2013 SENATE GOVERNMENT AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

SB 2210

2013 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Senate Government and Veterans Affairs Committee Missouri River Room, State Capitol

> SB 2210 01/24/2013 Job Number 17673

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Minutes:

Chairman Dever: Opened the hearing on SB 2210.

Senator Flakoll, District 44: Testified as sponsor of the bill. See Attachment #1A for testimony. See Attachment #1B for additional testimony from the two South Dakota veterans' books that were passed around committee.

(7:45) Senator Schaible: What is the plan for additional people being added? Are there additional copies that will be completed in the future?

Senator Flakoll: Unfortunately, we know that others will be lost. This could be something that would be looked at every ten years to freshen it up. The biggest undertaking would be the first one, but certainly we would have to revisit it every so many years. When I posted on Facebook that this was being considered by your committee, I had a number of people that commented and thought it was a good idea and that they would like to see their relatives included. When we sell the books we will recoup a significant amount of the cost.

Senator Cook: It is a great idea. At what point do you decide to go to print? This information will be coming in ongoing, I would think, and I see that the commissioner may establish qualifications for inclusion in the book and standards for the content. I am thinking that decision would fall under him. We are not doing something here that all of the

sudden after the book goes to print, and then we have to print another one soon after

because someone else needs to be included right away would we?

Senator Flakoll: That is a valid point. By giving them the authority, we know there will be

certain deadlines that would need to be established and certain criteria. There would be

certain parameters that would be limiters. In South Dakota's book there were more pictures

than I would envision, but by limiting it to 250 words and a picture, hopefully it can be done.

We will do the best we can to get it absolutely type free of any discrepancies.

Senator Cook: Does the state of South Dakota have any involvement in their book? Or is

it private?

Senator Flakoll: I am not certain on that. I did not contact the person who was the leader

in this effort in terms of how their funding mechanism went for their books.

Chairman Dever: You indicated hard- cover books, but you passed around soft cover

books. Is hard-covered something that important to you?

Senator Flakoll: Yes. Hardcover books to me represent a long lens that you want these

books to endure, that you want their memory to endure. Not only is it symbolic, but it helps

protect those who have protected us and who have given the ultimate sacrifice. It makes a

statement that those people made an important sacrifice. The soft cover does cost less

and I understand that. I would think if we are going to do it then we should do it right. They

are meant to last and survive generations.

Chairman Dever: Do you know if there exists a record of everyone that has died from the

state?

Senator Flakoll: I believe so. No matter how hard we try to be perfect, there will be

additions to that.

Chairman Dever: How far back do you intend to go?

Senator Flakoll: That would be up to the committee and the commissioner of Veteran's Affairs. We talked about that. As you know, the further you go back the less likely there is to have a lot of good information for them. If nothing else, their names could be memorialized in the book as having lost their lives in fight for their country.

Senator Nelson: I noticed that the SD books do not have copyright. Will ours have one?

Senator Flakoll: It doesn't need to. In all honesty if families want to photocopy and send it around, I would love it. I think posting on the internet is a good idea so that students have access to that as well. This is about getting it out there and having it in front of as many eyes as possible.

Senator Nelson: But would you put a restriction on it so that it is only used for educational and personal use. You don't want it used for commercial use.

Senator Flakoll: I would not object to that.

Chairman Dever: If they need to deviate from the 250 words, should we allow that discretion?

Senator Flakoll: We could, but knowing that there would be probably in excess of 1000 individual. It is a pretty healthy number of pages and I think there needs to be some standards. I think everyone's life should be able to distill it down to those 250 words. You may not have everything they did or were involved in but I think it is about being fair in treatment from one to another.

Chairman Dever: I know a retired colonel in the National Guard that has a serious interest in military history and I am curious if there was some reason that you chose to do this through the commissioner of Veteran's Affairs?

Senator Flakoll: I think that is the logical agency to start it in. I think in SD, they had someone they subcontracted with that did different portions of the work.

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Chairman Dever: This bill has an expiration date of July 31st, 2015; does that become the

deadline for then inclusions?

Senator Flakoll: Legislative Council put that in. If you want to extend it past then, I am

more than happy to accommodate.

Chairman Dever: I see that they are authorized to accept contributions on a continuing

basis. So if more than 500 books were appropriate, they could go beyond that.

Senator Flakoll: Certainly.

Chairman Dever:

(20:15) Representative Johnson, District 15: Testified in support of the bill. (Talked

about friends and family military history) As we get further down the road. I think it would

be great to have this book as a tribute to those that did not have the good fortune to come

home like we did. Our county, every year posts all of the names of the veteran's from our

county.

(22:42)Chairman Dever: How many names would be on there?

Representative Johnson: I could not go by number but quite a few.

Chairman Dever: I would guess that there would be more than we realize.

(23:13) Senator Marcellais: Testified in support of the bill. (Gave a brief summary of his

veteran experiences and viewing of the moving memorial wall) The memorial wall is nice

but it is only names, and I think this book would be a great supplement to that. As you

know, the largest population of veterans is Native American. It is a tribute to our history.

(26:25) Chairman Dever: I am curious if there exists the kind of information on the

veterans that you know of that would be included in the book; if there is any kind of a

history of those veterans already existing?

Senator Marcellais: In Turtle Mountain, the heritage center started a project to get all of

the pictures of the veterans and some of the families were upset that they did not get all of

their pictures back. They were putting together, similar to this, a book. I know our local

catholic church has a book of all the families. It has pictures and a history of all of the

families. I have referenced that book for information. It had a hard cover and it was sold

for \$25. It is important to have this history for our local communities.

(28:25) Lonny Wangen, Commissioner of Veteran's Affairs: Testified in support of the

bill. I think that when we get into this we will find out there is a lot of history out there in the

counties and hopefully it will come together quickly. (Gave an example of the National

Guard mini book) Hopefully we will get some help from the schools and other

organizations. We will work closely with the Guard and Senator Flakoll to make sure we

have the parameters correctly so that we do not want to leave anyone out.

(29:40) Chairman Dever: Does your office the resources and time to put this together?

Lonny Wangen: If you are suggesting you are going to give me another employee, I

support that. We have one more full time employee coming on and this will probably be a

big part of what they are going to do. I am going to be working with the National Guard and

hopefully we can get some support from them. As it has been talked about, if we can get

some schools, service organizations, and county veteran's service officers involved, we

should be able to get a large database sent to us.

Chairman Dever: So collaborating with others is in the plan?

Lonny Wangen: We have to collaborate with others all the time to accomplish what we

have.

Chairman Dever: It seems to me that the paper historical writer might be helpful.

Senator Cook: I have been doing reading on handout and if you start reading you find that

the SD book was put together by one person. It certainly involved a lot of school kids and

was funded by several as well. It is a worthy thing that you want to get to; it is just a matter

of how we get there. It doesn't appear that the commissioner in SD did not have much to

do with this. Is there a better way to get to the end? Or do you think the best way to do it is

under your direction?

Lonny Wangen: I believe we can get to the end on this. We are not going to do it on our

own. We will be working with others (list possible contacts). What it will take to get it all

together to have it appear as one person put this together, that part will be a little bit of a

challenge and I am sure we will be able to collaborate with others.

Senator Cook: The book itself, when it is finished, will definitely have value for the people

of North Dakota. I cannot help but think that the more people you get involved in putting

the book together, the more people involved the better. It would put a memory in the lives

of school kids if you get them involved.

Chairman Dever: So we are going to appropriate \$50,000 for the expense of the books

and then we are going to sell the books at cost so the \$50,000 will come back?

Lonny Wangen: Yes

(34:55) John Jacobsen, North Dakota Veterans Coordinating Council: Testified in a

neutral position on the bill due to the fact that their committee's votes were not in yet.

Chairman Dever:

Senator Flakoll: One of the things that I was going to mention was that I visited with the

Superintendent of Public Instruction and she has indicated a strong interest in doing as

much as possible to help facilitate this though the schools in the state of North Dakota.

Senator Nelson: (Discussed with Senator Flakoll a person that might be helpful)

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Senator Flakoll: It is exciting hearing about all of the numerous options that exist to pull this together. I think there would be a lot of people interested in partnering up to do this.

(See Attachment # 2 for testimony passed out to committee from Matt Strinden, Director of Teacher & School Effectiveness)

Senator Cook: If you were to download this digitally, we are the only state that does not charge sales tax on digital projects.

Chairman Dever: Closed hearing on SB 2210.

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Minutes:

Chairman Dever: Opened SB 2210 for committee discussion.

The committee talked about personal experiences and conversations they have had with veterans or families of veterans. There was discussion on who would be included in the book and the fact that better clarification needs to be made on that. A consensus was come to in the committee that the idea of the book worthy of consideration and an excellent way to honor our veterans, but lots of discussion occurred on what the best way to go about doing it was and the importance of doing it right. It needs to be cohesive and appear as one person put it together. A committee putting it together would not give it the personal appearance that would be desired. The idea of it being digital and more easily updated was discussed. The committee was reminded by Chairman Dever that the appropriation was really an underwriting of the book because the book sales would recuperate the cost. There were concerns voiced on the Veterans Commissioners office taking on the responsibility when their purpose is to provide services to veterans. Copyright concerns were addressed. Senator Poolman felt that this would be a worthy cause to raise the funds privately and an excellent project for a private entity to do; one that has passion for the project. There were concerns about creativity being lost doing it as the bill defines. The committee wants it done right if it is going to be done.

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The committee decided to set the bill aside and desired to get an ideal or plan in place before deciding what to do with the bill. They want it done right if it is going to be done.

Senator Marcellais gave an example of a project up in Turtle Mountain. Discussion occurred on how many people would possibly be included in the book.

Chairman Dever: Closed discussion on SB 2210.

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Senate Government and Veterans Affairs Committee

Missouri River Room, State Capitol

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Minutes:

Chairman Dever: Reopened SB 2210 for committee discussion.

Senator Nelson: See Attachment #1 for proposed amendment. (Explains amendment)

Senator Cook: If you were to think about how we might take this from where it is at to completion. It is going to take a long time just to get the word out to all of the North Dakota families who may want to send in a picture and a bio of their veteran. I can see that process going on for at least two years. I see two years from now needing to come back and needing to allocate money at that point to put them into a book. Then we can cross that bridge. This is what we have to do this year.

Senator Nelson: That is why I did not purposely put an expiration date on it.

Senator Cook: Moved the hog-house amendments proposed by Senator Nelson.

Vice Chairman Berry: Seconded.

A Roll Call Vote Was Taken: 7 yeas, 0 nays, 0 absent.

Chairman Dever: Motion carries.

Senator Cook: Do Pass As Amended.

Senator Poolman: Seconded.

A Roll Call Vote Was Taken: 7 yeas, 0 nays, 0 absent.

Senator Nelson: Carrier.

Adopted by the Government and Veterans Affairs Committee

February 8, 2013



PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 2210

Page 1, line 1, after "A BILL" replace the remainder of the bill with "for an Act to provide for the publishing of a book of veterans; and to provide a continuing appropriation.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1.

