

*Olmsted County  
Veteran Services  
Veterans Advocate Newsletter  
March 2019*

VA



U.S. Department  
of Veterans Affairs



**SAVE THE DATE**

# **Veterans Job Fair**

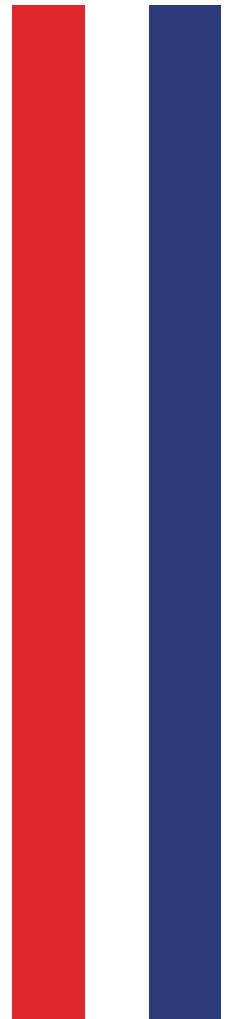
**Wednesday March 13, 2019 • 1:30 pm to 4:00 pm**

**Minneapolis VA Medical Center**

*in the Auditorium*

**- One Veterans Drive, Minneapolis, MN 55417**

*\* potential on the spot interviews*



# MIDWEST SEABEE BALL

MARCH 16, 2019

Hosted in Minneapolis at the  
HILTON – BLOOMINGTON (I-494 & France AVE)



E1 – E4	\$30	5:30 pm - 7 pm	Social Hour
E5 – E6	\$45	7 pm - 9 pm	Dinner and Program
E7 – O3	\$65	9 pm - 12 am	DJ and Dancing
O4 and above	\$75		
Civilians	\$45		

(Spouses / Guests pay the same as the military member)

**WWII and Korea Veterans are FREE** - contact us to get your free ticket

**\*\*If you book your tickets before January 1, 2019, you will receive a \$5 discount per ticket\*\***

**\*\*\*\*\*Deadline for purchasing tickets is March 11, 2019\*\*\*\*\***

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**FOR TICKETS:** <http://tinyurl.com/y7h3tyhh>

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**FOR ROOM RESERVATIONS:** Call 844-856-8554 (Code: SEABEE)  
Block of rooms \$85 / night

**\*\*\*\*\*Deadline for block of rooms is February 13, 2019\*\*\*\*\***

**HOTEL ADDRESS:** 3900 American BLVD W  
Bloomington, MN 55437

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**EMAIL QUESTIONS:** [MidwestSeabeeBall@gmail.com](mailto:MidwestSeabeeBall@gmail.com)

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**FACEBOOK:** Midwest Seabee Ball



# VETERANS DAY ON THE HILL 2019

**WHEN:**  
**MARCH 20TH, 2019**

**DAV of MN Presents a:**  
**Free Veterans and Supporters**  
**Pre-Rally Lunch @ 10:30**

(This event is a free catered lunch to discuss our priorities and how to protect Veterans benefits)

**Veterans March to the Rally @ 12:45**

(Join with Veterans, family members, and community supporters as we march to the Capitol)

**CTF, UVLC, and MACVSO Present:**  
**Rally in the Rotunda 1:30-2:30pm**

(Your opportunity to hear directly from those in power and let them know we are PAYING ATTENTION and want ACTION)

**WHERE:**

**Pre-Rally at St. Paul Armory**

One block from Capitol BLDG

(Address: 600 Cedar St, St Paul, MN 55101)

**March to the Rally**

State Veterans Services Bldg.

(20 West 12th St, St. Paul, MN)

**NO MEMBERSHIP IN ANY ORGANIZATION REQUIRED. ALL VETERANS, FAMILY MEMBERS AND SUPPORTERS ARE WELCOME!**

**ALL VETERANS, FAMILY MEMBERS, AND ADVOCATES ARE INVITED TO RALLY IN SUPPORT OF VETERANS LEGISLATION**



**Topics Include:**

KEEPING SURVIVING SPOUSES IN THEIR HOMES!

ENSURING THE LONGTERM STABILITY OF SERVICES FOR VETERANS ACROSS MN

INCREASING ACCESS TO THE OUTDOORS FOR OUR DISABLED VETERANS!

ENSURING FULL-FUNDING FOR MDVA AND THE 3 NEW VETERANS HOMES



**DAV of MN**  
**BENEFITS PROTECTION**



**ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT:**  
**TRENT@DAVMN.ORG**



January 16, 2019

## **DAV MN to Assist with Cost of Busses to Veterans Day on the Hill 2019**

The Disabled American Veterans, Dept. of Minnesota (DAV MN) is proud to announce we will once again be partnering with organizations from across the state to bring Veterans to Veterans Day on the Hill 2019 on March 20<sup>th</sup>. The DAV MN is offering this partnership to all organizations and communities in Minnesota.

