

## MINUTES OF THE HOUSE VETERANS AND MILITARY COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Mike Thompson at 9:00 am on Tuesday, January 28, 2025, in room 281-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Kenneth Collins – Excused  
Representative Virgil Weigel – Excused

Committee staff present:

Carly Choi, Office of Revisor of Statutes  
Debra Heideman, Kansas Legislative Committee Assistant  
Mike Ditch, Legislative Research Department  
Natalie Nelson, Legislative Research Department

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Bill Turner, Kansas Commission on Veterans Affairs

Others in attendance:

No list available

No minutes information to display

### **Request for bill introductions**

Chairman Thompson asked if there were any bill introductions.

Rob Leicht, Director of Operations, Kansas Office of Veterans Services

- RS0816 - updating the definition of veteran for the state of Kansas

Representative Nathan Butler

- RS709 - establishing a sunflower award to military spouses that meet certain criteria

Representative Mike Thompson

- RS816 - removing the word "active" from the requirement for service members seeking occupational licensure

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**Guest speaker:**

Bill Turner, Exective Director, Kansas Commission on Veterans Affairs, ([Attachment 1](#)) gave an overview of their agency.

Meeting adjourned at 9:58 a.m.