

2026 JOINT APPROPRIATIONS

SB 2407

2026 JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Appropriations Committee Brynhild Haugland Room, State Capitol

SB 2407
9/2/2026

A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation to the state historical society for the North Dakota military museum project; to amend and reenact section 55-01-02.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to jurisdiction of the heritage center; to authorize a line of credit; to provide for a report; and to provide an effective date.

10:43 a.m. Co-Chairman Bekkedahl called the meeting to order.

Members present: Co-Chairman Bekkedahl, Senators: Burckhard, Castaneda, Cleary, Conley, Davison, Dwyer, Erbele, Magrum, Mathern, Meyer, Schaible, Sickler, Sorvaag, Thomas, Wanzek, Co-Chairman Vigasaa, Representatives: Anderson, Berg, Bosch, Brandenburg, Fisher, Hanson, Kempenich, Louser, Martinson, Meier, Mitskog, Monson, Murphy, Nathe, Nelson, Pyle, Richter, Sanford, Stemen, Swiontek, Vollmer, Wagner.

Discussion Topics:

- Fundraising
- Donations
- Heritage Center
- HB 1018
- Strategic Investment and Improvements Fund (SIIF)
- Contract Penalties
- Design Fees
- Donor Lists
- Pledges
- 501(c)(3) Organization
- Defense Contracting
- Bridge Financing
- Bank of North Dakota
- North Dakota National Guard Foundation
- North Dakota National Guard
- Joint Military Museum Advisory Committee (JMAC)
- Capitol Grounds Planning Commission
- Naming Rights

10:49 a.m. Senator Hogue introduced the bill, testified in favor and submitted testimony #45609.

11:26 a.m. Tom Job, Physical Plant Director, OMB, testified in favor and submitted testimony #45647.

11:34 a.m. Ross Wilmes, Vice President and Director of Operations, Kraus-Anderson Construction Company testified in favor.

11:35 a.m. Tom Job Physical Plant Director, OMB, resumed testimony.

11:49 a.m. Ross Wilmes, Vice President and Director of Operations, Kraus-Anderson Construction Company answered questions.

11:50 a.m. Tom Job, Physical Plant Director, OMB resumed testimony.

12:04 p.m. Shannon Schweigert, Managing Director, PACE Fundraising, testified in favor and submitted testimony #45645.

12:20 p.m. Michelle Brislin, Senior Consultant, PACE Fundraising, answered questions.

12:21 p.m. Shannon Schweigert, Managing Director, PACE Fundraising, resumed testimony.

12:25 p.m. Michelle Brislin, Senior Consultant, PACE Fundraising, answered questions.

12:27 p.m. Shannon Schweigert, Managing Director, PACE Fundraising, resumed testimony.

12:34 p.m. Michelle Brislin, Senior Consultant, PACE Fundraising, answered questions.

12:37 p.m. Shannon Schweigert, Managing Director, PACE Fundraising, resumed testimony.

12:48 p.m. Recess

1:53 p.m. Co-Chairman Bekkedahl reconvened the meeting.

1:54 p.m. Dr. Bill Peterson, Director, State Historical Society of North Dakota, testified in favor and submitted testimony #45640, #45641 and #45642.

2:12 p.m. Jackie Huber, President, North Dakota National Guard Foundation, testified in favor and submitted testimony #45631, #45632 and #45633.

2:26 p.m. Mark Thompson, Owner, H.A. Thompson and Sons, testified in favor.

2:40 p.m. Representative Koppelman, testified in favor and submitted testimony #45650.

3:10 p.m. Tom Job, Physical Plant Director, OMB, answered questions.

3:13 p.m. Patrick Pins, Community Member, testified in favor.

3:17 p.m. Dale Lennon, Executive Director, State Historical Society of North Dakota Foundation, testified in favor and submitted testimony #45607.

3:23 p.m. Senator Selzler, proposed LC amendment #25.1421.02005 and submitted testimony #45652 and #45615.

3:38 p.m. Lucinda (Cindy) Johnson, Community Member, testified in opposition.

3:47 p.m. Representative Bosch introduced LC amendment #25.1421.02007 and submitted testimony #45651.

3:52 p.m. Co-Chairman Bekkedahl introduced LC amendment #25.1421.02008 and submitted testimony #45653.

Additional written testimony:

Matt Dunlevy, Vice President, State Historical Board, submitted testimony in favor #45611.

Mitch Johnson, Brigadier General, Adjutant General, North Dakota National Guard, submitted testimony in favor #45630.

Doug Sharbono, Citizen, submitted testimony in favor #45637.

3:53 p.m. Co-Chairman Bekkedahl closed the meeting.

Krystal Eberle, Committee Clerk

Testimony: Bill 2407 - Military Gallery

Special Session of the North Dakota Legislative Assembly
Dale Lennon, Executive Director
State Historical Society of North Dakota Foundation

Chairman and members of the committee, thank you for the opportunity to speak today.

My name is Dale Lennon, and I serve as Executive Director of the State Historical Society of North Dakota Foundation.

I want to briefly explain the Foundation's role in the Military Gallery project, the work we have undertaken in support of it, and why we remain committed to seeing this project move forward.

From the beginning, my Board of Directors recognized the importance of this project and issued a declaration of **conceptual support** for the Military Gallery. That support reflected our belief that preserving and telling the stories of North Dakotans who have served our country is consistent with the mission of our Foundation and the State Historical Society.

The Foundation is a nonprofit organization, but our role extends well beyond fundraising. We have been given the responsibility of establishing and maintaining relationships with the donors who support the State Historical Society and its mission.

That responsibility includes the major donors who helped make the **2014 expansion of the Heritage Center** possible, and it will include the major donors supporting this expansion and the Military Gallery. It also includes the individuals and families whose donations and membership dues sustain the Foundation and allow us to continue our work.

Because of that responsibility, I felt it was important for the Foundation to be represented throughout each phase of the Military Gallery project. I have served on both the Joint Military Museum Advisory Committee, or JMMAC, and its Executive Committee. My participation has allowed me to understand how the project has developed, the commitments being made to donors, and the vision for what the Military Gallery will ultimately become.

That involvement becomes especially important after the project is completed. The Foundation will help facilitate the long-term relationships with those who have invested in this project through **Naming Rights agreements, donor recognition, stewardship, and ongoing communication.**

For the Foundation, receiving a gift is not the end of the relationship - it is the beginning of one. Our responsibility is to make sure those who invest in North Dakota's history remain connected to the impact of their generosity.

Our involvement has also extended beyond fundraising.

This past spring, the Foundation conducted a statewide Military Gallery Caravan. We made **48 stops across North Dakota**, working with legislators and community leaders to schedule at least two stops within each legislative district.

The purpose was to take the story of the Military Gallery directly to the people of North Dakota—to explain the project, create awareness, hear from veterans and communities, and build support.

Attendance varied considerably from stop to stop. Some gatherings were well attended; others were not. But the media coverage generated by the Caravan was consistently positive and helped us reach far more people than those who attended the individual events.

It was an ambitious effort, and it reinforced something we already knew: **building awareness and private support for a project of this magnitude takes time.**

The fundraising campaign remains a work in progress.

I am here to assure you that the **State Historical Society of North Dakota Foundation remains committed to doing its part.**

I remain committed to working with the State Historical Society, the North Dakota National Guard Foundation, our fundraising partners, our donors, veterans, communities, and the Legislature.

I also recognize that the decisions made during this special session will provide important direction for all of us as we determine the next steps.

Ultimately, the Military Gallery is about more than a building.

It is about preserving the stories of North Dakotans who served, honoring their sacrifices, and making certain those stories are available to generations who will never have the opportunity to hear them firsthand.

The Foundation believed in that purpose when our Board offered its conceptual support at the beginning of this project.

We believe in that purpose today.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify and for your consideration of the future of the Military Gallery project.

**TESTIMONY OF DAVID HOGUE IN SUPPORT SPECIAL SESSION BILL SB 2407
(25.1421.0200)**

SENATE AND HOUSE JOINT APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

Brynhild Haugland Room; 10:30 AM

September 2, 2026

Good morning Co-chairs Vigesaa and Bekkedahl. My name is David Hogue. I am a North Dakota state senator representing District 38, which includes northwest Minot and the city of Burlington. I appear before your committee to seek support for SB 2407 related to the state military museum.

North Dakota is a small state by population, but our contribution to this nation's defense has never been small. From the moment we joined the Union, North Dakotans have stepped forward in our nation's common defense. We've sent thousands of young men and women across the Atlantic for both World War I and World War II. During the Cold War, our state stood on the front line in a way most Americans never realized. The intercontinental ballistic missile fields around Minot and the B52s stationed at the Minot Air Force Base made our state one of the most militarily significant patches of ground on the entire planet. For decades our backyard was part of shield that kept our country safe.

And our story doesn't end there. Our National Guard units have deployed to Korea, Vietnam, Dessert Storm, Iraq, and Afghanistan. Native veterans from our tribal nations have served with a distinction and a rate of enlistment that humbles the rest of

1 the country. Every one of these North Dakota stories--the foot soldier, the airman, the
2 missileer, the Guardsman, the Native Veteran--is a thread in the same North Dakota
3 flag. Right now, those threads are scattered across our state in basements and attics
4 and legion halls. But the promise of the North Dakota military museum is to gather
5 those artifacts and lessons and assemble them in one place where we can all recognize
6 them, learn from them and celebrate them.

7 As many of you know, we authorized the construction of the North Dakota
8 Military Museum on the capitol grounds in HB 1018, the budget for the ND State
9 Historical Society ("the Society"). The bill authorizes a \$78 million project that was to be
10 funded by \$ 39 million of state dollars and \$ 39 million of private funds. In the 2023
11 legislative session, the legislature authorized a \$ 5 million line of credit to fund design of
12 the project. Below is a conceptual photograph of the exterior of the building structure
13 and the outdoor amphitheater.

ND Military Museum



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2 In HB 1018, the agency budget for the State Historical Society, we structured the
3 way that the Society could access public dollars to build the military museum. In
4 addition to the initial \$ 5 million line of credit from the 2023 legislative assembly, we
5 provided a \$ 20 million line of credit through our Bank of North Dakota. We also
6 authorized another \$ 15 million of public funds from SIIF Fund, **if** the Society received
7 written pledges of approximately \$ 12.8 million. The Society did not meet this important
8 \$ 12.8 million threshold of private pledges that would unlock the \$ 15 million of SIIF
9 funds.

10 The Society made a decision to sign construction agreements and go forward
11 with construction without having a legal right to access the \$ 15 million of public funds
12 that is authorized in section 6(3) of HB 1018. To date the Society has not received
13 sufficient private pledges to access the \$ 15 million from the SIIF Fund. So, as
14 construction progressed on the project, invoices were presented for payment and paid.

15 That routine, monthly business transaction process worked until the Society
16 exhausted the \$ 20 million line of credit. When exhausted, the Society ran out of funds
17 to pay the monthly draws from the contractors and design professionals who are in the
18 process of building the ND Military Museum.

19 The problem of insufficient funding to defray the expenses of the on-going
20 construction has been brewing for more than six months. When legislative leadership
21 became aware of the funding shortfall, we initiated a series of meetings, including the

1 following:

Meetings to address problem

- Kraus-Anderson (Construction manager)
- OMB
- Legislative Council
- BND
- Legislative leadership and appropriations leaders
- State Historical Society & ND National Guard
- Governor's office

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3 Those meetings have made clear that doing nothing to address the funding
4 shortfall has significant adverse financial consequences for the state of North Dakota.
5 I've heard the expression that we should just "fill the hole in the ground." However,
6 there is no hole in the ground to be filled. The project is now a building structure with
7 footings, foundations, and walls. The construction manager has advised the building
8 structure will require placement of a temporary roof and other temporary construction to
9 protect structural elements from the North Dakota frost cycle. When permanent
10 construction resumes, that temporary roof and other temporary construction will have to
11 be removed, and the permanent roof will be constructed in its place.

12 There will be other costs that are unavoidable when a project of this magnitude
13 stalls. These include on-going builders risk insurance, general conditions, mobilization
14 and demobilization costs, extra heating for a non-insulated roof, among other additional

1 costs. The current estimate provided by OMB, in cooperation with the construction
2 manager is that the state of North Dakota will incur \$ 1.7 million of extra costs if there is
3 no funding before January 1 of 2027. So, by authorizing an additional line of credit to let
4 construction proceed, we can avoid substantial additional costs that would not otherwise
5 be incurred.

6 I have also heard it suggested that we should provide enough funding to
7 adequately enclose the building structure and let the building construction idle until
8 there is private funding or until the regular session. That proposal too is problematic
9 from my perspective. It's not a good business decision.

10 Perhaps the biggest cost and the unknown is the potential that the key elements
11 of the project would have to rebid. I have reviewed the construction agreements
12 between the state as the owner and the construction manager and design
13 professionals. These agreements are the industry accepted AIA form agreements with
14 modifications. AIA is the American Institute of Architects. I don't like the structure of
15 the agreements because they dramatically weaken the bargaining position of the owner
16 when the owner defaults on timely payments during the construction period.

17 I will say the ND Attorney General's office has done an outstanding job of limiting
18 the state of North Dakota's financial exposure with legal provisions in the agreement
19 that permit the state of North Dakota, as the owner, to terminate the contract "for
20 convenience" and limit customary financial penalties that a private sector owner would
21 incur for termination of an AIA construction agreement. In particular, the deletion of lost
22 profits for unfinished work is an important provision that limits the state's exposure.

1 Nonetheless, If we choose to pause the construction, there is a substantial risk.
2 The construction contracting parties' leverage relative to the state of North Dakota, as
3 the contracting owner, increases dramatically. With a delay going past January 2027, I
4 am concerned about the potential for rebidding the job and having to pay for
5 subcontractor lost profits, overhead, mobilization costs for multiple, duplicative
6 subcontractors. The amount of economic waste would be at a loss to the people of
7 North Dakota.

8 I realize there is a faction of our legislative members who want to encourage
9 private sector fundraising. In offering this bill, I have studied the prospects of private
10 funding.

