



# NEWSLETTER

September 2024

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



### **VETERANS FEST, MN**

Join us on **September 14** as Veterans Fest (for the very first time) crosses the river from WI into MN. Enjoy live music by Home Free, Rosewater, Fistful of Ladies, and Tim Foust & Friends! This day filled with fun will be held at **United Heroes League** in Hastings with food and festivities as we honor Veterans! All veterans receive free general admission to this outdoor event. Tickets are on sale now. Visit [VeteransFest.com/MN](http://VeteransFest.com/MN) for details.

### **DID YOU MISS THE AUGUST DINNER PRESENTATION?**

If you missed our August Dinner you also missed a presentation by a 100 year old Veteran of WWII. A fascinating talk about his service, which included being shot down as he flew over Denmark, his capture by the Germans, and his experiences as a POW. We hope you can join us for our next dinner.

### **BRAT SALES**

Don't miss our Saturday/Sunday Brat Sales at the Apple Valley Von Hanson's on September 28 & 29.



### **BENEFIT INFORMATION**

- Through your military service, Minnesota Veterans have earned many federal and state benefits. Sometimes, the only benefit used by a Veteran is their right to be interred at a Veterans Cemetery. Minnesota Department Veteran Affairs strives to inform and educate all Minnesota Veterans and their families about the many programs and services at their disposal. For more information, visit <https://mn.gov/mdva/>.
- Here's a link to an MOAA's (Military Officers Association of American) article about the [small cost-of-living benefit boost next year](#). One recent estimate puts the figure "substantially lower" than the 2024 adjustment.

## Upcoming Events

- **Thu., Sep. 5, 6:00 p.m. - Monthly Board / Member Meeting** at the Apple Valley Legion
- **Sat., Sep. 14 - Veterans Fest**
- **Thu., Sep. 19, 5:30 p.m. - Military Appreciation Dinner**  
Join us for a delicious dinner of meatloaf with mashed potatoes and veggies. Due to limited seating, please RSVP. Call or email us at the phone/email listed in the *Contact Us* block below.
- **Sat./Sun., Sep. 28 & 29 - Von Hanson's Brat Sales.** Be sure to thank them for their support!

## 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.

Direct Line:  
952-923-5014  
Please leave a message

Email:  
[yellowribbonav@gmail.com](mailto:yellowribbonav@gmail.com)

County Veteran Service Office:  
651-554-5631

American Legion:  
952-406-0737

For more information, visit us on the web at [www.AppleValleyBeyondTheYellowRibbon.org](http://www.AppleValleyBeyondTheYellowRibbon.org)