
VETERANS ADVOCATE

MAY 2017

Disabled Veterans Receive Free park entrance pass to Olmsted County Parks

During the County Board Meeting on May 2, 2017, it was brought forth and recommended, by Neil Doyle the Supervisor of the Olmsted County Veteran Service Office, that the Olmsted County Board allow County Parks and Veteran Services to implement a waiver of vehicle admission charges for service connected disabled veterans, which would mirror the National Park and State Park Policies. After little discussion it was voted upon and was adopted by the board.

In the event that you feel you are eligible for free admittance into Chester Woods Park please contact the Olmsted County Veteran Services Office at: 507-328-6355, or stop out to the office, to determine eligibility and issuance of an annual entrance sticker for your automobile. As a reminder Chester Woods Park and Oxbow Park also have a track chair (a motorized tracked wheelchair) on sight which provides ease of access to the park trail system, camp grounds and fishing areas.



**FRIDAY
MAY 12**

B B Q

**5 TO 7
PM**

CHICKEN & RIBS

**Chicken
Ribs
Beans
Slaw**

One meat for \$10
Both meats for \$15




Show a current Legion Family membership card to receive a \$1 discount. Sign up as a new Legion Family member & receive a free meal.



Proceeds to go toward acquiring two service dogs for veterans suffering with PTSD




American Legion
Wm. T. McCoy Post 92
315 First Ave NW
Rochester, MN 55901


VETS AGAINST

PTSD




coins available




pins available


A cruise to raise money for two service dogs to be given to veterans suffering with PTSD



PTSD - not all wounds are visible




June 24, 2017



Registration: 9:00 am
Kick Stands Up: 10:00 am

Minnesota National Guard Armory
1715 Marion Rd SE
Rochester, MN 55904

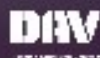


Questions: 92riders.amlegion@gmail.com

\$25 per Driver
\$5 per Passenger

ALL STREET-LICENSED VEHICLES WELCOME

WOMEN VETERANS *Gala*



Thursday, May 18th 2017

Hosted by Chapter 26 Disabled American Veterans (DAV)
and Olmsted County Veterans Services



WOMEN VETERANS *Gala*

Hosted by Chapter 26 MN Disabled American Veterans (DAV) and Olmsted County Veterans Services.
This event has limited seating so register early!

Women Veterans of Southern 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
- ★ Three drinks of choice 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 Hunker Events at Kohler Assoc
1517 16th St SW Rochester, MN 55902

There will be no fundraising, recruiting or solicitation!
And No Men Allowed!

If you must be accompanied by an escort please contact Jennifer Shumaker.

Please RSVP by April 24th to Jennifer Shumaker
at (507) 326-6324 Shumaker.jennifer@usadvised.org



Meet 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.

STAND★DOWN FOR VETERANS -2017-

TUESDAY, MAY 23

9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

(WELCOME CEREMONY BEGINS AT 11:30 AM)

ALL VETERANS WELCOME! CALL MACV FOR INFO (218) 722-8763

**GRAHAM ARENA #2
1570 FAIRGROUNDS AVE SE
ROCHESTER**

FREE SERVICES AVAILABLE INCLUDE:

- MEALS
- VA BENEFITS
- CLOTHING
- HOUSING
- PUBLIC BENEFITS
- HAIRCUTS
- STATE DMV
- CHAPLAINCY
- EMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE
- LEGAL ASSISTANCE

- STANDDOWN COURT & LEGAL CLINIC 9AM - 2PM -

MILITARY SURPLUS ONLY FOR HOMELESS VETERANS IN SHELTER OR UNSHELTERED. BRING SHELTER OR OTHER VERIFICATION OF HOMELESS STATUS FOR FASTER REGISTRATION. PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR DD214 FOR FASTER REGISTRATION.





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, May 30, 2017

Tuesday, June 27, 2017

Tuesday, July 25, 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

Memorial Day Program 2017 Rochester, MN

On Monday May 29, 2017, the Rochester Memorial Day Program will start with music from the Plummer Carillon at 9:15AM. At 9:45 AM, there will be a procession from the American Legion/Central Park along 1st Avenue to Soldiers Field Veterans Memorial. After the procession, the Memorial Day Program at Soldiers Field Veterans Memorial will start at 10:30 AM. At the conclusion of the Program, the veteran organizations will be honoring the dead whose remains are at sea at the Center Street Bridge at noon. After the services at the Center Street Bridge, there will be services at the local cemeteries as listed below.

PLEASE NOTE THE TIMES HAVE CHANGED FROM PREVIOUS YEARS

The American Legion Post #92 at:

- 12:15 PM - Oakwood Cemetery, 38 7th Ave NE Rochester, MN
- 1:30 PM - Fisherman's Inn Waterski Show, 8 Fisherman Dr NW Oronoco, MN
- 2:30 PM - Pleasant Prairie Cemetery, 7015 Prairie Vista Dr NW Rochester, MN
- 3:30 PM - Oakwood East Cemetery, 3681 Viola Rd NE Rochester, MN

The VFW #1215 at:

- 12:45 PM - Grandview Memorial Gardens Cemetery, 1300 Marion Rd SE Rochester, MN
- 1:30 PM - Marion Cemetery, 5400 Block Marion Court Marion, MN
- 2:15 PM - Fairview Cemetery, 3499 75th St SE Rochester, MN
- 3:00 PM - St. Bridget Cemetery, 2003 Co Hwy 20 Rochester, MN

The Thor Detachment #606, Marine Corps League at:

- 12:30 PM - Calvary Cemetery, 500 11th Ave NE Rochester, MN
- 1:15 PM - Farm Hill Cemetery, 3200 125th St NE Rochester, MN
- 2:15 PM - Rochester State Hospital Cemetery / Quarry Hill Park West
1999 9th St NE Rochester, MN

Contact information for press release on Memorial Day Program 2017 Rochester, MN:

Joe P. Brown Sr.

President Rochester Veterans Memorial Association

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Phone Cell: (507) 990-1347



Our annual Thank A Veteran Celebration is an event that was created by Andy's Liquor and led by DAV Chapter 28. We aim to honor our veterans during a celebration each May with food, prizes, giveaways, and more. All proceeds go towards DAV (Disabled American Veterans) and Beyond the Yellow Ribbon of Southeastern Minnesota. We proudly support our military soldiers and veterans and are so thankful for all that they do, and this is why we also offer a 10% discount to them throughout the year. Come out to one of our stores, on Saturday, May 27

Crossroads, 1201 S Broadway

Northeast, 3125 Wellner Dr NE

Marketplace, 2932 41st ST NW

Express, 82 36th Ave NW

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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