11 After we approved the \$ 5 million line of credit in the 2023 session, a group of
12 leaders engaged a private fundraising firm. By January of 2024, the private fundraiser
13 and the JMAC team had come up with a plan to raise the proposed \$ 39 million of
14 private dollars. For two years and eight months, the total fundraising has come to
15 approximately \$ 4.5 million, with \$ 2 million coming from a pledge from one donor.

16 I think we have to be realistic about fundraising. I'm not sure one can reasonably
17 expect that an effort like this can achieve its fundraising goal when it has raised 11 % of
18 its stated goal in 2.7 years.

19 The last expansion of the Heritage Center can inform our judgment here. The
20 last expansion was a \$ 51.7 million project that called for a private donation of 23.21%.
21 I wanted to share with you what a robust list of donors participated in the last Heritage
22 Expansion project.

Sponsorship and donation information for the project remains on display in the Heritage Center's Legislative Hall of Honors. The display lists the following major sponsorships:

- Hess Corporation - \$2 million
- Continental Resources, Inc - \$1.8 million
- Touchstone Energy Cooperatives of North Dakota - \$1,326,261
- Tom and Frances Leach Foundation - \$620,000
- A Kirk and Janet Lanterman - \$500,000
- Basin Electric Power Cooperative - \$500,000
- BNSF Railway - \$500,000
- Great River Energy - \$500,000
- North Dakota Petroleum Council - \$500,000
- Hollis and Theodore Nappen - \$400,000
- Whiting Petroleum Corporation - \$350,000
- Sam and Maryvonne McQuade - \$271,400
- North Dakota Association of Rural Electric Cooperatives - \$256,261
- Bob and Kathy Mau and Family - \$250,000
- Forum Communications Company - \$250,000
- MDU Resources Group, Inc - \$250,000
- North American Coal Corporation - \$250,000
- ONEOK - \$250,000
- Marathon Oil Company - \$200,000
- North Dakota Association of Telecommunications Cooperatives - \$155,000
- North Dakota Grocers Association - \$125,000
- Ruth Dahlgren Hartman - \$125,000
- Neset Consulting Service - \$110,000
- Governor Arthur and Grace Link - \$100,000
- The City of Bismarck - \$100,000
- Barbara McCormick - \$100,000
- Murex Petroleum Corporation - \$100,000
- North Dakota Farmers Union - \$100,000
- Offutt Family Foundation - \$100,000
- Starion Bank - \$100,000
- Statoil - \$100,000
- National Information Solutions Cooperative - \$50,000
- Minnkota Power Cooperative, Inc - \$20,000

The display in the Heritage's Center Legislative Hall of Honors additionally lists the following donors:

\$1 million and more	Continental Resources Inc	Hess Corporation	Touchstone Energy Cooperatives of North Dakota
\$500,000 and more	A Kirk and Janet Lanterman BNSF	Tom and Frances Leach Foundation	North Dakota Petroleum Council

\$100,000 and more	Barry Foundation City of Bismarck Brigham Exploration Company Ruth Dahlgran-Hartman Forum Communications Company Art and Grace Link Marathon Oil Corporation Bob and Karen Mau and Family Barbara McCormick	Sam and Maryvonne McQuade MDU Resources Foundation Murex Petroleum Corporation Hollis and Theodore Nappen Neset Consulting Service North American Coal Corporation North Dakota Association of Telecommunications Cooperatives	North Dakota Farmers Union North Dakota Grocers Association - Honoring Tom Woodmansee Offutt Family Foundation ONEOK Starion Financial Whiting Oil & Gas Corporation
\$50,000 and more	Howard and Ann Dahl and Brian and Terrie Dahl Mark and Cindy Fliginger	Jerrold and Carol Mayer Mid Dakota Center for Women	State Bank and Trust of Fargo
\$25,000 and more	American Bank Center Wally and Joyce Beyer Border States Electric Supply BNI Coal CNH America LLC Eide Bailey LLP	Fireside Office Solutions Gate City Bank Joe Hauer Miller Insulation Company Inc Otter Tail Corporation Otter Tail Power Company	Arthur and Edith Pearson Foundation The City of Portal Art Todd III and Barb Lang United Energy Corporation USDA Forest Service Dakota Prairie Grasslands Wells Fargo Bank

\$10,000 and more	Cyndy Aafedt	Hedahls Inc	The TC and Johanna Nelsen Family
	In Honor of Bert Aas and Gustav Solberg	HGA Architects	The Soren and Margaret Lee Nordby Family
	In Memory of Elaine Andrist	Senator John and Mikey Hoeven	The CL Mattison Family
	AVI Systems	The Norman and Gladys Hofland Family	Jack and Velma Olin
	Emil and Marcia Baranko	In Memory of Burton Hoovestol	The Elmer and Olga Olson Family
	Dr. Rick Becker	Robert and Deanne Horne	In Honor of Edwin and Helen Overboe
	The George "Bud" and Lois Vanderoef Benner Family	FC and Jane Humphrey	Merl and Kathy Paaverud
	Glen and Norma Berg	Inland Oil and Gas Corporation	The Robert and Lewista (Hanley) Paris Family
	Alvera Bergquist	Gordon Iseminger	In Memory of Norman and Lily Rolfson
	Bismarck Lions Club #3214	Michael S Johnson	John Sakariassen
	Bismarck Title Co	In Honor of Vernon and Aida Johnson	In Honor of Harold and Sheila Schafer
	BNC National Bank	Marv Kaiser	Earl Setterlund
	The Olav and Ruth Bye Family	The Edward Keller Family	SIA Marketing
	Capital Credit Union	In Honor of Cecil and Cecilia Klatt	The Alfred and Mande Slaaten Family
	CoBANK	The Klemer Family	Sommerville-Wilson Inc, Split Rock Studios
	Governor Jack and Betsy Dalrymple	In Honor of Andrew and Marie Larsen	The Sons of Norway
	Shirley and Richard Dukart	In Honor of Arthur Smith Livingston and Helen Radcliffe McMillan	The Helen Sorlie Family
	In Memory of Robert K Fruh	The George and Constance Maragos Family	David and Connie Sprynczynatyk
	Michael and Karen Goebel	Jon and Jeannen McMillan	The City of Stanley
	Mike and Lois Gustafson	Brad and Kathy Miller	Steffes Corporation
	In Memory of Alvin and Alpha Halverson	The Peter and Mary Miller Family	The Marvin and Benda Sveen Family
	Armen and Connie Hanson	Bill and Betty Mills	Fern Swenson
	Don and Glenda Haugen		Robert and Susan Wefald

\$5,000 and more	Alerus Financial	First Western Bank	The Kenneth and Mary Mann Family
	The Atkinson Company	Marilyn Hudson	Dakota Paper Company
	Robert Brodshaug	Industrial Builders	Paul Picha
	Dakota Community Bank	Ann Jenks	St Alexius Medical Center
	Darrell and Kathy Dorgan	Johnsen Trailer Sales	Enoch and Madeline Thorsgard
	FEBCO Inc	Lions Clubs	The Todd-Tanner Family Memorial

Gifts under \$5,000	Marva Anderson	C Edward and Faye M Hasche	Susan Quinnell
	The Eleanore Aune Memorial	The Dr Warren Henke Memorial	The Rollie Redlin Memorial
	David Beach	The Mary Hoganson Memorial	Janet Reile
	Gerald Bechhold	The Robert Hoglund Memorial	The Remele Memorial Fund
	In Honor of Claudia Berg	Bruce Haugen	Jim and Joan Ressler
	The Sidney Bergen Memorial	Harry and Kathy Hawken	Tom and Ann Riley
	Andrea Berger	The Carmen Hay Memorial	The John Ritter Memorial
	The Richard Berger Memorial	The George W and Ann L Hektner Memorial	James and Eileen Rouse
	Lynn and Denis Billadeau	The Kenneth Jefferson Wedding Tribute	In Memory of Earl C Rundle and Elinor Aird Rundle
	The Bismarck Mandan Garden Club	Dennis Johnson	Joe and Katherine Satrom
	Bismarck Republican Women	Ken and Karen Karls	Scheels All Sports
	Bismarck Sertoma Club	The City of Kenmare	Dalles and Sue Schneider
	The David Blair Family Memorial	The Kelly Kiemele Memorial	Leland and Elma Severson
	Ernie and Donna Borr	The City of Kindred	Alan Shilepsky
	In Honor of Floyd Boutrous	Susan Kinkle	The Jim Silbernagel Memorial
	The David Bostrom/Albert Zimmerman Memorial	Albert and Helen Klein	The Jon Silengo Memorial
	Morris and Darlene Broeckel	The Viola C Nordstrom Kine Memorial	Sharon Silengo
	The Delores Bryon Memorial	The Neil Knatterud Memorial	Governor George and Jane Sinner
	John Bye	The Glen Knudsvig Memorial	Dave and Becky Skalsky
	The City of Casselton	The Senator Ed Kringstad Memorial	Lanny Smith
	Central Dakota Optimist Club	Bennett and Judy Kubischta	Gustav Staahl
	Bob and Lisa Cherenson	Charles and Adele Kupchella	The Harvey Steinman Memorial
	Jane Cleary	Cathy Langemo	The Bob Stenehjem Memorial
	Steve Cochrane	The John Larson Memorial	Gary and Rita Stenson
	Sara Otte Coleman	Adeline Ley	Wayne Stroup
	Friends of Kent Conrad	The Adeline Ley Memorial	Marlo and Jane Sveen
	Patricia Crary	The City of Lignite	The Esther Teichtman Memorial
	Robert and Kate Crosby	Lindquist and Vennum	ND Legislative 3 rd House Party
	David Dahle	The Art Link Family Memorial	The Bob and Joan Thompson Family
	The Forest W Daniel Memorial	JR Mailing	

Kirk Dean	Jeff and Lucinda Mann	The Jim and June Thompson Memorial
James and Virginia Dixon	Herbert and Shirley Meschke	Ralph Thrane
Garth and Anita Morris-Dockter	The Faye Metcalfe Memorial	Jack and Jane Traynor
Emogene Doverspike	Modern Machine Works	The Kalmer and Lorelei Unhjem Family
Paul Durben	Amy Mosbaek	Unlimited Office Products Inc
The Fort Union Association	Dennis R Murphy	Harry Vadnie
Don and Ardis Gackle	The Elmer T and Eva H Myhre Memorial	Dennis Walaker
Gateway Pharmacy LLC	The Anna Nagel Memorial	John Warner
General Mills Foundation	Rory Nelson	The Tom Wefald Memorial
Germans from Russia Heritage Society	Paul and Nancy Olson	Wells Fargo Adopt an Artifact
Pat Grantier	The Rodney Olson Memorial	Western State Bank
The Governor William Guy Memorial	Optimist Club of Bismarck	The George F Will Jr Memorial
Scott and Mary Handy	Optimist Club of Jamestown	William and Nancy Willis
Martin and Barbara Handy-Marcello	Theodore and Virginia Pedeliski	The Joanne Ylitato Memorial
The Elaine Hansen Memorial	Pinehurst Family Dentistry	John and Marcia Young
The Clayton Hanson Memorial	The City of Powers Lake	Mark Zimmerman

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2 This is the look of a rigorous fundraising effort that took six years. These names
3 are all present at the Heritage Center.

4 I think the prudent course of action is to continue to authorize funding through a
5 BND line of credit so that construction may continue into this fall and the remainder of
6 the biennium. Perhaps there aren't any good alternatives for the situation we find
7 ourselves in but this represents the least worst one. It provides the least risk and the
8 least cost to the state of North Dakota. I recommend we support this legislation.

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Testimony of
Matt Dunlevy
Vice President, State Historical Board
September 2, 2026

Senate Bill 2407 – Special Session

Chairman and members of the committee, my name is Matt Dunlevy, Vice President of the State Historical Board. I want to express our Board's strong support for Senate Bill 2407 and for moving forward with the North Dakota Military Museum Project. The temporary line of credit authorized in this bill provides a responsible and practical solution that allows construction to continue while private fundraising advances. We believe this approach protects the public interest, honors donor commitments, and ensures that this important project can remain on schedule. Thank you for your consideration.

Testimony on Senate Bill 2407

Senator Jamie Selzler | District 44, Fargo

Joint Appropriations Committee | September 2, 2026

Proposed Amendment: LC 25.1421.02005

Co-Chairs Bekkedahl and Vigesaa, members of the Joint Appropriations Committee, thank you for the opportunity to speak with you this morning.

For those of you I have not had the chance to meet yet, my name is Jamie Selzler. I am the State Senator representing District 44 in Fargo.

I am new to the Senate, but my background is in business. Before coming here, I spent more than two decades in senior leadership and executive roles at some of the largest companies in the world. I have led organizations with thousands of employees, managed budgets in the eight and nine figures, and been involved with building projects of this size from the original vision through construction and the punch-out list at the end.

I mention that because it shapes how I look at the problem in front of us.

I am not here to assign blame. There will be plenty of time in the future to understand how we got here and what lessons should be learned.

Today, we have a more immediate problem.

We have a partially constructed building. We have North Dakota businesses that need to be paid for work they have already performed. We have a substantial state investment that needs to be protected from a North Dakota winter. And we have a financing plan that has not worked the way it was intended to work.

I also want to recognize Senator Hogue and the other sponsors of SB 2407. They were handed an extraordinarily difficult situation. Doing nothing is not acceptable, and they have put forward a serious attempt to find a path forward where there are no perfect choices.

My concern is the amount of additional financial risk the state would be accepting.

This project was designed around approximately \$39 million in private fundraising. After roughly two years and eight months, approximately \$4.5 million has been raised or pledged toward that goal.

We have to be realistic about what that tells us.

I hope the fundraising campaign becomes enormously successful. But I do not think we can make an appropriation decision based on the assumption that tens of millions of dollars will materialize when the evidence we have today does not demonstrate that.

The bill before us authorizes another \$35 million line of credit through the Bank of North Dakota. The intention is that private donations repay that line.

But if those donations do not materialize, the Historical Society is directed to come back to the 2029 Legislature and request a deficiency appropriation for the remaining balance and accrued interest.