Book of veterans - Continuing appropriation.

The adjutant general shall coordinate the writing, publishing, and distribution of a book of all veterans having a relationship with this state. The adjutant general shall establish the veteran qualifications for inclusion and standards for content. County veteran service officers, veterans' groups, schools, and individuals may cooperate in gathering pictures and biographical information. The book must be available in digital and printed form. The cost of writing, publishing, and distributing the book must be covered by gifts and grants and these funds are appropriated on a continuing basis to the adjutant general for the purposes of this section. The book credits shall include the words "This project was endorsed by the 63rd legislative assembly"."

Renumber accordingly

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REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

SB 2210: Government and Veterans Affairs Committee (Sen. Dever, Chairman) recommends AMENDMENTS AS FOLLOWS and when so amended, recommends DO PASS (7 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SB 2210 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar.

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2013 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

House Government and Veterans Affairs Committee

Fort Union Room, State Capitol

SB 2210 March 8, 2013 19633

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Explanation or reason for introduction of bill/resolution:				
To provide for the publishing book on North Dakota veterans who died in service; to provide a continuing appropriation.				

You may make reference to "attached testimony."

Chairman Jim Kasper opened the hearing on SB 2210.

Minutes:

Senator Flakoll appeared in support. Provides some handouts which he needed back. **Attachment 1.** (1:05-7:02)

Vice Chair Randy Boehning Do you have a number of fallen soldiers we have?

Senator Flakoll We would be in excess of 1,000. It kind of depends when you want to start the clock, statehood, Civil War which predates statehood, etc.

Rep. Karen Rohr Is Mr. Puppe willing to be like a project coordinator for this?

Senator Flakoll I don't know that he is. I did not ask him that. I think he is closer to looking to be more retired than he would be looking for a new project. We talked about if this could be something that someone could use as part of their master's program or dissertation as another possibility.

Rep. Ben Koppelman If we were going to phase this or try to get the ball rolling on this, it would make sense to me that the first step would be to do the digital version until you had enough compiled to where you could print something. What would be a reasonable amount of money to get that accomplished process?

Senator Flakoll That has been an overriding question with South Dakota. We haven't been able to get their data much. We know that they compiled a list of all veterans that served and that was in excess of \$100,000 which would translate to more than \$400,000 in today's dollars to do that. We just can't rely on volunteers.

Vice Chair Randy Boehning Have you talked with the state historical society?

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Senator Flakoll There are lists of names that do exist. I think part of the value of this isn't just the names. It is who they were as a person. What made them tick? We want to show the exciting times in their lives.

Senator Marcellais appeared in support. **Attachment 2.** (12:17-15:45) He gave some facts and information about the Rugby memorial and Vietnam veterans.

Rep. Steven Zaiser Obviously this book would have to be a dynamic process and would have to be updated from time to time. How do you anticipate doing that and how often?

Senator Marcellais I see it as a phase in thing. I can see the communities gathering the information and then consolidating it into one book. I think there are enough citizens of North Dakota that are interested in this particular project that they would contribute the input to keep this up to date.

Chairman Jim Kasper My father, Otto Kasper, was instrumental in getting the Vietnam wall in Stanton.

Senator Marcellais There are reasons for a large population of Native American veterans. My father was in World War II. He was the oldest son and lied to get into the service. He was only 17, but he had to help the family back home with his payments from the military. Recently I had the opportunity to speak with the secretary of the VA and I told him there are four things that have to be done for all veterans, not just Native American veterans. I know this. I lived this. They need a job. They are homeless when they get out. That leads to drugs and alcohol because of depression. The last thing is they commit suicide.

Neutral:

David Sprynczynatyk, Office of the Adjutant General, appeared. Attachment 3. (20:25-25:38)

Rep. Vicky Steiner I agree with you that it is a very large undertaking. You don't feel that the money is appropriate? What is the hang up?

David Sprynczynatyk We would certainly be willing to oversee the project if there were adequate resources available to do so. This bill shows that somebody has to go out and do a fundraiser to raise the money to do the project. We don't have the resources or the authority to do fundraising. My estimate it would be around \$400,000 TO \$500,000.

Rep. Vicky Steiner What is your current budget for communications?

David Sprynczynatyk I would have to go back to determine what our federal budget for communications is. We use federal money to do the magazine, The Guardian. We could not use federal funds to do this. I am not aware of any state money spent on communications.

Rep. Gail Mooney The vastness of information would be enormous. Is there greater value in having something like a website dedicated to that so that it is always an ongoing project

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and it is easily maintained and easily distributed and is accessible freely and quickly to the public?

David Sprynczynatyk We would certainly develop an electronic record and make it available through the internet. The challenge is the gathering of information. I still think there is merit, though, to publishing a hard copy.

Rep. Steven Zaiser It seems to me the primary cost of this project would be on the startup. Is there any way that you could squeeze some other areas in your budget and elaborate?

David Sprynczynatyk Most of our staff is federal. Of the four of us here today, I am the only one that is on a state status. There is the challenge and the problem of trying to find the authority. We do have one person on staff who is a historian who addresses the broad history of the Guard and ongoing events that are historical, but that is the limit of our staff at this point. We do have state employees but they are involved in security and firefighting.

Rep. Karen Rohr These books that are coming around, who has access to this information?

David Sprynczynatyk Anyone. It is in the public domain. You will find copies in many public libraries.

Rep. Karen Rohr There are social security numbers on each of those individuals in that red book.

David Sprynczynatyk Those are service numbers. Through the Korean War, service numbers were assigned, but today it is a social security number, and the only thing we would be able to publish in a book like this would be the last four digits.

Rep. Ben Koppelman Senator Flakoll made it sound like the focus was for fallen veterans. Do you have any idea cost wise on what it would take to coordinate the beginning of this process for fallen soldiers if you were going to do so on a website type format?

David Sprynczynatyk The piece that you just held up from 1979, the end result is the blue book and that was the effort to identify all of those that served during the Vietnam War. You are correct in that the original bill and the engrossed bill are completely different in terms of the outcome. The original bill was focusing only on those killed in action. As it was amended in the Senate, the engrossed bill only addresses all of the service members. The number 5,500 plus is the number of names that are on the Veterans' Memorial by the State Heritage Center.

Rep. Ben Koppelman In that time between 1972 and today in terms of total veterans that have served, what kind of numbers is that in comparison to the 5,500?

David Sprynczynatyk We don't know at this point.

Chairman Jim Kasper This is a huge undertaking. It appears we might want to consider putting this into a study resolution so that we would have the next interim to get into what

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the possibilities are and maybe come up with some ideas for the following session. If we kill the bill, we certainly don't want to send that message, and we have so many issues that we can't address in this short period of time that we have. Would you object to putting this into a study resolution if the sponsors would support that?

David Sprynczynatyk We will draft language for your consideration to put this into a study. I think that is very appropriate at this point in time because I would like to think that between now and two years from now, the Global War on Terror will have officially ended and that marks another point in time where you can close a chapter on the veterans' military history of North Dakota. We can approach the sponsors of the bill once we have drafted language to see what their thoughts are.

The hearing was closed.

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House Government and Veterans Affairs Committee

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Minutes:

You may make reference to "attached testimony."

Chairman Jim Kasper opened the session on SB 2210.

Rep. Karen Rohr The adjutant general said he would like to see this put into a study. I spoke to General Dohrmann yesterday and D. French brought forward **Attachment 1** proposing 2210 go into a study. What is the next step here?

Chairman Jim Kasper If we decide to make it a study, we can have our intern work with legislative council to get it into the right format.

Rep. Karen Rohr I make a motion to amend SB 2210 to a resolution number which we will get in the correct format.

Rep. Jason Dockter seconded it.

Rep. Vernon Laning I would think we could just simplify this whole process and kill this right now. This is a massive project and not an easy task. We are looking at thousands and thousands of deceased and living veterans. You are talking about a dozen FTEs to work on this thing.

Rep. Karen Rohr D. French said they have the staff to do it

Rep. Vicky Steiner I think we need a study on it. You can also have a voluntary website where families can recognize their fallen and they start the process and it doesn't take any staff at all. By the time the staff becomes involved, it is finding those that don't have family submitting them. You can put draft and submitted by family on the website, and how much does that cost the state? You have opportunity to possibly get the ball rolling and to cut the state's expense on it depending, after it is studied, on how you set it up.

Rep. Ben Koppelman We have heard numerous testimonies from the group that represents the military organizations. In South Dakota it sounds like a lot of it has been done by volunteer organizations whether they be fraternal to those that are veterans or

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whether they would be veteran family related or just veteran appreciation groups. We have heard a lot of different bills that try to take issues like this and make them words of the state and make them state projects. I tend to agree with Rep. Laning. Right now I am tending to lean with defeating the bill.

Vice Chair Randy Boehning I had the pleasure of visiting with an individual who was a plumber here in the capital. He has records of all of the Vietnam veterans who have fallen. He has a good start on it. This doesn't cost us to do a study. There is a lot of curiosity out there and a lot of families that would like to know about "Uncle Joe" that died in Korea or Vietnam or whatever. If it is going to cost a lot of money, we can decide that in the next session.

Rep. Jason Dockter I agree with Rep. Boehning. By the study people will come out of the woodwork that we don't even know of, and I think we will get volunteers. One of the universities could say they could do a history project. There are so many avenues. I don't think a study will hurt at all.

Rep. Karen Rohr These are in the words of David Sprynczynatyk: It is very important to maintain, preserve, and safeguard this information for the future.

Chairman Jim Kasper You have heard all the reasons why study makes sense because there are so many possibilities that we can't even name them all here. In the language on the amendment we should be looking at shall consider studying. I don't want to make this a mandatory study.

Rep. Karen Rohr Isn't there a deadline for these resolutions?

Chairman Jim Kasper It would actually be an amendment to the bill. It would be a bill, not a resolution.

A voice vote was taken on the amendment. Motion carries.

Rep. Vicky Steiner moves a Do pass as amended.

Vice Chair Randy Boehning seconded.

A roll call vote was taken and resulted in DO PASS AS AMENDED, 12-2. Rep. Karen Rohr is the carrier.

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Chairman Jim Kasper opened the session on SB 2210. We passed the wrong motion. If we are going to make the bill a study, we don't turn it into a concurrent resolution. For a resolution we just make the bill a study. Carrie is handing out a copy of the correct amendment for SB 2210. Attachment 1. This is the approved new format for SB 2210 to move it into a study. You can see it is a hoghouse from the original intent of doing something to this intent of studying the problem. This simply says that the legislative management shall consider studying the feasibility and desirability of creating a record of all North Dakota veterans since the Vietnam War and a record of all North Dakotans killed in action since statehood. Obviously, this is a shall consider so the legislative management when they receive these studies will decide if it is going to be studied or not. All we can do is recommend a yes or a no. Let us reopen the hearing for reconsideration on SB 2210.

