioner appointment

The committee shall appoint the commissioner of the department of veterans' affairs. The commissioner must be a bona fide resident of the state, and must qualify as a veteran as defined in section 37-01-40. The commissioner serves at the pleasure of the committee. The committee shall determine the salary paid to the commissioner of the department of veterans' affairs within the limits of legislative appropriation. The commissioner of veterans' affairs shall serve as the executive secretary for the subcommittee. The commissioner has no vote in the affairs of the subcommittee. NDCC 37-18.1-03(3)



North Dakota Veterans Coordinating Council

The North Dakota Veterans Coordinating Council was established to bring veterans organizations together in a united effort on behalf of all veterans and dependents. It is meant to provide a practical means through which Veterans organizations throughout the state may effectively contribute to the betterment of all veterans. The three major responsibilities of the Coordinating Council are to sponsor and monitor legislation that affects veterans and their dependents, monitor all general programs for veterans including hospital benefits, employment programs, and social programs; and finally, to establish a system of public relations for veterans. No member of the Coordinating Council may hold concurrent membership on the Administrative Committee on Veterans Affairs.

The structure of the Coordinating Council is shown on the enclosed organization chart. The Council is made up of three members from each of the following five Veterans organizations; the American Legion, VFW, DAV, AMVETS, and VVA. The three representatives from each Veterans organization shall be the Department Commander, the Department Adjutant, and one other representative. Each member has one vote. The office of president, vice-president, and secretary/treasurer are elected from these voting members. The secretary receives no salary and performs duties as outlined in the By-laws.

The third segment of the Council is the Legislative Committee. They are appointed from the veterans organizations and should be from Bismarck. There are two members from each organization and a chairman. They are appointed for two years. They should be from Bismarck so they can attend hearings on bills affecting the veterans.

The Coordinating Council's main function is drafting, or monitoring, or co-sponsoring Veterans legislation. It is not an administrative body. Administration and implementation of Veterans laws is the function of the Administrative Committee on Veterans' Affairs, (ACOVA).

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2013 Legislation (63rd Assembly)

* Original bill approved by ACOVA

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Bill #	Description	Actions
HB 1016 NG	Origination of Bill: Adjutant General NDNG Budget Bill –Changes to Budget-Military and Veteran related <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Added:\$600,000 additional for Veterans Bonus Program • Added additional \$44,098 for Civil Air Patrol • Added additional \$110,000 Tuition Assistance • Added additional \$70,089 for Veterans Cemetery (\$647,006 total) • Added additional \$9,531 for Reintegration program 	Passed House 94-0 Passed Senate 47-0
**HB 1056 NG	Origination of Bill: Adjutant General NDNG Members pay for State Active Duty <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adds to NG pay allowances: “Each enlisted member shall also receive a state active duty pay enhancement of one hundred dollars for every fourteen consecutive days spent on state active duty”. • Adds to NG pay allowances: “Each commissioned officer member shall also receive a state active duty pay enhancement of one hundred dollars for every fourteen consecutive days spent on state active duty”. • Emergency declared on this bill • Fiscal note: \$10,000 for 2011-2013. \$40,000 for 2013-2015 	Passed House 92-0 Passed Senate 47-0
**HB 1057 NG	Origination of Bill: Adjutant General NDNG Adjutant General to Present Awards <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adds “Adjutant General Coin” to NDCC 37-01 • Adds “Disaster Response Coin” to NDCC 37-01 • Adds a North Dakota state flag may be presented upon retirement to NDNG members with 20 or more years of military service • Fiscal note: \$20,000. No General funds appropriated 	Passed House 91-0 Passed Senate 46-0
**HB 1080 NG	Origination of Bill: WSI Agency Bill WSI coverage for NDNG on State Active Duty <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adds definition of wages for ND members while on state active duty to include income from federal employment and may be included in determining the average weekly wage. • Fiscal note: \$0 	Passed House 94-0 Passed Senate 45-2