That does not mean taxpayers will necessarily pay the entire \$35 million. But from a risk-management standpoint, I believe we should treat every dollar we authorize as a dollar the state may ultimately have to repay.

I also want to address directly one of the strongest arguments that has been made for continuing construction.

Testimony cites an estimate of approximately \$1.7 million in additional costs if there is no funding before January 1, including a temporary roof, heating, insurance, general conditions, demobilization and remobilization.

Those are real costs.

But the alternative I am proposing is not to provide no funding.

I am proposing that we pay what we legitimately owe, protect what taxpayers have already paid to build, and then stop long enough to determine what project makes financial sense from this point forward.

That is why I am asking the committee to consider amendment LC 25.1421.02005.

First, instead of authorizing a \$35 million line of credit to continue the existing construction project, the amendment reduces that line to \$6 million and limits its use to costs already incurred and the work necessary to stabilize and weatherproof the site.

I would suggest one change to my own amendment.

If a member of this committee is willing to move it, I would ask that the \$6 million figure be increased to \$8 million.

The most recent public figure I have seen puts outstanding invoices at nearly \$4.5 million. We also have the approximately \$1.7 million estimate associated with protecting the project while construction is paused.

I want to make sure the businesses that performed work are made whole and that OMB has enough room to properly protect the state's investment. If more precise numbers are provided today, I am certainly open to using those numbers.

The principle is simple:

Pay what we owe. Protect what we have already built. But do not authorize tens of millions of additional dollars before we decide what this project should now become.

Second, the amendment addresses the \$15 million previously appropriated from the Strategic Investment and Improvements Fund.

That money remains unavailable because the project did not reach the private fundraising threshold established by the Legislature.

Under this amendment, if that funding becomes available, it may be used only to repay lines of credit obtained for the project. It cannot simply become another source of money to restart construction under the existing plan.

Third, the amendment keeps the oversight structure contained in the bill. The Capital Grounds Planning Commission would continue to have final decision-making authority, working with the State Historical Society, the Adjutant General and OMB.

What changes is the assignment we give them.

They would be required to come back to the 70th Legislative Assembly with a revised project plan.

That plan must substantially reduce the remaining capital cost and the state's financial exposure. It must maximize the practical and economical use of construction and materials already completed or acquired. And it must prioritize the core functions of a North Dakota military museum.

We are not the experts on how to design a museum. But we are responsible for setting the financial boundaries.

So I am asking them to start with what exists today.

Look at what has already been built and purchased. Look at the commitments we have already made. Then ask:

Given what we already have, what is the most practical and economical way to turn it into a military museum that accomplishes the core mission and that North Dakota's veterans can be proud of?

That is different from asking how we find enough money to finish everything that was originally planned.

Finally, the amendment makes the pause meaningful.

Except for stabilization and weatherproofing, construction may not resume until the 70th Legislative Assembly approves the revised project plan and specifically authorizes construction to continue.

That allows us to come back during the regular session with better information about the remaining cost, the private funding actually available, what can be reduced or eliminated, and what the next dollar of state money will actually buy.

There are legitimate concerns about the cost of pausing. But the Attorney General negotiated important protections into the state's construction agreements, including the ability to terminate for convenience and the removal of the normal lost-profit provision for unfinished work.

There are risks on both sides.

I believe spending some money now to satisfy our obligations and protect the site for several months is a risk we can understand and manage.

Authorizing another \$35 million of state-backed borrowing based on a private fundraising assumption that has not materialized is a much larger risk.

Many of us may feel as though we have been painted into a corner by this project.

But we are not powerless.

The Legislature controls the purse strings, and we have a responsibility to North Dakotans to use their money wisely.

And I want to be clear: this is not about whether someone supports our military or our veterans.

North Dakota has an extraordinary military history. The men and women from this state who have served our country deserve to have that history preserved and told.

We will build something they can be proud of.

The question is how we get there responsibly.

I believe LC 25.1421.02005, with the line of credit increased from \$6 million to \$8 million, gives us a pragmatic, fiscally responsible and conservative path forward.

It pays what we owe. It protects what we have built. It requires a less expensive plan with less financial exposure to the state. And it brings that plan back to the Legislature before construction begins again.

I respectfully ask a member of this committee to move the amendment.

Thank you. I am happy to answer any questions.

**TESTIMONY OF BRIGADIER GENERAL MITCH JOHNSON
ADJUTANT GENERAL, NORTH DAKOTA NATIONAL GUARD
SEPTEMBER 2, 2026**

Senate Bill 2407 – Special Session

Good morning, Mr. Chairman and members of the committee. For the record, I am Brigadier General Mitch Johnson, Adjutant General of the North Dakota National Guard.

Thank you for the opportunity to speak in support of SB2407 and the North Dakota Military Gallery.

From the Office of the Adjutant General's perspective, this project is about preserving the story of North Dakotans who have answered the call to serve.

For generations, our Soldiers, Airmen, veterans, families, and communities have made extraordinary contributions to our state and nation. The Military Gallery will provide a permanent place to preserve and share those stories.

Its mission is simple: Honor. Educate. Inspire.

The Office of the Adjutant General is committed to this mission and to providing the historical expertise, artifacts, and institutional knowledge necessary to tell North Dakota's military story accurately and respectfully.

This has also been a strong partnership. The Governor's Office, Legislature, State Historical Society, OMB, Capitol Grounds Planning Commission, both Foundations, PACE, and the Joint Military Museum Advisory Committee have all provided oversight, expertise, and accountability.

The current challenge is not the importance or viability of the project. The proposed line of credit provides a temporary bridge that allows the project to move forward while fundraising continues, protecting the investments already made.

The Office of the Adjutant General remains committed to this project because these stories need to be preserved for future generations are provided the opportunity to hear them.

We are grateful for the Legislature's continued partnership and respectfully ask for your support.

Thank you.

Military Gallery Timeline

Prior to 2021

Date	Event	Comments
Pre 1972	Conversation about creating a North Dakota National Guard museum.	
1989	North Dakota Milita Foundation Articles include building a museum.	
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2019	Major General Dohrmann directed staff to re-examine building a museum.	
2020	NDNG staff approaches the Director of the ND State Historical Society.	

2021

Date	Event	Comment
4/30/2021	ND Legislature passes HB 1016, authorizing fundraising for a National Guard Museum for OTAG to fundraise up to 10M.	
6/10/2021	ND Guard approves feasibility study and creates a feasibility subcommittee.	
June/July 2021	NDNGF advertises a RFP for a feasibility study for a NDNG Museum.	
Aug/Sep 2021	Feasibility study interviews.	
9/3/2021	ND guard Foundation selects PACE fundraising for feasibility study.	
10/1/2021	Talking points on North Dakota military museum released due to the upcoming feasibility study.	
11/10/2021	Contract signed with PACE Fundraising.	

2022

Date	Events	Comment
Feb/July 2022	February NDNGF commissions PACE Fundraising to conduct a feasibility study; with positive results in July of 2022.	
7/14/2022	Museum plans expand from National Guard only to all service branches. Location changed from stand-alone facility to co-location with the ND Heritage Center and State Museum.	
1/14/2022	PACE Fundraising conducted a kickoff brief on the feasibility process to SHSND, SHSND board, SHSND Foundation, OTAG, NDGNF, and the public.	
10/17/2022	OTAG and SHSND enter into MOA to establish working relationship.	
Fall 2022	OTAG and SHSND brief capital grounds planning commission.	
11/10/2022	North Dakota National Guard foundation signs marketing and capital campaign contract with PACE Fundraising.	
10/10/2022	PACE Fundraising announced and conducted feasibility study results.	
11/28/2022	SHSND Director Bill Peterson and MG Alan Dohrmann sign a cooperative agreement to jointly develop a North Dakota military museum as an addition to the heritage Center. \$40 Million Estimate at time of signing.	This formalized the relationship between the two parties.

2023

Date	Event	Comment
2/1/2023	Joint Military Museum Advisory Committee (JMAC) was established.	JMAC begins the planning process.
April/May 2023	ND Legislature authorized \$20M Line of credit with State Bank of ND, with no cap on private fundraising. Part of the State Historical Society funding bill.	
4/30/2023	PACE Fundraising hosts capital campaign kickoff event in Bismarck.	
10/17/2023	Pace Fundraising cohosts capital campaign event in Fargo with Gate City Bank.	

2024

Date	Event	Comment
1/1/2024	Presented to United Tribes to have Native American Representative on advisory committee and JMAC. (All 5 Tribal Chairs agreed to have representation).	Each Tribes THPO (Tribal Historical Preservation Officer) and VSO (Veteran Service Officer) is designated as the representative on the advisory committee.
2/1/2024	Zerr Berg published concept design.	
3/1/2024	Zerr Berg begins bi-weekly planning and design meetings.	
5/1/2024	SHSNDF and PACE Fundraising complete naming rights with Fundraising Level.	
5/1/2024	Kraus Anderson selected as construction manager of the project.	
5/1/2024	Ralph Appelbaum Associates (RAA) selected for internal design for Museum.	
August 2024	Memorandum of agreement with State Historical Society	

	Foundation, OTAG and NDNGF	
8/8/2024	Capitol grounds Planning Commission approves the concept design from Zerr Berg Architects.	
11/11/2024	Public marketing campaign Kickoff at the North Dakota Heritage Center Annual Veterans Day event.	
12/3/2024	PACE Fundraising, NDNGF board members, NDSHS staff and OTAG have both and marketing materials at the OTAG Legislative reception.	
12/3/2024	Military Caucus Meeting	BG Huber presented on the Military Gallery to the Military Caucus during the Organizational Session

2025

Date	Event	Comment
1/21/2025	HB1018 - House Appropriations Hearing	Brig Gen Johnson provided supportive testimony of the NDSHS Budget Bill - HB1018 to the House Ed and Env Cmte. There was concern expressed by Rep. Martinson about the amount of money that needed to be fundraised.
2/13/2025	Heritage Center Tour and Social	This event was postponed to 03APR25
3/12/2025	HB1018 - Senate Appropriations Hearing.	Brig Gen Johnson provided supportive testimony of the NDSHS Budget Bill - HB1018 to the House Ed and Env Cmte. There was a question asked by Sen. Schaible about status of fundraising.
4/3/2025	Military Gallery VIP Reception to show case the proposed designs and future plans for the Gallery.	5:00 PM to 7:30 PM in the Northern Lights Atrium at the North Dakota Heritage Center & State Museum in Bismarck.

4/27/2025 OR July August	The Attorney General's office concludes SHSND cannot accept Karus-Andersons offer to carry the project, because doing so obligates un-appropriated funds	
5/1/2025	Social Media marketing campaign.	
5/16/2025	State Legislator approved HB 1018 that includes 15M in SIIF Funds and a \$20M line of credit to the Bank of North Dakota.	States total commitment is 39.2M with 12.8 pledge trigger to release the SIIF fund. Privately raised funds for the project was determined to be 38.8M
5/21/2025	JMAC voted on whether or not to continue the military gallery project as planned or to end it. Modifications were discussed but it was voted to move forward as planned.	PACE Fundraising presented they were 90% confident in their ability to raise the 12M required by HB1018 to unlock SIIF Funds by the goal of July 1st 2025.
5/27/2025	Project bids released for advertising.	
7/10/2025	Ceremonial groundbreaking event.	Kruas Anderson moved equipment from State Lab project to this site for the ceremony.
8/10/2025	Construction started with Kruas Anderson as lead construction manager.	
8/11/2025	PACE fundraising cohost capital campaign event in Minot with The Minot Chamber.	
11/24/2025	NDNGF does a gaming funds letter drive.	This raised \$110,850

2026

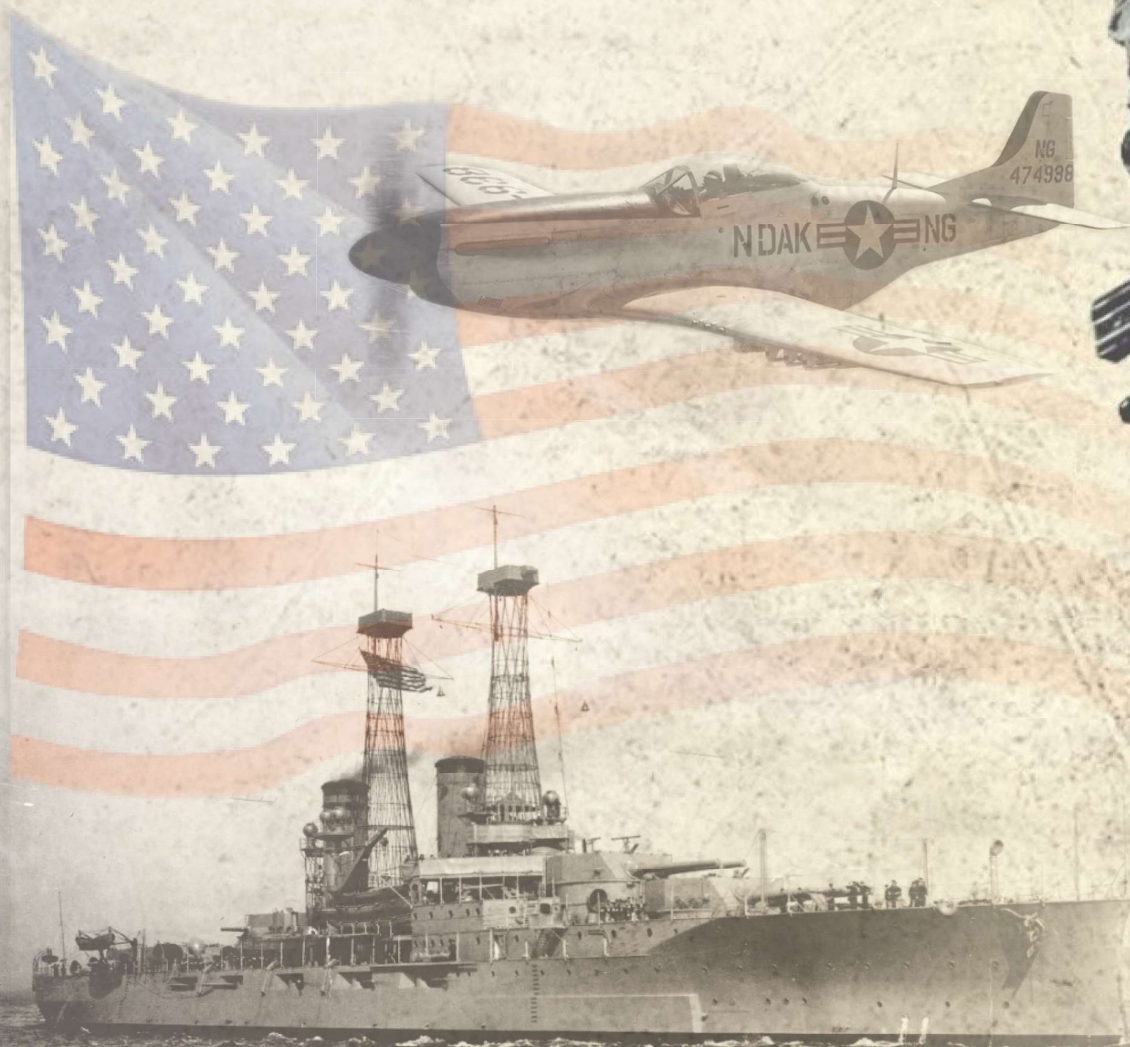
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3/20/2026	PACE Fundraising cohost capital campaign event in Grand Forks with Olive Ann Hotel, Tom Sawyer (Northern Plains Test Authority), and Dean Gorder (General Atomics).	

