



# Olmsted County Veteran's Service Office

Veteran Services  
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Aug. 27-Labor Day, Sept. 7, 2015



Tuesday, September 1, 2015

## Military Appreciation Day at the Minnesota State Fair

The Minnesota State Fair will again hold Military Appreciation Day in which veterans receive discounted admission.

### MILITARY APPRECIATION DAY (Tuesday, Sept. 1)

- Adults (13-64): \$8\*
- Seniors (65+): \$8\*
- Kids (5-12): \$8\*
- Children (Under 5): Free
- Discount applies to active military, spouses and kids; retired military and spouses; and military veterans and spouses when they purchase a ticket at the gate and present valid documentation of military service

Minnesota County Veterans Services will have a booth in one of the exhibit halls along with the Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs (MDVA), stop by and visit us!!

July 28-August 2

Olmsted County Veterans Services will have a booth at the Olmsted County Fair.

**Please stop by and visit us!**

### Commercial Buildings #31 & #35 Hours:

*Open to Public:*

Tuesday through Saturday: 11:00 am to 9:00 pm

Sunday: 11:00 am – 4:00 pm

### Food Vendor Hours:

Tuesday: 5:00 pm – 10:00 pm;

Wednesday - Saturday: 11:00 am – 10:00 pm

Sunday: 11:00 am – 6:00 pm

(Food vendors may be open extra hours on Mon. & Tues. after 10 pm)

### Miracle of Birth Center Hours:

Tuesday – Saturday: 10:00 am – 9:00 pm

### Carnival Hours:

Tuesday: 5:00 pm – 11:00 pm

Wednesday – Friday: 1:00 pm – 11:00 pm

Saturday: 10:00: am - 11:00 pm

Sunday: 12 noon – 6:00 pm





Minnesota Assistance Council for Veterans (MACV) will be holding the 23rd annual Metro Area Veterans' Stand Down August 4 - 5 at the Boy Scout Base Camp at Fort Snelling. Free on-site assistance for homeless and underserved Veterans will include VA medical clinic, hot meals, clothing, VA benefit information, hygiene kits, legal assistance (including court, federal and state tax assistance), housing and employment assistance, mental health resources, DMV, haircuts, chaplaincy, public benefits information, and more. There will be a free shuttle to and from the Fort Snelling Light Rail Station. Shuttles will also be picking up Veterans from local shelters. Efforts to end Veteran homelessness in Minnesota remain a priority; the Federal government, the Dayton Administration, Mayor Hodges, and Mayor Coleman, along with more than eight Mayors from around the state, have committed to end Veteran homelessness this year.

For more information visit [www.mac-v.org](http://www.mac-v.org).

**Tuesday, August 4th from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.**

**Wednesday August 5th from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

***\*Welcome Ceremony will take place Aug. 4th at 11 a.m.***

**Boy Scout Base Camp, 201  
Bloomington Road, Fort Snelling, MN  
55111**



## PETS LOYAL 2 VETS

Pets loyal 2 vets is a Minnesota based 501©(3) non-profit organization. The mission is to connect disabled Minnesota Military Veterans diagnosed and treated for PTSD, TBI or physical assault traumas with a specially trained companion therapy and Psychiatric service dogs by partnering with supporting animal shelters, breeders, and rescue organizations, at no cost to the veteran.

For more information about the program, visit:

<http://petsloyal2vets.org/about-2/>

To Contact: (612) 396-3369





Support Our Disabled American Veterans of Southeastern Minnesota  
**CAR & MOTORCYCLE SHOW**  
**SPONSORED BY HILLER'S FLOORING AMERICA**

**August 21, 2015 at Shopko North & Chateau Center**  
**North Broadway, Rochester, MN**  
**Time: 3:00 pm – 8:00 pm**

**FOOD VENDORS**  
**ROCK 'N' ROLL**  
**MUSIC**

Andy's Gift Bag to first 100 entries free bottle of wine to the first 24 entries  
Registration 3:00 pm – 6:00 pm Trophies to the top 3 cars & top 3 bikes!

*All Makes & Models Welcome*

Entry Fee \$5.00 per vehicle

Live Auction & Raffles

Will take place Rain or Shine! 100% of proceeds go to the DAV!

**For information, go to [outlawvettes.com/dav](http://outlawvettes.com/dav)**



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## **PTSD Support Group for Veterans, Friends, and Family Members**

SEMCIL's Veteran Services Program 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. Maybe you need to talk or just be in the company of your extended Veteran family. The support group will be a place for Veterans to share, heal and talk about their experiences in dealing with PTSD. We will be there for each other.

We are our brothers and sisters keepers because the oath we took to never leave a fallen comrade has no expiration date. For many of us, combat veterans, there are daily reminders of deaths of brothers and sisters.

The group will be facilitated by Jennifer Shumaker, Veteran

### **Upcoming meetings:**

**Thursday, August 27, 2015**  
**Thursday, September 24, 2015**  
**Thursday, October, 29, 2015**

**6:30pm-8:30 p.m.**

**American Legion**  
**315 1st Ave NW,**  
**Rochester, MN, 55901**

Jennifer at 507-328-6324 or [shumaker.jennifer@co.olmsted.mn.us](mailto:shumaker.jennifer@co.olmsted.mn.us)



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# OPERATION LZ

WELCOME HOME



VIETNAM  
VETERANS

Forest City, IA  
August 26-30, 2015




*Landing Zone - A designated area for the special purpose of receiving or distribution of people or cargo. Also known as "LZ"*

"I am looking forward to taking my son and grandsons on a Huey ride giving them an opportunity to share some of my daily experiences in Vietnam."

"Six months after I was drafted, I was in the infantry in Vietnam. I am inviting my platoon to come and share the weekend hoping to get us all on a Huey for one more mission!"

"It's hard for me to believe that someone actually wants to recognize and thank those that served in all the arm forces during Vietnam after 40+ years. Time does heal."

Facebook –North Iowa Vietnam Veterans Committee.   
[www.operationlz.com](http://www.operationlz.com)

*"Courage is fear that has said its prayers."*



VietnamTraveling Wall



*"Home of the free because of the brave."*