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<p>**HB 1109 <u>G</u></p>	<p>Origination of Bill: Adjutant General Visitation Proceedings Involving Military Parent</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Courts to take particular care to ensure child of military member called to active duty or may be called to active duty has maximum opportunity for contact with parent • Military members call to active duty service may not be a factor in court decisions to grant to deny a petition for visitation • Military member may petition for visitation rights for family member • Fiscal note: \$0 	<p>Passed House 93-0 Failed Senate 3-44</p> <p>**SB 2122 addressed the intent of this bill.</p>
<p>**HB 1114 <u>NG</u></p>	<p>Origination of Bill: Adjutant General Guardian Powers Deployed Parent</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allow parent or guardian of a minor child or incapacitated person authority to delegate guardianship to another person for up to 24 months • Declared an emergency • Fiscal note: \$0 	<p>Passed House 87-0 Failed Senate 1-45</p> <p>**SB 2122 addressed the intent of this bill.</p>
<p><u>HB 1151</u></p>	<p>Origination of Bill: Hunting License as ND Resident</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allowed members of US armed forces, and members of their household, stationed in ND to enter lottery for deer and turkey licenses as residents • Declared an emergency bill • Fiscal note: \$51,600. Not General fund dollars. 	<p>Failed House 27-59</p> <p>**HB 1161 is similar to this bill</p>
<p>**HB 1161</p>	<p>Origination of Bill: NDNG Hunting License as ND Resident</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adds "Military member in state on duty or leave" • Adds "ND Driver's License number or ND non-driver photo ID" as proof of residency • Effective date April 1, 2014 • Fiscal note: \$32,000. Not General fund dollars. 	<p>Passed House 91-0 Passed Senate 46-0</p>

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<p>**HB 1205 Bill 10</p>	<p>Origination of Bill: Commissioner, Representative Paur Veteran and Spouse License Plates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gold Star plates-no additional or annual fee for plates (\$15 and \$10) • POW plates-no additional or annual fee for plates Allows two plates Allows spouse to retain one plate after veterans' death • 100% disabled (DAV plate)-no additional or annual fee for plates (\$5) • Four patriotic license plates added. Funds to go to PWTF. Removed and included with DOT budget when new ND license plates are issued. • Fiscal note: \$12,500. No appropriations. <p><i>*DOT agreed to include 4 patriotic plates with new ND issue plates. In DOT budget</i></p>	<p>Passed House 92-0 Passed Senate 46-0</p>
<p>**HB 1219 Bill 6 & 12</p>	<p>Origination of Bill: Commissioner Free Tuition for Surviving Dependents</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allows eligible dependents to use free tuition benefit if 100% disabled veteran dies before dependent enrolls in school • Fiscal note: \$0 	<p>Passed House 94-0 Passed Senate 47-0</p>
<p>**HB 1240</p>	<p>Origination of Bill: Sales Tax Exemption for Charitable Non-profit Organizations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sales tax exemption for organizations with a 501 © (3) tax exempt status • Fiscal note: \$19,660,000 	<p>Failed House 33-56</p>
<p>**HB 1246</p>	<p>Origination of Bill: Professional Licensure of Military Spouses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides provisional licenses to spouses of military stationed in ND or stationed in ND before a temporary assignment to duties outside of ND • Boards to adopt rules and provide temporary licensure on case-by-case basis • State board of architecture and landscape architecture is exempt from this mandate • Fiscal note: \$0 	<p>Passed House 91-0 Passed Senate 47-0</p>
<p>**HB 1254 Bill 16</p>	<p>Origination of Bill: ACOVA Income Tax Deduction for Military Retirement Pay</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exempt Federally taxed income from military retirement pay from ND income tax • Fiscal note: \$4,050,000 	<p>Failed in House 43-50</p>

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<p><u>**HB 1272</u></p>	<p>Origination of Bill: Resident Tuition for Spouses and Dependents</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adds Spouse and Dependents of Veterans to allow resident tuition rates if veteran is eligible to transfer Post 9-11 GI Bill benefits • Separates Spouse and Dependents of Veterans into two sections • Adds “Reserve component” members, spouses and dependents as eligible • Fiscal Note: \$515,000 	<p>Passed House 83-0 Passed Senate 45-0</p>
<p><u>**HB 1273</u></p>	<p>Origination of Bill: Property Tax Relief. Freeze Value of Home</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allows Veteran eligible for disabled Veteran tax credit to freeze value of primary residence • Fiscal note: \$478,000 	<p>Failed in House 32-54</p>
<p><u>**HB 1289</u> <u>Bill 20</u></p>	<p>Origination of Bill: Commissioner. ACOVA Veterans Upward Bound</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$325,000 appropriated • ND Higher Education • Provide assistance to eligible veterans enrolled at or in process of enrolling at institute of higher education in ND or adjacent state institution participating in course exchange agreement with ND institution. • ND Department of veterans affairs may accept and expend gifts, grants, and donation for providing additional assistance to eligible veterans • Appropriations: \$325,000 <p>**Federal Grant not awarded (\$548,000 biennium). State picked up program.</p>	<p>Passed House 90-0-4 Passed Senate 45-0</p>
<p><u>**HB 1293</u></p>	<p>Origination of Bill: NDNG Military Children Compact</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Removes ”Effective through” date (NDCC 15.1) • Removes “Schools free and accessible and school age” section of law • Removes “High school diploma – minimum unites” • Removes tuition fees for non-resident families • Extends law allowing state of ND to join in pact with other states to allow children of military members transferred into or out of ND to maintain their grade (year in school) level • Fiscal note: \$0 	<p>Passed House 91-0 Passed Senate 47-0</p>