6 – 30 April 2026	SHSDNF hosts a canvassing tour to 64 North Dakota cities.	Legislator and county/city officials invited to attend event in their area.
7/1/2026	Construction paused due to funding issues.	
August 2026	NDNGF does a 2nd gaming funds letter drive.	

MILITARY GALLERY

OF THE NORTH DAKOTA
STATE MUSEUM

A COLLABORATION WITH THE
NORTH DAKOTA NATIONAL GUARD FOUNDATION
& STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF NORTH DAKOTA



HONOR ★ EDUCATE ★ INSPIRE

"The state of North Dakota has a rich and diverse military history. Our military history and stories need to be preserved and shared. As Americans, we need to remember that the freedoms we enjoy today are due to the sacrifices of those who have served in our Armed Forces. In North Dakota, we have a great story that needs to be told. The North Dakota Military Museum will ensure our military history is shared with the hope that a whole new generation is inspired to serve our great nation."

- Jackie Huber, ND National Guard Foundation (NDNGF) President

\$78 MILLION

**TOTAL RAISE AMOUNT
FOR PROJECT GOAL**



"This project for a Military Gallery in our state is a priority, we need the current and future generations to know about our past heroes."

- TAMMY MILLER, Former Lieutenant Governor of North Dakota



Members of the ND National Guard Foundation and the Joint Military Museum Advisory Committee attend the Capital Campaign Kickoff in Bismarck, 2023.

ND National Guard Foundation
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SUMMARY

The approved concept design includes a 20,000-foot military gallery, a North Dakota National Guard Regimental Room seating 400, a gun vault, workspace, collections storage, and an outdoor amphitheater.

LOCATION

ND Heritage Center & State Museum
State Capitol Grounds, Bismarck, ND



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"ND Happy Hooligans"
F-16 Fighting Falcon

A RICH & DIVERSE HISTORY

ONLY THE BEST COME NORTH

CHRYSLER FINANCIAL



THE FIRST USS NORTH DAKOTA

A Dreadnought-class battleship
built during the naval arms race
that preceded World War I.

SGT. THOMAS ROGERS

Fort Berthold, ND | World War I
"The bravest soldier in France"



Cavalry Soldier

1st North Dakota Volunteers - Philippines, 1899
(Ten (10) Medal of Honor recipients from this conflict)

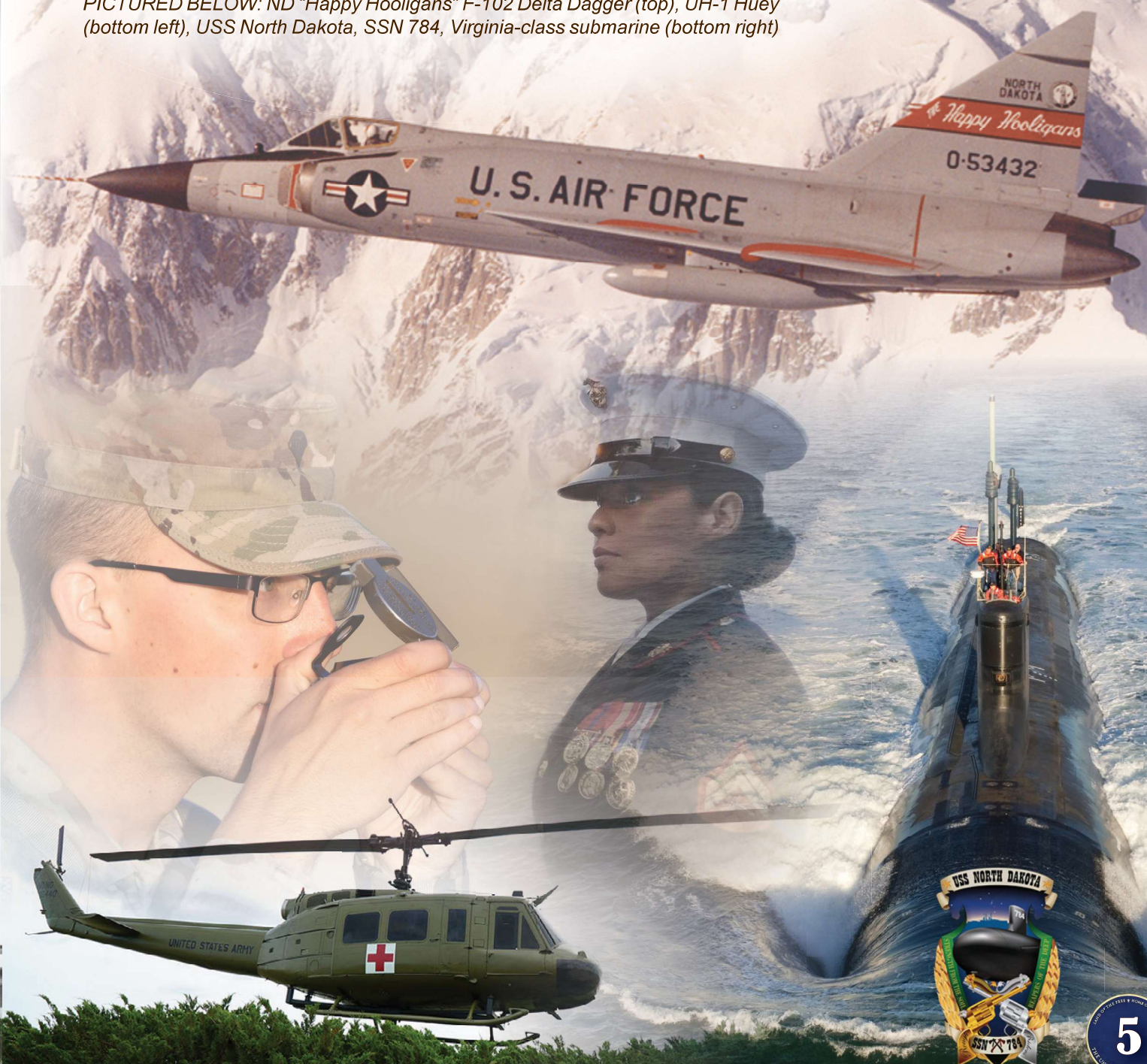
F-94 A/C Starfire

HONORING ALL SERVICE BRANCHES

HONORING ALL NORTH DAKOTANS WHO SERVED IN THE UNITED STATES MILITARY

Active Duty, National Guard, and Reserve service members from the Army, Marines, Navy, Air Force, Space Force, and Coast Guard.

PICTURED BELOW: ND "Happy Hooligans" F-102 Delta Dagger (top), UH-1 Huey (bottom left), USS North Dakota, SSN 784, Virginia-class submarine (bottom right)



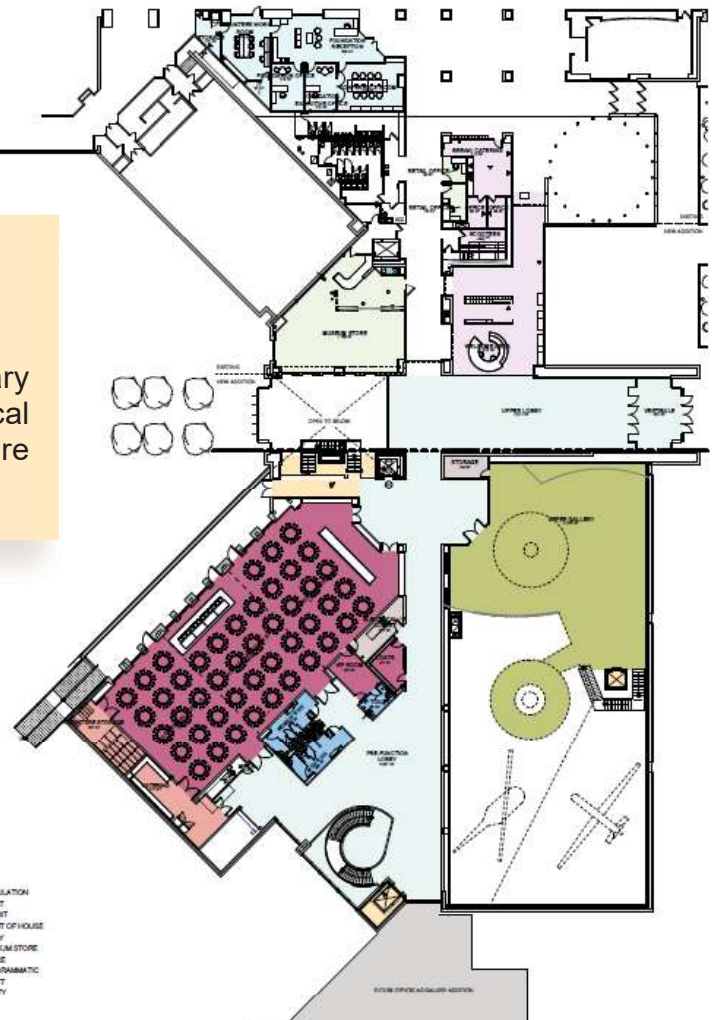
THE VISION FOR THE BUILD



AN EXPERIENCE FOR EVERYONE

Honor. Educate. Inspire.

North Dakota has a rich and diverse history of military service. This is a space for sharing the stories of local heroes and providing educational resources to inspire future service in the generations to come.



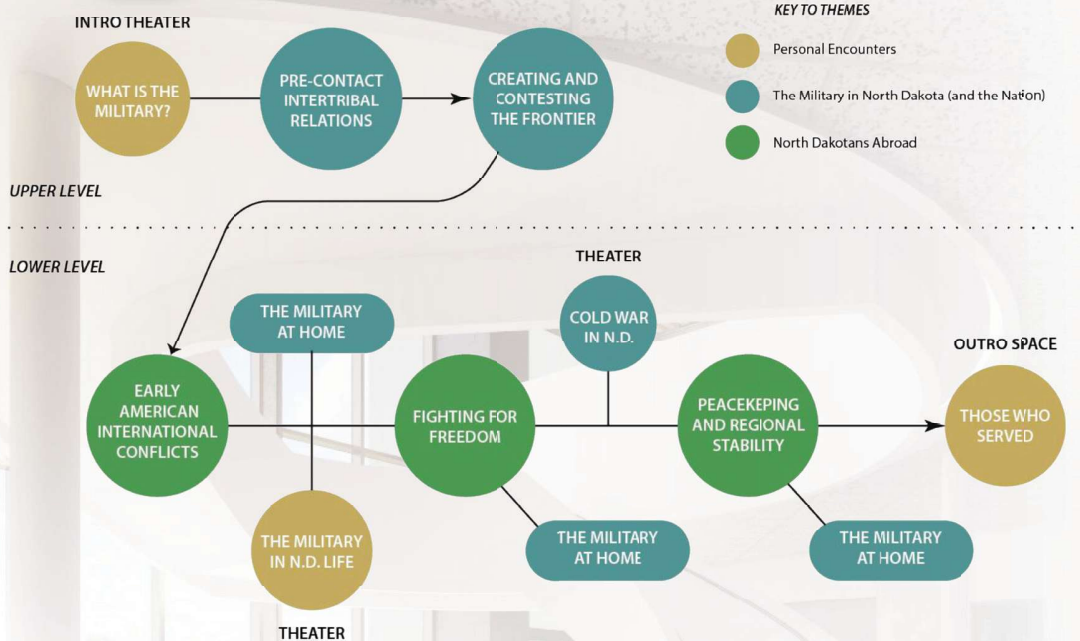
THE EXPERIENCE



- All-Services Museum Exhibits
- Native American Military History
- Regimental/Conference Room
- Catering Kitchen
- Administrative Offices



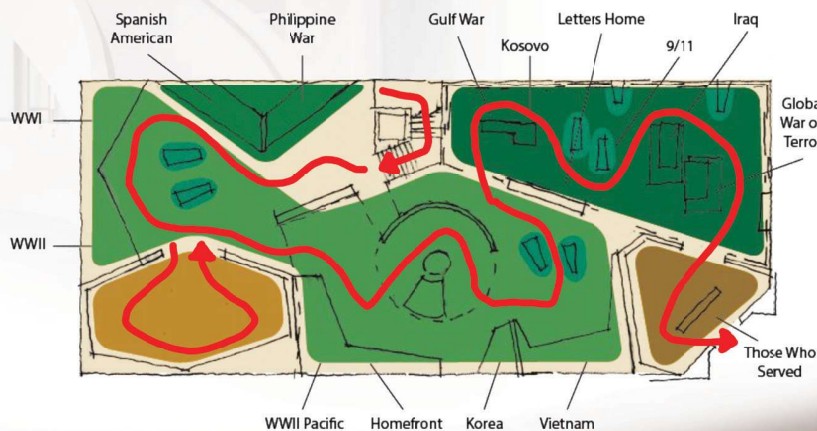
EDUCATING THE NEXT GENERATION



Minuteman Missile

EXPERIENCE HISTORY

The Military Gallery will serve as a place to educate new generations of the sacrifice and heroism of North Dakotans who have proudly served their State and Nation.



