



# NEWSLETTER

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The AV BTYR continues to do what we have a passion for – assisting military personnel who are currently serving, Veterans, and their families. Your help and support have made this possible –making a difference for many Military connected folks.

## News

### MINNESOTA VETERANS HOMES - BEMIDJI

On Tuesday, February 13, the newly opened *Minnesota Veterans Homes - Bemidji* welcomed its first Resident, Jim Larson. Larson, 89, signed up for the Air Force when he was 19 years old and served for more than two decades, retiring in 1974.



Resort owner, dancer, karaoke singer and world-traveler, Larson has some strong feelings about setting down roots at the Bemidji Veterans Home. *“No one likes to leave their own home,”* Larson said. *“But there are times when you have to move forward. I feel like I’m one of the luckiest people alive. I’ve visited a lot of people in nursing homes. This place is more like home. The people here treat you like family.”*

Larson will be able to celebrate the beginning of his ninth decade of life with his extended family at the Bemidji Veterans Home when he turns 90 in May.

### SAVE THE DATE

**June 13-15**, Minnesota Remembers 50th Anniversary Commemoration of the Vietnam War.



### BRAT SALES

Don’t miss our Saturday/Sunday Brat Sales at the Apple Valley Von Hanson’s on June 8 & 9, and September 28 & 29.

## Upcoming Events

- **April 4, 6:00 p.m. - Monthly Board / Member Meeting** at the Apple Valley Legion
- **April 18, 5:30 p.m. - Military Appreciation Dinner** Join us for a delicious dinner.

Due to limited seating, please RSVP. Call or email us at the phone/email listed in the *Contact Us* block below.

## Contact Us

To get needed services such as groceries, yard work, house repairs, snow removal, etc., we want to help. We have resources to connect you to the assistance you need.

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