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<p>**HB 1306 Bill 3</p>	<p>Origination of Bill: ACOVA Veterans Homestead Tax Credit</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increases property tax exemption limit for disabled veterans from \$120,000 full and True (\$5,400 taxable value) to \$150,000 (\$6,750 taxable value) Effective date of 12-31-2012. And 12-31-2013 for mobile homes Fiscal note: \$477,000. State general funds re-imbusement 	<p>Passed House 89-0 Passed Senate 37-8</p>
<p>**HB 1308 Bill 1</p>	<p>Origination of Bill: ACOVA Melvin Norgard Memorial Fund</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Allow veterans home administrator to expend funds up to \$10,000. Over \$10,000 must be approved by governing board Requires governing board gain ACOVA approval for expenditures Expenditures made solely for projects and programs to benefit and serve the residents of the veterans home Fiscal note: \$0 	<p>Failed in House 8-85</p>
<p>**HB 1310 Bill 11</p>	<p>Origination of Bill: Commissioner. ACOVA CVSO not to serve as Conservator</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Removes from NDCC 37-14-18 exemption for CVSO's to serve as conservator/fiduciary if appointed by County Commission Fiscal note: \$0 	<p>Passed House 91-0 Passed Senate 47-0</p>
<p>*HB 1323 Bill 2</p>	<p>Origination of Bill: Commissioner Patriotic License Plate Decals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Create "Patriotic License Plates" (Decals like military plates) \$15 initial fee and \$10 annual fee \$10 initial to DOT, \$5 initial to PWTF \$10 annual fee \$5 to principal of PWTF \$5 available for programs Fiscal note \$2,866,556 <p>**Patriotic plate decals added to HB 1205 by Senate Transportation Committee</p> <p>**Later moved to DOT's budget. Will add patriotic plates with new ND plate issue</p>	<p>Failed in House 31-62</p>
<p>HB 1354</p>	<p>Origination of Bill: NDNG Deer License for Injured Military Wildlife Project</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Change from "Wounded Warrior Project" to " Injured Military Wildlife Project of ND" Maintained 4 any deer licenses Added 6 any white-tailed deer licenses Change license valid from "opening of youth deer season through the close of deer season" to "during the period of the deer bow season" Fiscal note: \$240. Not general fund dollars. 	<p>Passed House 92-0 Passed Senate 46-0</p>

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<p>**HB 1405</p>	<p>Origination of Bill: Representative Trottier Agent Orange Outreach</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$50,000 appropriation of general funds to ND Department of Veterans Affairs to provide grants for the identification and provision of services to ND Veterans' who had been exposed to Agent Orange during the Vietnam conflict. • Requires ND Department of Veterans Affairs to report to the budget section on the use and outcome of the grants awarded • Appropriations: \$50,000 	<p>Passed House 90-0 Passed Senate 45-0</p>
<p>**HB 1424 <u>Bill 19</u></p>	<p>Origination of Bill: Representative Boehning PTSD and TBI alternative treatments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A study for nontraditional healing therapies, massage, healing touch, reflexology, stress management, yoga, hyperbaric chamber treatments and gather information on the needs of women veterans. • Appropriations: \$0 	<p>Passed House 88-5 Passed Senate 44-1</p>
<p>**HB 1434 <u>Bill 17</u></p>	<p>Origination of Bill: ACOVA Fishing License Fees</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lowers disability level for eligibility from 100% to 50% • Adds Unemployability • Changes fee from \$3 to \$5 • Fiscal note: \$1,425. Not General fund dollars. 	<p>Passed House 92-0 Passed Senate 45-1</p>
<p>*HB 1439 <u>Bill 4</u></p>	<p>Origination of Bill: Commissioner. ACOVA Post War Trust Fund (PTSD)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appropriates \$250,000 out of General funds to be added to the principal of the PWTF 	<p>Passed House 93-0 Passed Senate 46-0</p>
<p>**HB 1463</p>	<p>Origination of Bill: Representative Guggisberg Disabled Veterans Rent Credit</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provided renters credit for 50% or higher disabled veterans who would qualify for property tax exemption but rent • Fiscal note: \$1,472,000 	<p>Failed in House 23-70</p> <p>**Added to HB 1306 by House Appropriations-later removed by Senate Finance and Tax.</p>
<p>**HCR 3012</p>	<p>Origination of Bill: Support GFAFB KC-46A Refueling Tanker Mission</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 63rd Legislative assembly to urge USAF to select GFAFB • Secretary of State to send resolution to commander of GFAFB, General of USAF and each member of ND Congressional Delegation • Fiscal note: \$0 	<p>Adopted by House Adopted by Senate</p>

