

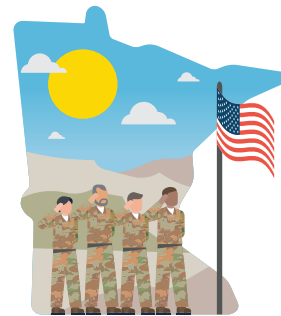


INVESTING IN A HEALTHY, PROSPEROUS FUTURE FOR MINNESOTA VETERANS

All Minnesota veterans deserve robust opportunities to thrive, with quality health, wellbeing, and economic security. This session, House DFLers are focused on two crucial, interconnected issues: veteran homelessness and veteran suicide. We're committed to tackling these persistent problems and investing in other solutions we know will help lead to a brighter future for those who've served.

Ending Veteran Homelessness

- Grants to establish permanent housing and support for veterans experiencing long-term homelessness.
- New ongoing investments in short-term housing, including funding for shelters and outreach.
- Incentives to encourage landlords to take on veterans as tenants.



Preventing Veteran Suicide

- Investments in veteran advocates at major hospitals to connect with veterans who have been admitted.
- Coordinate with gun shop owners to encourage safe storage of firearms.
- Proactive engagement including a mobile, mental health-based veteran connection program.
- A grant for the Minnesota National Guard's Holistic Health and Fitness Program.

Strengthening Economic Security

- Service bonuses for the 48,000 post-9/11-era veterans – as well as Gold Star Families who lost loved ones in combat – half of whom were deployed to Afghanistan or Iraq.
- Enlistment and re-enlistment incentives to attract and retain qualified candidates for the Minnesota National Guard.
- A grant for Meals on Wheels to expand its services to veterans. Not only would this help veterans have access to healthy meals, but creates another point of contact to identify those with possible mental health concerns or housing insecurity.