The warrior, for us, is one who sacrifices himself for the good of others.
- Sitting Bull



INSPIRING THE FUTURE

"HAPPY HOOLIGANS"

ND Air Guard F-16 Fighter Jets fly in formation over the Pentagon. Washington, DC (post 9/11 attack)

FUTURE SERVICE MEMBERS

Sharing the stories of our past will instill passion and inspire the next generation of North Dakotans who want to serve their country.

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**TESTIMONY OF JACKIE HUBER
PRESIDENT, NORTH DAKOTA NATIONAL GUARD FOUNDATION
SEPTEMBER 2, 2026**

Senate Bill 2407 – Special Session

Good morning, Mr. Chairman and members of the committee. For the record, I am Jackie Huber, President of the North Dakota National Guard Foundation.

Thank you for the opportunity to appear today and, most importantly, for the opportunity to work with the Legislature to find a responsible path forward for the North Dakota Military Gallery.

The Foundation has been proud to be one partner in a much larger effort involving the Governor's Office, Legislature, State Historical Society, Office of the Adjutant General, PACE, and many private donors and businesses.

Our responsibility has been to help secure the private funding necessary to complete this project. We take that responsibility seriously.

Economic uncertainty and the loss of a significant pledge have slowed the pace of additional fundraising. The pause in construction is a timing challenge, not a lack of support for the project or a question of its viability.

We support the proposed line of credit because it provides a temporary bridge while private fundraising continues. It protects the substantial investment already made and helps avoid additional costs of a long-term pause. This temporary financing will be repaid through future private fundraising.

We also recognize the responsibility that comes with state dollars. The Foundation supports the inclusion of the legislative branch in the oversight of the naming rights process, and we would like a chance to discuss amendments to clarify the legislative intent of the mechanism described in section 2.

Most importantly, we continue to believe in the gallery mission: Honor. Educate. Inspire.

To honor generations of North Dakotans who served. To educate future generations about their sacrifice. And to inspire the next generation to understand the value of service.

As we approach the September 11th National Day of Service and Remembrance, we are reminded that how a nation recognizes its military reflects its values, political priorities, and historical memory. This recognition goes beyond simple gratitude; it shapes national identity and mirrors the state's relationship with its citizens.

This past July we celebrated our nation's 250th birthday, it was an important reminder for us, as a Nation, to reflect on the service of those who fought for our independence. As well as to recognize as a State and Nation, the men and women who serve in the U.S. military—whose contributions gives us the freedom we enjoy today. Unlike one day on a calendar, the North Dakota Military Gallery will be a daily reminder of the sacrifices of our service members and their families for generations to come. Our North Dakota military history and heritage will be remembered, preserved, and shared for many years due to the public and private support for this project.

The Foundation remains committed to completing the private fundraising campaign and doing our part to finish this project.

We are grateful for the Legislature's partnership and respectfully ask for your support.

Thank you.

**Do Pass Testimony
of Doug Sharbono, citizen of North Dakota
on SB2407
in the Sixty-ninth Legislative Assembly Special Session #2 of ND**

Dear Chairman Bekkedahl and Chairman Vigesaa and members of the Joint Appropriations Committee,

I am writing as a citizen and believe SB2407 is important urgent legislation and ask for your Do Pass Recommendation.

Appropriation for the Military Gallery is the bill for which Special Session was called, no question. I am deeply disappointed that this was not accurately stated as the reason during the initial press conference and along the way. The urgency of Kratom with average 4 deaths per year does not meet the test when compared to the acceptability of alcohol related deaths being 347 per year. Kratom deaths pale in comparison to alcohol deaths. The debate on alcohol is a settled question and by action, considered an acceptable, but managed risk. How can we place urgency on the Kratom issue considering these statistics? Two regular sessions have passed since we have been incurring the Kratom problems of the same approximate magnitude as we are experiencing now. I find the stated special session reasons to be disingenuous and an insult to the legislature and the people. The urgency of this special session should rightly fully address the needed Military Gallery appropriation.

Full disclosure, I am a veteran and a fan of all the state historical sites. I love the Oscar Zero missile command site in particular. It is such a treasure that the state does well in managing. There are numerous other sites I have valued and visited. However, I do NOT think 2025 HB1018 should have appropriated funds to the Military Gallery in the first place. The \$78 million cost was unnecessary at that time, not reflecting North Dakota's notion of limited government and frugality. This is despite North Dakota being highly noted in having significant contributions to past worldwide war efforts. North Dakota veterans have sacrificed much.

However, now that we are engaged with the Military Gallery, it has to be completed. To break this down quite simply, we could pay \$78 million to stare at a hole in the ground, or we could pay \$78 million to now enjoy a nice space and tribute to our veterans. North Dakota is under contract, and we are very much in danger of going into default. We need to satisfy our obligation towards those we entrusted to build the Military Gallery.

I do not think the donations will come in, so it no longer makes sense to hold out for the donated money in the structuring of the bill language. It would have already happened if it was a worthy project. The money should be fully appropriated with no loan. If donations do come in after the fact, credit the funds back to the general fund. Please amend the bill to fully fund.

Please give SB2407 a Do Pass.

Thank you,

Doug Sharbono
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Fargo, ND 58103

North Dakota Military Gallery Naming Rights Process

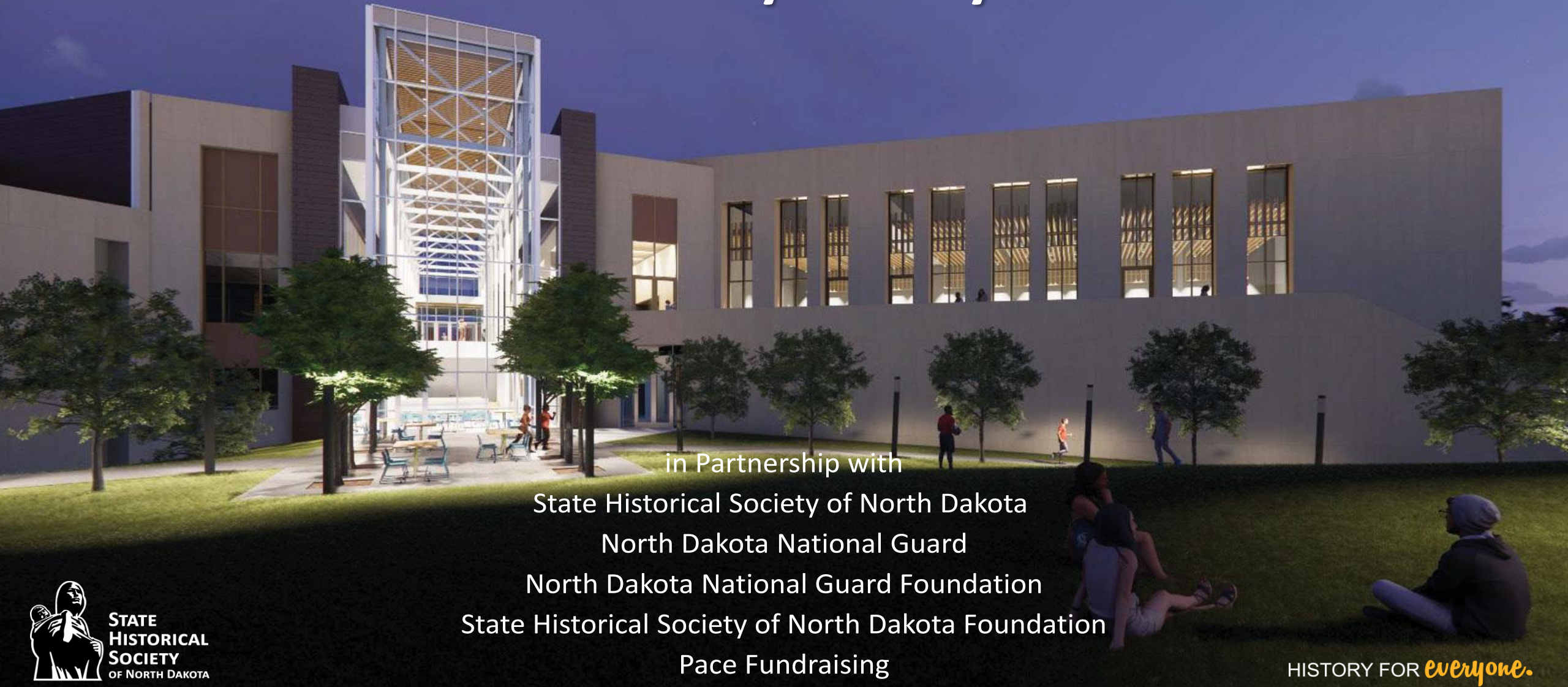
Establish Naming Rights



Reserve a Naming Right



Military Gallery



in Partnership with
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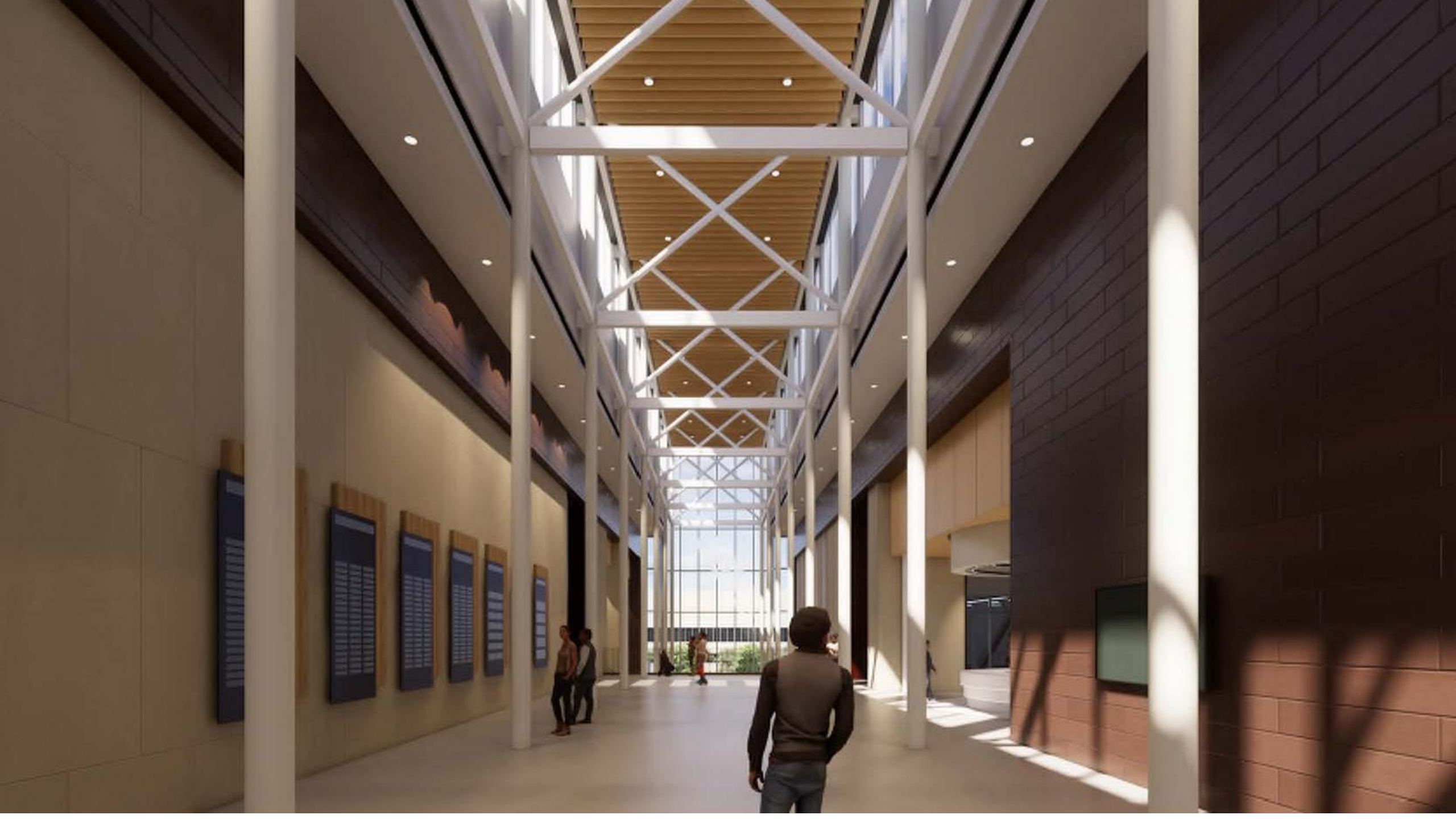














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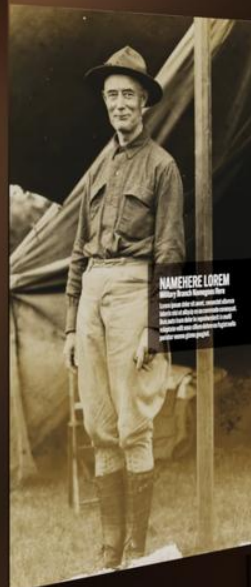
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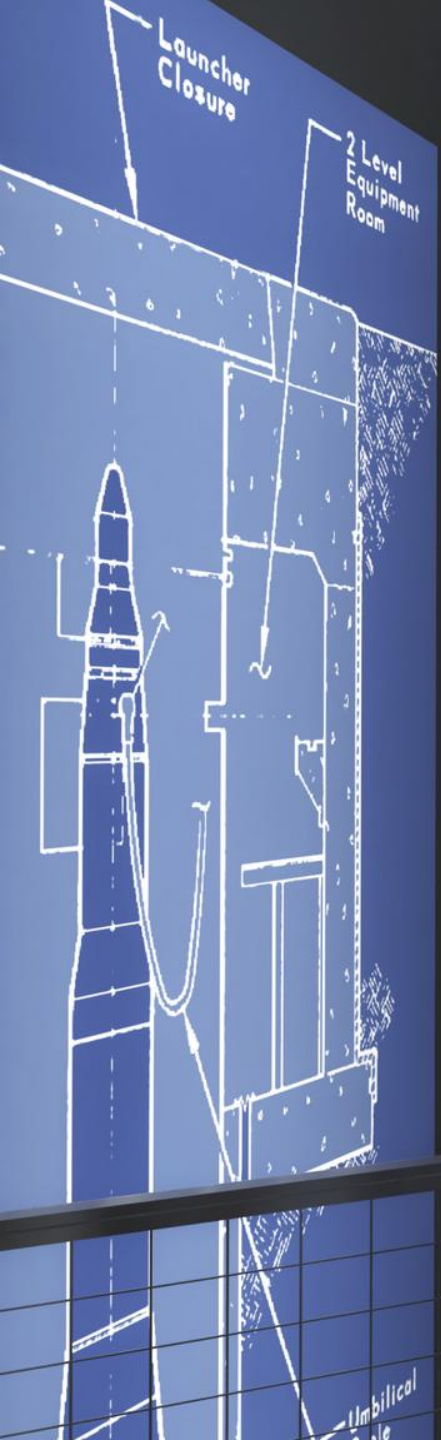


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"Current conflicts are daily reminders that a strong military is absolutely necessary to maintain peace through strength, and that has only been possible through the service and sacrifice of our military veterans and their families."

