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Bill Summary

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Overview

This bill authorizes placement of a plaque honoring *all Minnesota veterans* in the Veterans Court of Honor, a semi-circular low granite wall located in front of the Veterans Service Building on the Capitol Mall.

The plaque would honor *all Minnesota Veterans who have served in the United States armed forces*, during both peacetime and war, and during all time periods – past, present, and future.

The bill stipulates that the plaque must be provided by the AMVETS Mexican-American Post 5, located in St. Paul, Minnesota . As with other plaques, no state money may be used in the project. The plaque design must be approved by the commissioner of veterans affairs and the Capitol Area Architectural and Planning Board.

Background

Currently, plaques in the Veterans Court of Honor recognize the following groups of Minnesota veterans:

- Spanish American War
- Civil War

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- World War I
- World War II
- Korean War
- Vietnam War
- Four Chaplains (from the USS Dorchester sinking in WWII)
- Women Veterans
- POW/MIAs
- Assistant Adjutant General
- Purple Heart recipients
- Bataan Death March (in the Philippines , WWII)
- Civilians who contributed exceptionally to WWII (38 organizations)
- Medal of Honor Recipients (authorized, but not yet placed)
- War Dogs and their Handlers (authorized, but not yet placed)