

Minutes of Legislative Affairs Committee Meeting – April 20, 2015

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Sen. Norman Sanderson (Proxy for Sen. Brown)
Bill Hatcher (Camp Lejeune)
George Cleveland (House)
Efton Sager
Jeremiah Daniels (Seymour Johnson)
Joy Thrash

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

Rep. John Bell
Sen. Wesley Meredith
Sen. Harry Brown (Sen. Sanderson was his proxy)

Call to Order/Opening Remarks:

Senator Sanderson called the meeting to order and had everyone introduce themselves and who they represented.

Senator Sanderson then took the opportunity to present each bill currently being considered in the General Assembly that is related to the military, veterans, or service members.

The members and other present discussed each bill and its current progress in the General Assembly. Below are a list of the bills:

Bill	Short Title	Action Date	Action Text
H5	Military Veterans Special Plate.	S	03/18/2015 Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate
H83	Suicide Prevention Resolution.	H	02/16/2015 Ref To Com On Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House
H118 (+ 5126)	Create Veterans Task Force/PED Report.	H	03/02/2015 Ref To Com On Homeland Security, Military, and Veterans Affairs
H181 (+ 5176)	Charter School Grade Level Expansion.	H	03/10/2015 Ref To Com On Education - K-12
H254 (+ 5280)	Protect National Guard Reemployment Rights.	S	04/02/2015 Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate
H256	Handicapped Parking/Veterans Plate.	H	04/14/2015 Re-ref Com On Finance
H319 (+ 543)	CDLs for Veterans Revisions.	H	03/23/2015 Ref To Com On Transportation
H326	Lottery Game to Benefit Veterans.	H	03/24/2015 Ref to the Com on Homeland Security, Military, and Veterans Affairs, if favorable, Finance
H340	Weekend Burials/State Veterans Cemeteries.	H	03/25/2015 Ref To Com On Homeland Security, Military, and Veterans Affairs
H369 (+ 5527)	Wounded Warrior Motorsport Scholarship/Funds.	H	03/30/2015 Ref To Com On Appropriations
H391	Reduce ABC Fees Paid by VFW Post.	H	03/31/2015 Ref to the Com on Alcoholic Beverage Control, if favorable, Finance
H406 (+ 5421)	Military Appreciation Month.	H	04/01/2015 Ref To Com On Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House
H501	U.S. Service Academies Special Plates.	H	04/02/2015 Ref To Com On Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House
H558	Reserves & Nat. Guard/Military Affairs Comm.	H	04/06/2015 Ref To Com On Homeland Security, Military, and Veterans Affairs
H595	Military Experience/LEO Cert. Requirements.	H	04/09/2015 Ref To Com On Homeland Security, Military, and Veterans Affairs
H603	Reports/Veterans Served by Housing Programs.	H	04/13/2015 Ref To Com On Homeland Security, Military, and Veterans Affairs
H665	Honor State's Veterans.	H	04/15/2015 Adopted
H690	Special Registration Plate & Permanent Plate.	H	04/14/2015 Ref To Com On Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House
H691	Assault on National Guard Member.	H	04/14/2015 Ref to the Com on Homeland Security, Military, and Veterans Affairs, if favorable, Judiciary III
H709	NCNG Tuition Assistance Benefit Amendment.	H	04/15/2015 Ref to the Com on Homeland Security, Military, and Veterans Affairs, if favorable, Education - Universities

S43 (+H010)	CDLs for Veterans Revisions.	H	04/09/2015	Ref To Com On Transportation
S61	Death Certificates Without Charge/Veterans	S	02/11/2015	Re-ref Com On Appropriations/Base Budget
S105	Include No. Veterans Employed/Annual Report.	H	03/31/2015	Ref To Com On Commerce and Job Development
S106	Modify Farmland Preservation T.F. Match.	S	02/23/2015	Ref To Com On Appropriations/Base Budget
S126 (+H110)	Create Veterans Task Force/PED Report.	S	02/27/2015	Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate
S176 (+H101)	Charter School Grade Level Expansion.	H	03/31/2015	Ref To Com On Education - K-12
S250	Restore Aid to County Veterans Services.	S	03/23/2015	Re-ref Com On Appropriations/Base Budget
S251	In-State Tuition For Certain Veterans.	S	03/23/2015	Re-ref to Education/Higher Education. If fav, re-ref to Appropriations/Base Budget
S280 (+H254)	Protect National Guard Reemployment Rights.	S	03/23/2015	Re-ref Com On Workforce and Economic Development
S368	Recognize Dept of Defense ChildCare Standards.	S	03/24/2015	Ref To Com On Health Care
S421 (+H00)	Military Appreciation Month.	S	03/25/2015	Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate
S478	In-State Tuition For Certain Vets/Fed Prog	S	03/30/2015	Re-ref to Education/Higher Education. If fav, re-ref to Appropriations/Base Budget
S495	Provide Funding/NC Military Business Centers.	S	03/30/2015	Re-ref Com On Appropriations/Base Budget
S527 (+H089)	Wounded Waror Motorsport Scholarship/Funds.	S	03/30/2015	Re-ref to Education/Higher Education. If fav, re-ref to Appropriations/Base Budget
S545	Workforce Enrichment/Veterans.	S	04/15/2015	Re-ref Com On Judiciary I
S580	Honor State's Veterans.	S	04/15/2015	Adopted
S679	NC Consumer Finance Act Amendments.	SA	04/15/2015	Com Substitute Adopted

Following the review of each of the bills, Paul Dordal, vice chair for the Commission, presented the list of the top priorities for the NCMAC. After some discussion, the committee agreed on the list of top priorities.

Senator Sanderson asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting, a motion was heard and all voted to adjourn the meeting at 3:30pm

No motions were heard and no items required a vote on during the meeting.