

2021 67th Legislative Session

Summary: Veteran & Military-Passed

1. Appreciation of Veterans and Military

NONE

2. Budget

a. 2007ND Veterans Home (Director)

i. **Added:**

1. \$131,500 for thermostat replacements
2. \$25,000 to defray & allow cost of resident absence over 72 hours

ii. **Removed:**

1. 6 Full Time Staff Positions

iii. **Allowed:**

1. ND Veterans Home to Contract ITD services outside of ND *ITD*.
2. Use of Melvin Norgaard funds for Memorial Garden \$200,000

b. 2025 Budget NDDVA (Commissioner)

i. **Added:**

1. FTE position (Added \$18,910 to current Temporary Loan and Grant position and authorized as Full Time Employee).
2. \$70,000 for a Part-Time Temporary Veterans Benefits Specialist.

ii. **Removed:**

1. -\$5,000 for Stand Down Grant. \$0 available.
2. -\$4,500 admin funds for T&CVSO training. \$25,000 available.

iii. **Restored:**

1. \$60,000 of the \$137,500 General Fund salary supplanted by Federal Highly Rural Transportation Grant Funding.

iv. **Maintained:**

1. 7 Full Time Employees
2. PTSD dog Grant funding of \$50,000
3. DAV van funding of \$18,800
4. Authority for NDDVA to accept and expend Federal grant funds for restoration of Veterans Home Cemetery

3. Burial & Memorial

None

4. Education

a. [1107: In State Tuition](#) (Representative Pyle)

i. **Add as resident student for in-state tuition rates:**

1. Member, spouse and dependents of National Guard and Reserve and active-duty armed forces in **any** state not just North Dakota units
2. Dependent of veteran regardless of GI Bill chapter or eligibility

From: ND Veteran/Military Affairs Advisory Committee:

b. [1125: ND Tuition Waiver](#) (Representative Pyle)

1. **Make ND Tuition Waiver available for a veterans Spouse, Widow, or Widower under NDCC 15-10-18.2 if:**

- a. The Spouse, Widow or Widower or child's other parent
 - i. has been a resident of ND or was a resident of ND at time of death or veterans 100% disability determination or;
 - ii. has been a resident of ND for 5 years immediately preceding enrollment at ND funded institution

2. **Change years for a veteran to become resident**

- a. From 10 years to five (5) years immediately preceding enrollment
 - i. (Match the 5-year requirement of a surviving spouse)

From: ND Veteran/Military Affairs Advisory Committee:

5. Employment

a. [HB 1278 Military Spouse Unemployment Benefits](#) (Representative Mock)

- i. Allows unemployment benefits for a military spouse who VOLUNTARILY left most recent employment to relocate due to permanent change of station orders of military-connected spouse

From: Military top 10, NDNG, TF Mind, Commissioner, ACOVA, NDVLC

b. [SB 2175 Military member and spouse licensure portability, access and compacts](#) (Senator Meyer)

- i. Updates ND Century Code to allow better licensing and application process

From: Military top 10, NDNG, TF Mind, Commissioner, ACOVA, NDVLC

6. Financial

- a. 1263: *Veteran Charitable Gaming net proceeds use.* Representative Hanson, Karla Rose

i. **Add:**

1. **Property Taxes**
2. **Special assessments**

ii. **Removes:**

1. **Personal Property**

From: AMVETS-Fargo

- b. 1211: *Post War Trust Fund clearing account (410) and Veterans Aid Loan account (368)* Better interest rates. (Representative Magrum)

- i. Allows ND State Treasurer to invest these funds with the highest CD rates available. to include CD's outside the Bank of North Dakota.

From: Commissioner

- c. 2213: *Property Tax Credit* (Senator Dever)

- i. Increase taxable valuation on the first \$6,750 to \$8,100.
1. Taxable value of \$6,750 = True and Full Value of \$150,000
 2. Taxable value of \$8,100 = True and Full Value of \$180,000

7. Health & Wellbeing

- a. 1015: *PASS FUND* funding. Guardianship/conservator funds

- i. \$1,980,000 funding increased to \$2,450,000 (\$2.5Million need)

From: OMB Budget

8. Housing

NONE

9. Law/Policy Change

NONE

10. Legal Services

- a. 2246: *Veterans Docket*- (Senator Meyer, Rep Mary Schneider)

- i. Add a "Veterans Treatment Docket" to the NDCC under Drug Court.
- ii. Veterans and Service member Treatment Docket is a district court supervised docket
- iii. A district court may serve veterans or military service members from other districts in ND
- iv. \$145,247 State funding

11. Military Families Top Ten Key Issues

- a. Enhanced Military Spouse License Portability SB[2175](#) (Sen. Meyer)
- b. Military Spouse Occupational Licensure Access SB [2175](#) (Sen. Meyer)
- c. Licensing Compacts SB[2175](#)& HB[1166](#)
- d. Military Spouse Teacher Certification: ND Good on this
- e. Purple Star School Program: No Legislative action needed. DPI policy
- f. Advance Enrollment. Non legislative action being taken.
- g. Virtual School Enrollment. Non legislative action being taken.
- h. In-State Tuition Continuity HB[1107](#) (Rep Pyle)
- i. Child Abuse and Neglect Identification and Reporting. H.H.S. addressed this in policy not legislatively
- j. Ask the Question Campaign. Done

From: DSLO Key Issues: <https://statepolicy.militaryonesource.mil/#key-issues-report>

12. National Guard Specific

- a. [2116](#): Use of Deadly Force to protect nuclear weapons
- b. [2117](#): \$15,000 Death Gratuity for National Guard members on State Active Duty
- c. [2114](#): Trust Fund use: update the dates and add Camp Grafton training center

[2115](#): Uniform Code of Military Justice House Cleaning bill – Update state law with federal law

[1016](#): NDNG Budget Provide key programs/projects...

- Camp Grafton Expansion-
- ND Veterans Cemetery Spouse and Dependent Burial Costs-Maintained in Budget
- NDNG Upgrade Bada and HVAC System
- Fund Statewide Maintenance Projects
- Department of Emergency Services (DES) Operations (Replace expired emergency supplies
- Air/Army Operations & Maintenance (Reduction)
- ND Veterans Cemetery (Reduction)
- Fargo Readiness Center Start Up and Utilities
- Dickinson Readiness Center-Authority
- Line of Communication Bridge Training Site-Authority
- ND Military Museum-Fundraising Authority