



# REVISED AGENDA

## Veterans and Military Affairs Commission

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LEGISLATURE Tuesday, October 15, 2024 | 1:00 p.m. | Room 30 House Building

Members of the public may participate remotely in the meeting by visiting the committee's webpage to access the live streaming options: <https://le.utah.gov/committee/committee.jsp?year=2024&com=SPEVMA>

### 1. Committee Business

- Call to order
- Approval of the minutes of the August 20, 2024, meeting

### 2. Draft Legislation: Active Duty and Veteran Amendments

*Representative Teuscher will present draft legislation that would remove the residency requirement for in-state tuition at a state institution of higher education for certain individuals.*

- Representative Jordan D. Teuscher
- Commission discussion

### 3. Draft Legislation: National Guard and Military Amendments

*Representative Burton will present draft legislation that would make changes to the Utah Code addressing the military and Utah National Guard.*

- Representative Jefferson S. Burton
- Commission discussion

### 4. Veteran Access to State Parks

*The commission will discuss 2024 General Session S.B. 108, "Veteran Access to State Parks," which created a one-year pilot program that expands free access to state parks on a limited basis to veterans who have an Interagency Military-Lifetime Pass for national parks and are a resident of the state.*

- Taylor Ricks, Director of Communications and Marketing, Department of Veterans and Military Affairs
- Commission discussion

### 5. Disabled American Veterans

*The commission will hear from Nancy Espinosa regarding her time as the national commander for Disabled American Veterans.*

- Nancy Espinosa, former National Commander, Disabled American Veterans
- Commission discussion

### 6. Veterans Update

*The commission will hear from several veteran organizations regarding their activities and legislative priorities.*

- Dennis Howland, Chair, Veterans of Foreign Wars
- Terry Schow, National Executive Committeeman, American Legion
- Nancy Espinosa, former National Commander, Disabled American Veterans



**7. North Dakota Native Veterans Guide**

*The commission will study the North Dakota Native Veterans Guide, which was designed to assist Native Veterans, service members, and their dependents with questions about healthcare, employment, financial assistance, and other resources.*

- Nancy Espinosa, National Commander, Disabled American Veterans
- Commission discussion

**8. Other Items/Adjourn**