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Announcement: Joint Public Hearing on Veterans Affairs in Vermont Room 11, Broadcast via YouTube

The Vermont House Committee on Government Operations and Military Affairs and the Senate Committee on Government Affairs will hold a joint public hearing on Wednesday, April 30, 2025, at 4:00 p.m. in Room 11 of the State House. The Committees will take testimony on policy issues such as veteran housing and family support, the Vermont Veterans Home, mental health, and access to services. Interested parties may attend the hearing in person or virtually.

Anyone interested in testifying must sign up in advance of the hearing through the online form on or before 5 p.m. on Sunday, April 27, 2025. We are capping the testimony to 45 people. To ensure there is enough time for everyone to speak, we are asking that remarks be no longer than 2 minutes. You will receive instructions on how to access and participate in the hearing once you sign up to testify.

Online form: <u>https://legislature.vermont.gov/links/joint-public-hearing-on-veterans-</u>affairs

For those not planning to testify or to attend the hearing in person, the hearing will be available to watch live on YouTube at the following link. YouTube livestream: <u>https://legislature.vermont.gov/committee/streaming/house-government-operations-and-military-affairs</u>

Written testimony is encouraged and can be submitted electronically through email at <u>testimony@leg.state.vt.us</u> or mailed to the House Committee on Government Operations and Military Affairs c/o Autumn Crabtree, 115 State Street, Montpelier, VT 05633.

For more information about the format of this event, contact Autumn Crabtree at <u>acrabtree@leg.state.vt.us</u>.