

Chair Perales called the meeting of the House Armed Services and Veterans Affairs Committee to order at 10:06 a.m. in Statehouse Room 122. Representative Kick an opening prayer followed by Representative Miller leading the pledge of allegiance.

Chair Perales recognized the members in the audience that were veterans of our Armed Forces.

Chair Perales asked the committee to review the minutes from the previous hearing. Hearing no objections, the minutes stood approved.

Chair Perales called for House Bill 155 for its fifth hearing.

The Chair asked if there was anyone who wished to testify on HB155 and seeing none, he recognized Vice Chair Hood who motioned to favorably report substitute bill HB155. With 10 affirmative votes and 0 negative votes, the sub bill for HB155 was favorably reported. This concluded the fifth hearing for HB155.

The Chair recognized Major General John Harris of the Ohio National Guard to speak on status of the Army and Air National Guard.

The General entertained questions and comments from the committee.

Next, the Chair recognized Major General (retired) Deborah Ashenhurst, Director of the Ohio Department of Veteran Services, to speak about the current state of veteran affairs in the State of Ohio.

The Director entertained questions and comments from the committee.

The Chairman thanked the Director and General for their presentations.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 AM.