

In the state legislature, Rosendale repeatedly voted against veterans homes in Columbia Falls and Butte, limiting access to services for our veterans. He also voted against a program that helps vets buy homes, and he voted against education assistance for Purple Heart recipients.

Rosendale Voted Against Eliminating A Budget Provision That Cut Funding For The Montana Veterans Home In Columbia Falls. On March 11, 2011, Matt Rosendale voted against passage of Amendment 033 to HB 2. “Conservative Republicans were able to advance some smaller additional cuts on the House floor. And Democrats had one notable success in reversing proposed cuts, getting enough Republicans to agree to forgo proposed privatization of a veterans' home. [...] The chamber's 32 Democrat were joined by two dozen Republicans to restore full funding for the Columbia Falls veteran's home. The GOP holds a 68-32 majority in the House. Republican budget crafters had proposed save more than \$2 million by turning the home over to a private company, but opponents argued the issue needs much more study over the interim.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 59-41. [Associated Press, [3/12/11](#); Vote 940, HB 2, [3/11/11](#); Amendment 033, HB 2, [3/11/11](#); Version 2, HB 2, [3/11/11](#)]

Rosendale Voted Against A Funding Plan To Cover A Federal Match For A Southwest Montana Veterans' Home In Butte. On April 18, 2011, Matt Rosendale voted against HB 296 on the third reading. “The Montana Legislature is considering a funding plan for the southwest Montana veterans' home in Butte, and a strong show of support is planned during an upcoming hearing. House Bill 296, sponsored by Butte Rep. Jon Sesso, aims to extend the amount of money collected by the state cigarette tax to cover a federal match of money for the home... Sesso's bill would lock in the state's funding commitment to the \$13.7 million project, with the feds picking up 65 percent of the tab or about \$8.9 million. The state must commit to investing \$4.8 million of the tab, or 35 percent, says Sesso.” The measure was passed by a vote of 54-45 and was signed into law. [Vote 1941, HB 296, [4/18/11](#); Montana Standard, [1/30/11](#)]

Rosendale Voted Against Creating The Veterans' Home Loan Mortgage Program To Fund Loans For First-Time Veteran Homebuyers. On April 12, 2011, Matt Rosendale voted against concurring in SB 326 on the third reading. According to the National Conference of State Legislatures: “Montana (SB 326 – 2011): Creates the Veterans' Home Loan Mortgage program to fund loans for first-time veteran home buyers. The money is allocated from the permanent coal tax trust fund.” The measure was passed by a vote of 62-37 and signed into law. [Vote 1806, SB 326, [4/12/11](#); National Conference of State Legislatures, [2/28/17](#)]

2013: Rosendale Was One Of Six Senators To Vote Against A Measure To Provide Scholarships For Montana Purple Heart Recipients. On April 16, 2013, Matt Rosendale voted against HB 447 on the third reading. “An Act Establishing A State Scholarship Program For Eligible Purple Heart Recipients; Providing An Appropriation; And Providing An Effective Date.” The measure passed 44-6. [Vote 1656, HB 447, [4/16/13](#); Bill text, accessed [8/17/17](#)]

2013: The Montana Legislature Authorized \$1,000 University System Scholarship Per Semester For Qualified Montana Purple Heart Recipients Who Had Previously Attended At Least One Semester At A Montana College With Satisfactory Grades. “A \$1,000 University System scholarship per semester for qualified Purple Heart recipients who are Montana citizens, have previously attended at least one semester at a Montana college with satisfactory grades was authorized by the 2013 state Legislature. The option is available for MSU-Great Falls for full or part-time status.” [Great Falls Tribune, [11/11/13](#)]

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