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<p><u>**SB 2007</u></p>	<p>Origination of Bill: Commissioner of ND DVA, Director of Home ND DVA and Home Budget (changes to budget)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Veterans Affairs: Adds one FTE • Veterans Affairs: \$15,000 for website improvements • Veterans Home funding: Demolish old veterans home \$1,121,000 • Veterans Home Approved: Hold over Veterans Home construction funds into next biennium to complete all billings • Veterans Home Approved: Carry over funding for Electronic Health record system into next biennium • Veterans Home Approved: Authorization of Melvin Norgard funds for construction of a workshop \$788,200 • Reduced Veterans Home operating budget by \$50,000 • Reduced Veterans Home and Veterans Affairs salary enhancements by \$455,431 • Added \$10,000 to Veterans Affairs for Stand Down event grants • Added one time funding of \$30,000 to Veterans Affairs for purchase of transportation vans • Added requirement for Veterans Affairs to prepare a transportation van replacement plan for 64th Legislative assembly and seek state funding for vans based on the plan 	<p>Passed House 87-3 Passed Senate 46-0</p>
<p><u>**SB 2062</u> <u>IG</u></p>	<p>Origination of Bill: NDNG Employment protection for NDNG members on State Active Duty</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protects National Guard members from employer discrimination when involuntarily activated for State Active Duty emergencies for more than twenty regular working days in a calendar year. Under NDCC 37-29-03 • Fiscal note: \$0 	<p>Passed Senate 46-0 Passed House 93-0</p>
<p><u>**SB 2073</u> <u>NG</u></p>	<p>Origination of Bill: NDNG NDNG UCMJ and License Plates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adds state active duty time to be subject to discipline as set forth in USMJ • Changes to veteran definition dates for adjusted compensation (war bonus) • Adds motorcycle plates available for NDNG license plates • Fiscal note: \$0 	<p>Passed Senate 46-0 Passed House 92-0</p>

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<p><u>**SB 2097</u></p>	<p>Origination of Bill: Senator Cook Interment at Veterans' Cemetery Eligibility</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Add: "a child who is without any sibling and who survives the veteran" to eligibility for interment at ND State Veterans Cemetery • Fiscal note: \$350,000. Federal VA cemetery grants <p>**Bill would have put ND State Cemetery in breach of contract for VA grant **Veteran organizations and NG opposed bill</p>	<p>Passed Senate 40-7 Failed in House 2-92</p>
<p><u>**SB 2120</u></p>	<p>Origination of Bill: DAV plates Handicapped Parking</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allows 100% disabled Veteran's with DAV plates to park in handicapped parking without additional handicapped parking tab • Fiscal note: \$0 	<p>Passed Senate 44-0 Passed House 94-0</p>
<p><u>**SB 2122</u> <u>NG</u></p>	<p>Origination of Bill: NDNG Child Custody</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Addresses visitation rights of family members of children whose parent is deployed • Addresses military deployments when considering child custody • Addresses temporary child custody while custodial parent is deployed • Includes Redeploying and Redeployment • Fiscal note: \$0 	<p>Passed Senate 46-0 Passed House 93-0</p>
<p><u>**SB 2127</u></p>	<p>Origination of Bill: Veterans Preference</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides protection for private employers who establish a veterans preference hiring program • Employer not held liable from lawsuits by protected classes (Age, national origin etc.) • Fiscal note: \$0 	<p>Passed Senate 45-1 Passed House 92-2</p>
<p><u>SB 2201</u></p>	<p>Origination of Bill: Education Lobbying group Veterans Preference</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adds "administrator" to list of exemptions from Veterans Preference laws • Add definition of administrator which adds: assistant or associate school district superintendent, school principal, special education director, director of a multidistrict special education unit, career and technical education director, director of area career and technology center, athletic or activity director. • Fiscal note: \$0 	<p>Passed Senate 46-0 Passed House 89-3 with amendments</p> <p>Senate did not concur-bill failed in Senate</p>