Vice Chair Randy Boehning Do we have to reconsider actions on the bill first?

Chairman Jim Kasper That is what I meant.

Vice Chair Randy Boehning I move we reconsider our actions on SB 2210.

Rep. Jason Dockter seconded the motion.

Voice vote. Motion carries.

Note: The previous standing committee report became void and had not been put on the calendar.

Rep. Vicky Steiner I don't remember them wanting to do a record of all North Dakotan veterans since the Vietnam War. Was that the original bill? I thought the initial bill was a record of all North Dakotans killed in action since statehood. Why are we expanding that? I think it looks so daunting that you couldn't really see the end of it. Was it everything?

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Chairman Jim Kasper On the original bill it says shall coordinate the writing, publishing, and distribution of a book of all veterans having a relationship with this state which would go back to statehood.

Rep. Karen Rohr I also received an email from D. French and she says "Here is the document for the KIA books and veteran books. That was the resolution she gave us. We will be glad to lead the study and gather all the folks necessary to study the proposed activity." She specified the KIA/veteran books as the resolution said.

Rep. Steven Zaiser If we were to list all the North Dakota veterans--we had all those other books--there would be a certain degree of redundancy. Granted, we don't have the most recent wars. Killed in action seems to make sense to me.

Rep. Gary Paur All these issues are very valid, but isn't that the purpose of the study?

Chairman Jim Kasper That is correct. When legislative management meets, they will look at this and might say they will study parts of this.

Vice Chair Randy Boehning It does say a record of all North Dakotans killed in action since statehood too. We should be good.

Rep. Karen Rohr made a motion to adopt amendment 13.0584.02001 for SB 2210.

Rep. Vernon Laning seconded.

A voice vote was taken on the adoption of the amendment. Motion carries.

Rep. Karen Rohr made a motion for a Do pass as amended.

Rep. Ben Koppelman seconded.

A roll call vote was taken and resulted in DO PASS AS AMENDED, 13-0, 1 ABSENT. Rep. Karen Rohr is the carrier.

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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2210

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Renumber accordingly

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2013 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 2210

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REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

SB 2210, as engrossed: Government and Veterans Affairs Committee (Rep. Kasper, Chairman) recommends AMENDMENTS AS FOLLOWS and when so amended, recommends DO PASS (12 YEAS, 2 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). Engrossed SB 2210 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar.

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Renumber accordingly

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2013 CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

SB 2210

2013 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Senate Government and Veterans Affairs Committee
Missouri River Room, State Capitol

SB 2210 04/16/2013 Job Number 21182

Conference Committee

Committee Clerk Signature

Minutes:

Chairman Dever: Opened SB 2210 for committee discussion.

Representative Rohr: Explained the amendments that the House put on the bill and the rationale behind them. The General brought to us information on money (\$125,000) that was appropriated in 1979 for research of records of veterans of Vietnam. Some of this might have already been completed.

(2:57)Senator Nelson: We said that the Adjutant General shall coordinate the writing. We did not want his staff to do the work. We also said that groups could coordinate fundraising to pay for it. Originally this was going to be the county service officers to do. They are the ones that have the information. We never intended for his staff to do any of the work on the book. We talked in committee about groups raising the funds and not needing an appropriation. That is why there is no money. The county service officers said they cannot accept money directly. I don't see why we need to make it into a study.

Chairman Dever: The Department of Veteran's Affairs.

Representative Rohr: The other thing that the General told us was that he does not have the staff or the resources to help coordinate this.

Chairman Dever: Let me say first that I have not heard anyone that did not like the idea of putting together this book. (Goes through the versions of the bill and reviews some of the thoughts of the Senate GVA committee) Our thought was that it should be a labor of love.

Senator Nelson: We wanted to have it online so that kids could access it and also to use it

as a school project. We were worried about copyright, and if it is in a hardbound book then

it has to be copyrighted. We thought if it was online that it would be used.

Senator Marcellais: We wanted the schools involved and part of educating students and

then it all would be consolidated into one book.

Chairman Dever: It seems to me that it is not a question of whether or not we should do

this but how best to get it accomplished.

Representative Rohr: We totally agree that this project should go forward, but when we

heard the testimony that we want to do it right and we want to have the resources and we

wanted to make sure that it is not redundant and that parts of it have not been stored

somewhere else. Even during our committee hearing we looked at several books and

wondered if that was a factor with those.

Representative Strinden: I am wondering if we should focus on the online aspect as you

have been discussing. It would be an easy place to be able to keep the information and

start compiling it.

Representative Rohr: Who would coordinate the activities to make sure that they stay on

goal and make sure that they stay on goal and that there is a plan and also validate the

information obtained?

Chairman Dever: It seems to me that a study is not going to go anywhere. It is a legislative

management study, unless we ask the Adjutant General or the Department of Veteran's

Affairs to dot it. If we cannot come to an area that will move it forward, I don't know that

legislative management is going to adopt the study.

Discussion: A brief discussion continued on the likelihood that the study would actually be

done based on the phrase "shall consider" and what that means. Different ideas of how to

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accomplish the book were also discussed, as well as the issues that might come up.

Everyone agreed that the idea was good but it was hard to determine where to direct it to. It

was mentioned that a study has been already directed to the AG's office to determine what

veteran's benefits are right now in the state. It was brought to the committee's attention that

the \$50,000 for this is in the Attorney General's budget and that would need to be looked

into. The committee looked that up in the budget bill for the AG and found that it was there.

(See Attachment #1)

Chairman Dever: I suspect that this will not be resolved in this meeting, but I think that we

all agree that this should happen. The original bill pertained to veterans that have died from

North Dakota and that was to go back to statehood and as it has evolved, all veterans since

Vietnam and a record of all North Dakotans killed in action since statehood. It is a little bit

different approach and we might need to think about that. We may need to make reference

to missing in action. I am not sure who should have this - it would be nice if someone had

the desire to put this together and we could get that ironed out before we meet again. We

will have to monitor the budget bill to see where that goes. Closed conference committee.

2013 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Senate Government and Veterans Affairs Committee Missouri River Room, State Capitol

SB 2210 04/19/2013 Job Number 21303

Conference Committee

Committee Clerk Signature

Minutes:

Chairman Dever: Opened the conference committee on SB 2210.

Representative Rohr: We have had communication with the General's office and

Representative Karls received an e-mail that I would like her to go over that with you.

Representative Karls: See Attachment #1 for e-mail read from General Sprynczynatyk.

Chairman Dever: Has there been any kind of an official amendment drafted?

Representative Rohr: No there has not. I have checked with appropriations to see where they were at with HB 1016 concerning the budget and there has been no decision made on that either.

Chairman Dever: Regarding the first sentence, the office shall initiate and coordinate the writing, publishing, and distribution; without the funding it does not seem to leave the option of not getting it completed or am I reading that wrong?

Representative Rohr: If you go to the paragraph before that, obviously if the \$50,000 is available, we would do more, if not it would still bring the parties together to recommend how best to carry out the intent of the bill.

Chairman Dever: I want to see it go forward and happen, but I recognize the barriers to not getting it done without the funding.

Representative Karls: In speaking with my running mate who is also a retired guardsman, he does not think \$50,000 is going to be enough to cover the cost of this. Maybe that is

what we need to do - wait until HB 1016 is resolved or do something that is contingent on

that. I don't know if we can do that.

Senator Poolman: One thing I do like about this language is that it does seem to be a

compromise. We are using part of the Senate language but it does have kind of the

element of a study in it because if we are not allocating money now, in the next two years

they would obviously start developing and start understanding how much it will cost to

publish something like this. When I looked at the amount of work that goes into this book, I

question if they will need any money for publishing in the next biennium simply because

collecting all of the information and writing all of these is probably going to take more than

two years. I do think they have two years of work in front of them at least before they start

publishing anything in terms of the appropriation. It seems to be a good start with the

understanding that we would come back and appropriate money in two years.

Chairman Dever: I see the second sentence does say that they shall determine the

projected completion cost of the writing/publishing. That recognizes that it is not all going

to happen in two years and I guess if somehow we get started on it - maybe it is ok the way

it is. It does not put a deadline on it.

Senator Marcellais: I go back to my IT background. It is a collection of data and there is a

lot to do to get the information together. I think it will probably take two years just to gather

the information. The cost comes into play after the info is gathered. I just don't want to see

it to a study.

Chairman Dever: I like the intent of what we are talking about here.

Representative Strinden: I am wondering if by not allocating any money, we are asking a

taxed staff to take on another huge project and maybe we need to look at whether or not

they would need to pay for extra hours to do such a huge project.

Representative Karls: I would like to point out that we all the time require reports to an

interim committee. So that committee is not necessarily studying it, but they are receiving

the information that these folks have gathered. That might be a route. That way we don't

have to depend on the Legislative Council to pick that study. This is basically the guard

doing their own study in cooperation with veteran's groups.

Chairman Dever: This wouldn't be a study. It would be a report to a committee and one of

the purposes in those reports is to determine whether or not there needs to be any funding

or legislation to move it forward beyond that.

Representative Karls: Exactly.

Representative Rohr: It could be a progress report - how far are they into the project

completion.

Chairman Dever: I have been informed that HB 1016 is in conference committee at 10 am

today, but I know that none of those agency budgets are going to come together until there

is an agreement on employee compensation. I don't think we can hold this because of that.

Do we think that this language is going to provide the forward movement we would like to

see and not create barriers and not make a commitment beyond what they would be able

to do without funding?

Senator Poolman: A lot of our discussion on the Senate side was that this would need to

be a labor of love. That they are going to have to find some really solid volunteers who will

be communicating with families to get these pieces written and to obtain these

photographs. This is something that I would hope that when we talk about coordinating

and initiating, that it is about finding a solid group of volunteers. Veterans who have a

passion for this and would be able to do that. When I see coordinate and initiate, I feel like I

am not telling the guard they have to do it but that they can maybe seek out some

volunteers to do this. That would be my hope. That we would not overburden a staff

member with this.

Chairman Dever: Would it go beyond the scope of what an English teacher might put into

a class at a local high school?

Senator Poolman: We did talk about that and how it would be a great project for kids and

our students at Century do documentaries on veterans and they would love to take on a

project like that. Not the whole book of course.

Representative Rohr: I think we have Colonel French here and I think they would

incorporate that into their plan.

Representative Strinden: I am curious about the person coordinating all of this and thee

amount of hours that will have to go into it, and so I want to make sure that it can get done

and if we need to give even a minimal appropriation for it? I am guessing that it will add a

lot of hours to someone's plate. Can you do it in the time you have now?

Colonel French, North Dakota National Guard: This will be a labor of love. And I am

pretty sure that you are looking at the biggest lover that it will end up into the lap of. What

we tried to do is to protect the original intent of the bill. It was started as a Killed in Action

Book and that got lost when it got to the House and then it became a service member book.

