

VETERANS ADVOCATE

November 2018

All Veteran Service Officers Out of Office

All Olmsted county veteran service officers, as well as the surrounding county service officers will be out of the office Friday, Nov 2, for our District one and nine training event in Owatonna, MN.

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All Olmsted county veteran service officers, will be out of the office Wednesday November 7th-Friday, November 9th for our Annual DAV, Chesterwoods Disabled Veteran Deer Hunt.

ALL OLMSTED COUNTY OFFICES CLOSED

All Olmsted county offices will be closed Monday, November 12th in observation of Veterans Day.

Olmsted County Veterans van transportation will cease to exist beginning 1 January 2019. The last scheduled Veterans van trip is 31 December 2018. The Disabled American Veterans transportation program is taking over veteran's transportation to VA medical appointments for area veterans. There could be minor disruption for veterans for their VA medical appointments until this program is built. For this program to be successful, consider volunteering one day a month as a volunteer driver. Please contact DAV SE MN Transportation Coordinator Kati Carpenter (507)-703-1139 or email kati@davmn.org to become volunteer. Kati is collocated in Olmsted County at the 2100 building (Public Health) on the first floor. By the end of the year (2018) she will have an office next to the OC Veterans office on the second floor in Public Health (2100 building).





Veterans receiving disability pay and military retirees will see a 2.8 percent cost-of-living boost starting in December, their largest increase in six years. Social Security Administration officials announced that the cost-of-living adjustment for 2019 for their beneficiaries will be 2.8 percent, the biggest increase since 2012. Last year the increase was 2 percent, and the previous three years were only 2 percent combined.



Fundraising!
**HELP SUPPORT
SAMARITAN BETHANY!**

Where: Panera, 3780 Market Place Drive NW, Rochester, MN 55901

When: Thursday, November 1st

From: 4:00pm-8:00pm

Bring a copy of this flyer to show the cashier, and a portion of the proceeds go to your purchase!

Ordering Online for Rapid Pick-Up or Delivery? Enter "PRFUND" as your promo code to have a portion of your proceeds donated to your organization.

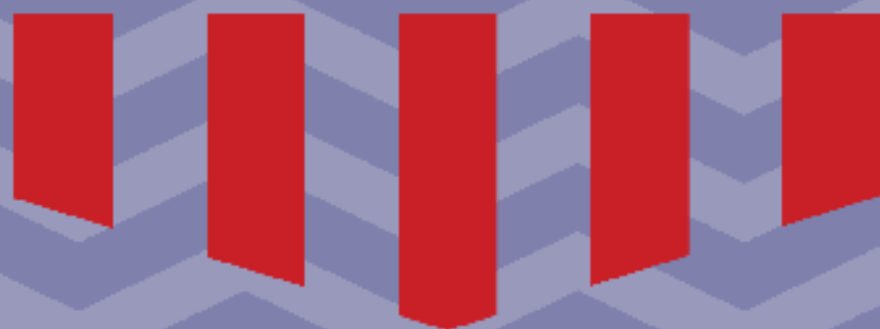
Learn More at Fundraising.PaneraBread.com

Gift card purchases and catering orders are excluded and will not count toward the event Rapid Pick-Up and Delivery only where available.

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**HORMEL
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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2018

HORMEL HISTORIC HOME

6 p.m. - Social; 7 p.m. - Program

7:30 - 10 p.m. - Dinner & Dancing

Gourmet 3 course dinner prepared and presented by

Hormel Corporate Chefs:

Ken Alston and Brent Hanson

Live Musical Entertainment by Jaggedease

Tickets \$75 per person

Purchase online at www.hormelhistorichome.org

Business Attire Preferred

Proceeds will be directed to Mower County veterans in need

FMV of the dinner is 50% of total purchase price, consult your tax advisor for deductibility



Hormel Historic Home~208 4th Ave. NW~Austin~507-433-4243~www.hormelhistorichome.org

Celebrate the Marine Corp
Birthday, at the Rochester
VFW 1215, 2775 43rd St
NW,
Rochester, MN

Saturday, November 10th

Begins around 4pm



On November 11, 2018 @ 11:00am local time...Americans across the nation will toll bells in remembrance of those who served and sacrificed. Join these great organizations and #TollTheBell



A World War I Remembrance



THE UNITED STATES
WORLD WAR ONE
CENTENNIAL COMMISSION

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President, The United States (1877-1881)

The Honorable George H.W. Bush
President, The United States (1989-1993)

The Honorable William J. Clinton
President, The United States (1993-2001)

The Honorable George W. Bush
President, The United States (2001-2009)

The Honorable Barack Obama
President, The United States (2009-2017)

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Bells of Peace: A World War I Remembrance

***A National Tolling of Bells to Honor Those Who Served in the
Great War***

WHEREAS, a century ago 4.7 million American families sent their sons and daughters off to World War I;

WHEREAS, the resources of our entire nation were brought to bear on the war effort;

WHEREAS, 116,516 Americans gave their lives in the war, and more than 200,000 were wounded;

WHEREAS, the tolling of bells is a traditional expression of honor and remembrance; and

WHEREAS, in November 2018 the world will commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Armistice that ended the fighting in World War I at 11:00 a.m., November 11, 1918 -- the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the United States World War I Centennial Commission does hereby call upon all Americans across the nation to toll bells in remembrance of those who served in World War I at 11:00 a.m. on November 11, 2018.

