



**NORTHERN DAKOTA  
COUNTY  
BEYOND THE  
YELLOW RIBBON**

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**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**July Monthly Mtg. July 6**  
**@ Lilydale City Hall 2:00pm**

**August Monthly Mtg. August 3**  
**@ Lilydale City Hall 2:00pm**

**CONNECT WITH US:**

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# Yellow Ribbon News

## **Banding Together to Fix the Boiler**

Northern Dakota County Beyond the Yellow Ribbon (BTYR) received a phone call from a West St. Paul wife of a disabled veteran. This veteran was suffering from PTSD and throat cancer caused, in part, by agent orange while serving in Vietnam.

She called to explain that their boiler had gone out and their veterans county agent suggested they contact us. Knowing the urgency needed to find help for this family, we called an amazing community partner MSP Plumbing Heating and Air for assistance. On a Friday afternoon the technicians from MSP did a site visit and pulled a permit. By Monday they had the boiler replaced and inspections passed. They really stepped up by installing the new boiler as well as completing necessary electrical work. In addition, they worked with us at the BTYR by reducing cost for a deserving veterans family.

This local family was very appreciative for the assistance we provided and the great work that MSP completed. This family made sure to tell us that they were going to pay it forward in anyway they can.

It was an important need followed by great teamwork all for a deserving veteran.

## **Look How Far We've Come!**

West Saint Paul was officially recognized by the state of Minnesota as a member of Beyond the Yellow Ribbon on February 23, 2013. They then filed an application to add three other cities to the group. The Northern Dakota County Beyond the Yellow Ribbon received their official recognition from the state, effective August 31, 2020. Check out the full store here: <https://vimeo.com/375000280> and <https://vimeo.com/475597467>



# 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
- 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

### 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; **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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