We tried to combine two very passionate sides so that we don't lose either of them. What

will happen is this is basically about making a plan - how do we do it? I may be the center

of the plan, but I can guarantee that others here and elsewhere will jump on board. To

coordinate and initiate will be the big chunk. My guess is that that will take at least a year

to get the right people in the right room. We will not put a staff member on this. We don't

get any more appropriations for staffers.

Chairman Dever: You may be the biggest lover but I know you are not the only one.

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Colonel French: Absolutely not sir. That is the great thing. This is going to be something

that people are going to be very passionate about.

Chairman Dever: Is the inclusion of all veterans bigger than - that is a big change from the

bill as it was introduced?

Colonel French: Absolutely. When we got to the House side we brought in books and we

had four books from WW I and WW II and then Vietnam. Our intention would be to take

every conflict after Vietnam and that is where we start documenting. It is really where you

find the documentation. Back in WW I they gave credit to clerks and typists in Washington

DC for gathering the information and we were in awe. This is going to be something that

between all of our organizations, we don't have all the answers; we are going to have to put

our heads together and figure this out.

Chairman Dever: So you have Vietnam compiled?

Colonel French: Yes we do. The House side saw it - the Senate side did not.

Senator Marcellais: When I did my research on the Vietnam era conflict, I found that one

of our local veterans that was killed over there; they don't have a picture of them in

Washington DC. There are actually two veterans from the state of North Dakota, when I

went to the website; they are looking for pictures for them. I think the information is

probably out there, but it is just to gather it all. It will take time. My heart is in this also. The

information is out there but it is just to gather it all.

Chairman Dever: My understanding is that we have about 60,000 living veterans in North

Dakota and isn't it the purpose of the military service center to go out and identify veterans

because we don't necessarily know who they all are?

Colonel French: You are correct. We have an outreach team and 5 members that are

state funded positions and they are out in the communities all of the time and they work

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also with the county USO's and the North Dakota Veteran's administration. It is a giant

team and I know that on the state level they are trying to gather as many DD 214's as

possible not just for historical purposes but also for benefit purposes. People get lost in the

system and we know that 2/3's of the people are lost.

Chairman Dever: So you are comfortable with this language?

Colonel French: Yes.

Rep. Strinden: This might just be a semantics question. Do we have to add MIA to killed

in action or is that just implied?

Chairman Dever: It seems to me that it would be KIA and MIA. I think that KIA deserves a

stronger recognition than those of us who came home.

Senator Poolman: Can we do this now or do we need this drawn up with a formal

amendment?

Chairman Dever: Are we alright with what we have? It would read that the House would

recede from the House amendment and further amend to this language by the Adjutant

General. Are we ok with that or do you want to see it in writing?

Representative Rohr: We can act on it. We can do so with the exception of adding MIA

after Killed in Action.

Representative Rohr: So Moved.

Representative Strinden: Seconded.

A Roll Call Vote Was Taken: 6 yeas, 0 nays, 0 absent.

Motion Carries.

Senator Dever carries for the Senate and Representative Rohr carries for the House.

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FISCAL NOTE Requested by Legislative Council 04/22/2013

Amendment to: Engrossed SB 2210

1 A. State fiscal effect: Identify the state fiscal effect and the fiscal effect on agency appropriations compared to funding levels and appropriations anticipated under current law.

	2011-2013 Biennium		2013-2015	Biennium	2015-2017 Biennium		
	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds	
Revenues	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
Expenditures	\$0	\$0	\$50,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	
Appropriations	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	

1 B. County, city, school district and township fiscal effect: Identify the fiscal effect on the appropriate political subdivision.

Subdivision.							
	2011-2013 Biennium	2013-2015 Biennium	2015-2017 Biennium				
Counties	\$0	\$0	\$0				
Cities	\$0	. \$0	\$0				
School Districts	\$0	\$0	\$0				
Townships	\$0	\$0	\$0				

2 A. Bill and fiscal impact summary: Provide a brief summary of the measure, including description of the provisions having fiscal impact (limited to 300 characters).

The Office of Adjutant General shall determine costs of completing a record of all North Dakota veterans, including KIA and MIA.

B. **Fiscal impact sections:** Identify and provide a brief description of the sections of the measure which have fiscal impact. Include any assumptions and comments relevant to the analysis.

Section 1 has a fiscal impact as research is conducted to determine the cost of completion of writing, publishing, and distributing these records.

- 3. State fiscal effect detail: For information shown under state fiscal effect in 1A, please:
 - A. Revenues: Explain the revenue amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each revenue type and fund affected and any amounts included in the executive budget.

N/A

B. Expenditures: Explain the expenditure amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each agency, line item, and fund affected and the number of FTE positions affected.

Expenditures may include salary costs for one or more FTE researching the project.

C. **Appropriations:** Explain the appropriation amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each agency and fund affected. Explain the relationship between the amounts shown for expenditures and appropriations. Indicate whether the appropriation is also included in the executive budget or relates to a continuing appropriation.

This bill does not contain an appropriation.

Name: Holly Gaugler
Agency: Adjutant General
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Date Prepared: 04/23/2013

Adopted by the Conference Committee

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April 19, 2013

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2210

That the House recede from its amendments as printed on pages 917 and 918 of the Senate Journal and page 1020 of the House Journal and that Engrossed Senate Bill No. 2210 be amended as follows:

Page 1, line 1, remove "; and to provide a continuing"

Page 1, line 2, remove "appropriation"

Page 1, line 5, remove " - Continuing appropriation"

Page 1, line 6, after "shall" insert "initiate and"

Page 1, line 6, remove "book of all"

Page 1, replace lines 7 through 14 with "record of all North Dakota veterans, including a record of all North Dakotans killed in action and missing in action since statehood. The adjutant general shall determine the projected costs for the completion of the writing, publishing, and distribution of the records and present those projections to the legislative management."

Renumber accordingly

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REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

SB 2210, as engrossed: Your conference committee (Sens. Dever, Marcellais, Poolman and Reps. Rohr, Karls, Strinden) recommends that the **HOUSE RECEDE** from the House amendments as printed on SJ pages 917-918, adopt amendments as follows, and place SB 2210 on the Seventh order:

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Renumber accordingly

Engrossed SB 2210 was placed on the Seventh order of business on the calendar.

2013 TESTIMONY

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13.0584.02001 Title.03000 Adopted by the Government and Veterans Affairs Committee

March 15, 2013



PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2210

Page 1, line 1, after "A BILL" replace the remainder of the bill with "for an Act to provide for a legislative management study of creation of a record of North Dakota veterans.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT STUDY - RECORD OF NORTH DAKOTA VETERANS. During the 2013-14 interim, the legislative management shall consider studying the feasibility and desirability of creating a record of all North Dakota veterans since the Vietnam War and a record of all North Dakotans killed in action since statehood. The study may include consideration of what types of personal and military information may be appropriate to include in the record, the projected cost of creating this record, which entity would be responsible for creating and maintaining the record, and the appropriate format for the compiled information. The legislative management shall report its findings and recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to the sixty-fourth legislative assembly."

Renumber accordingly

SB 2210

Senator Tim Flakoll

Mr. Chairman and members of the Senate Government, Veterans Affairs committee. For the record I am Senator Tim Flakoll of District 44 of Fargo.

While going door to door and visiting with those I serve in north Fargo I came to the door of Jim Puppe, a gentleman that I have known for a number of years.

He told me "Tim, I have an idea that you should consider." He invited me into his house and showed me a couple of books he had that honor residents of South Dakota who had perished in active duty.

I was immediately taken with the idea and felt we needed to provide one for those brave men and women who served in the military from North Dakota who also lost their lives during active duty.

SB 2210 will help to properly memorialize our fallen heroes with the help of veterans and grassroots efforts of family and school children. We often give lip service to our veterans and fallen neighbors, but have we really "remembered them" have we really "honored them?"

SB 2210 provides up to \$50,000 to produce at least 500 hard cover books with information on those fallen sons and daughters of North Dakota.

I would think the North Dakota book would be similar in some ways to the South Dakota and as you will see in the bill it requires certain things to be in it. I would hope it would have:

- 1) A photo of the soldier
- 2) Date of birth and death
- 3) Hometown
- 4) Theater they lost they life it
- 5) Plus up to 250 words that help readers understand who they were as a person, so people can understand the human loss.

The bill allows for more funds to be received if they wish to produce more copies or otherwise enhance the program.

Recently the City of Forbes produced a hard-cover book of about 425 pages for \$30/book for printing and production costs at a shop in Gwinner, ND.

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With a propensity for education, I added to the bill the option to include elementary or secondary schools in the research and drafting of information for individuals.

As an example, I can envision a class say from the Fessenden school district having a class project around this activity. So those Fessenden students would research military members from their area. Through that process, they would gain a much deeper understanding or their home area, better understanding of the military and a more global perspective as they learned more about the various locations their hometown gold star men and women traveled to.

Certainly the Commissioner of Veteran's Affairs could also incorporate other groups such as the Scouts, local 4-H club and their local veterans' organizations.

Our state and many communities already have lists of names and in some cases they would have significant detailed information to share. For some, there will be families with all the information we need but for others this will be an opportunity to learn more about a friend or family member who appears in the book. Regardless it is important that each casualty be preserved to memory, both in book form and on line.

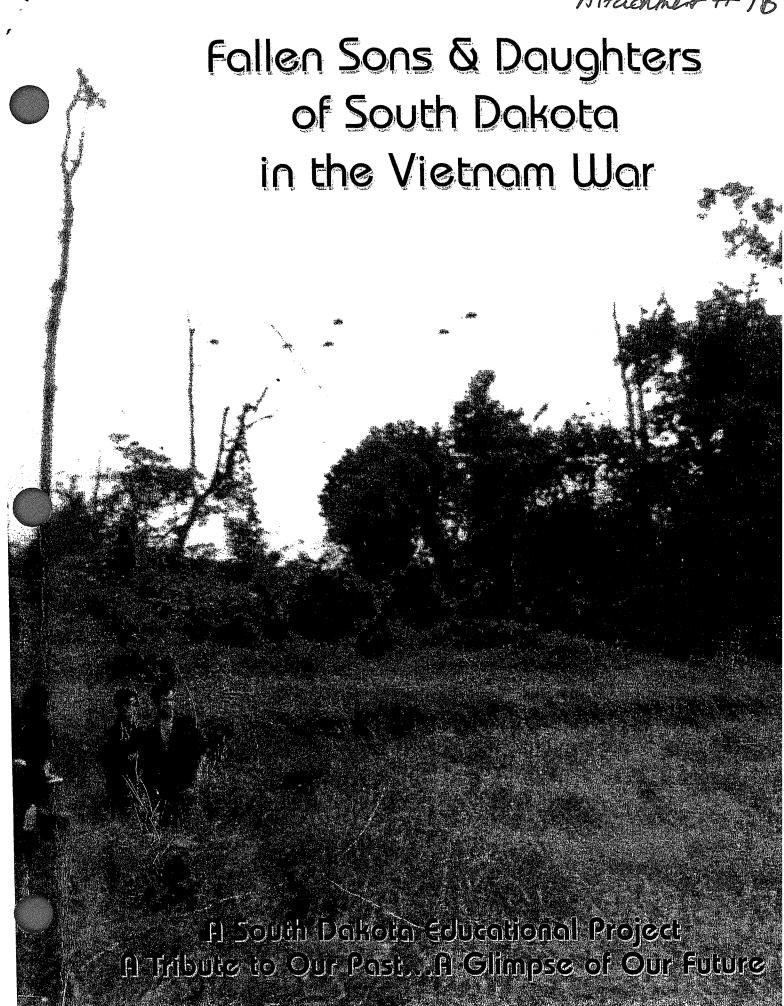
This session we will invest in many worthy causes. It would be hard to imagine a better use of \$50,000 than SB 2210.