- GOVERNOR DOUG BURGUM





WORLD WAR I

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"NOT FOR SELF,
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U.S. Navy Submarine Force

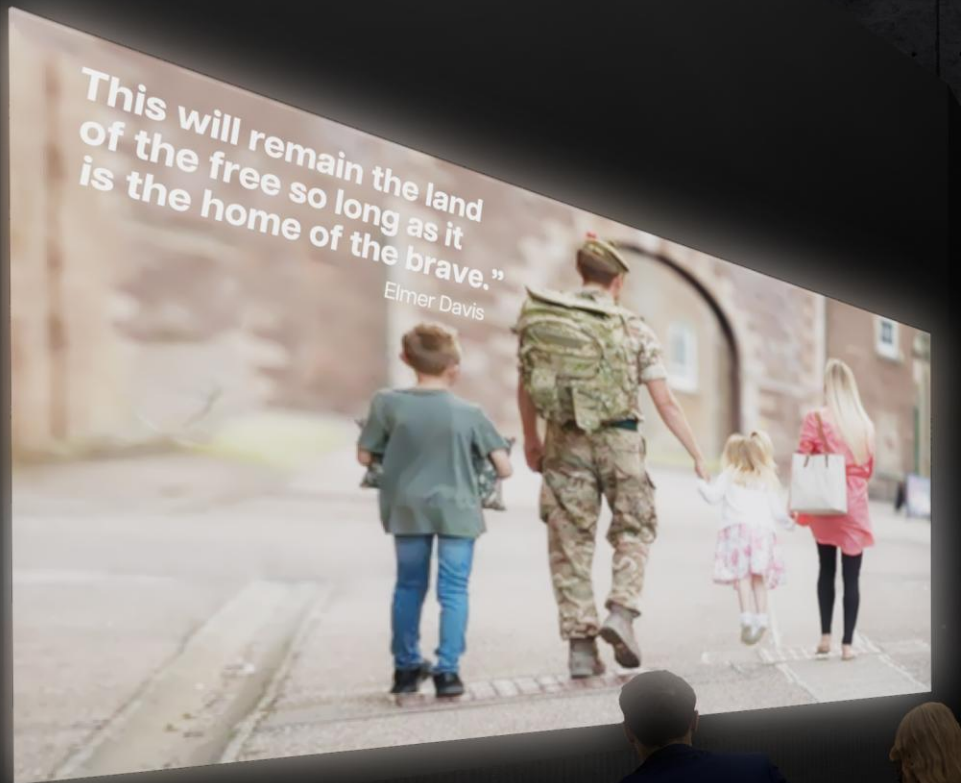
"THAT OTHERS MAY LIVE"
U.S. Air Force Pararescue

"DEEDS NOT WORDS"



VIETNAM WAR





"THERE IS NOTHING STRONGER THAN THE HEART OF A VOLUNTEER."

General Jimmy Doolittle



Thank You



STATE
HISTORICAL
SOCIETY
OF NORTH DAKOTA

HISTORY FOR *everyone.*

TESTIMONY OF
BILL PETERSON, DIRECTOR
STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF NORTH DAKOTA
SEPT. 2, 2026

Regarding Senate Bill 2407

Good morning, Mr. Chairman and members of the committee. For the record, I am Bill Peterson, Director of the State Historical Society of North Dakota. Thank you for the opportunity to address you today and take the Military Gallery into consideration during this special legislative session.

As you recall, the concept of the Military Museum began when the 67th Legislative Assembly granted the North Dakota National Guard Foundation authority to fundraise for a North Dakota Military Museum under House Bill 1016.

A Memorandum of Agreement was entered by the State Historical Society and the Office of the Adjutant General in October 2022 and the formation of the Joint Military Museum Advisory Committee (JMMAC) soon followed to provide oversight and collaboration for the project. The committee has representatives from the Governor's Office, Office of Management and Budget, Office of the Adjutant General, State Historical Society and our Foundation, and the North Dakota National Guard Foundation.

In the 68th Legislative Assembly, the project was carried by the Office of the Adjutant General in Senate Bill 2016 but ultimately transferred to the State Historical Society of North Dakota budget at the end of session. During that session, a \$20M line of credit through the Bank of North Dakota with the "intent that the State Historical Society request funding from the 69th Legislative Assembly from the legacy earnings funds to repay the line of credit," as per Senate Bill 2018. It was also recommended during the 68th session that the facility be located on the grounds as an addition to the current North Dakota Heritage Center & State Museum. The initial concept design was approved unanimously in 2023 by the Capitol Grounds Planning

Commission and in August 2024 the commission unanimously approved the architectural design development drawings.

During the 69th Legislative Assembly, funding was requested to construct a 67,000-square-foot addition to the ND Heritage Center & State Museum that would include a 20,000-square-foot state-of-the-art military gallery, a regimental room seating up to 400 guests, an expanded restaurant with a North Dakota flavor, and an expanded amphitheater.

The project was appropriated an overall budget of \$78M.

- \$15M from the state Strategic Investment and Improvements Fund
- \$20M line of credit from the Bank of North Dakota
- \$4.2 million to repay a prior Bank of North Dakota line of credit for costs incurred for the design of the Military Gallery expansion during the 2023-25 biennium
- Authority for \$38-\$40 million in a private fundraising campaign by the ND National Guard Foundation.

All with the understanding that the \$15M SIIF dollars could be accessed upon certification to the Office of Management and Budget that at least thirty-three percent of the donations had been pledged from nonstate sources.

Following session, the JMMAC met on May 21, 2025 to discuss the path forward. Reviewing the information we had at the time, moving ahead with construction appeared viable.

- Favorable fundraising forecast, \$7.75M in pledges had been secured. PACE Fundraising indicated 90% confidence in reaching the \$12.8 M to unlock SIIF by July 1, 2025
- Available \$20M line of credit through Bank of North Dakota
- Favorable construction forecast and estimates
- And the idea of construction financing when needed

In that meeting the JMMAC unanimously voted to proceed with the Military Gallery project as planned. Construction bids were advertised by Kraus

Anderson in late May and June, results were reviewed with Brandon Solberg, Tom Job, and myself. We were overwhelmingly encouraged by the bids, with work starting sooner than later. Again, another indicator that this was the time to proceed.

Construction on the project began in August 2025 while fundraising efforts continued, and we accessed the \$20M line of credit.

When I briefed the Legislative Budget Section Dec. 10, 2025, fundraising pledges were upwards of \$9.2M, while slower than expected, things were still moving in the right direction.

In February 2026, a donor rescinded a large pledge. The fundraising campaign dropped to \$4.2M. PACE Fundraising assures us there are 65 conversations currently happening with the potential of \$75M on the table.

As we began discussions to secure construction financing. We looked into options of the State Historical Society holding the loan, then both foundations of the North Dakota National Guard and State Historical Society, and other community options. After a number of meetings, none of these options were available, bringing me to the decision to pause construction on July 3, 2026. Construction contracts are carefully crafted to accommodate pauses like this. Exercising the pause did not breach the contract.

Since July 1 the project has incurred \$5.35M in expenses, including unpaid invoices, interest, electrical equipment and prefab components already on order, and monthly pause costs.

That is a recap of what brings us here today.

The State Historical Society, Office of Adjutant General, State Historical Society Foundation and National Guard Foundation and our partners are seeking a path forward to resume construction. We stand firm in our belief that we are facing a timing issue in philanthropical giving, not an issue with project viability.

Senate Bill 2407's proposed \$35M Bank of North Dakota line of credit fills the timing gap. The fundraising team remains optimistic that this campaign is winnable.

Last week, 90-year-old Col. (Ret.) John Jacobsen came to see me. He handed me a personal check for \$1,000 and told me he hoped to see this project finished before he died. He knows first-hand the sacrifices veterans make. I'm reminded that there are 4,000 names on the Veterans Memorial on the Capitol Grounds. Those North Dakotans answered the call to serve, and I owe it to them—and to every veteran still with us—to complete this project and ensure their stories are preserved with the respect and permanence they deserve.

This addition is as much about the future as about the past. It will honor those who have served, educate everyone about the importance of the military in North Dakota, and inspire future generations to pursue careers in the military. History teaches us that you cannot be what you cannot see. It will contribute immeasurably to North Dakota's goal of being the most military friendly state in the union.

In conclusion, I suspect all of you are as impacted by the military in your daily lives as I am. Board member Alan Svanes, who has twice signed the papers so two of his children, Ella and Levi, could join the National Guard before they turned 18. State Historical Society Public Information Officer Kara Burrer spent years babysitting her favorite cousin, Tyler Orgaard, before he joined the National Guard and was later killed in Afghanistan in December 2012 at the age of 20. Head of Security David Schlecht recently attended his son Ethan's Marine Corp boot camp graduation. A year ago, I took Private Henry Gurke's Medal of Honor to Neche for a highway dedication in his name. Although he died more than 80 years ago and virtually no one in that community could have remembered him, they formed a receiving line and each one walked past his medal and paid their respects like he was just being laid to rest. When extreme weather events, flooding and wildfires threaten our historic sites and homes, we turn to the North Dakota National Guard. While

some try to convince me otherwise, the majority of people who have learned about the project or visited the Heritage Center encourage me to continue. I fully intend on keeping my promise to the National Guard and seeing this project through to its conclusion.

This evening we invite all legislators to an open house style tour of the military expansion construction. Between 5:30 and 8 p.m., gather in the Missouri River Events Center at the West Entrance of the North Dakota Heritage Center & State Museum. Site ushers, wearing fluorescent safety vests, will assist with wayfinding outside to view the ground floor of the construction. Please consider appropriate footwear, as you will be navigating uneven dirt surfaces. Walls are up and groundwork is being laid to support the Minute Man missile Senator Cramer helped secure. You will see that a portion of the Euphrates River is trenched in where the bridge boat used by the 957th under mortar fire during Operation Iraqi Freedom will be exhibited. You will see the expansion is so much more than a hole in the ground.

Thank you for your consideration. I am now available to answer any questions.

PACE Fundraising Testimony: 09.02.26
ND Military Gallery – ND Legislature Special Session
Shannon Schweigert – Managing Partner

PACE Fundraising is honored to stand alongside the North Dakota National Guard Foundation in leading the private fundraising effort for the North Dakota Military Gallery. We respectfully ask the Legislature, during this Special Session, to provide the time and support necessary for this campaign to continue toward a successful conclusion, especially because North Dakota remains the only state in the country without an officially designated Military Museum.

History of our Efforts – The Prospect List

To establish a credible donor prospect list, we first had to account for the Foundation's unique starting point. The North Dakota National Guard Foundation's traditional mission is family emergency relief for its members, so its donor list did not include the major-donor prospects typically associated with a multi-million-dollar capital project. Even from that modest starting point, the Foundation chose to lead.

We identified industries and corporate entities operating in North Dakota with the capacity to make six- and seven-figure gifts. Because there was no historical connection between the donor prospects and the organization leading the effort, we could not rely on one common objective assessment tool: Recency, Frequency, and Monetary Value (RFM), an industry standard used to assess donor capacity.

PACE also applied a second assessment tool, Propensity, which evaluates the likelihood that a donor prospect will make a gift based on awareness of the project, historic interactions with the project owner, participation in events, and related indicators.

Finally, we consulted with the SHSND Foundation while respecting donor confidentiality. Rather than requesting or receiving a donor list, we used publicly available donor recognition information, compared it with our identified North Dakota Military Gallery prospects, and asked SHSND to identify prospects with current active commitments so we could pursue this campaign without interfering with existing SHSND relationships.

Cultivation Efforts

We began with a roster of approximately four hundred fifty (450) donor prospects identified by name only. Our assessments resulted in approximately one hundred fifty-six (156) qualified prospects. Of these, ninety-one (91) have been actively cultivated. We are currently engaged in sixty-five donor prospect conversations with ask goals totaling seventy-five million dollars (\$75M). Of this group, eighteen (18) prospects are considering formal proposals totaling twenty-seven million eight hundred twenty-five thousand dollars (\$27,825,000). To date, only three (3) prospects have formally declined to give.

Although our current results have been criticized, I am proud of the work PACE Fundraising has done to establish a donor prospect roster and lead the private fundraising effort. We built this prospect list from the ground up, and we are establishing and expanding relationships for SHSND that can last for decades.

More than just Donor Prospects

PACE established the look and feel of the campaign, developed campaign imagery, wrote the script questions, and hired the firm that produced the promotional video. We also built a high-powered center-of-influence roster—individuals who can open doors to corporate and family prospects and attend proposal meetings with us. This is not a traditional campaign; it began without an established base of major donors connected to the organization leading the effort, but PACE and the North Dakota National Guard Foundation have built a credible path forward and need sufficient time to complete the work.

