
VETERANS ADVOCATE

August 2017

Minnesota State Parks and Recreation Areas Offer New Benefits for Veterans

Starting July 1, 2017 active military personnel in any branch or unit of the United States Armed Forces and Veterans with a service-connected disability will be eligible to receive a free year-round vehicle permit, providing unlimited access to all 75 Minnesota state parks and recreation areas.

These new benefits were proposed by the Department of Natural Resources and approved by state lawmakers during the 2017 Minnesota legislative session (Minnesota Statutes, section 85.053, subdivisions 8 and 10).

The veteran must bring a copy of their determination letter or Veterans Affairs Healthcare I.D. indicating a service connected disability and a photo ID, and let the park attendant know their military status when they arrive.

Listing of State Parks:

http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/state_parks/list_alpha.html

Veterans on the Lake!

Veteran's Lake

"Disabled Military Veterans"
Come enjoy a relaxing day at the
Lake and let us serve you!

Wednesday, August 2nd, 2017
(Rain Date August 3rd)
10:00 am to 4:00 pm

**Lunch, Fishing* and
Entertainment Provided**
(*All equipment provided, no license needed)

**8702 181st Avenue NW
Ramsey, MN 55303**

(3.5 miles east of Highway 169 on Elk River Main Street)

RSVP:

E-Mail: Enstrom06@msn.com

Facebook: Minnesota Veterans Lake

Phone: (763) 441-4086



**Veteran's Lake, Inc.
Is a 501(c)3 Non-Profit Organization.**



Olmsted County Veteran's Services

Support Our Disabled American Veterans

Free to
the Public

Rain
or Shine



Cars, Pickups, Motorcycles, Big Rigs, & Golf Cart Show

Sponsored by

HILLER'S FLOORING AMERICA

Olmsted County Fairgrounds - Rochester, MN

SATURDAY, AUGUST 5, 2017 - 8:AM - 3:PM

Registration \$10 - 8:AM - 12:PM

Music • Food Vendors • Job Fair 12:PM - 2:30:PM • Bring a chair and make a day of it!

21 GUN SALUTE RAFFLE AT 4:PM

•• Bucket Raffle Tickets Sold Day of Show ••

--- 23 CHANCES TO WINI ---

1st: \$1,000.00 Cash • 2nd: \$1,800 Diamond Pendant Necklace
3rd: 23rd: 21 Guns (1 each)

First 200 Participants: Dash Plaques

Awards to 1st & 2nd Place in Each Class

Stocks Cars on Display • Silent Auction & Raffle Day of the Show

(DAV not responsible for any loss or damage. All proceeds go to MN Disabled Vets)



FOR INFORMATION: Contact RICHDALYX5@GMAIL.COM

KAUFFMANN BENEFIT



SUNDAY AUGUST 6TH, 2017

1- 5 P.M.

SILENT AUCTION

&

BUFFET STYLE LUNCH

FOOD PROVIDED BY

**CANADIAN
HONKER**
Restaurant



LUNCH DONATION

\$10

**ALL PROCEEDS GO TO THE
KAUFFMANN BURIAL EXPENSE**

LIVE MUSIC BY JT THOMPSON 2-4PM



THE EAGLES CLUB

917 15th Ave SE, Rochester, MN 55904

<https://www.rochestermneaglesclub.com/>

if you would like to donate to the silent auction or questions: margowunderlich11@gmail.com





Quality pet healthcare for everyone.

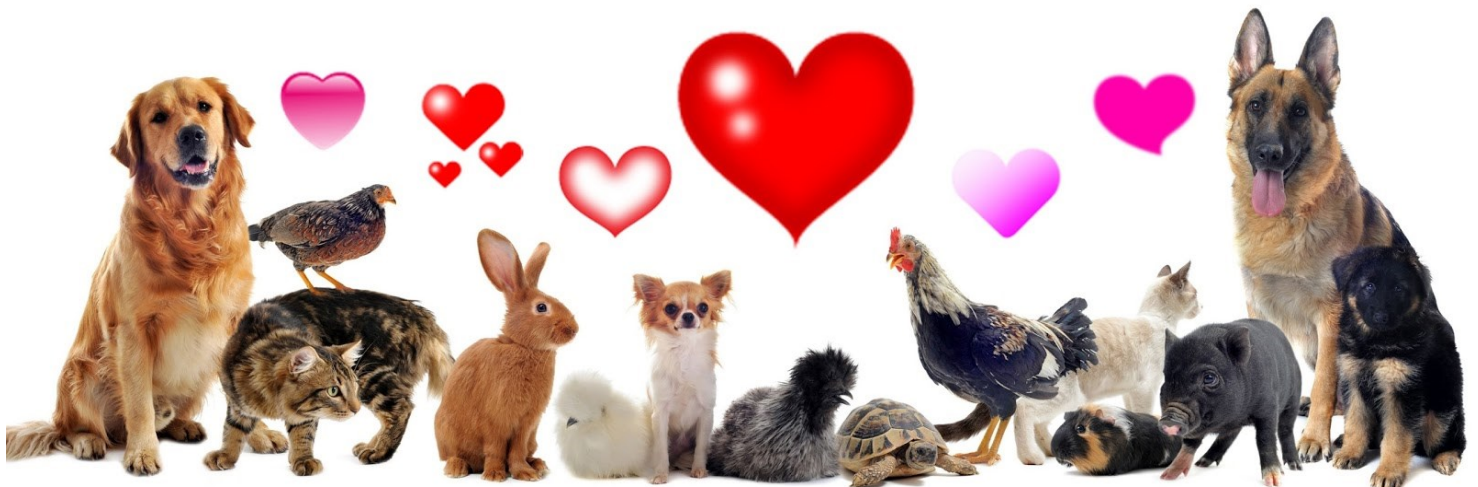
We're open Monday-Sunday, 9am-6pm everyday.

