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Disabled American Veterans Mission Statement: Made up exclusively of men and women disabled in our nation's defense, the Disabled American Veterans is dedicated to one, single purpose: empowering veterans to lead high-quality lives with respect and dignity.

Commander's Column

Fellow members:

Hope you're all having a great summer. We have our PICNIC coming up on the 18th of July at Veterans Park in Richfield this year (6335 Portland AVE, Richfield MN 55423).

I would like to thank all the members that helped at the Forget Me Not (FGMN) fund raiser in May. We had many generous people support our mission. It is amazing how the interaction with people, telling them what we do as a DAV Chapter, does for their generosity. We still have had difficulties filling all of the time slots. Please donate your time if you can.

We had over \$5,000 in credit card donations. The donations for the 2 days and 3 locations were over \$16,000. FGMN funds allow us to support VAMC activity, MN Vets Homes in MPLS and Hastings, Veterans homelessness thru a 3rd party, DAV Transportation program and more!

We will be doing this again in November (Nov 6 & 7) so put a note on your calendar to volunteer for the event. We would like to do 3 locations if we can get enough people for the 2 days to assist us. This is the only duty and assistance we ask our members each year. All is done indoors and the people we talk to are interested in what we do. Please consider signing up. You can call and contact me if you have questions: 763-234-3752.

Look forward to seeing you at the PICNIC (RSVP info on the right)

George Hunt, Commander

ANNUAL DAV CHAPTER #1 PICNIC

DATE: SATURDAY July 18, 2026

TIME: 1:30 PM –4 PM (food served 1:30-2:30PM)

LOCATION: Shelter #2, CENTER

VETERANS PARK

6335 Portland AVE

Richfield MN 55423

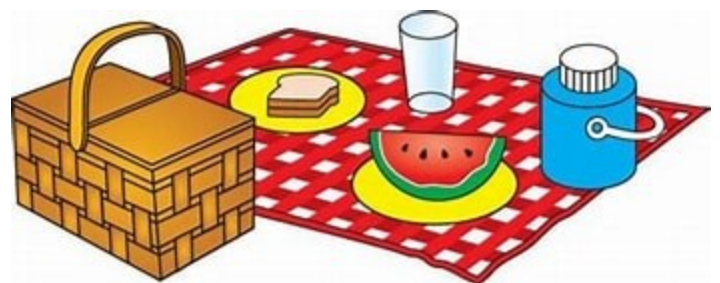
FOOD AND BEVERAGE PROVIDED

(no Alcohol allowed at park)

RSVP by July 13, 2026 with total number to attend to: CHAPTERDAV@MINDSPRING.COM

SUBJECT LINE: DAV Picnic RSVP (if you do not use e-mail, leave message on our land line)

Phone : 612-726-9591)



Adjutant Comments

DAV of Minnesota Fall Conference :
The Fall conference this year is Sep. 17-19, 2026 at Best Western Plus Kelly Inn, 100 4th AVE So. St. Cloud, MN 56301.

Fall Conference are typically aimed for Chapter Officers and are heavy on "training". If you are interested in attending, please e-mail the Chapter no later than Aug. 25, 2026 so it can be discussed at our Aug. 26, 2025 Executive Board meeting.. The Chapter will pay the registration fee, DO NOT PAY on-line.

DAV National Donor Intent Policy:
Recently the DAV National organization updated their donor in Donor Intent Policy. Simply stated, any donations or checks we receive that has "DAV" or "Disabled American Veterans" on them, we are required to forward to National Headquarters for processing.

If you send in a donation for our annual Chapter donation , please make checks to DAV Chapter #1, MPLS.

If you have DAV in your will or estate documents please be very specific who YOU wish the money to be donated to:

DAV Chapter #1, MPLS or

DAV Department of Minnesota or

DAV Foundation of Minnesota (our state 501.c(3) branch)

If you just have "DAV" only in your will, ALL of the money will go to our National Organization.

Joel Schilling Adjutant



Departed



Comrades

2026

Ronald Beauchamp
Sidney Beck
Thero Ellis
Donal Hanson
Ronald Johnson
David Kendall
Raymond Kleinow
Jake Pfeiger
Thomas Rohring
Christian Schlegel
Lester Schrenk
Harley Strom
John Sullivan

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**If you know of any member who has left us recently, please call the office to let us know.
612-726-9591.**

Minnesota TWIN Tickets

Once again the Minnesota Twins baseball club plans to support the DAV thru free tickets at selected games during the 2026 season.

