

## MINUTES

### MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON JOINT APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON GENERAL GOVERNMENT

**Call to Order:** Chair Dan Bartel, on January 23, 2019 at 8:00 AM, in Room 350 Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Rep. Dan Bartel, Chair (R)  
Sen. Mike Lang, Vice Chair (R)  
Sen. Pat Flowers (D)  
Rep. Jim Hamilton (D)  
Sen. Douglas (Doug) Kary (R)  
Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)

**Members Excused:**

Rep. Bill Mercer (R)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Katie Guenther, Legislative Branch  
Kim Meisner, Committee Secretary

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:** Department of Military Affairs - (DMA)  
National Guard ChalleNGe Program (MYCA)  
Director's Office  
Montana Air National Guard (MT ANG)  
National Guard Scholarship Program  
Montana Army National Guard (MT ARNG)  
STARBASE Program  
Disaster and Emergency Services (DES)  
Veterans' Affairs Program (MVAD)

**Committee Business:**

08:02:07 Chair Bartel

**Agency Presentation; Department of Military Affairs:**

08:03:52 Major General Matt Quinn, Director, Department of Military Affairs (DMA)  
08:06:37 Julia Platt, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)  
08:19:53 Rep. Windy Boy  
08:20:14 Julia Platt, LFD  
08:21:07 Sen. Flowers  
08:21:18 Julia Platt, LFD  
08:22:24 Sen. Flowers  
08:22:37 Julia Platt, LFD  
08:23:43 Rep. Hamilton  
08:24:28 Julia Platt, LFD  
08:25:55 Rep. Hamilton

**Agency Presentation; Montana Youth Challenge Academy:**

08:26:20 Julia Platt, LFD  
08:33:48 Chair Bartel  
08:34:06 Trent Gibson, Director, Montana Youth Challenge Academy, (MYCA)  
08:38:19 Chair Bartel  
08:38:43 Julia Platt, LFD  
  
08:39:50 Rep. Windy Boy left the meeting  
  
08:41:11 Rep. Mercer entered the meeting  
  
08:43:22 Chair Bartel  
08:43:38 Wendy Fechter, Director, STARBASE Program, Department of Military Affairs (DMA)  
08:47:01 Chair Bartel  
08:47:13 Sen. Flowers  
08:47:28 Wendy Fechter, DMA  
08:48:21 Sen. Flowers  
08:48:25 Wendy Fechter, DMA  
08:48:36 Vice Chair Lang  
08:49:11 Wendy Fechter, DMA  
08:50:16 Vice Chair Lang  
08:50:40 Rep. Mercer  
08:51:03 Wendy Fechter, DMA  
08:51:26 Sundi West, Department of Military Affairs (DMA)  
08:51:45 Brent Doig, Office of Budget and Program Planning (OBPP)  
08:52:04 Rep. Mercer  
08:52:52 Julia Platt, LFD  
08:54:05 Chair Bartel

**Agency Presentation; Montana Air National Guard:**

08:54:17 Julia Platt, LFD

08:56:26 Rep. Windy Boy entered the meeting

09:01:12 Chair Bartel

09:01:21 Rep. Hamilton

09:01:41 Julia Platt, LFD

09:02:39 Rep. Hamilton

09:03:35 Chair Bartel

09:03:53 Colonel Timothy J. Lincoln, Commander, Montana Air National Guard (MT ANG)

09:13:00 Chair Bartel

09:13:08 Sen. Flowers

09:13:21 Colonel Timothy J. Lincoln, MT ANG

09:14:15 Sen. Flowers

09:14:44 Beth Thorsen, Montana Air National Guard (MT ANG)

09:18:48 Rep. Hamilton

09:19:02 Sen. Kary

09:19:23 Beth Thorsen, MT ANG

09:19:30 Colonel Timothy J. Lincoln, MT ANG

09:19:59 Sen. Kary

09:20:18 Colonel Timothy J. Lincoln, MT ANG

09:20:53 Major General Matt Quinn, DMA

09:22:08 Sen. Kary

09:22:20 Major General Matt Quinn, DMA

09:22:50 Sen. Kary

09:23:23 Beth Thorsen, MT ANG

09:23:50 Sen. Kary

09:24:00 Beth Thorsen, MT ANG

09:25:15 Sen. Kary

09:25:21 Beth Thorsen, MT ANG

**EXHIBIT(jgh13a01)**

09:26:10 Sen. Kary

09:26:13 Beth Thorsen, MT ANG

09:26:46 Chair Bartel

09:27:43 Colonel Timothy J. Lincoln, DMA

09:28:00 Rep. Mercer

09:28:28 Julia Platt, LFD

09:29:17 Rep. Mercer

09:29:32 Chair Bartel

**Agency Presentation; Director's Office:**

09:30:34 Julia Platt, LFD

09:36:26 Sen. Flowers

09:36:46 Julia Platt, LFD

09:37:58 Chair Bartel

09:38:14 Sundi West, DMA

09:44:15 Chair Bartel

09:44:29 Rep. Hamilton  
09:45:08 Sundi West, DMA  
09:45:34 Rep. Mercer  
09:46:26 Sundi West, DMA  
09:47:08 Chair Bartel  
09:47:18 Sundi West, DMA  
09:47:36 Rep. Mercer  
09:48:08 Sundi West, DMA  
09:48:40 Major General Matt Quinn, DMA  
09:50:55 Rep. Mercer  
09:51:29 Major General Matt Quinn, DMA  
09:52:55 Chair Bartel  
09:53:31 Major General Matt Quinn, DMA  
09:55:17 Chair Bartel  
09:55:27 Sen. Flowers  
09:56:15 Sundi West, DMA  
09:57:59 Chair Bartel

