

COVP and BOVA Report

- New leadership team DVA. Secretary James Bond. Priorities are:
 - Ensuring all veterans know about benefits
 - Strengthen relationships with VSO's. Meeting quarterly with VSO group leadership/Collaboration
 - Ensuring new Veteran initiatives and legislation is supported
 - Continue Quality Care at the Veterans Homes
- Veterans Day at the Capitol April 26th
- Joint Finance Budget hearings (4 Public Hearings -04/5 Waukesha, 04/11 Eau Claire, 04/26 Minoqua, 04/12 Wis Dells
- Adopted Resolution to support Funding the Blue Ribbon initiatives that Governor Evers allocated \$10,000,000. Support Veteran Employment, Housing Assistance, Veteran Education, and Mental Health issues.
- Governor Evers will meet with me and State Council Leadership on April 5th.



Plan to Honor Veterans - Stakeholder Meetings

Listening Sessions

- Six open meeting Listening Sessions with Stakeholders
- Began early March and continued through mid-May.

Stakeholders & Outreach:

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| • Wisconsin Dept. of Veterans Affairs | • Governor/Governors Office |
| • Board of Veterans Affairs | • Department of Administration |
| • American Legion | • Legislators, including State Building Commission Members |
| • CVSO Association of Wisconsin | • Wisconsin Historical Society |
| • Dane County Veterans Service Office | |
| • Disabled American Veterans | |
| • Student Veterans of America - UW-Madison Chapter | |
| • UW Madison ROTC Students (Army, Navy, Air Force) | |



UW-Madison's Proposed Plan to Honor Veterans

Honoring Veterans in Camp Randall Practice Facility Design

- Creation of "Camp Randall Veterans Memorial Plaza"
- Naming wall & architectural touches to present the history of Camp Randall
- Incorporating a Civil War Motif
- Displaying Service Flags or similar recognition like symbols on the building
- Paying tribute to the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR)
- Explore partnership with the Veterans Museum
- Commitment to collaborating with veterans in the design



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Honoring Student Veterans & Supporting Student Officer Education

\$300-400,000 one-time funding; \$55,000 ongoing funding

- Addition of one FTE Certifying Official
 - Creation of Task Force on Student Veteran Financial Need
 - Completion of Advanced Planning for Two Capital Projects
1. **Student Affairs Departments Consolidation / Relocations**
 - Multiple Potential Locations for Consideration
 - Multiple Departments Including University Veteran Services Department
 2. **Joint Officer Education Facility**
 - Multiple Potential Locations for Consideration
 - Potential Department/ Units Include:
 - University Veteran Services Department
 - ROTC – Army
 - ROTC – Navy
 - ROTC – Air Force



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Recognition of Military Service in Athletics and Beyond

\$3,000 in one-time funding; \$60,000 ongoing funding for five years; \$300,000 total funding

- \$60,000 annual investment for 5 yrs. to support the **UW Missing-in-Action Recovery & Identification Project**
- Create **"Veteran of the Game"**
- Installation of **"POW/MIA Chair"**
- **Removal of Tailgating** from Camp Randall Memorial Park during football game days
- **Removal of Non-Veteran Tabling** from Camp Randall Memorial Park during football game days
- Commitment to Continue **Tree Preservation in Camp Randall Memorial Park**