

**Subcommittee:** House Appropriations Subcommittee on Military and Veterans Affairs

**Date:** Thursday, March 3, 2016

**Location:** Room 424 State Capitol

**Time:** 10:00am

1. Meeting called to order by Chairman Inman at 10:00am
2. The Clerk took attendance:
  - Present: Inman, Jenkins, Potvin, Canfield, and Yanez
  - Absent: None
  - Excused: None
3. Representative Canfield made a motion to approve minutes from the Appropriations Subcommittee on Military and Veterans Affairs meeting on 11/05/2015, which was approved by unanimous vote.
4. BG Michael Stone, Assistant Adjutant General for Installations, Michigan Army National Guard, presented the Military portion of the FY 2016-17 Executive Budget Recommendation for the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs.
5. BG Stone received and answered questions from the subcommittee
6. Interim Director James Redford and Deputy Director Jim Dunn of the Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency presented the MVAA portion of the FY 2016-17 Executive Budget recommendation for the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs. Included in the presentation was a discussion of the Grand Rapids Home for Veterans audit report as well as plans for obtaining CMS certification for both Veterans Homes. The Executive Recommendation contains \$5.0 million in one-time appropriations for the renovation of the fourth floor of the Grand Rapids Home for the purpose of certification.
7. Interim Director Redford and Deputy Director Dunn received and answered questions from the subcommittee.
8. BG Stone presented a brief update on the statuses of the Michigan National Guard armories, to include possible divestments, recent investments, consolidations, and lead abatement and testing.
9. Mr. Mark Sutton, representing the American Legion of Michigan, discussed the activities of the Veteran Service Organizations in the State and presented data showing federal benefits obtained by Michigan veterans through the assistance of the VSOs and the State's support of them. Mr. Sutton also discussed his organization's views on the Veterans Homes and other budget topics.
10. Mr. Sutton received and answered questions from the subcommittee.
11. The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Inman at 11:30am