
VETERANS ADVOCATE

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Deer hunt for disabled veterans a success

DAV Department of Minnesota's Chapter 28 teamed up with the Olmsted County Veterans Service Officer team and the Olmsted Parks team to host the sixth annual Chester Woods Deer Hunt for local disabled veterans. Twenty-seven veterans and 10 family members attended the popular weekend retreat at Olmsted County's Chester Woods Park over Veterans Day weekend. "This hunt has grown over the last six years," said Tom Eckdahl, Chester Woods Supervisor. "This event not only provides a very unique hunting opportunity for the disabled veterans and their dependents, but it brings together a very generous team of sponsors, coordinators and volunteers to make it happen." Each event provides an outdoor hunting opportunity for those who may not normally get the chance to get out and hunt like they once did. "This is an outstanding community project aimed at serving our disabled veterans," said DAV Past National Commander Jim Sursely, who has participated in this event in the past. "I am so proud of my fellow DAV members and other veterans who made this a success once again." Patrick Zeigler, a Chapter 28 member who sustained severe brain trauma after being shot in the head during the Fort Hood shooting in 2009, was able to attend the hunt for the first time. "It was great to have Patrick, a member of our chapter, join us for the hunt, as it provided him the unique opportunity to connect with the outdoors and participate along with other disabled veterans in a sport he loves," said DAV Chapter 28 Commander Rich Daly. Daly also said he is thankful to the sponsors who provided financial help, meals, beverages, snacks, transportation, lodging and equipment.



Build Your Dream

5-Day Self Employment Workshop
for Veterans and Their Families

Spring 2017

Get a practical overview of the fundamentals required to start a small business in this FREE 5-day workshop for veterans and their family members.

Proven practices. Sound advice. Experienced and successful entrepreneurs themselves, our trained instructors from SCORE and Metropolitan State University will guide you through the first important steps.



DATE & TIME

Mondays
April 10 - May 8, 2017
6:00-9:00 PM

LOCATION

WomenVenture
2012 E. Hennipen Ave.
Minneapolis, MN 55413

REGISTER

No cost to veterans.
Space is limited to the
first 30 registrants,
so register now at
www.stpaul.score.org
or call (651) 632-8937.

SCORE 
FOR THE LIFE OF YOUR BUSINESS

Metropolitan 
State University

Register at
www.stpaul.score.org

Augsburg College DAV Graduate Fellowship in Leadership Studies

The Center for Leadership Studies will award two fellowships for the 2017-2018 academic year to benefit eligible military veterans who pursue a Master of Arts in Leadership at Augsburg College. The fellowship consists of \$5,000 in tuition assistance within the academic year, \$2,500 for the fall term and \$2,500 for the spring term.

The fellowships are made possible through a grant from the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Foundation of MN and Chapter 1 of the Minnesota DAV. DAV MN is a membership organization for women and men disabled in our nation's defense.

The goal of the DAV Fellowship is to support veterans who are transitioning their military skills into civilian leadership skills. The fellowship will consist of 5-10 hours per week in each of the fall and spring terms. Projects or research will be the fellow's choice within the following veterans' issues:

career transition,
cultural isolation,
women's issues,
state or federal policy,
substance abuse,
disability and accessibility or
homelessness.

The DAV fellows will work under the guidance of a faculty member in the Master of Arts in Leadership program and may collaborate with several on-campus groups. They will help Augsburg better serve veterans and help recruit potential student veterans at 2-3 college fairs per year.

Ideal projects will help Fellows develop their leadership strengths and civic agency. They will share the outcomes of their project/research with a public presentation at a DAV event.

**AUGSBURG
COLLEGE**

2211 Riverside Avenue, Minneapolis, MN 55454

Graduate Studies
at AUGSBURG



MA in Leadership Information

www.augsburg.edu/ma/

Tuition and Financial Aid

Tuition rates for Graduate Programs
www.augsburg.edu/studentfinancial/tuition/graduate/

Financial aid information
<http://www.augsburg.edu/studentfinancial/>

Payment Plans and Discount information can be found at:
www.augsburg.edu/studentfinancial/payment-plans-and-discounts/



PAID OPPORTUNITY: Serve as a Community Expert

Your experience will bring expertise and provide critical direction to a VA research study.