Quick Notes:

I think it should include both those know to have died in active duty overseas or stationed in the United States.

I think it should include those who are missing or whose bodies were never recovered and are presumed dead.

Books would be popular with many including: family members, city libraries, veterans groups, and school libraries.





Fallen Sons and Daughters



of South Dakota in the Korean War



Dedication, Foreword, & Thanks...

This book is dedicated to the memory of all of South Dakota's fallen sons and daughters, who are never very far from my thoughts; to the families of the fallen, whose trust, strength, wisdom, patience, grace, and gratitude are an inspiration and the cornerstone of this project's success; to the friends, neighbors, classmates and comrades of our casualties whose fond memories enrich our work; and finally, to the teachers who believed in this cause enough to lead and the students who believed in their teachers enough to follow. No other state in America has this comprehensive yet personal collection.

On a personal note, when I conceived of this project in 1998, I could never have known the far-reaching impact it would have. I certainly never dreamed that we—a state of families, friends, neighbors, and classmates—would not only complete WW II beyond anyone's wildest expectations, but continue into (for me anyway) the unknown world of Korea and Vietnam. And what I have learned in the process is impossible to measure in words.

I was born August 21, 1964. By that time we had already lost two South Dakotans to Vietnam: Raymond Alvin Adam on April 21, 1964, and James Paige Wright on June 26, 1964. So while Vietnam was the backdrop for the earliest years of my life, it was not that I had any personal connections to it—until now. My last two years—both professionally and personally—have been focused on finding families, locating archival records, walking cemeteries, working closely with my students at Spearfish Middle School, coordinating with Shirley Swanson at Stanley County Middle School, and operating on a shoestring budget, all while delicately balancing our project's independent identity within the scope of the overall South Dakota Vietnam Memorial effort in Pierre.

You must forgive us our occasional typo, historical inaccuracy, or military misunderstanding. This is completely a grassroots people's history—told mostly to memorialize our casualties and their families and to educate students about service and sacrifice. While I've learned a great deal about the Vietnam War and its technical/logistical aspects, I am somehow different and better *only* because of what I now know of its personal aspects. So, before you move on to read for yourself these powerful, poignant—painful—biographies from cover to cover, please permit me to share just *some* of the precious memories I have collected through this process:

Leo Curtis Aukland who thought he could cook although no one else in his family thought so.

Jay Bibby who hid his asthma and his questionable eye sight so he could enlist in the Marine Corps and for his desire to fight for the underdog in us all.

Harry Jay Coates, Jr. who dreamed of coming home to have his wife's soup again someday.

Richard LeRoy Cummins who was killed in a plane crash as he was processing out to come home after his tour of duty.

Louis James Cunningham who celebrated his 18th birthday in Vietnam by digging himself "a nice deep foxhole."

David Warren Cutshall, whose poem "Prayer" speaks volumes about him as a man and his perception of his duties.

Raymond Adam, Dean Bolhouse, James Haider, Darrell Hartman, Randolph Hutchinson, and Michael Michels (among others, I am sure) who never got to see their daughters.

Kirby Jon Dougherty who spent the night alone in a field in Vietnam prior to his death the next day.

Conrad Lee Flyinghorse who was wounded just days before his birthday and died just two days after his birthday. He turned 19 although he probably never knew it.

Robert Gene Fortin and Michael Jerome Gruenwald, the names whom I looked for when I first went to the Wall in Washington, DC, in 1995, both from my home county.

Lawrence John Frahman who was killed logging his 400th and final flight.

Stanley Jon Freng who met his wife at 4-H camp.

Vern Jacob Fried who wrote home so much he asked for more paper and envelopes so he could write home some more.

Ruthanne Gasper who died doing what I only dream I would have had the courage to do.

David Hevle who wrote home in a poem, "...someday I will have a wife. I'll have a home and a couple kids" and died before he could have any of those things.

Dennis Holm who was killed while teaching young people at a school in the Cholon District of Vietnam and who had written home, "I am learning more from them than they are from me."

Robert Jacobs who once caught a rainbow trout with his bare hands and who put together model cars even during the time he was in Vietnam.

Kenneth Jamerson who sent a short letter home with his Bronze Star citation—detailing the achievement which cost him both his legs and soon after his life-- so that his family could be proud of him.

Samuel Joseph Jorgensen who bought his little sister clothes on her birthday.

LeLund Morris Kahler, whose mother was a teacher, and whose mostly harmless antics sometimes landed him in the principal's office—as a former antic-prone student but now a teacher and a mother, I understand.

Joel Charles Kervin who drank wine with his younger brother on the eve of being shipped out.

Eugene William Kimmel whose father remarked to Tom Brokaw at Eugene's funeral: "Whatever he done, he done good, didn't he?"

Arthur Krull who had flown 882 combat hours and survived a deadly copter crash in Vietnam and Terrance Wehrkamp who survived a year in the 1st Aviation Brigade in Vietnam, both to later die in separate crashes in Georgia.

Darwin Lyn Labahn who as a kid played with his little green army men, tanks, and tents, sometimes making hills and valleys out of his bedcovers and falling asleep with his toys around him.

Charles Lane, Jr. who spent a lot of time on the bench in high school and later a lot of time in the air as an accomplished pilot.

Charles "Doc" Langenfeld who lived as a beloved homecoming king and died as a beloved medic for Charlie Company, 3rd Marine Division at the very end of the siege at Khe Sanh.

Richard Larson who was a good big brother, accomplished athlete, and skilled aviator, collecting the Air Medal with 35 Oak Leaf Clusters.

Dennis Dean Lawver who lost both parents as a child but enlisted because he couldn't bear to see other young men die and for him not to serve himself.

Donald Layton who so carefully, lovingly planned his and his bride's future.

Gordon Lippman and Harlene Eugene Millette—among others--whose service, devotion to duty, and accomplishments spanned three wars.

Carl Martin who wrote on May 14, 1969, that he hoped to be one of the very few lucky scouts who survived a year unscathed and was shot down a week later.

Michael Ronald Michels—that boy could run.

Daniel Morris Noeldner who was wounded twice before being killed in action—all in less than a year.

Ivan Noteboom who was killed with other barely armed medics in an ambush of their convoy that lasted into the night as they tried to hold off the enemy.

Donald Ollila who liked his motorcycles and cars so much-- one former highway patrol captain recalled that Donald's was the very first ticket he ever issued.

Peter Ommen who wrote home in a letter postmarked May 4, 1967 describing the harrowing experience of wounding a huge rat in their foxhole. Peter was killed April 30, 1967.

Roger Petersen who as a kid would spend hours at the Marine recruiting office, often staying until they closed for the day. And one day became a Marine himself, dying doing what he loved the most.

Ronald LeRoy Reil who was so proud of his 15-pound Alaskan salmon.

Walter Renelt whose wife traveled to North Vietnam with other wives to try to get information about her missing husband.

Arden Renville whose older brothers tried to trade him for Black Jack chewing gum when he was little and who had a rummage sale in his dorm at Northern State College before leaving for the service.

David Rickels who had his girlfriend's picture attached to the butt of his rifle.

William Sturdevant whose personal effects included a Zippo lighter, a broken watch, an ink pen, a bundle of photos, a letter, a postcard, a notebook, an address book, three pay vouchers, a dictionary, a pair of jump boots, a writing kit, a sewing kit, two jump backgrounds, and a pair of low shoes.

Gary Lee Sundet whose letter of prayer was received by his family two days after they'd been notified of his death.

Steve Surma whose father, when asked what to say about Steve, said, "Say he was a farmer."

Ronald Taylor who could fix the family's TV from the time he was a 6^{th} grader.

Josef Thorne who was one of South Dakota's all-time great football players.

Blair Two Crow and Gabriel Two Eagle who were both great horsemen.

Willis Grant Uhls who adapted to life from the country school in Buffalo, South Dakota to the high school hallways of Munich High School in Germany; from the rigor of the Air Force Academy to the covert danger of the 56 Special Operations Wing, the Ravens.

Ronald Van Regenmorter who paid the expenses for a Vietnamese girl who was going blind because "Children are the same the world over and if nothing else can get to a GI, a kid can..." and because he hoped if his children ever needed something, someone would do the same for them.

Lester Arthur Watson who told brother, Jeff, to go have a steak for him on Lester's birthday.

Curtis Leland Williams who had the kind of mischievous eyes and smile that a girl can't help but fall for.

Larry Dean Winterton who thought it was crazy that men could fight and die for their country but couldn't legally enjoy a drink. He was wounded one month after his 21st birthday and died 14 days later.

And the stories go on and on.... We suspect you are reading this book because of your own personal connection to a fallen man or woman contained within these pages. Know that we have painstakingly, lovingly, and respectfully crafted this project in deference not only to them all but also to you, the keepers of their memories.

Lastly....

Lest I forget and spend the remainder of my life stricken with guilt and regret—a special, special thanks to my friend, Tom Daschle, for personally funding both the Korea and Vietnam *Fallen Sons* projects and to the South Dakota State Historical Society/State Archives—not only for collecting and maintaining an absolute essential treasure of our state's newspapers on microfilm but also for the ongoing, extremely professional and generous support in helping us with our research and some of the associated costs. I could never end this project without thanking Shirley Swanson and her students at Stanley County Middle School for their help through all three wars. Additionally, Shirley has been subjected to many of my Woe Is Me stories over the course of the five years we've known each other.

So many others to thank but no room to do it. I will forever remember your kindnesses towards me and the *Fallen Sons* work. It took a very large village—and I like to call my village South Dakota—to make this trilogy happen. May God continue to bless the fallen sons and daughters of South Dakota in World War II, Korea, and Vietnam, not to mention the wars before and since. —Sheila Hansen, Creator/Coordinator, *Fallen Sons and Daughters of South Dakota* Projects

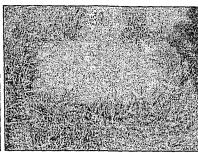
In Memory of U.S. Army Private First Class

Lonnie Lee Stern

Aberdeen, South Dakota Brown County June 6, 1949 -- January 3, 1971 Died Non-Battle in Vietnam







Lonnie Lee Stern was born on June 6, 1949, in Aberdeen, South Dakota. His mother was Bernice (Stern) Job. He had four half sisters, Debbie, Linda, Pam, and Stacey. He also had one half brother, Stanley. Lonnie attended Aberdeen Public Schools and in 1966, he moved to Seattle, Washington. He graduated from Renton High School in 1968. After he graduated, he worked for Goodyear Tire in Seattle.

