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**SENATOR JOHN MOOLENAAR,  
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**The Senate Committee on Veterans, Military Affairs, and Homeland Security**

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Veterans, Military Affairs, and Homeland Security was held Tuesday, July, 2012 at 10:30 a.m. in Room 400 of the Charles R. Donnelly Natural Resources Center, 665 Johnson Street, Alpena, MI 49707.

The meeting was called to order at 10:33 a.m.

Attendance was recorded as follows:

Members present: Senator Moolenaar,  
Members absent: Senators Papageorge, Emmons, Gregory, Smith  
Members excused: None

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Senator Moolenaar called the Senate Committee on Veterans, Military Affairs, and Homeland Security to order.

Senator Moolenaar invited Major General Gregory Vadnaois to make a presentation concerning the current status of the Michigan National Guard and Air National.

Senator Moolenaar then invited Olin Joynton, President of Alpena Community College, to make a presentation concerning the marketing of online concrete technology certificate to military personnel by Alpena Community College. Dr. Joynton also submitted written testimony.

Next Senator Moolenaar allowed a presentation by Don McMaster, Dean of Workforce Development at Alpena Community College, concerning the prospect of training in concrete technology and utility technology for civilian contractors bound for Iraq and Afghanistan under State Department grant.

Finally, Senator Moolenaar allowed Christine Sykes, Community Based Outpatient Clinic Nurse Manager, to present concerning veterans' access to health care at the Clement C. Van Wagoner Outpatient VA Clinic.

Those presenting then answered questions from those attending the meeting.

Senator Moolenaar adjourned the Senate Committee on Veterans, Military Affairs, and Homeland Security at 11:59 a.m.

Date Approved by Committee: September 25, 2012