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**NORTHERN
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COUNTY
BEYOND THE
YELLOW
RIBBON**

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

**October Monthly Mtg. Oct 14
@ Lilydale City Hall 2:00pm**

**November Monthly Mtg. Nov 11
@ Lilydale City Hall 2:00pm**

**December Monthly Mtg. Dec 9
@ Lilydale City Hall 2:00pm**

CONNECT WITH US:

Helpline

Website:

ndcyellowribbon.com

Video:

**[https://vimeo.com/1111060730?
share=copy](https://vimeo.com/1111060730?share=copy)**

Yellow Ribbon News

A Group With Class

Anytime elected officials show up at an event, the question comes up, “what’s in it for them?”. It’s a fair question in today’s political climate. More often than not, they stand around, take advantage of the standard photo op, maybe say a few words and head out.

But every so often, we see something different a “group with class”. A group of elected leaders, who show up, don an apron, put on plastic groves, grab some tongs and serve a nice dinner to a great group of Air National Guard members.

As Guard members make their way through the service line, these leaders serve food, thank the Guard members for their service, answer a myriad of questions, laugh and exchange political barbs.

After serving, they stayed to mingle among the members, chat some more and then clean up the serving line, pausing for some casual photos.

This “group with class” comprised of Minnesota Representative Clardy, Commissioner Atkins, Mayor Dietrich, Mayor Levine, Mayor Francis, Mayor Napier and Deputy Mayor Golias are a rare bunch.

A State Representative, a County Commissioner, five City Mayors, serving our military personnel and having a ball. Other elected officials could learn a lot from this group.



Mayor Jimmy Francis, Commissioner Joe Atkins, Representative Clardy, Mayor Stephanie Levine, Mayor Brenda Dietrich

By: Ed Iago
NDCYR Founder and Business Liaison
Officer

Dinner with the MN Air Guard



Officer Scott Patrick Memorial

Donation from South Robert Street Business Association



Officer Patrick's wife Michelle Patrick, mother and sister



The NDC Beyond the Yellow Ribbon received a \$2,500 donation from the South Robert Business Association

Honor Guard practicing before the memorial



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:

- AMVETS Post #1
- Cub Foods West St. Paul
- Dakota County Veteran's Administration
- Dan Hocking
- Dave Meisinger
- Dunkin' Donuts
- Gateway Bank
- Minnesota Wild
- MSP Plumbing Heating and Air
- Oxendale's Market
- South East Towing
- South Robert Street Business Association
- Raising Canes
- Walmart

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 Resources

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, South St. Paul, Inver Grove 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 coordinator Ed at **651-259-2614**.

Donations

Click on our website for directions on making a donation. 100% of the donation is tax deductible.

Website: ndcyellowribbon.com