Lonnie Stern entered the service on August 18, 1969 in Fort Lewis, Washington. He left to go overseas on June 11, 1970, in the 329th Transportation Company, 1st Transportation Command, United States Army Support Command, where he was a landing craft operator.

U.S. Army Private First Class Lonnie Lee Stern died on January 3, 1971 in Vietnam. His body was returned to the United States and he was buried at Sunset Memorial Gardens in Aberdeen, South Dakota with military honors.

His awards were National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal with 1 Star, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Ribbon (1960), Sharpshooter Badge with Rifle, and Good Conduct Medal.

He is currently survived by his half-brother, Stanley, from Washington, and his two half- sisters, Stacey Job of Aberdeen, and Pam Hight, California. His mother, Bernice, and his sister, Debbie Job Reinhardt, to whom Lonnie was very close, have since passed away.

Every day Lonnie is remembered and missed by all who knew him. His brother, Stanley, said in closing, "I was 15 when Lonnie died, and it took me 30 years to get over losing him. I am 50 years old now and it still hurts."

This entry was respectfully submitted by R.K. and Kelsey Senden, 8th grade, Spearfish Middle School, Spearfish, South Dakota, on March 22, 2006. Information for this entry was provided by South Dakota Vietnam Veteran's bonus application, National Personnel Records Center, and additional information by Stanley Job, brother, and Stacey Job, sister, via the Schmierer family and (Loretta) Jung family. Profile approval by Stacey and Stanley Job.

In Memory of U.S. Army Private

John Edward Guerue

Rosebud, South Dakota Todd County October 11, 1932 – October 29, 1951 Killed in Action in North Korea 

John "Junior" Edward Guerue was born in Rosebud, South Dakota, on October 11, 1932, to John and Eliza (Spotted Tail) Guerue. John was the "baby" of ten children: Esther, Victoria, Peter, Jim, Pearl, Christine, Trudell, Harriet, and Lois. He, along with his brothers and sisters, went to school at Parmelee and Rosebud. According to the newspaper, John "loved the wide open spaces and the great plains where he rode and played." His sister, Lois, remembers that even as a young boy, John was fearless. He wasn't afraid of the dark and would get on his horse after dark and ride to Parmelee, which was about 12 miles from their home. Before he entered the service he ranched. His father died February of 1951. Because John was very close to his father, he had a hard time staying on the nech after his death.

John Edward Guerue entered into the U.S. Army on April 10, 1951, at Sioux Falls. His mother had to sign for him to enter. After his basic training, John went home in August of that year for a short visit. Two weeks later-- in September of 1951—Private Guerue was sent overseas as a part of Company K, 19th Infantry Regiment, 24th Infantry Division, which was sent immediately to the front lines of the battlefield in Korea. His last letter home was to his sister, Pearl, who has since passed away.

Private John Edward Guerue was killed in action on October 29, 1951, while fighting in North Korea. He had just turned 19. Later John's body was returned to America and was buried with military honors at Holy Innocente Cemetery, Parmalee, South Dakota. Lois remembers how hard their mother took the news of John's death: "When his body came back by train in Crookston [Nebraska], she cried all the way over and back."

John Edward Guerue was awarded the Purple Heart, the Combat Infantryman's Badge, the Korean Service Medal, the United Nations Service Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, and the Korean War Service Medal.

John is currently survived by his sisters, Christine, Harriet, and Lois. In closing, John is remembered by his family as being a very brave boy who didn't let anything bother him. His sister wonders if that wasn't the reason for his death.

This entry was respectfully submitted by Chantelle Rae Janke, 8th grade, Spearfish Middle School, Spearfish, South Dakota on July 12, 2004. Information for this entry was provided by Todd County Tribune, 11/15/51 issue, an application for a SD veteran's bonus, the ABMC, and the SDNGM. Additional information and profile approval by Lois LaPointe, Rosebud.

In Memory of U.S. Army Private

Lawrence Harold Delany

Fairfax, South Dakota Gregory County

August 11, 1931—April 1, 1953 Killed in Action in North Korea



Lawrence Harold Delany was born August 11, 1931, in Fairfax, South Dakota to Earl and Dora (Speidel) Delany. He had one brother, Raymond, and one sister, Luella. He went to school in Fairfax and graduated from Fairfax High School in 1950. After high school Lawrence farmed with his father.

Lawrence was drafted into the service on September 16, 1952, in Sioux Falls and was trained at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. Private Delany went overseas on February 19, 1953, as part of the 143rd Field Artillery Battalion, 40th Infantry Division.

On April 1, 1953, just a month after his arrival, Private Lawrence Harold Delany was killed in action in North Korea when an "American shell prematurely exploded behind his gun." Lawrence was 21 years old. His body was later returned to the United States, and he was buried with military honors at Highland Cemetery in Fairfax.

Private Delany was awarded the following medals: the Purple Heart, the Korean Service Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the United Nations Service Medal, and the Korean War Service Medal.

This entry was respectfully submitted by Slade Marlin Hansen, 6th grade, Spearfish Middle School, Spearfish, South Dakota, July 1, 2004. Information for this entry was provided by the South Dakota National Guard Museum, *Gregory-Times Advocate*, June 18, 1953 issue, and an application for a South Dakota Veteran's bonus. Profile approval by Luella Boer, sister, Mitchell.

In Memory of U.S. Army Private

William Paul Deer With Horns

La Plant, South Dakota Dewey County

September 1, 1930 – August 4, 1951 Died as a Prisoner of War in North Korea



William Paul Deer With Horns was born at the Old Agency in South Dakota on September 1, 1930, to Paul and Amy (Two Bulls) Deer With Horns. His father died when he was four and his mother died when he was seven. The kids were then sent to the Old St. Joseph Mission School until about 1939 and also attended the Cheyenne River Boarding School. William was raised by his mother's brother, Uncle Moses Two Bulls. William is remembered as being a good basketball player. William lived and worked around La Plant before he entered the service. He stayed for a time with his cousin, Jessie Different Horse.

William Paul Deer With Horns enlisted in the U.S Army on September 5, 1950, at Mobridge. Private Deer With Horns went overseas in March of 1951 as part of the Engineer Platoon that supported Company K, 3rd Battalion, 19th Infantry Regiment, 24th Infantry Division.

On April 23, 1951, Private William Paul Deer With Horns was wounded in the side and taken prisoner by the Chinese. He was put in a Prisoner of War camp in North Korea. Private William Paul Deer With Horns died on August 4, 1951, from his wounds. His body was buried by the Chinese in North Korea and has never been recovered. His name is among those on a Memorial at Punch Bowl in Hawaii.

William Paul Deer With Horns was awarded the Prisoner of War Medal, the Combat Infantryman's Badge, the Korean Service Medal, the United Nations Service Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, and the Korean War Service Medal.

This entry was respectfully submitted by Chantelle Rae Janke, 8th grade, Spearfish Middle School, Spearfish, South Dakota on July 28, 2004.

The American Battle Monuments Commission, the South Dakota National Guard Museum, and an application for a SD veteran's bonus provided information for this entry. Additional information and profile approval by Earlwin O'Klaire, brother.

In Memory of U.S. Army SFC

Ronald LeRoy Reil

Wilmot, South Dakota Roberts County

May 15, 1926 - September 21, 1968 KIA Pleiku, South Vietnam



Ronald LeRoy Reil was born in Milbank, South Dakota, on May 15, 1926, to John and Hazel (Jonkers) Reil. Ronald had only one older brother, Roland. Ronald attended school at Geneseso 1 Public School where he completed grammar school. Ronald loved to hunt and fish. At the age of 17, on May 21, 1943, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy, where he served until March 31, 1947. When he was discharged from the Navy he returned home and on September 30, 1947 married Frances Dargatz. The young couple then farmed for seven years northwest of Wilmot, South Dakota. Ronald and Frances had seven children, Ronald, Randolph (Randy), Robert, Ronda, Rayburn, Rockford, and Robin.

In February of 1955 Ronald re-enlisted in the U.S. Army. Sergeant First Class Reil was stationed at Fort Riley, Kansas; Fort Hood, Texas; and Fort Lewis, Washington. While he was stationed in Fort Lewis, he was sent TDY to Alaska for 90 days. While there he had a chance to go salmon fishing. SFC Reil caught about a 15-pound salmon, which was the biggest fish he had ever caught. He brought the fish back to camp to brag about how big it was, only to find out that was normal for salmon. SFC Reil did three tours in Germany before being sent to Vietnam on April 4, 1968. He was assigned to Company A, 70th Combat Engineer Battalion, 18th Engineer Brigade, stationed at Pleiku, South Vietnam.

SFC Ronald LeRoy Reil was killed when he was hit by a piece of sharpnel during a mortar attack in the early morning hours of September 21, 1968. On Sunday, September 22, personnel from the Webster National Guard 147th Headquarters informed his family as they were leaving church that their father had been killed in action. The hardest part

In Memory of U.S. Air Force Captain

Charles Lane, Jr.

Yankton, South Dakota Yankton County

April 21, 1942 -- August 23, 1967 (Missing in Action)
October 9, 1973 (Presumed Dead)
Missing in Action, Presumed Dead in North Vietnam



Charles Lane, Jr. was born on April 21, 1942, in Omaha, Nebraska, to Charles and Beatrice (Hroza) Lane. He had one sister, La Lonnie. Charles first attended grade school at St. Wenceslaus Catholic School in Tabor, South Dakota, then went to Tabor High School and graduated in 1960. His mother recalls that although Charles played football and basketball in high school, "he was usually on the bench." He then worked at Bob's Wholesale to earn some money for college. Charles married Cheryl Aldrich in Tabor on November 16, 1963. Soon after, his father died on December 1, 1963. Charles graduated from Yankton College in 1964. He and Cheryl had two daughters, Jo Anne and Julie.

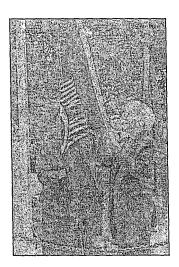
Charles Lane, Jr. entered in the Air Force on January 1, 1965, after he graduated from college. He was commissioned as an officer after he trained at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas. He then earned his pilot wings at Vance Air Force Base, Enid, Oklahoma. After that, he took specialized aircrew training at the Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Arizona, before he was assigned to MacDill Air Force Base, Florida, to be a pilot in the Tactical Air Command. Soon after, he went overseas to U-bon, Thailand, as a pilot of the F-4C Phantom 110, which was fast and "extremely maneuverable and handled well at low and high altitudes," making it popular with pilots. Once Charles told his mother that flying was like baseball. He wrote that it gave a good feeling, like "if you sat on the bench one minute and were playing in the World Series the next."

