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Veterans Affairs Secretary Lauds New Committee, Chairs

(MADISON) — Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs (WDVA) Secretary John A. Scocos today praised the creation of a new *Assembly Committee on Veterans Affairs and the appointment of its chair*, Rep. Gabe Loeffelholz (R-Platteville). The creation of the new committee was announced this week in a press release by Wisconsin State Assembly Speaker John Gard (R-Peshtigo).

“The creation of this new committee will help ensure that programs intended to assist our state’s veterans will never be forced to compete with the mission-critical requirements of military affairs or homeland security,” said Scocos.

In previous legislative sessions, military affairs, homeland security, and veterans affairs were all under the purview of a single committee.

"Gabe Loeffelholz has been a good friend and staunch ally of our state's veterans in supporting veterans' legislation," said Scocos. "With his military and legislative experience, and his solid understanding of the issues important to Wisconsin's veterans, I am certain that Representative Gabe Loeffelholz will provide excellent leadership as Chair of the new Assembly Committee on Veterans Affairs."

Rep. Loeffelholz is a veteran who served in the U.S. Army and the National Guard from 1959-1964.

The membership of the new committee has not yet been announced.

Scocos also praised the reappointment of Wisconsin State Senator Ron Brown (R-Eau Claire) to chair the Senate Committee on Veterans, Homeland Security, Military Affairs, Small Business, and Government Reform. The Senate committee appointment was announced last week by Senate Majority Leader Dale Schultz (R-Richland Center).