



AGENDA

VETERANS & MILITARY AFFAIRS COMMISSION

LEGISLATURE Tuesday, June 16, 2026 | 1:00 p.m. | Electronic Meeting | 445 State Capitol

Members of the public may participate remotely in the meeting by visiting the commission's webpage to access the live streaming options: <https://le.utah.gov/committee/committee.jsp?year=2026&com=SPEVMA>

Approximate timeframe

1:00 **1. Commission Business**

- Call to order
- Approval of the meeting minutes from October 20, 2025
- Other commission business

1:05 **2. Commission Membership**

The commission will acknowledge both newly appointed members and those departing from the commission.

- Commission staff
- Public comment
- Commission discussion/action

1:15 **3. 2026 General Session Bills**

The commission will review relevant legislation passed during the 2026 General Session.

- Commission staff
- Public comment
- Commission discussion/action

1:20 **4. National Guard Update**

The commission will receive updates from the National Guard, including information regarding the new infantry battalion.

- Colonel Andrew Owens, Assistant Adjutant General, U.S. Army
- Public comment
- Commission discussion/action

1:40 **5. Hill Air Force Base Update**

The commission will receive updates from Hill Air Force, including current activities and support to worldwide missions.

- Colonel Dan Cornelius, Commander, 75th Air Base Wing, U.S. Air Force
- Public comment
- Commission discussion/action

2:00 **6. Department of Veterans and Military Affairs Update**

The commission will receive updates from the Department of Veterans and Military Affairs, including the construction of a new nursing home in Salt Lake City and a cemetery in northern Utah.

- Gary Harter, Commissioner, Utah Department of Veterans and Military Affairs (UDVMA)
- Jeff Hanson, Deputy Director, Facilities, UDVMA
- Public comment
- Commission discussion/action



- 2:25 7. Veteran Suicide Prevention**
The commission will hear the findings of two reports regarding suicide prevention among Utah veterans.
- A. Office of the Medical Examiner
 - Dr. Michael Staley, Suicide Prevention Research Coordinator, Office of the Medical Examiner
 - B. Kem C. Gardner Policy Institute
 - Dr. Kara Byrne, Senior Health and Human Services Analyst, Kem C. Gardner Policy Institute
 - Public comment
 - Commission discussion/action

3:00 8. Adjourn