1. Minnesota Veterans Cemetery – Duluth: Operating Funds
   - $1,000,000 in FY2018-19 and ongoing
   - 7.5 FTE’s
   - This proposal would enable MDVA to staff the new Minnesota Veterans Cemetery - Duluth
   - Why?
     - MDVA received a federal grant of $8.34 million to build
     - Federal VA requires State to provide operating funds
     - Provides Veterans and family members access to a State Veterans Cemetery in this region of the State.
   - Result:
     - 31,000 Veterans and family members will have access to State burial services within 75 miles of their home.

2. Repair and Betterment Funding
   - $2,000,000 in FY 2018 (onetime funding)
   - 0 FTE
   - This initiative would provide needed repair & maintenance funding.
   - Why?
     - MDVA owns or operates over 50 buildings statewide
     - MDVA oversees more than 1 million sq. ft. of space
     - Age of facilities ranges from the 1800’s to currently under construction.
     - On-going inadequate asset preservation funding
   - Result
     - Uninterrupted agency operations, reduced future maintenance costs, reduced workers compensation claims and lawsuits from injuries or illnesses, and reduce emergency repairs.

3. MN GI Bill Permissible Uses & Apprenticeship and OJT Expanded
   - $200,000 in FY2018-19 and ongoing from the MN GI Bill Open Appropriation
   - 0 FTEs
   - This proposal would enable Veterans to utilize the MN GI Bill for costs associated with testing, certifications and licensure
   - Why?
     - Will allow student Veterans to better utilize their Federal Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits
     - Increased opportunities for career development
   - Result
     - Parity between benefits for traditional and technical education
     - Maximizing student Veterans use of state and federal educational benefits

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