



State Perspective: Minnesota

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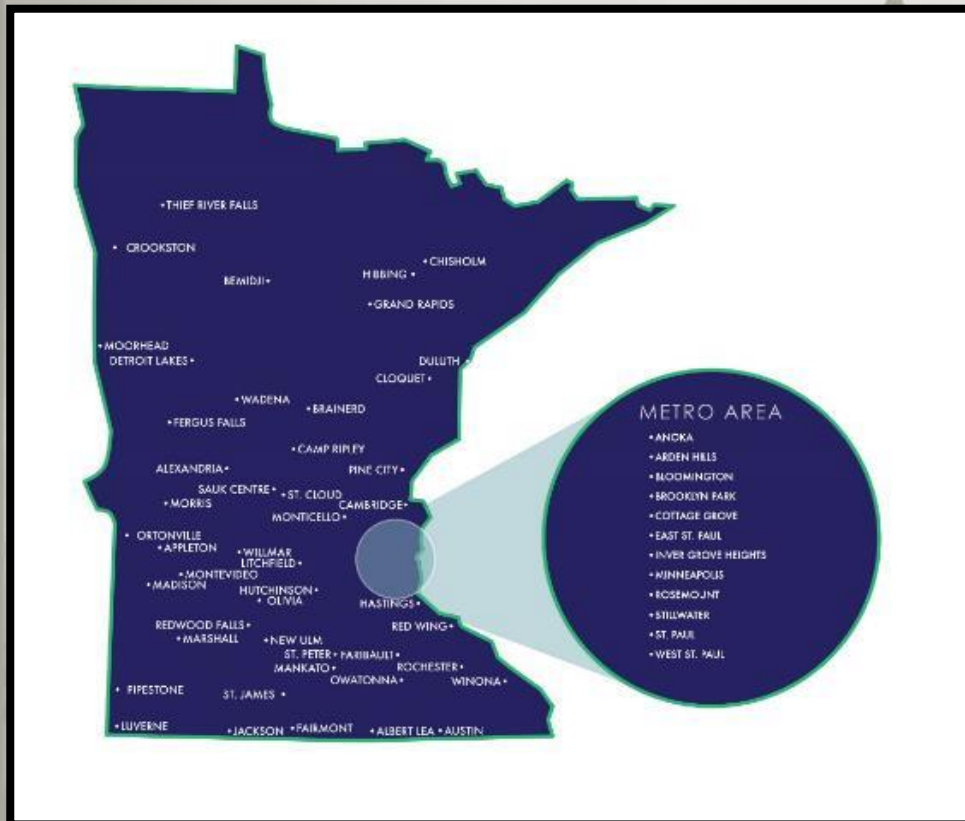


Agenda

- **Minnesota National Guard Overview**
- **Congressional Delegation**
- **Engagement Strategy**
- **Process and timeline**
- **2020 Legislative Priorities**
- **Council of Governors**



