



# NEWSLETTER

November, 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/support have made this possible – making a difference for many Military connected folks.

## Latest News

### RECAPS

- **Minnesota Coalition for the Homeless Conference:** MACV was proud to take part in this year's conference *Facing the Moment: Building Community Relationships*, held in Rochester. The annual gathering brings together housing advocates, service providers, and community leaders from across Minnesota who share a commitment to ending homelessness in our state.
- **AV BTYR Update:** Thanks to you, we were able to assist various Veterans and their families with a fuel card and with groceries.
- **Special Thanks:** We'd like to thank the AV Lions Club for volunteering at our last dinner.

### TRICARE UPDATE



If you're a TRICARE beneficiary, mark your calendar: TRICARE Open Season begins Monday, Nov. 10, and runs through Tuesday, Dec. 9.

This is your chance to enroll in or make changes to your TRICARE plan for 2026. Changes you make during this time take effect on Jan. 1, 2026.

### JANUARY

After November, the next Military Appreciation Dinner is scheduled for January 15, featuring delicious Tatertot hotdish and beans.

Also, start your crockpots! Plans are in the works for our annual Chili Cook-off.

More details to come!



## Upcoming Events

- **Thu., November 6, 6:00 p.m. - Monthly Board / Member Meeting** at the Apple Valley American Legion

- **Thu., November 20, 5:30 p.m. - Military Appreciation Dinner**

Join us for a delicious 'FREE' dinner of turkey, mashed potatoes, stuffing, and gravy



Doors open at 5:15 p.m.

If you plan to attend the dinner, please RSVP the total number in your group by **FRIDAY, Nov. 14.**

**NO MEETINGS OR DINNERS  
IN DECEMBER**

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## 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)

## Other Events

### **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4 - PACT ACT EDUCATION SEMINARS**



The PACT Act law expands VA health care and benefits for Veterans exposed to burn pits, agent orange, and other toxic substances. Topics covered include:

- What is the PACT ACT
- Research projects
- Types of toxic exposures
- Survivor benefits
- Healthcare eligibility changes
- Toxic exposure screening
- Presumptive conditions
- How to apply for benefits
- To enroll: Bring your DD214!

DATE: November 4, and December 1, 2025

TIME: Seminar is from 11:00 a.m. to noon

LOCATION: St. Cloud VA Medical Center  
4801 Veterans Drive  
St. Cloud, MN  
Bldg. 4, Room 180

Space is limited, so Veterans, please call 320-255-6340 to reserve your spot.

### **FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7 - VETERANS DAY CONCERT**

Interested in a Concert? If so, check out the Rosemount Steeple Center's Veteran's Day Concert featuring "Gus Sent Me" Classic Country Music. The concert is from 7:00-9:00 p.m.

For more information, visit [www.rosemountarts.com/veterans-concert](http://www.rosemountarts.com/veterans-concert)



### **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11 - VETERANS DAY EVENTS**

Be sure to check with a High School near you as many are hosting Veteran's Day observances.

Also, aside from the American Legion's fabulous free lunch, the link below gives you information of other discounts offered to Veterans:

[www.military.com/veterans-day/restaurants-veterans-day-military-discounts.html](http://www.military.com/veterans-day/restaurants-veterans-day-military-discounts.html)