



**NORTHERN DAKOTA
COUNTY
BEYOND THE
YELLOW RIBBON**

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

**October Monthly Mtg. Oct. 4
@ Lilydale City Hall 2:00pm**

**November Monthly Mtg. Nov 9
@ Lilydale City Hall 2:00pm**

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Yellow Ribbon News

Proclamation Ceremony

On Thursday, August 12 at Mendota VFW Post 6690, the Northern Dakota County Beyond the Yellow Ribbon Chapter received it's official Proclamation. Pictured below are Representative Rick Hansen, Senator Matt Klein, Lieutenant Gov. Peggy Flanagan, Major General Shawn Manke, Mayor Brian Mielke, and Chair Neil Garlock. Story continues on pages 2-3.



Community Connections

NDC board members made a strong community presence at the Dakota County Fair info and Mendota Heights Park Celebration. We had a lot of great conversations with our communities!





Chair Neil Garlock and MN Lieutenant Governor Peggy Flanagan

On Thursday, August 12th, the Northern Dakota County Chapter of the Beyond the Yellow Ribbon Network received its official recognition at a Proclamation Ceremony, held at the Mendota VFW.

Chapter President Neil Garlock was the emcee for the event. There was a posting of the colors by VFW Post 6690. Remarks were made by State Senator Matt Klein, State Representative Rick Hansen, Mendota Mayor Brian Mielke, Major General Shawn Manke, and Lieutenant Governor Peggy Flanagan.

With this recognition, the Northern Dakota County Chapter joins BTYR Chapters from more than 200 individual cities, and 78 networks from multiple cities around Minnesota.



Sherri Le and Ed Iago



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: The people of our Armed Forces have been called to duty and we must not forget the sacrifices they have made. Moreover, we must not forget the unsung heroes of the Military, spouses and family members, who have sacrificed so much in defense of this great nation; and

WHEREAS: Military spouses and family members bear an enormous burden throughout military service, carrying the load of a loved one in ham's way and conducting day-to-day duties in support of their family and service member; and

WHEREAS: Support of the Military is at an all-time high, with communities and counties across Minnesota showing support for our troops with yellow ribbons, flags, and saying 'thank you.' Your community has gone above and beyond, building an enduring network in support of service members, veterans, and their families, which will be in place long after the yellow ribbons are untied, and bringing great pride to the people of Minnesota and the United States; and

WHEREAS: Because of the efforts of the people and services of the community of Mendota Heights, service members, veterans, and their families enjoy peace of mind knowing they have the appreciation, love, and support of people in Minnesota and the nation; and

WHEREAS: The Yellow Ribbon Recognition Program pays tribute to those communities with an exceptional record of caring, commitment, and compassion for service members, veterans, and their families through various programs and public works. It is with this commitment to caring in which Mendota Heights will serve with honor and distinction as a Yellow Ribbon City.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tim Walz, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Mendota Heights to be a:

YELLOW RIBBON CITY

in the State of Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 30th of October 2020.

[Signature of Tim Walz]

GOVERNOR

[Signature of Steve Simon] SECRETARY OF STATE

Filed on October 30, 2020
Office of the Minnesota
Secretary of State,
Steve Simon



House Representative Rick Hansen



State Senator Matt Klein



Major General Shawn Manke

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:

Community Partners

- Cub Foods West St. Paul
- 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 these varieties of ways?



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



Fence completed in West St. Paul for WWII Veteran's Family

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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