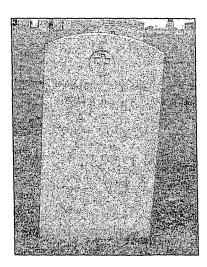
Captain Charles Lane, Jr. was missing in action on August 23, 1967. He was shot down while flying on his 92nd mission, 10 miles north of Hanoi, North Vietnam. His co-pilot, Major Larry Carrigan of Arizona, pilot of the Phantom F-4, was immediately captured when he parachuted from the plane and held as a prisoner of war for seven years. Later he told Charles's mother details about the crash. In addition to their plane, another F-4 was also destroyed in the attack. Of the four men in the two planes, three parachutes were seen "descending to the ground." Charles was in the back seat that day and the missile hit the plane, so it is believed he was killed instantly. Carrigan said he flew quite a distance before he crashed and Charles, had he ejected, should have fallen down sooner. Since North Vietnam was a wooded, hostile area, recovery wasn't possible. He was presumed dead on October 9, 1973. He has a memorial stone at Black Hills National Cemetery near Sturgis.

Among his awards, Captain Lane received the Silver Star, the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Purple Heart, and the Air Medal with eight Oak Leaf Clusters.

From the *Town & County Weekly News*, Tuesday, June 2, 1998, issue, Governor Janklow said the following on Memorial Day when a Veteran Memorial was dedicated in Tabor:

Captain Lane never came home from that war. You and I have the responsibility, as long as we live and can think, to remember him and others who served. That's what Memorial Day is about.





Survivors include his mother, Bea (Lane) Johnson; his widow, Cheryl Wahlberg of Michigan; his daughter, Julie (Mike) Dinger and their sons, Daniel and Aaron, Menifee, California; his other daughter, Jo Anne (Dale) McPherson and their daughter, Jessica, Fort Richardson, Alaska; and his sister, La Lonnie Kline.

In closing, Captain Charles Lane, Jr. was loved greatly and fought for freedom for our country, and he will be remembered by many, including me, for his service and his sacrifice.

This entry was respectfully submitted by Lance McMichael, 8th Grader, Spearfish Middle School, February 8, 2006. The information for this entry was provided by Bea Johnson, Yankton and www.pownetwork.org. Profile approval by Bea Johnson.

WRITTEN TESTIMONY ON SB 2210 Senate Government & Veterans Affairs Committee 1/24/2013

By: Matt Strinden, Director of Teacher & School Effectiveness 701-328-2755 Department of Public Instruction

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee:

My name is Matt Strinden and I am the Director of Teacher & School Effectiveness for the Department of Public Instruction. I am here on behalf of the department to speak in support of SB 2210.

The Department of Public Instruction supports SB 2210 which will provide funds for a valuable resource for the educators in our state. A publication honoring North Dakotans who have paid the ultimate sacrifice in defense of our state and their history would be an excellent resource to utilize in a wide variety of classroom instruction. We believe that a text of this nature would be a great value in many of our classroom curriculums including world history, geography and language arts. We also believe it is of great value for our students in North Dakota to learn about the sacrifices made by the many generations of North Dakotans in a wide range of military theaters throughout history. I would like to thank you for your time and if you are in need of any information on how this resource could be utilized in our schools or have any further questions regarding our support, know that I am available to take any questions you might have at your convenience.

Attachment #

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The adjutant general shall coordinate the writing, pulishing and distribution of a book of all veterans who served in ND military units or were from North Dakota and who died in service.

The adjutant general may establish qualifications for inclusion and standards for content.

The book is to be available in digital and printed form.

The cost of the book shall be covered by gifts and grants.

County veteran service officers, veterans' groups, schools and individuals may cooperate in gathering pictures and biographical information.

The credits should include "this project was endorsed by the 63rd legislative assembly".

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WRITTEN TESTIMONY ON SB 2210 GOVERNMENT AND VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

January 24, 2013

By: Kirsten Baesler, Superintendent 701-328-4570

Department of Public Instruction

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee:

My name is Kirsten Baesler and I am the Superintendent of Public Instruction.

I submit the follow written testimony in favor of SB 2210 for the publishing of a book on North Dakota veterans who died in service.

As a daughter of a decorated Korean War veteran and a longtime supporter and advocate of veteran issues, I support this bill personally and believe it will bring honor to those of our great state who have given all they can for their country.

I also support this bill as a career educator and state superintendent due to the incredible educational value this project offers the students of our state. Such a book could be used to greatly augment many aspects of K-12 education such as world history, geography, writing, citizenship and so much more. Connecting local North Dakotans to specific theaters of battle will bring aspects of geography and history to life in a very real way for our students. Suddenly places like Korea, Berlin and Vietnam become connected to the more familiar places of Bismarck, Pembina and Bowman. Students could research hometown heroes and learn about the important role they played in protecting our rights and freedoms while fighting for the freedom

of others. Furthermore, students could research other veterans to learn of their lives following their time of service. Perhaps most importantly, such a book will enable students to see through the lives of others how small our world truly is and to learn the importance of service to others.

In closing, I wish to encourage the committee to seriously consider this bill and the project it will enable. Not only will it honor those who have literally given all they can give, but it will create a tool that will help educate our kids thereby extending these soldiers' gift and service for generations yet to follow.

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The adjutant general shall coordinate the writing, pulishing and distribution of a book of all veterans who served in ND military units or were from North Dakota and who died in service.

The adjutant general may establish qualifications for inclusion and standards for content.

The book is to be available in digital and printed form.

The cost of the book shall be covered by gifts and grants.

County veteran service officers, veterans' groups, schools and individuals may cooperate in gathering pictures and biographical information.

The credits should include "this project was endorsed by the 63rd legislative assembly".

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SB 2210

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Senator Tim Flakoll

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Mr. Chairman and members of the Government, Veterans Affairs committee. For the record I am Senator Tim Flakoll of District 44 of Fargo.

While going door to door and visiting with those I serve in north Fargo I came to the door of Jim Puppe, a gentleman that I have known for a number of years.

He told me "Tim, I have an idea that you should consider." He invited me into his house and showed me a couple of books he had that honor residents of South Dakota who had perished in active duty.

I was immediately taken with the idea and felt we needed to provide one for those brave men and women who served in the military from North Dakota who also lost their lives during active duty.

The intent of SB 2210 was to help to properly memorialize our fallen heroes with the help of veterans and grassroots efforts of family and school children. We often give lip service to our veterans and fallen neighbors, but have we really "remembered them" have we really "honored them?"

SB 2210 originally provided up to \$50,000 to produce at least 500 hard cover books with information on those fallen sons and daughters of North Dakota.

I would think the North Dakota book would be similar in some ways to the South Dakota and as you will see in the bill it requires certain things to be in it. I would hope it would have:

- 1) A photo of the soldier
- 2) Date of birth and death
- 3) Hometown
- 4) Theater they lost they life it

5) Plus up to 250 words that help readers understand who they were as a person, so people can understand the human loss.

With a propensity for education, I added to the bill the option to include elementary or secondary schools in the research and drafting of information for individuals.

As an example, I can envision a class, say from the Fessenden school district having a class project around this activity. So those Fessenden students would research military members from their area. Through that process, they would gain a much deeper understanding or their home area, better understanding of the military and a more global perspective as they learned more about the various locations their hometown gold star men and women traveled to.

The project leader could also incorporate other groups such as the Scouts, local 4-H club and their local veterans' organizations.

Our state and many communities already have lists of names and in some cases they would have significant detailed information to share. For some, there will be families with all the information we need but for others this will be an opportunity to learn more about a friend or family member who appears in the book. Regardless it is important that each casualty be preserved to memory, both in book form and on line.

This session we will invest in many worthy causes. It would be hard to imagine a better use of \$50,000 than SB 2210.

Study option -

Quick Notes:

I think it should include both those know to have died in active duty overseas or stationed in the United States.

I think it should include those who are missing or whose bodies were never recovered and are presumed dead.

Books would be popular with many including: family members, city libraries, veterans groups, and school libraries.

The bill allows for more funds to be received if they wish to produce more copies or otherwise enhance the program.

Recently the City of Forbes produced a hard-cover book of about 425 pages for \$30/book for printing and production costs at a shop in Gwinner, ND.

End

Attachment 2

Senate Bill 2210 – to provide for the publishing of a book of veterans; and to provide a continuing appropiation
House Government Veterans Affairs Committee
Representative Kasper, Chairman
March 8, 2013

Chairman Kasper, members of the House Government Veterans Affairs Committee, for the record my name is Richard Marcellais, Senator from District 9, Rolette County.

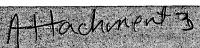
On behalf of our North Dakota Veterans killed in action (KIA) families and friends of these Veterans.

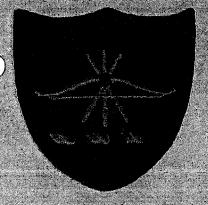
Senate Bill 2210 would allow these veterans to be recognized by writing, publishing and distributing a book of <u>all</u> North Dakota veterans killed in action.

County Veterans Service Officers, Veterans Groups, schools, family, friends may cooperate in gathering pictures and bio information. The book must be in digital and printed form.

This book would ensure our North Dakota Veterans killed in action make sure our veterans will never be forgotten.

Thank you very much for the opportunity to appear in support of **Senate Bill 2210**. I will try an answer any questions the committee may have.





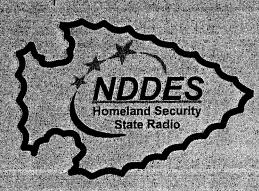
Army National Guard

"The Straight Arrows"



Air National Guard

"The Happy Hooligans"



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Office of the Adjutant General

Testimony of Major General David Sprynczynatyk The Adjutant General

before the

Government and Veteran Affairs Committee March 8, 2013

SENATE BILL 2210

TESTIMONY OF

MAJOR GENERAL DAVID SPRYNCZYNATYK

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL

BEFORE THE

GOVERNMENT AND VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MARCH 8, 2013 SENATE BILL 2210

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee:

I am Major General David Sprynczynatyk, Adjutant General for the State of North Dakota.

The Office of the Adjutant General supports the concept of an accurate and complete record of the military veterans and those who were Killed In Action. It is very important to maintain, preserve and safeguard this information for the future.

While we know of no North Dakota State initiative to record those who were Killed In Action specifically, we, as a state, have recorded the service of veterans from World War I to Vietnam. The 1979 session created the authority for the "adjutant general to compile and publish a record of men and women in military service during the Vietnam conflict; and to provide an appropriation", which was \$125,000.00. In today's dollar that would equate to more than \$400,000. Additionally, the National Guard has created its own booklets focused on North Dakota National Guard members for WWII, The Berlin Crisis, and Desert Storm/Shield.

