



## MN Commanders' Task Force 2019 Legislative Priorities

During its December meeting, the CTF decided to prioritize the four initiatives below-

- Elimination of 8-year limit for the Homestead Market Exclusion for surviving spouses and 1-time transferability.
- Free or reduced cost hunting, fishing and trapping licenses for service-connected disabled Veterans.
- Support MDVA's biennial budget request including operational funding for the three new Veterans homes that were approved by the legislature and governor during the 2018 session. CTF also supports MDVA policy initiatives.
- Increased allotment of grant money for Veterans Service Organizations. Currently, the allotment for VSOs is \$300,000 which hasn't been increased since the grant was first established. CTF supports increasing the allotment to \$1 million.

The CTF will also support the following initiatives at the legislature-

- Expansion of Veterans Courts statewide; Veteran's Defense Project initiative
- Amend charitable gambling laws to allow VSOs to hold state sponsored sweepstakes
- Veterans Homelessness initiatives including a statewide Veterans preference for housing that uses state dollars
- "Last-dollar" in program for state colleges and universities for disabled Veterans
- VSO access to Veterans license plate data