### **Details:**

- The DAV MN is offering to cover up to 50% of the cost of a charter bus from communities across Minnesota.
- In the past DAV MN has assisted DAV Chapters, VFW's, American Legions Posts, and local 'Veterans Councils' with the cost of their busses. An affiliation with any particular group is NOT required to take part in this partnership.
- The busses are highly encouraged to come to the Cedar St. Armory for the DAV MN Pre-Rally Lunch being provided free of charge by the DAV MN Foundation. If they are not able to attend that event it is asked that they arrive at the Veterans Services Bldg. NLT 12:30 for the "March to the Capitol" for those able to participate.
- Any group utilizing the DAV MN 50% match must offer transportation to Veterans Day on the Hill 2019 FREE of charge. The DAV MN is proud of our history of not charging for services to our Veterans and their family's and we view this opportunity as our service to our Veterans.
  - Please note we ask our partners to avoid charging by any means, this includes: Free-will offerings, passing-the-hat, suggested donations, or the solicitation of donations from the riders participating.

If you would like more information, or to sign-up for the 50% match, please contact DAV MN Legislative Director Trent C Dilks at [Trent@davmn.org](mailto:Trent@davmn.org) to discuss the details.

# MINNESOTA VETERANS DAY ON THE HILL

Wednesday, March 20, 2019

Minnesota State Capitol Rotunda  
75 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd  
St. Paul, MN 55155



**Rally begins at 1:30pm**

Pre-rally lunch for Veterans and supporters  
at the Cedar Street Armory

Hosted by:

**Minnesota Association of County Veterans Service Officers  
Minnesota Commanders' Task Force  
United Veterans Legislative Council of Minnesota**





## **ROCHESTER VA RED CARPET EVENT**

Would you like to learn how to navigate the VA system? Come join us for an informational meeting for new and established patients.

Some of the topics that will be covered:

- **Primary Care** including chronic disease management, patient education, and health promotion
- **Immunizations**
- **Mental Health Services** with on-site staff and telemedicine capability linked to providers in Minneapolis
- **Tele-Healthcare** with Minneapolis providers
- **Laboratory Services**
- **Minor Procedures**
- **Women's Health Care**
- **Mental Health**
- **Co-Managed Care**
- **Pharmacy Management**

**Thursday, March 21, 2019**

Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month in room 117, at **2:00pm**

At the Rochester VA Clinic

3900 Fairway PL NW

Rochester MN 55901



# 2019 MDVA Women Veterans Conference

Saturday, March 23, 2019 · 9:45AM–4PM · YMCA, Maplewood Community Center



*free!*

ALL Ages,  
Eras, Branches,  
Transitioning  
Military Women  
WELCOME!

YMCA, Maplewood  
Community Center

2100 White Bear Ave,  
Maplewood, MN 55109



*Celebrate*  
Women's  
History  
Month!

- Breakfast & Lunch provided
- Day Care Option
- Workshops
  - Acupuncture
  - Massages
  - Yoga
  - Henna Tattoo Session
  - Talk Session
- Keynote Speaker:
  - Dajon Ferrell - Military Sexual Trauma Survivor, Veteran
- Minnesota Woman Veteran of the Year Award  
to be presented by Women Veterans Initiative



Dajon Ferrell,  
Keynote Speaker



To register, or for more information: [www.MinnesotaVeteran.org/WomenVeterans](http://www.MinnesotaVeteran.org/WomenVeterans) • 1-888-LinkVet

## Veterans Health Identification Card



**The VHIC is issued only to Veterans who are enrolled in the VA health care system.**

**Purpose of the VHIC:** The VHIC is for identification and check-in at VA appointments. It cannot be used as a credit card or an insurance card, and it does not authorize or pay for care at non-VA facilities.

### Veterans ID Cards Available Through Community Based Clinics

**Rochester VA Clinic– 3900 Fairway Place NW, Rochester, MN 55901**

**Veterans must schedule an appointment through the VA Call Center at 612-467-1100.** Clinics start at 8:30am and the last appointment is at 3:15pm. **DATES, Wednesday's: January 30, March 27, May 29, July 31, September 25, November 27**

Primary Identification	Secondary Identification
Must present ONE form of Primary Identification	And ONE form of Secondary Identification
State-Issued Driver's License	Social Security Card
United States (U.S.) Passport (unexpired)	Original or certified Birth Certificate
Foreign passport with Form I-94 or Form I-94A (unexpired)	Certificate issued by US Consular Offices documenting the birth of a child on foreign soil to a US citizen. (Form FS-545, Form DS-1350, DS Form)
U.S. Military card	Certification of Report of Birth issued by the Department of State
Military ID Card	Voter's Registration Card
Military dependent's ID card	Native American Tribal Document
Foreign Passport with temporary I-551 stamp	U.S. Citizen ID Card (Form I-197)
Permanent Resident Card or Alien Registration Receipt Card (Form I- 551)	Identification Card for Use of Resident Citizen in the United States (Form I-179)
Federal , State or local issued photo ID	Employment Authorization document issued by the Department of
Employment Authorization Document that contains a	Canadian Driver's License
Passport from the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) or the Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI) with Form I-94 or Form I-94A	
School ID with photograph	
VA Identification Card (VIC) or VHIC*	



