



**NORTHERN DAKOTA  
COUNTY  
BEYOND THE  
YELLOW RIBBON**

# Yellow Ribbon News

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**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**February Monthly Mtg.      Feb. 1  
@ Lilydale City Hall      2:00pm**

**March Monthly Mtg.      March 1  
@ Lilydale City Hall      2:00pm**

**April Monthly Mtg.      April 5  
@ Lilydale City Hall      2:00pm**

**CONNECT WITH US:**

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## Well-deserved Windows

They say “when it rains it pours”. One deserving disabled Vietnam Veteran had his boiler go out last winter in his 60+ year old home, and the Northern Dakota County Beyond the Yellow Ribbon replaced it with the help of our community partner, MSP Plumbing, Heating, and Air.

At that same time, it was noted that he had several leaking windows that needed repair. Again, the Northern Dakota County Beyond the Yellow Ribbon and a great volunteer contractor stepped in and repaired all the leaking windows to ensure a safe, warm, and comfortable house this winter.



## Family Day at West St. Paul Armory



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# Family Day at West St. Paul Armory

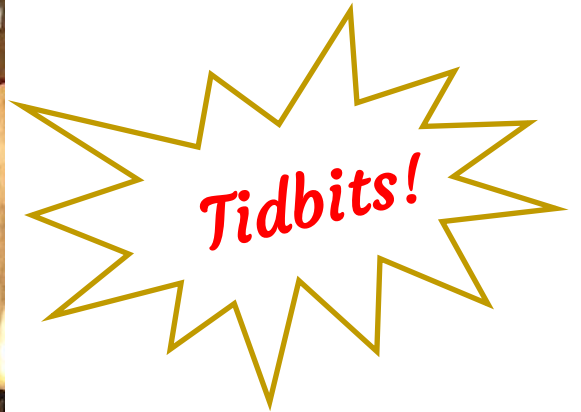
(Cont. from Page 1) The Northern Dakota County Beyond the Yellow Ribbon helped to feed 204 active military personnel and their families at the West St Paul Armory on Sunday, November 21. Our wonderful volunteers helped cook, serve, and clean up. We'd like to recognize the following community partners and organizations for the contributions they made to the event: Cub Foods West St. Paul, Dakota County Veteran's Administration, Dunkin Donuts, Joe Mauer, Mister Car Wash, Minnesota Wild, MGM Liquor, MSP Plumbing and Heating, Pace's Sinclair, Palace Bingo, Plaza TV and Appliance, R & B Liquor, Total Wine, and West St. Paul Police, Fire, Parks and Rec Departments.



## Helping Hands

We received a service request from a Mendota Heights resident and former Marine in need of some housecleaning support. This Veteran was born in 1920 and is 101 years old. He served in World War II in Europe from 1942—1947. The Northern Dakota County Beyond the Yellow Ribbon contacted a local house cleaner and organized a weekly service for this Veteran.





**Generous Donors**

A big thank you to a local long-time real estate agent and Mendota Heights resident Mary Meyer for her generous donation of \$3,000. In addition, we want to thank the Mendota Amvets for generously donating \$20,000 this past summer.

**South St. Paul Joins the Team**

The South St. Paul Yellow Ribbon group was officially formed in October 2010. Some of their work since then has included: Participating in a number of events with the 34th ECAB at Holman, summer picnics, deployment ceremonies, returning home ceremonies, and Christmas parties. Over the years they partnered with Neighbors Inc. the Dollar Store, and Sportsman Guide for holiday donation drives. The Northern Dakota County Beyond The Yellow Ribbon is pleased to announce that we will be incorporating the South St. Paul group into our existing group in January 2022.



Irene Josephs and Ed Iago making connections at the West St. Paul Open House



Chair Neil Garlock and Sgt. Kjarra Wymore accepting a generous donation from the South Robert Street Business Association

# Thanks to Our Community for Their Ongoing Support

The mission and work of Northern Dakota County [NDC] Beyond the Yellow Ribbon in supporting our service-connected community is made possible through the generous monetary, in-kind, and volunteer support of organizations and individuals across our region. We wish to thank the following community partners, service providers, and volunteers:

- Cub Foods West St. Paul
- Dakota County Veteran's Administration
- Dakota County Veteran's, Affairs
- Dave Meisinger
- DEED Veteran Employment Program
- Dunkin' Donuts
- Easy Rest
- Gateway Bank
- Just Paws
- Mobile Pro Systems
- MSP Plumbing Heating and Air
- Navy Island Plywood
- Oxendale's Market
- Pace's Tire and Service Center
- Pate Bonding
- Solid Construction
- Soldier Delivery
- South Robert Street Business Association
- Southview Animal Hospital
- Tapemark
- The Framing Place
- Veteran's Employment First Aid of MN
- West St. Paul/ Mendota Heights Rotary Club

In addition to this list, there are several other businesses and private citizens that wish to remain anonymous with regards to their donations and contributions. If your business would like to get involved in supporting BTYR, please contact Ed Iago, Business Liaison Officer, at 651-259-2614

## Dakota County

Did you know that Dakota County provides financial assistance for Veterans in a varieties of ways?



- State Grant referrals
- Federal program referrals
- Mortgages through the VA
- Partners with many existing Veteran Services

### Volunteers Needed!

NDC Beyond the Yellow Ribbon is looking for volunteers to help with the needs of military-connected individuals and families in our surrounding region (Lilydale, Mendota, Mendota Heights, and West St. Paul).

**Opportunities include (but are not limited to):**

- **Light housework and seasonal yardwork; including raking, shoveling, and snow blowing**
- **Rides to and from VA appointments and other errands**
- **Special event assistance**

For more information, please contact our NDC Yellow Ribbon volunteer coordinators Neil and Ed at **651-259-2614**

### Helpline and Contact Info

If you are a veteran or know of a veteran in need of assistance or support, please contact us by calling our Helpline or emailing us. We're here to serve those who serve.

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