



# NEWSLETTER

February 2025

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.

## Event Recaps

### MILITARY APPRECIATION DINNER

At our January dinner, Denise Sonnee presented 101 year old World War II Veteran, Les Schrenk, with a *Quilt of Valor*.

### What is a Quilt of Valor?

These are handmade quilts awarded to a Service Member or Veteran who has been touched by war.



*To cover Service Members and Veterans touched by war with comforting and healing Quilts of Valor.*

More photos from this dinner are available on our website. In addition, two more will be presented at our February dinner. So we hope you join us.

The Quilt says unequivocally, “Thank you for your service and sacrifice in serving our nation.”

These quilts are awarded are from a National Quilt of Valor Organization ([www.govf.org](http://www.govf.org)) whose mission is:



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## Upcoming Events

- **Thu., Feb. 6, 6:00 p.m. - Monthly Board / Member Meeting** at the Apple Valley American Legion
- **Thu., Feb. 20, 5:30 p.m. - Military Appreciation Dinner** Join us for a delicious dinner of chicken ala king and biscuits.

Doors open at 5:15 p.m. **Due to limited seating, we ask that you RSVP by Feb. 14.** 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.

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)



## IMPORTANT RSVP INFO:

We ask those who plan to attend future Military Appreciation Dinners to RSVP no later than the Friday before the event.

The reason being, we want to make sure there are enough dinners for all attendees, so we need to provide numbers to the American Legion ahead of time.

For February, please let us know by **Friday, February 14** by calling 952-923-5014 or you can send an email to [yellowribbonav@gmail.com](mailto:yellowribbonav@gmail.com).



## ANNUAL CHILI COOK-OFF RECAP

The January 26 Chili Cook-off, held at Bogarts, was a huge success! With over 150 people in attendance, the fundraiser (which is held each year to raise money specifically for our organization) raised over \$2,150.

There were 28 different chili entries, many Silent Auction items (such as tickets for movie theaters and the MN Zoo, specialty baskets, etc.), as well as raffle items.



All donations benefit local Veterans and families.

## OUR SINCERE THANKS

Once again, we thank donors and volunteers who helped us fulfill requests for car repairs, medical assistance, home repairs, help with groceries, and gas money.

## SAVE THESE MARCH DATES:

- **March 6, 2025** - Our monthly meeting starts at 6:00 p.m. and is held at the Apple Valley American Legion.
- **March 20, 2025** - Military Appreciation Dinner. Please join us for meatloaf and mash potatoes. In addition, please RSVP for this dinner by Friday, March 7.