Campaigns are Messy

I am proud of our firm and the effort we have made. PACE solves problems. I wish the late Senator Larry Robinson were here today to speak to that record. PACE worked with Senator Robinson for fifty-one months to complete Valley City State University's first private capital campaign, filling major-gift gaps by securing seventeen (17) first-time donors to the University for a total of more than three million dollars (\$3M) and helping achieve twenty-seven million dollars (\$27M) in combined state and private support.

PACE and its predecessor, GivingPoint, are responsible in part for successful hospital campaigns in Cooperstown, Grafton, Jamestown, and Warren, Minnesota. GiGi's Playhouse—Fargo turned to PACE to rebuild its facility after a fire destroyed it. We are also proud to represent three regional Tribal Colleges and Universities (TCUs) that are either embarking on capital projects or shifting toward more private funding.

Capital campaigns and major projects are challenging. They are rarely linear; they involve ebbs and flows, obstacles, and adjustments. The private capital campaign for the North Dakota Military Gallery has not failed and is not failing. With the time necessary to continue donor cultivation and formal proposal work, it can succeed.

Thank you.

On behalf of our client, the North Dakota National Guard Foundation, and PACE Fundraising, thank you for your consideration and for the work you will do to help this campaign succeed. A positive decision will give us the time necessary to complete the fundraising effort and help North Dakota tell the full story of its military service.

Tom Job
DMB
2407

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Military Museum Funding Needed to Reach June 30th, 2027

Vendor	Estimated Per Month Cost or Overall Fee	# of months (Sept 1, 2026-June 30, 2027)	Cost
Resume Entire Building per Contract			
Kraus Anderson	\$ 2,775,724.95	10	\$ 27,757,249.50
ZBA	\$ 30,000.00	10	\$ 300,000.00
Natural Gas	\$ 10,000.00	10	\$ 100,000.00
MDU-Electrical	\$ 1,500.00	10	\$ 15,000.00
NDIT Monthly Fee	\$ 1,000.00	10	\$ 10,000.00
Subtotal			\$ 28,182,249.50

* Cost Based on Gallery Exhibits (RAA) Not Included

* Building Construction Estimated to be 89% Complete 6/30/2027

Outstanding and Upcoming Invoices

Pay App 6/30/26	\$ 2,231,611.55	One Time	\$ 2,231,611.55
Estimated interest on 6/30 pay app up to 9/15/26	\$ 10,823.54	increases daily	\$ 10,823.54
Pay App 7/31/26	\$ 2,239,527.26	One Time	\$ 2,239,527.26
Pay App 8/31/26	\$ 233,813.81	One Time	\$ 233,813.81
Estimated July Pause Cost	\$ 477,605.00	One Time	\$ 477,605.00
Estimated August Pause Cost	\$ 156,591.00	One Time	\$ 156,591.00
Subtotal			\$ 5,349,972.16

Total to be current with outstanding and future invoices thru 9/15/26	\$ 5,349,972.16
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Total to Resume Entire Building per Contract & Pay Outstanding and Upcoming Invoices through 9/15/26	\$ 33,532,221.66
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updated 9/1/26

Tom Job
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ND Military Gallery Addition

	Contract		Outstanding Invoices		Paid	Remaining Balance	Completion
Zerr Berg Architects	\$	4,686,173.00	8% of GMP plus Reimbursables	\$ -	\$ 4,172,853.50	\$ 513,319.50	89.05%
Kraus Anderson Construction	\$	55,507,386.35	Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP)	\$ 4,704,952.62	\$ 16,970,409.97	\$ 38,536,976.38	43.39%
		See notes 1,4		See Note 2	See Note 3	\$ 33,832,023.76	
Ralph Applebaum Associates (RAA)	\$	13,245,625.00	Negotiated Fee	\$ -	\$ 4,445,176.28	\$ 8,800,448.72	33.00%
		See note 5					

Total Contracts	\$	73,439,184.35		Total Outstanding	\$	47,850,744.60	35%
Owner Soft Costs Budget	\$	839,661.80				includes unpaid invoices	
Owner Contingency	\$	1,399,436.33					
FFE	\$	1,959,210.86					
Total Project Cost	\$	77,637,493.34					
		See note 6					

Notes

Note 1 - GMP contract amount is \$55,428,942.00. Change order #1 for exhibit (RAA) coordination was approved \$78,444.35 for a total \$55,507,386.35

Note 2- Outstanding invoice 6/30/26-\$2,231,611.55, 7/31/26-\$2,239,527.26, 8/31/26-\$233,813.81. Estimated interest on late payment for the 6/30/26 invoice-\$10,000.00.

Note 3 - Actual amount paid. Does not include outstanding invoices.

Note 4 - Does not include estimated July pause cost-\$477,605.00, August pause cost-\$156,591.00

Note 5 - Original contract amount - \$13,125,000.00. Change order #1 for scripting work \$120,625.00.

Note 6 - Funds needed to demilitarize USAF drone - \$10,467.00, Transportation cost unknown. USAF helicopter \$48,248.00. Budget for transportation of other macro objects is currently at \$180,000.00

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2407

Military Museum Funding Needed to Complete Building

Vendor	Estimated Per Month Cost or Overall Fee	Cost
Complete Entire Building per Contract		
Kraus Anderson -estimated with pause costs	\$ 2,775,724.95	\$ 35,000,000.00
ZBA	\$ 34,221.30	\$ 513,319.50
Natural Gas - estimated	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 150,000.00
MDU-Electrical - estimated	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 22,500.00
NDIT Monthly Fee - estimated	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
Subtotal		\$ 35,700,819.50

* Cost Based on Completion of Building Structure - Gallery Exhibits (RAA) Not Included

Outstanding and Upcoming Invoices

Pay App 6/30/26	\$ 2,231,611.55	\$ 2,231,611.55
Estimated interest on 6/30 pay app up to 9/15/26	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
Pay App 7/31/26	\$ 2,239,527.26	\$ 2,239,527.26
Pay App 8/31/26	\$ 233,813.81	\$ 233,813.81
Estimated July Pause Cost-Future Change Order	\$ 477,605.00	\$ 477,605.00
Estimated August Pause Cost-Future Change Order	\$ 156,591.00	\$ 156,591.00
Subtotal		\$ 5,349,148.62

Total to be current with outstanding and future invoices thru 9/15/26	\$ 5,349,148.62
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Total to Resume Entire Building per Contract & Pay Outstanding and Upcoming Invoices through 9/15/26	\$ 41,049,968.12
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updated 9/1/26

ND Military Museum Gallery - Exterior Envelope Estimate

Scope of Work	Value
Testing and Inspection Services Package	\$ 10,000.00
Architectural Precast & Stairs Package	\$ 98,000.00
Structural Steel - Erection Package	\$ 83,355.00
Carpentry Package	\$ 168,000.00
Metal Panel Package	\$ 1,002,553.00
Roofing Package	\$ 615,413.00
Door, Frames, and Hardware - Material Only Package	\$ 15,000.00
Entrances, Storefront, and Curtainwall Package	\$ 1,172,631.00
Drywall Package	\$ 908,679.00
Combined Mechanical Package	\$ 150,000.00
Electrical Package	\$ 100,000.00
Electrical Gear	\$ 329,800.00
Site Fencing Package	\$ 5,200.00
Temporary Shelters - <i>Additional Work Not Included In GMP</i>	\$ 125,000.00
Temporary Heater Rental	\$ 50,000.00
Misc. Enclosures Costs not Included Above	\$ 1,000,000.00
General Conditions	\$ 600,000.00
Estimated Demobilization, Remobilization and Monthly Costs through 8/31/26 - <i>Additional Work Not Included In GMP</i>	\$ 637,000.00
Fee/Bond/Insurance	\$ 214,283.30
Subtotal Construction Cost	\$ 7,284,914.30

Exhibit Designer Costs	
Architect of Record Costs	\$ 120,000.00
Total Construction Cost	\$ 7,404,914.30

BREAKOUT VALUE A: Complete Interior Slab on Grade Concrete at Gallery and Lower Level Atrium (Required for Backfill) & Interior/Exterior Backfill (Add to Total Construction Cost)	\$ 1,192,893
BREAKOUT VALUE B: Do not install exterior copper & ACM paneling at this time. (Deduct from Total Construction Cost)	\$ (390,000)

25.1421.02007
Title.

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staff for Representative Bosch
September 2, 2026

Sixty-ninth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO

SENATE BILL NO. 2407

Introduced by

Senators Hogue, Bekkedahl

Representatives Lefor, Vigesaa

1 A BILL for an Act to provide ~~an appropriation to the state historical society for~~ oversight and
2 management of the North Dakota military museum project; to amend and reenact section
3 55-01-02.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to jurisdiction of the heritage center; to
4 ~~authorize a line of credit~~ repeal subsection 3 of section 6 of chapter 17 of the 2025 Session
5 Laws, relating to a donation pledge requirement to access funding from the strategic investment
6 and improvements fund; to provide a statement of legislative intent; to provide for a report; and
7 to provide an effective date.

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

9 ~~SECTION 1. LINE OF CREDIT - BANK OF NORTH DAKOTA - APPROPRIATION -~~
10 ~~STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY - NORTH DAKOTA MILITARY MUSEUM PROJECT~~
11 ~~OVERSIGHT AND MANAGEMENT - DEFICIENCY APPROPRIATION REQUEST - ONE-TIME~~
12 ~~FUNDING - LEGISLATIVE INTENT - REPORT.~~

13 1. ~~Subject to the provisions of this section, the state historical society may borrow up to~~
14 ~~\$35,000,000 through a line of credit from the Bank of North Dakota during the period~~
15 ~~beginning with the effective date of this Act, and ending June 30, 2027, the proceeds~~
16 ~~of which are appropriated to the state historical society, for the purpose of the North~~
17 ~~Dakota military museum project for the period beginning with the effective date of this~~
18 ~~Act, and ending June 30, 2027. The appropriation in this section is considered a~~
19 ~~one-time funding item.~~

~~2. The interest rate on the line of credit may not exceed the prevailing interest rate charged to North Dakota governmental entities. If the state historical society accesses the line of credit, the state historical society shall repay the line of credit from other funds derived from donations appropriated by the sixty-ninth legislative assembly to the state historical society in House Bill No. 1018. If the amount of donations collected through March 31, 2029, is not sufficient to repay the line of credit and accrued interest, the state historical society shall request a deficiency appropriation from the seventy first legislative assembly for the remaining balance and repay the line of credit by June 30, 2029.~~

~~3. The capital grounds planning commission shall:~~

- a. Oversee and have final decisionmaking authority regarding the North Dakota military museum project approved by the sixty-ninth legislative assembly in House Bill No. 1018;
- b. Collaborate with the state historical society and adjutant general on the project; and
- c. Use the office of management and budget for construction management of the project.

4.2. It is the intent of the sixty-ninth legislative assembly that the state of North Dakota provide total state funding of \$39,200,000, which includes funding appropriated from the strategic investment and improvements fund for the repayment of a \$4,200,000 Bank of North Dakota line of credit, the repayment of a \$20,000,000 Bank of North Dakota line of credit, and \$15,000,000 appropriated from the strategic investment and improvements fund, plus any additional funding necessary to pay interest accrued on the \$20,000,000 Bank of North Dakota line of credit, related to the North Dakota military museum project and that any remaining costs associated with the project be paid by nonstate sources derived from donations. It is further the intent of the sixty-ninth legislative assembly that the capitol grounds planning commission and the state historical society prioritize construction that supports completion of the exterior of the military museum building to avoid any additional costs incurred due to inclement weather and that no work related to galleries and displays in the interior of the military

museum building be performed without consent of the capitol grounds planning
commission.

3. The state historical society shall report to the budget section on a quarterly basis during the 2027-28 interim information regarding the North Dakota military museum project, including the status of construction, amounts spent by funding source, the amount drawn on all lines of credit authorized for the project, donations pledged, donations received, projected donations, and the anticipated project completion date.

SECTION 2. AMENDMENT. Section 55-01-02.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

55-01-02.1. Society to have jurisdiction over heritage center.

1. The society has jurisdiction over the administration and operations of the North Dakota heritage center building. The director of the office of management and budget is responsible for maintenance of the heritage center building.
2. The society, in consultation with the adjutant general, is responsible for all public displays, signage, and museum content for the North Dakota military gallerymuseum within the North Dakota heritage center building. The society and the adjutant general shall enter a memorandum of agreement to establish policies on public displays, signage, and museum content for the military gallerymuseum. The regimental room of the military gallerymuseum must be named the North Dakota national guard regimental room. The society may name other rooms, displays, galleries, and other areas of the military museum but may not authorize donor naming rights for any part of the military museum without prior approval from the emergency commission and budget section.
3. The society shall maintain the collections displayed and stored at the heritage center and shall provide, or arrange, for the security of those collections.
4. The society shall establish a policy that authorizes the consumption of alcoholic beverages, including distilled spirits as defined in section 5-01-01, at the heritage center during an event that is open only to invited guests and if the alcoholic beverages are dispensed by a qualified alcoholic beverage licensee.

SECTION 3. REPEAL. Subsection 3 of section 6 of chapter 17 of the 2025 Session Laws is repealed.

1 **SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Act becomes effective immediately upon its filing with
2 the secretary of state.

25.1421.02005
Title.

Prepared by the Legislative Council
staff for Senator Selzler
September 1, 2026

Sixty-ninth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO

SENATE BILL NO. 2407

Introduced by

Senators Hogue, Bekkedahl

Representatives Lefor, Vigesaa

1 A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation to the state historical society for the North Dakota
2 military museum project; to amend and reenact section 55-01-02.1 of the North Dakota Century
3 Code, relating to jurisdiction of the heritage center; to authorize a line of credit; to provide for a
4 report; and to provide an effective date.