If you would like to receive E-Mails regarding the availabilities of these tickets please let us know.

E-MAIL to
chapterdav@mindspring.com
Subject LINE: Sign up for TWINS Tickets

We typically only know the games a few weeks in advance and are subject to the TWINS available these tickets.

GO TWINS!

Dates and Times to Remember 2026**July**

18 1:15 PM PICNIC Richfield
 26 12:15 PM MPLS VAMC Visitation
 29 4:00 pm * NO Board Meeting

August

23 12:15 pm MPLS VAMC Visitation
 26 4:00 pm *Board Meeting

September

01 5:45 pm *Dinner
 01 6:45 pm *MEMBERSHIP MEETING
 27 12:15 pm MPLS VAMC Visitation
 30 4:00 pm *Board Meeting

October

06 5:45 pm *Dinner
 06 6:45 pm *MEMBERSHIP MEETING
 25 12:15 pm MPLS VAMC Visitation
 28 4:00 pm *Board Meeting

November

03 5:45 pm *NO DINNER
 03 6:45 pm *NO MEETING
 22 12:15 pm MPLS VAMC Visitation

***All meetings are held at Bloomington Event Center**
 1114 American Blvd, West. Bloomington, 55420
 Remember: All DAV meetings are open to all veterans.
 Only members in good standing may vote during meetings.

CHAPTER DONATION 2026

\$10 \$15 \$20
 \$25 \$50

Or other amount \$ _____

Send to: DAV - Minneapolis Chapter#1
 Annual Chapter Donation
 P.O. Box 17037
 Minneapolis, Mn 55417

Make checks payable to
 DAV Chapter #1, MPLS

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

MINNESOTA BENEFITS TO DISABLED VETS:

There are number of benefits that veterans in Minnesota are entitled to. We will list a few, but there are **MORE**. A good source is a visit with your Veterans County Service Officer.

100% (permanent and total)
 \$300,000 property tax exclusion
 Free Motor Vehicle registration, PLATES
 and title service for up to 2 vehicles
 Free Deer & Small games license
 Permanent Fishing License
 Veterans ID/ DEERS CARD
 Dental Treatment at VA Medical Centers

70% - 90% disabled veterans
 \$150,000 property tax exclusion

10% - 60% disabled veterans
 Free National Park Pass
 MN State Park pass
 Free county park pass (in many counties)

Minneapolis VA Medical Center Visitation

DAV Chapter #1, #2, #39 and #40 conducts a monthly visit to inpatients on the Wards of the Minneapolis VAMC:

Here are the details:

4th Sunday of the Month

Time: 12:15PM met, visit Wards 1-2PM

Meeting Location: 1st floor auditorium

SR. Vice Comments

Thanks to all of you, we once again reached our membership goal for last fiscal year. Our new fiscal year starts July 1. We do not know our goal yet, normally it is around the 50 new members.

With that being said, we still have the membership program where an individual pays \$125, the Chapter pays \$100 and the Department pays \$100 for a Full Life Membership. Applications are posted on our Web Page: <http://davwebsites.dav.org/mn/01/SystemsPages/Home.aspx>

Toni Mula, Sr. Vice Commander

MINNESOTA LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

The 2026 MN legislative session has come to a close, and we wanted to provide a brief update on where things landed for veterans and their families.

First the Disabled Veteran Property value exclusion increase did **not pass** this session. This proposal would have updated the exclusion for 70% to 90% disabled vets from \$150,000 to \$225,000 and raising 100% (permanent and total) disabled veterans from \$300,000 to \$450,000.

The 2026 Vets and Military Affairs Omnibus bill was signed it included among other things:

- *Allows MDVA to temporarily close a State Vet home under very limited circumstances if required because of Federal actions.

- *Expand State Vet cemetery eligibility

- *Create standards for legislatively directed competitive and direct grants issued by MNVA

- *Enacts recommendations related to Veterans of Special Guerrilla Units and Irregular Forces in Laos.

- *Established the Minnesota Commanders Task Force in state statute.

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