

**DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS
FY 2009-10 JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE HEARING AGENDA**

**Tuesday December 9, 2008
10:00 am – 11:30 am**

10:00-10:30 INTRODUCTIONS AND OPENING COMMENTS

10:30-10:45 QUESTIONS COMMON TO ALL DEPARTMENTS

1. What are your department's three top goals for the current year? How will they be achieved?
2. How do your requested decision items tie to your goals?
3. Could your department shift to a four day work week that begins on Wednesday and ends on Saturday? If not, why not? If only a portion of the department can go to a four day week, what portion can and what portion cannot and why?
4. Has your department been able to fill new or vacant positions? Can your department quantify the benefits it has seen as a result of adding additional FTE or filling vacant positions?
5. What is the status of your department's implementation of S.B.08-155, Centralize IT Management in OIT? Is your department experiencing any difficulties?
6. If you have submitted a General Fund decision item, justify why it must be funded in FY 2009-10 and why it cannot be postponed until FY 2010-11.
7. How many employees, especially among upper management, are assigned a state vehicle for them to use to travel between home and work? How many state vehicles does your department use to transport staff? Would it be more cost effective to reimburse employees for using their personal vehicles for these purposes?

10:45-11:00 COLORADO STATE VETERANS TRUST FUND

8. What is the Department's feeling on the funding shortfall? Should the percentage available for appropriation be changed? If so, why? Please discuss how the State Board of Veterans Affairs decides which grant requests to fund. How many requests for grants are received, but not funded. What types of programs are not being funded because they do not have the funds to provide more services?

11:00-11:10 DEPARTMENT OVERVIEW

9. Has the Department looked into using Certificates of Participation for the construction of new armories? If feasible, what kind of revenue stream would it require?

10. With the refocus on the artillery brigade, what units will go out of existence in Colorado?

11:10-11:30 DEPARTMENT'S DECISION ITEMS

State Active Duty Payroll Automation Software

11. Why can't the Department use the state personnel system to track this information instead of using a new system?

National Guard Tuition Assistance

12. What is a deferred semester? Do the guard members pay the institution and then get reimbursed or is the payment directly to the institution?

13. Discuss the difference between this program and the R.O.T.C. program.

Deputy Facilities Manager

14. What will be the exact duties of the Deputy Facilities Manager? Could these duties be provided under the state architect who resides in the Department of Personnel? Why or why not?