You are eligible to participate as a Community Expert on this study if you meet the following criteria:

- ◆ You are a Veteran between the ages of 49-75
- ◆ You are available on the dates listed here
- ◆ We are particularly interested in hearing from women, and/or those who identify as a racial or ethnic minority



We need your expertise. We want to hear perspectives from all kinds of Veterans as we shape this important research.

*You are not being asked to participate as a research subject

This discussion will focus on VA practices for colon cancer screening.

DETAILS:

Men's Group: April 21 & May 16
Women's Group: April 28 & May 23
Time: 12:30pm-3pm
Location: Minneapolis VA
Food will be provided
You will be compensated \$125 for your time

If you would be willing to help, please contact us by Friday, April 7th at **612-629-7663**





HEROS AMONG US

DINNER, AUCTIONS, AND THE **BOOKER MINI BAND**



THURSDAY APRIL 13TH
5:00PM TO 9:00PM

ROCHESTER INTERNATIONAL EVENT CENTER
7333 AIRPORT VIEW DR SW, ROCHESTER, MN 55902



**100% OF PROCEEDS GO TO THE MILITARY ORDER OF THE
PURPLE HEART - LLOYD SWENSON #7110
AND THE MN POW/MIA RIDERS ASSOCIATION**

TICKETS: \$30 IN ADVANCE \$35 AT THE DOOR
\$300 FOR TABLE OF 8 INCLUDES PREMIUM SEATING, TABLE TOPPER, AND RECOGNITION

FOR TICKETS, CONTACT SCOTT EGGERT AT (507)993-2414
AUCTION ITEM DONATIONS, CONTACT CRAIG UGLAND AT (507)259-2608

CHECK OUT OUR FACEBOOK PAGE "HERO'S AMONG US"

Make checks payable to "VFW POST 1215" Federal Tax ID #41-0639598 State Tax ID#9132146



FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT*
FOR HEALTHY LIVING
FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

TO OUR VETERANS: THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE

\$0 ENROLLMENT FOR VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES AT ANY YMCA IN MINNESOTA

At the Y, we understand the dedication and personal sacrifice that veterans and their families make to protect and serve our nation. As a small token of gratitude for your military service, we're waiving the joiner fee for veterans and their families at every Y across Minnesota (monthly membership costs still apply).

Supporting your health and wellness

The Y is also partnering with the Veterans Administration, providing space for outreach events at Ys across Minnesota.

For more information on locations
please visit:

www.mn-y.org

You are our heroes

Thank you for serving our nation. We are honored to serve you in return.



HONORING MINNESOTA'S "HIDDEN HEROES"

Enjoy activities for military
families with children of ALL
ages!



2017 MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD CELEBRATION AT MALL OF AMERICA

APRIL 21, 2017 2 P.M. - 10 P.M.

Wear purple to recognize military-connected youth for the sacrifices they make every day.

Build a Bear event (Registration required) 2:00-7:00

www.SignUpGenius.com/go/4090A4AAEAA28A5F58-build

Free Nickelodeon Universe wristbands (Registration required)

www.SignUpGenius.com/go/4090A4AAEAA28A5F58-nickelodeon

Facepainting and Nickelodeon character appearances 2:00-7:00

Minnesota sports mascot appearances 5:00-7:00

Park in East Parking Ramp P4 or P5, then follow signs to the executive suite.

For more information visit www.MinnesotaNationalGuard.org/MOMC

or email laura.l.groeneweg.ctr@mail.mil





WOMEN VETERANS *Gala*



Thursday, May 18th 2017

Hosted by Chapter 28 Disabled American Veterans (DAV)
and Olmsted County Veterans Services.