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<u>**SB 2210</u>	<p>Origination of Bill: Book of ND Veterans</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Adjutant General shall initiate and coordinate the writing, publishing, and distribution of a record of all North Dakota Veterans, including a record of all North Dakotans killed in action and missing in action since statehood. The adjutant general shall determine the projected costs for the completion of the writing, publishing, and distribution of the records and present those projections to the legislative management. • Appropriations: \$0 • Fiscal note: \$0 	<p>Passed Senate 45-0 Passed House 91-1</p>
<u>SB 2242</u>	<p>Origination of Bill: Senator Oehlke Hunting License for 100% disabled Veteran</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Added: Definition of a “Disabled Veteran” • Added: For a resident disabled veteran combined general game, habitat stamp, small game and fur-bearer license \$3 • Fiscal note: \$10,080. Not general fund dollars 	<p>Passed Senate 47-0 Passed House 94-0</p>
<u>SB 2253</u>	<p>Origination of Bill: Property Tax Exemption while on Active Duty</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduce taxable valuation of homestead for each day on Federal active duty divided by total number of days in a year (365). Full year would equal 100% reduction. • On first \$4,500 of taxable value of homestead. • Spouses living together may only apply for 1 exemption • Service members living together and not married can apply for full exemption based on the percentage of ownership in the homestead. • Fiscal note: No amount provided. 	<p>Failed Senate 18-29</p>
<u>SB 2264</u>	<p>Origination of Bill: Senator Marcellais Caskets for Veterans</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide military casket at no cost to veterans interred in ND • Type of casket to be approved by Adjutant General • Appropriations: \$2,800,000 	<p>Passed Senate 28-18 Failed House 23-69</p>
<u>SB 2286</u>	<p>Origination of Bill: Senator Marcellais Indian Veteran Representative</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ND Department of Veterans Affairs to provide an Indian Veteran representative in the ND county with the most registered Indian Veterans • Appropriations: \$25,000 	<p>Failed in Senate 18-28</p>

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<u>**SB 2296</u>	<p>Origination of Bill: Property Tax Exemption for Disabled Veterans</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Change disabled veterans homestead taxable valuation limit from \$5,400 to \$6,750 • Fiscal note: \$477,000 <p><i>*HB 1306 addressed increase in taxable value. Passed</i></p>	Failed in Senate 4-43
<u>**SB 2344</u>	<p>Origination of Bill: Senator Miller PTSD Service Dogs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide \$50,000 to ND Department of Veterans Affairs for training service dogs to assist ND Veterans with PTSD • Payment made by NDDVA only after completion of service dog's training • Payment may not exceed \$12,500 per service dog • Legislative management shall consider studying statutory changes to benefit ND veterans; state income taxes, property taxes, veteran-focused incentives, assistance obtaining benefits, assistance obtaining life enhancing services, and current state and federal benefits available to ND veterans. • NDDVA shall provide a report to legislative management during interim: status of service dog training program, benefits to veterans, number applicants, and number of service dogs provided • Appropriations: \$50,000 	Passed Senate 46-0 Passed House 72-20
<u>**SCR</u> <u>4008</u>	<p>Origination of Bill: May 1st as Cold War Victory Day</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 63rd Legislative Assembly designates May 1 as "Cold War Victory Day" • The Secretary of State shall forward enrolled copies of this resolution to the ND Governor, American Legion, VFW, AMVETS, DAV, VVA. • Fiscal note: \$0 	Adopted by Senate Adopted by House
<u>**SCR</u> <u>4017</u>	<p>Origination of Bill: Glen Baltruse Opposition to the United Nations Arms Trade Treaty</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 63rd Legislative Assembly opposes current form of the United Nations Arms Trade Treaty and any treaty that infringes on the individual or collective right to keep and bear arms, in the strongest and most unequivocal terms; • As duly elected representatives of the will of the people of ND strongly urge the President of US the US Secretary of State, The ambassador of the US to the United Nations, and all members of the US Senate to soundly reject the current form of the United Nations Arms Trade Treaty or any other treaty which would endanger the individual or collective right to keep and bear arms; • The Secretary of State of ND shall forward properly inscribed copies of this resolution to the President of the US, The president of the US Senate, the Speaker of the US House of Representatives, the US Secretary of State, the Ambassador of the US to the United Nations, each member of the US Senate, the Governor of each state, the Speaker of the House and President of the Senate of each state's legislature, and each member of the ND Congressional Delegation. 	Adopted by Senate Adopted by House