

AGENDA

VETERANS' AND MILITARY AFFAIRS COMMISSION

UTAH LEGISLATURE

Tuesday, August 23, 2016 • 9:00 a.m. • Room 30 House Building

1. Commission Business

- Call to order
- Approval of the minutes of the August 3, 2016, meeting

2. Concussion Injuries and Treatment

The commission will hear from the co-founder of a concussion clinic whose approach to traumatic brain injury treatment may be of help to injured veterans.

- Alina K. Fong, PhD., Clinical Neuropsychologist and Clinical Director, Cognitive FX
- Commission discussion
- Public comment

3. Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and its Effects

The commission will review PTSD, its relationship to suicide and addiction among veterans, and what can be done to address these challenges.

- Overview: commission staff
- Discussion of VA Report, "Suicide Among Veterans and Other Americans, released August 3, 2016, led by Steve Allen, PhD, Coordinator, Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Program, United States Department of Veterans Affairs
- Dr. Craig Bryan, Executive Director, National Center for Veteran Studies
- Pam Bennett, Program Administrator, Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health
- Eric Schmidt, President, Utah Association of Addiction Treatment Providers
- Adam Cohen, Vice President, Utah Association of Addiction Treatment Providers
- Shaun McMillan, Executive Director, First Step House
- Detective Brandee Casias, Crisis Intervention Team, Salt Lake Police Department
- Commission discussion
- Public comment

4. Effects of Multiple Deployments on Servicemembers and Families

The commission will begin discussing how multiple deployments affect servicemembers and their families, including ways the state can increase support for such families.

- Overview: commission staff
- Dr. Craig Bryan, Executive Director, National Center for Veteran Studies
- Commission discussion
- Public comment

5. Other Business / Adjourn

- Future meeting dates