WOMEN VETERANS *Gala*

Hosted by Chapter 28 MN Disabled American Veterans (DAV) and Olmsted County Veterans Services.
This event has limited seating so register early!

**Women Veterans of SE Minnesota:
Plan to Celebrate, Laugh, Learn, and Enjoy
the Company of Other Women Veterans!
Breakout your best gala attire!**

**You have Earned a Night Like This, and
It's All FREE! The evening's events include:**

- ★ Information booths
- ★ Meeting and talking with your fellow veterans
- ★ Dinner including salad, main course and dessert
- ★ Performance by comedian and veteran, Allison Gill
- ★ Gift bags for all attendees
- ★ Thousands of dollars worth of door prizes

**First 100 women veteran registrants get a free T-shirt.
Please include your shirt size with RSVP**

Date: Thursday, May 18th 2017
Time: 5pm - 6pm: Happy hour, appetizers, mingling
6:30pm: Dinner
7pm - 9pm: Guest Speakers including Allison Gill
Place: Canadian Honker Events at Kahler Apache
1517 16th ST SW Rochester, MN 55902

There will be no fundraising, recruiting or solicitation!
And No Men Allowed! \$25 for guests to attend. Female guests only.
If you must be accompanied by an escort please contact Jennifer Shumaker.

**Please RSVP by April 24th to Jennifer Shumaker
at (507) 328-6324 Shumaker.jennifer@co.olmsted.mn.us**



Voted San Diego's funniest woman, Allison Gill is a navy-female veteran who performs regularly at the Improv, the American Comedy Company, and the Laugh Factory, and travels as a headliner nationally.



PTSD Support Group for Veterans, Friends, and Family Members

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, April 25th, 2017

Tuesday, May 30th, 2017

Tuesday, June 27th, 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



**SERVING THOSE
WHO SERVED**

We want YOU to join VET LINC!

VET LINC (Veterans Learning In Networking Connections)

Please join us for the first Salute Southern MN Networking Meeting. The evening will create opportunities to network with employers, fellow Veterans, and local business owners while enhancing your knowledge and celebrate military service.

Date: April 27, 2017
Time: 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Location: Heintz Center Commons
Rochester Community and Technical College
1928 Collegeview Road East
Rochester, MN 55904

Fees/Admission: Free to Veterans and their families, registration preferred.

PROGRAM INCLUDES

- Veteran Services & Resources – learn more about resources in our community to support Veterans
- Networking – opportunities for employers, employees, Veterans, and their families to build relationships
- Mentorship – making connections with individuals to support Veterans in reaching their career potential
- Military Translation of Skills – how can Veteran experience translate into civilian employment

OUR MISSION

Salute exists to create an atmosphere of camaraderie and trust within the local community of Active Duty, Guardsmen, Reservist, Veterans, and their families. As a regional network of employers, educators, non-profits and support services, we focus our skills to mentor, educate, and enhance the futures for our participants through education, employment, support services, and networking.

Register at: <http://bit.ly/2lBvTm7> or by visiting www.RochesterMNChamber.com

Please contact Guy Finne @ Finne.Guy@mayo.edu or Rod Haworth @ roderic.T.haworth.mil@mail.mil with any questions



Salute Southern Minnesota is a taskforce of Workforce Development, Inc. Workforce Development, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization located at 2070 Collegeview Road East, Rochester, MN 55904. Donation checks to Salute Southern Minnesota should be made payable to Workforce Development, Inc. and can be mailed to the address above, ATTN: Brian Ashton. All donations will receive a receipt for tax purposes.

Upcoming Meetings or Events

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

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

VFW Post 8980
1100 2nd Ave NW
Stewartville, MN 55976
1st Monday 7pm

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

Stewartville American Legion Post 164
1100 2nd Ave NW
Stewartville, MN 55976
3rd Monday 730pm

MOPH
3rd Thursday of the month 6pm
VFW Post 1215
16 6th St SW
Rochester, MN 55902



“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.”



Veteran's Services
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Suite 200
Rochester, MN 55904