09:58:00 Recessed  
10:10:50 Reconvened

**[EXHIBIT\(jgh13a02\)](#)**

**Agency Presentation; National Guard Scholarship Program:**

10:11:03 Julie Platt, LFD  
10:13:40 Brigadier General Jeff Ireland, Montana Army National Guard (MT ARNG)  
10:16:22 Rep. Hamilton  
10:16:44 Brigadier General Jeff Ireland, MT ARNG  
10:17:50 Rep. Hamilton  
10:18:16 Brigadier General Jeff Ireland, MT ARNG  
10:19:36 Vice Chair Lang  
10:19:50 Brigadier General Jeff Ireland, MT ARNG  
10:20:55 Vice Chair Lang  
10:21:19 Brigadier General Jeff Ireland, MT ARNG  
10:22:17 Rep. Hamilton  
10:22:35 Brigadier General Jeff Ireland, MT ARNG  
10:23:06 Chair Bartel

**Agency Presentation; Army National Guard:**

10:23:34 Julie Platt, LFD  
10:31:13 Sen. Flowers  
10:31:27 Julia Platt, LFD  
10:31:56 Brigadier General Jeff Ireland, MT ARNG  
10:37:04 Chair Bartel  
10:37:16 Rep. Hamilton  
10:37:28 Brigadier General Jeff Ireland, MT ARNG  
10:37:31 Rep. Hamilton  
10:37:48 Brigadier General Jeff Ireland, MT ARNG  
10:39:20 Sen. Kary  
10:39:41 Brigadier General Jeff Ireland, MT ARNG

10:41:46 Sen. Kary  
10:42:05 Brigadier General Jeff Ireland, MT ARNG  
10:42:19 Sundi West, DMA  
10:42:51 Vice Chair Lang  
10:43:17 Brigadier General Jeff Ireland, MT ARNG  
10:50:23 Vice Chair Lang  
10:50:45 Brigadier General Jeff Ireland, MT ARNG  
10:51:45 Chair Bartel  
10:51:49 Rep. Mercer  
10:52:24 Julia Platt, LFD  
  
10:52:55 Sen. Kary left the meeting  
  
10:53:12 Rep. Mercer  
10:54:38 Brigadier General Jeff Ireland, MT ARNG  
10:55:43 Major General Matt Quinn, DMA  
10:56:50 Rep. Mercer  
10:58:54 Major General Matt Quinn, DMA  
10:59:44 Rep. Mercer  
11:00:17 Chair Bartel  
11:00:56 Colonel James Hesterberg, Department of Military Affairs (MDA)  
11:01:51 Chair Bartel  
11:02:08 Colonel James Hesterberg, DMA  
11:02:46 Chair Bartel  
11:03:38 Brent Doig, OBPP  
11:04:03 Brigadier General Jeff Ireland, MT ARNG  
11:04:14 Rep. Mercer  
11:05:41 Brigadier General Jeff Ireland, MT ARNG  
11:06:07 Chair Bartel  
11:06:14 Brigadier General Jeff Ireland, MT ARNG  
11:06:42 Chair Bartel

**Agency Presentation; Disaster and Emergency Services:**

11:07:08 Julia Platt, LFD  
11:15:00 Chair Bartel  
11:15:06 Rep. Hamilton  
11:15:26 Julia Platt, LFD  
11:16:06 Chair Bartel  
11:16:22 Delila Bruno, Disaster and Emergency Services (DES)

**EXHIBIT(jgh13a03)**

11:22:40 Rep. Mercer  
11:23:55 Delila Bruno, DES  
11:25:44 Rep. Mercer  
11:27:07 Delila Bruno, DES  
11:29:26 Rep. Mercer  
11:29:44 Vice Chair Lang  
11:29:58 Chair Bartel

**Agency Presentation; Veterans' Affairs Program:**

11:30:29 Julia Platt, LFD  
11:40:26 Rep. Hamilton  
11:40:46 Julia Platt, LFD  
11:41:24 Rep. Hamilton  
11:41:37 Julia Platt, LFD  
11:41:45 Rep. Hamilton  
11:41:56 Julia Platt, LFD  
11:42:21 Kelly Ackerman, Montana Veterans' Affairs Division (MVAD)

**EXHIBIT(jgh13a04)**

11:45:35 Chair Bartel  
11:45:45 Vice Chair Lang  
11:46:27 Kelly Ackerman, MVAD  
11:46:49 Vice Chair Lang  
11:47:07 Julia Platt, LFD  
11:48:11 Vice Chair Lang  
11:48:17 Julia Platt, LFD  
11:49:10 Brent Doig, OBPP  
11:49:34 Julia Platt, LFD  
11:50:16 Vice Chair Lang  
11:50:49 Chair Bartel  
11:51:26 Kelly Ackerman, MVAD  
11:53:32 Chair Bartel  
11:53:43 Kelly Ackerman, MVAD  
11:54:30 Sen. Flowers  
11:56:07 Kelly Ackerman, MVAD  
11:56:43 Sen. Flowers  
11:57:17 Kelly Ackerman, MVAD  
11:57:30 Vice Chair Lang  
11:58:13 Chair Bartel  
11:58:25 Kelly Ackerman, MVAD  
11:58:35 Chair Bartel  
11:58:56 Vice Chair Lang  
11:59:40 Major General Matt Quinn, DMA  
12:01:46 Chair Bartel

**Public Comment:**

12:02:06 Roger Hagan, Enlisted Association of the National Guard of Montana and The  
American Legion Department of Montana  
12:04:16 Morgan Smith, Montana Federation of Public Employees  
12:04:49 Rep. Hamilton

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 12:05:18

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Kim Meismer, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([jgh13aad.pdf](#))