Mission Animal Hospital is offering free wellness care for all pets of qualifying Veterans at the Uptown VFW.

Show your military ID and receive free wellness exams, vaccines, and preventative medication for your furry friends!

They will be booking appointments for Sunday August 27th from 9 a.m. through 4 p.m.

Email erinlarsen@missionah.org or call (612) 963-1346 to book a time.



EDUCATION BENEFITS

Federal VA Requirements

- *Copy of your discharge (DD214)*
- *Documentation of an enlistment incentive called a “kicker” if eligible*
- *To qualify for monthly housing allowance, you must attend school more than half-time (7 out of 12 credits)*

To apply go to :<https://www.vets.gov/education/apply/>

Set up a user name and password, or login with previous user name and Password.

For more information, about veterans education benefits, contact your MN Department of Veterans Affairs, Higher Education Regional

- Coordinator: Mark Larsen, Regional Coordinator 507-779-9375
mark.larsen@state.mn.us RCTC Veterans Resource Center EA 115

Or the County Veterans Service Office at: 507-328-6355

MN State GI BILL

- *Copy of your discharge (DD214)*

To apply go to: <https://www.ohe.state.mn.us/ssl/GIBill/GIBillApp.cfm>



Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment (VR&E)

Veterans are eligible if they:

- Have received a discharge that is other than dishonorable
- Have a service-connected disability rating of at least 10% from VA

Apply for VR&E services

You may receive Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment (VR&E) services to help with job training, employment accommodations, resume development, and job seeking skills coaching. Other services may be provided to assist Veterans in starting their own businesses or independent living services for those who are severely disabled and unable to work in traditional employment. Click on the "How to Apply" tab to learn more and apply for Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment services.

To apply visit our office at Olmsted County Veteran Services, 2100 Campus Drive SE Rochester, MN 55904



Olmsted County Veteran's Services



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. 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 combat stress.

The group will be facilitated by Jennifer Shumaker, Veteran and Olmsted County Veterans Service Officer.

Tuesday, August, 29, 2017

6:30pm-8:30 pm

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

Jennifer at 507-328-6324 or shumaker.jennifer@co.olmsted.mn.us

Rochester American Legion Post 92

3rd Tuesday of each month

315 First Ave NW

Rochester, MN 55901

7pm

Legion Riders

2nd Thursday of each month

7pm

Forty et eight at the American Legion

2nd Tuesday of each month

7pm

Rochester VFW Post Meeting

2nd Tuesday of each Month VFW Post 1215

16 6th Street SW, Rochester, MN 55902

7pm

Byron American Legion Post 119

1st Monday of the month

8pm

505 Frontage Road NW, Byron, MN

Vietnam Veterans of America

Meets 4th Monday each month

at 7:00pm, at the Rochester American Legion

315 First Ave NW

Rochester, MN 55901

MOPH

3rd Thursday of the month 6pm

VFW Post 1215

16 6th St SW

Rochester, MN 55902

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 War Veterans

Every Monday at Grandmas Kitchen

1514 N Broadway, Rochester, MN 55906

(Silver lake plaza)

8 AM

Marine Corp League Meeting

4th Tuesday of the month, 7pm, VFW Post 1215

16 6th Street SW, Rochester, MN 55902

Kasson American Legion Post 333

Third Thursday of the month

March 19 , 7pm

212 West Main Street , Kasson, MN 55944

Chatfield VFW Post 6913

2nd Tuesday of the month

9- 2nd St SW, Chatfield, MN

Gulf War Veterans of America

1st Monday of each month

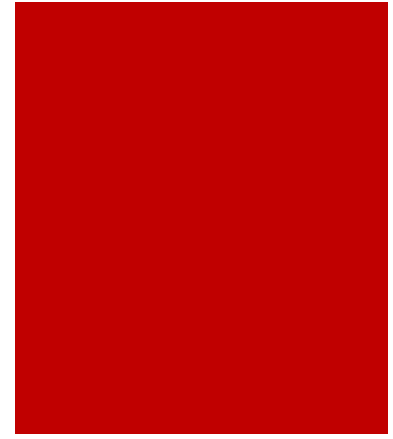
7pm, at the Rochester American Legion

315 First Ave NW

Rochester, MN 55901



“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.”



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2100 Campus Drive
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