5 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

6 **SECTION 1. LINE OF CREDIT - BANK OF NORTH DAKOTA - APPROPRIATION -**
7 **STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY - NORTH DAKOTA MILITARY MUSEUM PROJECT -**
8 **DEFICIENCY APPROPRIATION REQUEST - ONE-TIME FUNDING - REPORT.**

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10 ~~\$35,000,000~~ \$6,000,000 through a line of credit from the Bank of North Dakota during
11 the period beginning with the effective date of this Act, and ending June 30, 2027, the
12 proceeds of which are appropriated to the state historical society, for the purpose of
13 the North Dakota military museum project for the period beginning with the effective
14 date of this Act, and ending June 30, 2027. The appropriation in this section is
15 considered a one-time funding item. The funding appropriated in this section may be
16 used only for costs previously incurred for the project and for costs necessary to
17 stabilize and weatherproof the construction site.
- 18 2. The interest rate on the line of credit may not exceed the prevailing interest rate
19 charged to North Dakota governmental entities. If the state historical society accesses
20 the line of credit, the state historical society shall repay the line of credit from other

1 funds derived from donations appropriated by the sixty-ninth legislative assembly to
2 the state historical society in House Bill No. 1018. If the amount of donations collected
3 through March 31, 2029, is not sufficient to repay the line of credit and accrued
4 interest, the state historical society shall request a deficiency appropriation from the
5 seventy-first legislative assembly for the remaining balance and repay the line of credit
6 by June 30, 2029.

7 3. The capital grounds planning commission shall:

8 a. Oversee and have final decisionmaking authority regarding the North Dakota
9 military museum project;

10 b. Collaborate with the state historical society and adjutant general on the project;
11 and

12 c. Use the office of management and budget for construction management of the
13 project; and

14 d. Submit to the seventieth legislative assembly a revised project plan based on
15 updated estimates for project fundraising. The revised project plan must
16 substantially reduce the remaining capital cost and state financial exposure of the
17 project, maximize the practical and economical use of construction and materials
18 already completed or acquired, and prioritize the core functions of a North Dakota
19 military museum.

20 4. ~~The state historical society shall report to the budget section on a quarterly basis~~
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22 ~~project, including the status of construction, amounts spent by funding source, the~~
23 ~~amount drawn on all lines of credit authorized for the project, donations pledged,~~
24 ~~donations received, projected donations, and the anticipated project completion~~
25 ~~date~~ The funding appropriated from the strategic investment and improvements fund in
26 House Bill No. 1018, as approved by the sixty-ninth legislative assembly, may be used
27 only for repaying lines of credit obtained for the project if the funding becomes
28 available.

29 5. Except for stabilization and weatherproofing authorized by this section, construction of
30 the military museum project may not resume until the seventieth legislative assembly
31 approves a revised project plan and specifically authorizes construction to continue.

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3. The society shall maintain the collections displayed and stored at the heritage center and shall provide, or arrange, for the security of those collections.

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SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act becomes effective immediately upon its filing with the secretary of state.

25.1421.02008
Title.

Prepared by the Legislative Council
staff for Senator Bekkedahl
September 2, 2026

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12 of which are appropriated to the state historical society, for the purpose of the North
13 Dakota military museum project for the period beginning with the effective date of this
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2 budget section.

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5 4. The society shall establish a policy that authorizes the consumption of alcoholic
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8 beverages are dispensed by a qualified alcoholic beverage licensee.

9 **SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Act becomes effective immediately upon its filing with
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2026 JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Appropriations Committee Brynhild Haugland Room, State Capitol

SB 2407
9/2/2026

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4:36 p.m. Co-Chairman Bekkedahl opened the meeting.

Members present: Co-Chairman Bekkedahl, Senators: Burckhard, Castaneda, Cleary, Conley, Davison, Dwyer, Erbele, Magrum, Mathern, Meyer, Schaible, Sickler, Sorvaag, Thomas, Wanzek, Co-Chairman Vigasaa, Representatives: Anderson, Berg, Bosch, Brandenburg, Fisher, Hanson, Kempenich, Louser, Martinson, Meier, Mitskog, Monson, Murphy, Nathe, Nelson, Pyle, Richter, Sanford, Stemen, Swiontek, Vollmer, Wagner.

Discussion Topics:

- Fundraising
- Committee Action

4:38 p.m. Senator Mathern moved to adopt amendment LC #25.4121.02005.

4:38 p.m. Representative Hanson seconded the motion.

4:46 p.m. Roll Call Vote

Senators	Vote
Senator Brad Bekkedahl	N
Senator Randy Burckhard	N
Senator Jose Castaneda	N
Senator Sean Cleary	N
Senator Cole Conley	N
Senator Kyle Davison	N
Senator Michael Dwyer	N
Senator Robert Erbele	N
Senator Jeff Magrum	N
Senator Tim Mathern	Y
Senator Scott Meyer	AB
Senator Donald Schaible	N
Senator Jonathan Sickler	N
Senator Ronald Sorvaag	N
Senator Paul Thomas	N
Senator Terry Wanzek	N

4:46 p.m. Motion failed 1-14-1.

Representatives	Vote
Representative Don Vigesaa	N
Representative Bert Anderson	N
Representative Mike Berg	N
Representative Glenn Bosch	N
Representative Mike Brandenburg	N
Representative Jay Fisher	N
Representative Karla Hanson	Y
Representative Keith Kempenich	N
Representative Scott Louser	N
Representative Bob Martinson	N
Representative Lisa Meier	N
Representative Alisa Mitskog	Y
Representative David Monson	N
Representative Eric Murphy	N
Representative Mike Nathe	N
Representative Jon Nelson	N
Representative Brandy Pyle	N
Representative David Richter	N
Representative Mark Sanford	N
Representative Greg Stemen	N
Representative Steve Swiontek	N
Representative Daniel Vollmer	N
Representative Scott Wagner	N

4:46 p.m. Motion failed 2-21-0.

4:48 p.m. Recess

5:12 p.m. Co-Chairman Bekkedahl reconvened the meeting.

5:13 p.m. Representative Bosch introduced amendment LC #25.1421.02009 and submitted testimony #45655.

5:26 p.m. Representative Bosch moved to adopt amendment LC #25.1421.02009.

5:26 p.m. Representative Kempenich seconded the motion.

5:36 p.m. Roll Call Vote

Senators	Vote
Senator Brad Bekkedahl	Y
Senator Randy Burckhard	Y
Senator Jose Castaneda	Y
Senator Sean Cleary	Y
Senator Cole Conley	Y
Senator Kyle Davison	Y
Senator Michael Dwyer	Y
Senator Robert Erbele	Y

Senator Jeff Magrum	Y
Senator Tim Mathern	Y
Senator Scott Meyer	AB
Senator Donald Schaible	Y
Senator Jonathan Sickler	N
Senator Ronald Sorvaag	Y
Senator Paul Thomas	Y
Senator Terry Wanzek	Y

5:36 p.m. Motion passed 14-1-1.

5:36 p.m. Roll Call Vote

Representatives	Vote
Representative Don Vigasaa	Y
Representative Bert Anderson	Y
Representative Mike Berg	Y
Representative Glenn Bosch	Y
Representative Mike Brandenburg	Y
Representative Jay Fisher	Y
Representative Karla Hanson	Y
Representative Keith Kempenich	Y
Representative Scott Louser	Y
Representative Bob Martinson	Y
Representative Lisa Meier	Y
Representative Alisa Mitskog	Y
Representative David Monson	Y
Representative Eric Murphy	Y
Representative Mike Nathe	Y
Representative Jon Nelson	Y
Representative Brandy Pyle	Y
Representative David Richter	Y
Representative Mark Sanford	Y
Representative Greg Stemen	Y
Representative Steve Swiontek	Y
Representative Daniel Vollmer	Y
Representative Scott Wagner	Y

5:36 p.m. Motion passed 23-0-0.

5:38 p.m. Representative Swiontek moved to further amend verbiage on page two, lines eleven and twelve from donations pledged, donations received, projected donations to signed pledge commitments, collected cash, proposed gifts being discussed but not yet committed.

5:39 p.m. Representative Stemen seconded the motion.

5:40 p.m. Roll Call Vote

Senators	Vote
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Senator Brad Bekkedahl	Y
Senator Randy Burckhard	Y
Senator Jose Castaneda	Y
Senator Sean Cleary	Y
Senator Cole Conley	Y
Senator Kyle Davison	Y
Senator Michael Dwyer	Y
Senator Robert Erbele	Y
Senator Jeff Magrum	Y
Senator Tim Mathern	Y
Senator Scott Meyer	AB
Senator Donald Schaible	Y
Senator Jonathan Sickler	Y
Senator Ronald Sorvaag	Y
Senator Paul Thomas	Y
Senator Terry Wanzek	Y

5:40 p.m. Motion passed 15-0-1.

5:40 p.m. Roll Call Vote

Representatives	Vote
Representative Don Vigasaa	Y
Representative Bert Anderson	Y
Representative Mike Berg	Y
Representative Glenn Bosch	Y
Representative Mike Brandenburg	Y
Representative Jay Fisher	Y
Representative Karla Hanson	Y
Representative Keith Kempenich	Y
Representative Scott Louser	Y
Representative Bob Martinson	Y
Representative Lisa Meier	Y
Representative Alisa Mitskog	Y
Representative David Monson	Y
Representative Eric Murphy	Y
Representative Mike Nathe	Y
Representative Jon Nelson	Y
Representative Brandy Pyle	Y
Representative David Richter	Y
Representative Mark Sanford	Y
Representative Greg Stemen	Y
Representative Steve Swiontek	Y
Representative Daniel Vollmer	Y
Representative Scott Wagner	Y

5:40 p.m. Motion passed 23-0-0.

5:44 p.m. Representative Bosch moved Do Pass as Amended.

5:44 p.m. Representative Vollmer seconded the motion.

5:45 p.m. Roll Call Vote

Senators	Vote
Senator Brad Bekkedahl	Y
Senator Randy Burckhard	Y
Senator Jose Castaneda	Y
Senator Sean Cleary	N
Senator Cole Conley	Y
Senator Kyle Davison	Y
Senator Michael Dwyer	Y
Senator Robert Erbele	Y
Senator Jeff Magrum	Y
Senator Tim Mathern	N
Senator Scott Meyer	AB
Senator Donald Schaible	Y
Senator Jonathan Sickler	N
Senator Ronald Sorvaag	Y
Senator Paul Thomas	Y
Senator Terry Wanzek	Y

5:45 p.m. Motion passed 12-3-1.

5:45 p.m. Roll Call Vote

Representatives	Vote
Representative Don Vigesaa	Y
Representative Bert Anderson	Y
Representative Mike Berg	Y
Representative Glenn Bosch	Y
Representative Mike Brandenburg	Y
Representative Jay Fisher	Y
Representative Karla Hanson	N
Representative Keith Kempenich	Y
Representative Scott Louser	Y
Representative Bob Martinson	Y
Representative Lisa Meier	Y
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Representative David Monson	Y
Representative Eric Murphy	Y
Representative Mike Nathe	Y
Representative Jon Nelson	Y
Representative Brandy Pyle	Y
Representative David Richter	Y
Representative Mark Sanford	Y
Representative Greg Stemen	Y
Representative Steve Swiontek	Y
Representative Daniel Vollmer	Y

Representative Scott Wagner	Y
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5:45 p.m. Motion passed 22-1-0.

5:46 p.m. Senator Sorvaag and Representative Bosch will carry the bill.

5:47 p.m. Co-Chairman Bekkedahl adjourned the meeting.

Krystal Eberle, Committee Clerk

Sixty-ninth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO

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9/2/2026
1047

SENATE BILL NO. 2407

Introduced by

Senators Hogue, Bekkedahl

Representatives Lefor, Vigesaa

1 A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation to the state historical society for the North Dakota
2 military museum project; to amend and reenact section 55-01-02.1 of the North Dakota Century
3 Code, relating to jurisdiction of the heritage center; to repeal subsection 3 of section 6 of
4 chapter 17 of the 2025 Session Laws, relating to a donation pledge requirement to access
5 funding from the strategic investment and improvements fund; to provide a statement of
6 legislative intent; to authorize a line of credit; to provide for a report; and to provide an effective
7 date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

**SECTION 1. LINE OF CREDIT - BANK OF NORTH DAKOTA - APPROPRIATION -
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DEFICIENCY APPROPRIATION REQUEST - ONE-TIME FUNDING - LEGISLATIVE INTENT -
REPORT.**

1. Subject to the provisions of this section, the state historical society may borrow up to
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the North Dakota military museum project for the period beginning with the effective
date of this Act, and ending June 30, 2027. The appropriation in this section is
considered a one-time funding item.

2. The interest rate on the line of credit may not exceed the prevailing interest rate charged to North Dakota governmental entities. If the state historical society accesses the line of credit, the state historical society shall repay the line of credit from other funds derived from donations appropriated by the sixty-ninth legislative assembly to the state historical society in House Bill No. 1018. If the amount of donations collected through March 31, 2029, is not sufficient to repay the line of credit and accrued interest, the ~~state historical society shall request a deficiency appropriation from the seventy-first legislative assembly for the remaining balance and repay the line of credit by June 30, 2029~~ shall consider extending the line of credit or evaluate available funding sources for repayment of the line of credit. The state historical society may not access the line of credit until funding appropriated by the sixty-ninth legislative assembly from the strategic investment and improvements fund in House Bill No. 1018 has been spent.
3. The capital grounds planning commission shall:
 - a. Oversee and have final decisionmaking authority regarding the North Dakota military museum project;
 - b. Collaborate with the state historical society and adjutant general on the project; and
 - c. Use the office of management and budget for construction management of the project.
4. It is the intent of the sixty-ninth legislative assembly that the state of North Dakota provide total state funding of \$39,200,000, which includes funding appropriated from the strategic investment and improvements fund for the repayment of a \$4,200,000 Bank of North Dakota line of credit, the repayment of a \$20,000,000 Bank of North Dakota line of credit, and \$15,000,000 appropriated from the strategic investment and improvements fund, plus any additional funding necessary to pay interest accrued on the \$20,000,000 Bank of North Dakota line of credit, related to the North Dakota military museum project and that any remaining costs associated with the project be paid by nonstate sources derived from donations. It is further the intent of the sixty-ninth legislative assembly that the capitol grounds planning commission and the state historical society prioritize construction that supports completion of the exterior of the

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SB 2407**

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25.1421.02009
Title.

Prepared by the Legislative Council
staff for Representative Bosch
September 2, 2026

Sixty-ninth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

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