**Terry W. Hamby
Chair**

**Washington, D.C.
April 6, 2018**

Oratorio Society of Minnesota,
U of M School of Music, and Northrop Present

LEST WE FORGET

Presented in collaboration with the U of M Office of the
Executive Vice President and Provost

Sun, Nov 11, 4:00 pm

World War I Armistice Centenary Concert

Celebrate the 100th anniversary of the
end of World War I with this Veterans
Day concert featuring the U.S. premiere
of Patrick Hawes' *The Great War
Symphony* and other wartime tunes.

DISCOUNTED TICKETS

- » Children 17 and younger save 50%
- » Groups of 10+ save 15-25%
- » \$30 under 30 plus a free drink

Many other savings available

Reserve your seats today:

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bsreddan@umn.edu

NORTHROP

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Veterans Day Observed, Monday, November 12, 2018

Where: Rochester Event Center

[7333 Airport View Dr SW, Rochester, MN 55902](#)

Time: 830am-10:00am Breakfast
program to follow





ROBINS & KAPLAN

Minnesota Assistance Council for Veterans, in partnership with the law firm of Robins Kaplan LLP, invites you to participate in a:

FREE DROP-IN LEGAL CLINIC FOR VETERANS

HOUSING, EMPLOYMENT, BENEFITS, EXPUNGEMENT, WILLS, DEBT COLLECTION, FAMILY LAW INCLUDING CHILD SUPPORT

Tuesday, November 13, 2018 | 9am - 2pm | VA Medical Center
Flag Atrium Balcony Room 2S 114 (ask information desk for directions)
1 Veterans Drive | Minneapolis, MN | FREE Parking at the VA Medical Center

Attorneys, MACV staff, County Veterans Service Officers, and child support officers will be available throughout the day to assist veterans with questions, legal forms, and counsel.

For more information contact: Vetlaw Program – MACV | 651-200-4750

Disclaimer: VA assumes no responsibility for the attorneys providing services at this clinic.
This referral does not constitute a recommendation or endorsement by VA.

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:

Co-managed care

Mental health

Women's health

Thursday, November 15, 2018

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

At the Rochester VA Clinic, ****NOTE NEW ADDRESS****

3900 Fairway PL NW

Rochester MN 55901

Please call CVSO's at 507-328-6355



Olmsted County Veteran's Services



Museum Matters

Veterans & Emergency Services Museum

2018-2019 Veterans and Emergency Services Museum Round Table

November 19th- 2018, 6:45-8:30 PM, at Autumn Ridge Church

Located at 3611 Salem Road SW, Rochester, MN

Navy Veteran, Darrell O'Day, from Duluth, MN, served for 30 years as a member of the United States Navy Band. The Navy Band is recruited from the finest music schools and professional music organizations. Darrell has played for 10 presidents, including John F. Kennedy's funeral. He plays clarinet, saxophone and piano. He will entertain us on the grand piano.

Army Veteran, Ian Higgins, from Maple Grove, MN, served with the 4-73 Cavalry Recon with the 82nd Airborne, in Afghanistan. Ian was part of the generation that saw 9/11 unfold as children and the wars that followed that led to his inevitable enlistment. His presentation will be titled, "From Minnesota to Maiwand" (Afghanistan). He served as a radio operator and a machine gun team leader. Ian will tell us of the challenges they faced fighting a counter insurgency war, adapting to new tactics, cultural barriers and ever changing policies and practices of the United States Military.

**Cost: Adults \$5.00 donation to the
Veterans & Emergency Services Museum
Students: Free**



Shar's Country Palace

November 25, 2018

TOYS FOR TOTS EVENT

**BRING A TOY OR A GIFT OF \$15.00 AND
RECEIVE A FREE RAIL DRINK OR DOMESTIC
BEER. PRE-GAME BONFIRE PARTY AT 4 PM.
FOOD FOR THE GAME WILL BE PROVIDED.
BUT DONATIONS ARE APPRECIATED!**



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 CBOC-3900 55th Street NW

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: Jan 31, March 28, May 30, July 25, Sept 26, Nov 28**

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
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 Re-	Identification Card for Use of Resident Citizen in the United States
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)	
School ID with photograph	
VA Identification Card (VIC) or VHIC*	



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.

PTSD Support group

Tuesday, November 27

630pm-830pm

NEW LOCATION

VFW

2775 43rd Street NW

Rochester, MN 55901

Jennifer Shumaker

(507) 328-6324

shumaker.jennifer@co.olmsted.mn.us

Rochester American Legion Post 92

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

315 First Ave NW

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 Meeting

4th Tuesday of the month, 7pm

MOPH

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 War 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.”



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SE, Suite 200
Rochester, MN 55904