**FULLFILLING OUR PROMISES  
TO THE MEN AND WOMEN WHO SERVED**

MAYO SOUTHEAST CHAPTER 28 DAV EVENT

# VETERANS HELPING VETERANS

Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup> 2019, 5:30pm | International Event Center

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- SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER
  - CHAPTER 28 VETERAN SUPPORT REPORT
  - DOOR PRIZE & RAFFLE ITEMS
  - TESTIMONIALS
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## TITLE SPONSORS



## EVENT INFORMATION

email [davsemn@gmail.com](mailto:davsemn@gmail.com)  
or visit <https://tinyurl.com/dav28celebration>

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**Jim Surseley, Past National DAV Commander**



**Sailor Jerri—a rising Country star and Navy veteran will provide the evening's entertainment.**

**Sailor Jerri's Veteran version of "Hallelujah" has 125 million views and counting!**



SEMCIL, and Olmsted County Veteran Services is offering a support group for Veterans that have been diagnosed with PTSD, or those who have signs and symptoms of PTSD, and their family members. Sometimes the most painful injuries aren't physical. Whether it's PTSD, TBI, combat stress, or any other mental health condition, we're here to help you get through it. The group will be facilitated by Jennifer Shumaker, Veteran and Olmsted County Veterans Service Officer.

**The meeting in 2019 will change to Thursdays, generally will be the last Thursday, but will be some fluctuation of dates with Holidays and other bookings**

**NO Meeting in January!**

**Thursday, March 28, 2019**

**630pm-800pm**

**VFW**

**2775 43rd Street NW**

**Rochester, MN 55901**

**Jennifer Shumaker**

**(507) 328-6324**

**[shumaker.jennifer@co.olmsted.mn.us](mailto:shumaker.jennifer@co.olmsted.mn.us)**

# LOCAL MEETINGS

**Rochester American Legion Post 92**  
**JANUARY & FEBRUARY 2019 AT THE VFW**  
**2775 43RD St NW**

**3rd Tuesday of each month**  
**7pm**

**Sons of the American Legion**  
**2nd Thursday of each month**  
**6pm**

**Legion Riders**  
**3rd Thursday of each month**  
**7pm**

**Forty et eight at the American Legion**  
**2nd Tuesday of each month**  
**630pm**

**Marine Corps League Auxiliary**  
**2nd Thursday of each month**  
**7pm**  
**Rochester, MN 55901**

**Rochester VFW Post Meeting**  
**2nd Tuesday of each Month VFW Post 1215**  
**2775 43rd St. NW**  
**Rochester, MN 55901**  
**7pm**

**Byron American Legion Post 119**  
**3rd Monday of the month**  
**7pm**  
**505 Frontage Road NW, Byron, MN**

**Vietnam Veterans of America**  
**Meets 4th Monday each month**  
**at 7:00pm,**  
**Vietnam Veterans Spouse Support Group**  
**Meets 4th Monday each month**  
**At 7:00pm**  
**Thor Detachment 606 Marine Corp League Meet-**  
**ing**  
**4th Tuesday of the month, 7pm**  
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**3rd Thursday of the month 6pm**  
**VFW Post 1215**  
**2775 43rd St NW, Rochester, MN 55901**

**Stewartville American Legion Post 164**  
**Meeting 3rd Monday each month, 7:30pm**  
**1100 2nd Ave NW, Stewartville**

**Stewartville VFW Post 8980**  
**Meeting 1st Monday each month, 7pm**  
**1100 2nd Ave NW, Stewartville**

**DAV Meeting**  
**2nd Monday, of each Month Rochester's Elks Lodge**  
**1652 Hwy 52 N, Rochester, MN 55901**  
**5:30pm dinner, meeting at 6:00pm**

**Korean Veterans**  
**Every Monday at Grandmas Kitchen**  
**1514 N Broadway, Rochester, MN 55906**  
**(Silver lake plaza)**  
**8 AM**

**Kasson American Legion Post 333**  
**Third Thursday of the month, 8pm**  
**212 West Main Street , Kasson, MN 55944**

**Chatfield VFW Post 6913**  
**2nd Monday of the month**  
**9- 2nd St SW, Chatfield, MN**

**Gulf War Veterans of America**  
**1st Monday of each month**  
**7pm, at the Rochester American Legion, Post 92**  
**315 First Ave NW**  
**Rochester, MN 55901**

**Eyota American Legion Post 551**  
**2nd Monday each month 6:30pm**  
**11 Madison Ave NW**  
**Eyota, MN 55934**  
**Legion Riders**  
**4th Wednesday each month 7:30pm**

**Pine Island American Legion Post 184**  
**2nd Monday of the month 7PM**  
**108 1st Ave SE**  
**Pine Island, MN**

**Oronoco VFW Post 9647**  
**First Monday of each month 7pm**  
**Auxiliary meeting same time, separate meeting**  
**5 MN Avenue S**  
**Oronoco, MN 55960**

***“To promote the interests and welfare of veterans, their dependents and survivors and to enhance their quality of life through counseling, claims assistance, education, advocacy and special projects.”***