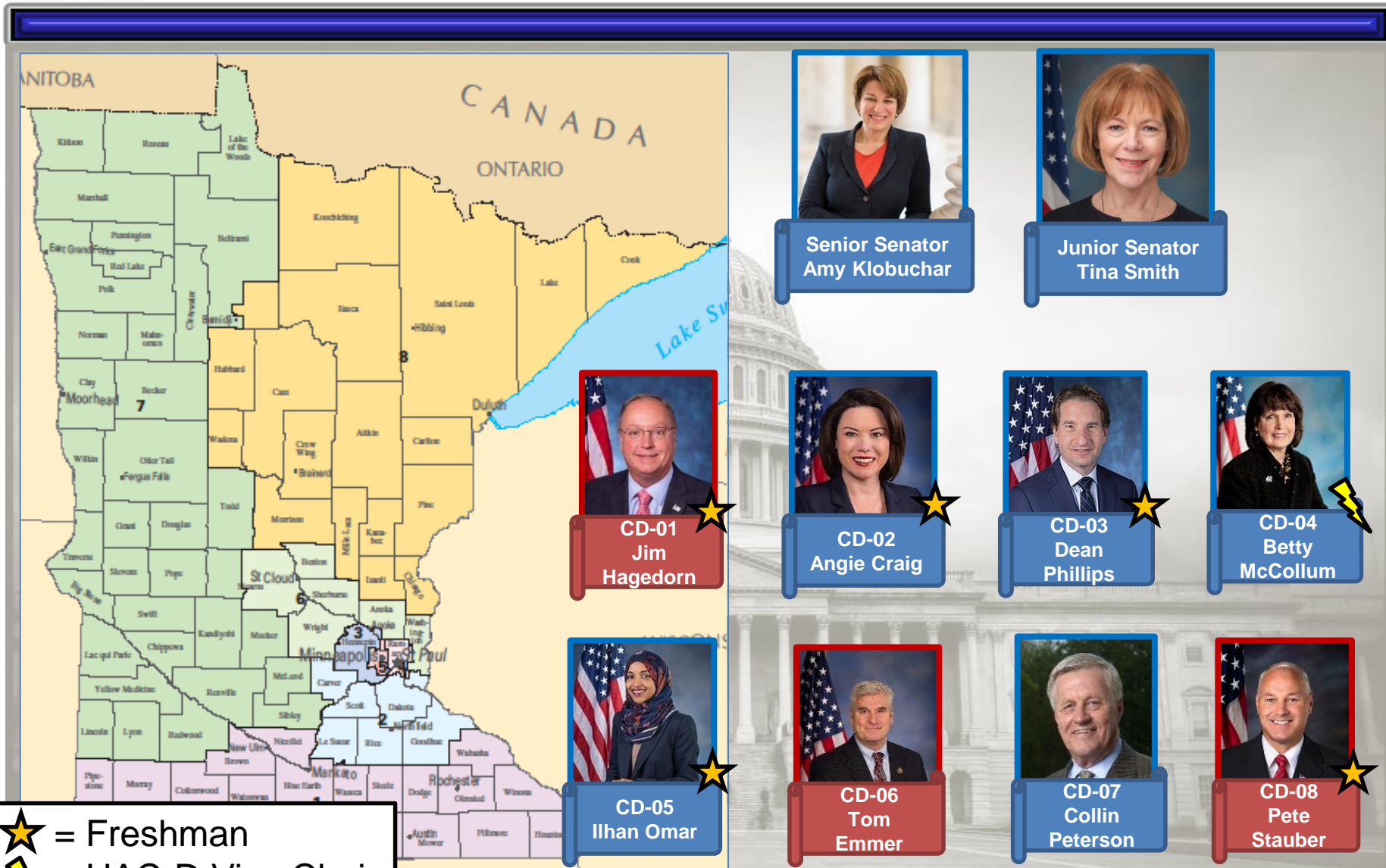
Minnesota NG Overview



- 13,149 Soldiers & Airmen
- 61 Facilities in 58 Communities
 - 59 Armories/2 Air Wings
- 34th ID Headquarters
- 1/34 Armored BCT
- 34th Combat Aviation Brigade
- 347th Regional Support Group
- 84th Troop Command
- 175th Regional Training Inst.
- 133rd Airlift Wing (C-130H)
- 148th Fighter Wing (F-16 Blk 50)



Minnesota Delegation



★ = Freshman
⚡ = HAC-D Vice Chair



Engagement Strategy

- **TAG CAMPLAN Priority: “Communicate and Partner”**
- **New Staff Orientation**
 - “Guard 101” Brief
- **Quarterly CODEL Visit (DC)**
 - TAG 1x/year
 - SMEs => educate/inform
- **Quarterly STAFFDEL Breakfast (District)**
 - District Staff & MNNG Senior Leaders
 - TAG priorities, Deployment briefs, MILCON, Training Events
- **Occasional orientation trips (Camp Ripley, 133AW, 148FW)**
- **Deployment Ceremonies, Redeployment Events, YR Proclamations, YR Company Seminars, etc.**





Legislative Priority Development Process



Issue identification (MSC/directorate/unit, AGAUS, NGA, NGAUS/EANGUS)

- Policy or legislative fix? Have internal channels been exhausted?

Formal solicitation for issues in Q3

Develop white paper

Brief issue at LWG/discussion

- Revise as needed

Brief TAG at LUB/staff for TAG approval

If approved, inform/work with CODEL to resolution



MNNG Legislative Priorities

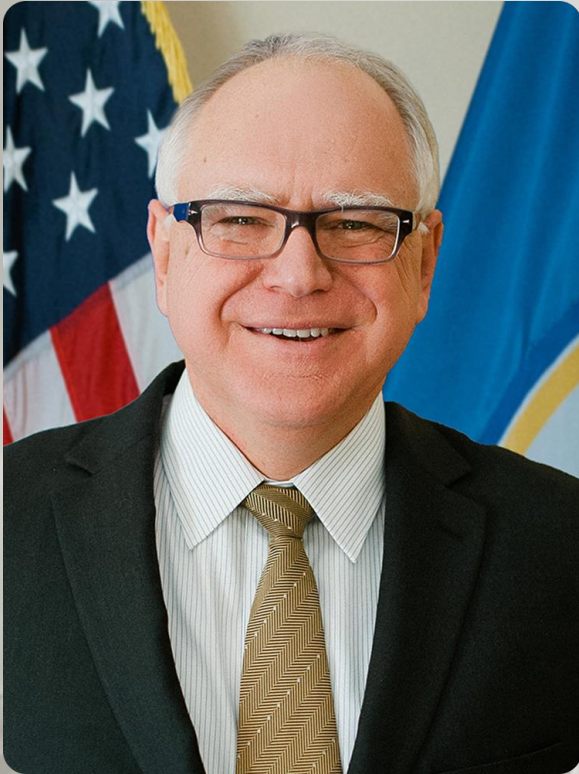
1. **Increase Fulltime Staffing to identified requirement levels**
 - Funding to 80% of identified fulltime requirements
2. **Duty Status Reform**
 - Streamline duty status authorities; retain Governors' authority; RC benefits parity
3. **TRICARE Reform**
 - Shorten TRS implementation; early-retiree coverage, no-cost RC service member TRICARE
4. **Restore concurrent use of Montgomery GI Bill (MGIB-SR) and federal tuition assistance**
 - Roll back 2014 DoD policy change disallowing concurrent use
5. **Aviation Pay Parity**
 - Pay RC aviators in parity with AC counterparts (same training and qualification requirements)
6. **Authorize Maternity Leave for drilling RC mothers**
 - Ensure females in RC receive creditable military service pay and points during maternity leave
7. **C-130J Recapitalization**
 - Continued C-130H3 modernization efforts until C-130J fielding
8. **Fix FY18 NDAA Unspecified Minor Military Construction (UMMC) changes**
 - Realign local approval authority threshold (\$750K) with authorized project amount (\$2M)

Watch list:

- F-35 recap, RC in Space Force, ACUB, STARBASE funding



Council of Governors Work



Governor Tim Walz

- Former US Congressman (six terms)
- HASC, HVAC, Co-chair NG & RC Caucus
- 24 years Army National Guard service
 - Command Sgt Major
 - 1-125 FA Battalion
- First term on the Council of Governors
- Lead on two of the COG's priorities:
 - Fulltime Support for NG
 - Duty Status Reform



Questions?



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