A requirement, as the one in the engrossed bill, is a significant undertaking. The WWI publication, entitled "Official Roster of North Dakota Soldiers, Sailors and Marines – World War 1917-1918", provides the following:

The average reader will hardly realize the immense amount of labor to take the record of an individual man, state it concisely and accurately from the date of his entry into the military service, down to the date of his discharge; give the different organizations with which he was connected and the time in each; the list of engagements in which he took part; the dates he went overseas, if he did so; the date he returned to the United States; his promotions, if any; copy individual citations and orders for decorations, if any; whether or not he was wounded in action, and other pertinent facts.

Then multiply this individual record with the number of men similarly situated (the numbers running over 5,000,000), and the vastness of the work is understood.

Again, while neutral on this bill, as written, we support the concept of recording our veterans' service as we have in the past through the Vietnam conflict. With that said this is a large undertaking without resources. The Office of The Adjutant General is mostly staffed with federal employees not available to work on a project such as this. Additionally, private fund-raising is ethically problematic for both state and federal employees. Without a private support, fund-raising will be a challenge.

Mr. Chairman and members of the committee, I would stand for any questions that you may have.

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Attachment 24

SENATE BILL NO. 2305 (Senators Nething, Hoffner, Wright) (Representatives Backes, Leibhan, Strinden)

MILITARY SERVICE RECORD PUBLICATION

AN ACT to direct the adjutant general to compile and publish a record of men and women in military service during the Vietnam conflict; and to provide an appropriation.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. RECORD OF MILITARY SERVICE DURING VIETNAM CONFLICT.) The adjutant general shall compile, publish, and distribute a record of all veterans who rendered military service on behalf of the state in the Vietnam conflict. For the purposes of this section, unless otherwise provided by rule promulgated by the adjutant general pursuant to chapter 28-32, "veteran" means a man or woman who served honorably and faithfully for more than sixty days on active duty in the armed forces of the United States at any time from August 5, 1964, to January 28, 1973, and who was a resident of this state at the time he or she commenced active duty and for at least six months prior thereto.

SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.) There is hereby appropriated out of any moneys in the Vietnam veterans adjusted compensation fund, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$125,000.00, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to the adjutant general for the purpose of compiling, publishing, and distributing a record of military service during the Vietnam conflict for the biennium beginning July 1, 1979, and ending June 30, 1981.

Approved March 23, 1979

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Sixty-third Legislative Assembly of North Dakota

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO.

Introduced by

A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Management to study the creation of a record of all veterans since the Vietnam War that were residents of North Dakota and a record of all those Killed In Action since statehood.

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Sixty-third Legislative Assembly to honor all those North Dakota residents who have stood up and answered our State and Nation's call to serve our State and Nation since the Vietnam War by the creation of records providing information about those individual's service and life as well as documenting North Dakotan's who have been Killed in Action since statehood; and

WHEREAS, the service of our North Dakota citizens is an important part of North Dakota history and should be preserved for future generations;

WHEREAS, North Dakota has a proud history of service to the United States of America, North Dakota's men and women have been serving proudly since North Dakota's statehood, capturing and preserving this in a record of service and a record of Killed In Action is a tribute to those honorable citizens;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF NORTH DAKOTA, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

That the Legislative Management study the development of a record of Veterans since the Vietnam War, what should be listed in the record, the cost of such a project, and the entity who should be responsible for the record; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Legislative Management study the development of a record of Veterans Killed in Action since statehood, what should be listed in the record, the cost of such a project, and the entity who should be responsible for the record; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Legislative Management report its findings and recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to the Sixty-fourth Legislative Assembly.

Attachment #1

radio communications center project, and funding of \$1,500,000 from the state disaster relief fund in the disaster costs line item in subdivision 2 of section 1 of this Act, relating to flood-impacted housing rehabilitation, are declared to be an emergency measure."

Renumber accordingly

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF AMENDMENT:

House Bill No. 1016 - Summary of Senate Action

	Executive Budget	House Version	Senate Changes	Senate Version
Adjutant General				
Total all funds	\$89,641,960	\$88,636,911	\$1,614,794	\$90,251,705
Less estimated income	70,547,829	69,885,679	784,081	70,669,760
General fund	\$19,094,131	\$18,751,232	\$830,713	\$19,581,945
Department of Emergency Services				
Total all funds	\$192,227,357	\$190,777,357	\$1,975,000	\$192,752,357
Less estimated income	179,525,854	179,325,854	1,700,000	181,025,854
General fund	\$12,701,503	\$11,451,503	\$275,000	\$11,726,503
Bill total				
Total all funds	\$281,869,317	\$279,414,268	\$3,589,794	\$283,004,062
Less estimated income	250,073,683	249,211,533	2,484,081	251,695,614
General fund	\$31,795,634	\$30,202,735	\$1,105,713	\$31,308,448

House Bill No. 1016 - Adjutant General - Senate Action

	Executive Budget	House Version	Senate Changes	Senate Version
Salaries and wages	\$7,844,116	\$6,677,011	\$1,351,850	\$8,028,861
Operating expenses	4,062,891	4,062,891	50,000	4,112,891
Capital assets	1,370,632	1,370,632		1,370,632
Grants	1,109,514	1,109,514		1,109,514
Civil Air Patrol	290,771	287,451	3,320	290,771
Tuition, recruiting, and retention	2,517,500	2,517,500		2,517,500
Air Guard contract	11,748,127	11,483,158	264,969	11,748,127
Army Guard contract	58,533,992	58,182,671	351,321	58,533,992
Veterans' Cemetery	662,824	647,005	15,819	662,824
Reintegration program	1,501,593	1,486,980	14,613	1,501,593
Accrued leave payments		812,098	(812,098)	
Contingent tuition assistance			375,000	375,000
Total all funds	\$89,641,960	\$88,636,911	\$1,614,794	\$90,251,705
Less estimated income	70,547,829	69,885,679	784,081	70,669,760
General fund	\$19,094,131	\$18,751,232	\$830,713	\$19,581,945
FTE	178.00	178.00	0.00	178.00

Department No. 540 - Adjutant General - Detail of Senate Changes

	Restores Executive Compensation Package ¹	Removes Separate Line Item for Accrued Leave Payments ²	Adds Contingent Appropriation for Tuition Assistance ³	Adds Funding for Veterans Book ⁴	Total Senate Changes
Salaries and wages	\$1,189,794	\$162,056			\$1,351,850
Operating expenses				50,000	50,000
Capital assets					
Grants					
Civil Air Patrol		3,320			3,320
Tuition, recruiting, and retention					
Air Guard contract		264,969			264,969
Army Guard contract		351,321			351,321

Veterans' Cemetery Reintegration program Accrued leave payments Contingent tuition assistance		15,819 14,613 (812,098)	375,000		15,819 14,613 (812,098) 375,000
Total all funds Less estimated income	\$1,189,794 784,081	\$0 0	\$375,000 0	\$50,000 0	\$1,614,794 784,081
General fund	\$405,713	\$0	\$375,000	\$50,000	\$830,713
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

¹ Funding reductions made by the House to the state employee compensation and benefits package are restored to the Governor's recommended level.

⁴ Funding is added for the Adjutant General to coordinate the writing, publishing, and distribution of a book of all veterans having a relationship with the state.

The amendment also:

- Adds a section to allow the Adjutant General to continue unspent 2011-13 biennium
 appropriations into the 2013-15 biennium relating to tuition assistance for eligible members of the
 National Guard. The Adjutant General estimates \$500,000 from the general fund will be unspent
 at the end of the 2011-13 biennium and continued into the 2013-15 biennium.
- Adds a section to provide statutory changes relating to the payment of expenditures from the state disaster relief fund.

House Bill No. 1016 - Department of Emergency Services - Senate Action

	Executive Budget	House Version	Senate Changes	Senate Version
Salaries and wages	\$10,571,028	\$10,298,920	\$272,108	\$10,571,028
Operating expenses	9,919,488	9,719,488	200.000	9.919.488
Capital assets	923,240	923,240		923.240
Grants	19,373,247	19,373,247		19.373.247
Disaster costs	147,730,354	147.718.567	1,511,787	149,230,354
Radio communications	3.710.000	2,460,000	275.000	2.735.000
Accrued leave payments		283,895	(283,895)	
Total all funds	\$192,227,357	\$190,777,357	\$1,975,000	\$192,752,357
Less estimated income	179,525,854	179,325,854	1,700,000	181,025,854
General fund	\$12,701,503	\$11,451,503	\$275,000	\$11,726,503
FTE	68.00	68.00	0.00	68.00

² The accrued leave payments line item added by the House is removed, and the associated funding returned to line items with salaries and wages funding.

³ A section is added to provide a contingent general fund appropriation for tuition assistance for eligible members of the National Guard. The funding is contingent upon the Adjutant General certifying to the Office of Management and Budget that the National Guard has received a new assignment in association with the Grand Forks Air Force Base.

Rohr, Karen M.

From:

Karls, Karen

Sent:

Wednesday, April 17, 2013 11:13 AM

To:

Sprynczynatyk, General David A.; French, Davina R LTC USARMY NG NDARNG (US)

Cc:

Rohr, Karen M.

Subject:

RE: SB 2210 (UNCLASSIFIED)

Thanks! We'll get back to you! Rep. Rohr is in another conference committee--and she is chair of our side. KK

----Original Message----

From: Sprynczynatyk, David A MG USARMY NG NDARNG (US) [mailto:david.a.sprynczynatyk.mil@mail.mil]

Sent: Wednesday, April 17, 2013 10:49 AM

To: Karls, Karen; French, Davina R LTC USARMY NG NDARNG (US)

Cc: Rohr, Karen M.

Subject: RE: SB 2210 (UNCLASSIFIED)

Classification: UNCLASSIFIED

Caveats: FOUO

Rep Karls, you aren't suggesting that I am too busy to respond to my favorite family legislator, are you?

Earlier today we discussed a strategy on this project and 2210. We developed draft language that would allow us to initiate and coordinate an effort regardless of the appropriation. Obviously if the \$50,000 is available we would do more, if it is not, we would still bring parties together to recommend how best to carry out the intent of the bill. Here is the draft language:

The Office of the Adjutant General shall initiate and coordinate the writing, publishing and distribution of a record of all North Dakotans killed in action since statehood. The Office of the Adjutant General shall also determine the projected completion costs of the writing, publishing and distribution of the records and present those projections to legislative management.

Please let me know your thoughts.

Your favorite family Adjutant General Spry

----Original Message----

From: Karls, Karen [mailto:kkarls@nd.gov] Sent: Wednesday, April 17, 2013 10:42 AM

To: French, Davina R LTC USARMY NG NDARNG (US); Sprynczynatyk, David A MG USARMY NG NDARNG (US)

Cc: Rohr, Karen M. Subject: FW: SB 2210

Dear David (& Davina),

Rep. Karen Rohr and I are on the conference committee on 2210; in our meeting yesterday with the senators, we gave our reasons for turning this idea for a veteran's history book into a study: that your staff is federally funded and not