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**NORTHERN
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BEYOND THE
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**October Monthly Mtg. Jan 13
@ Lilydale City Hall 2:00pm**

**November Monthly Mtg. Feb 10
@ Lilydale City Hall 2:00pm**

**December Monthly Mtg. Mar 10
@ Lilydale City Hall 2:00pm**

CONNECT WITH US:

Helpline:

651-259-2614

Website:

ndcyellowribbon.com

Video:

**[https://vimeo.com/1111060730?
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Yellow Ribbon News

Thank You!

On December 5th, 2025, we gathered to say THANK YOU to the 2-147th Assault Helicopter Battalion stationed at Holman Field for their commitment to serving our nation whenever duty calls.

Soldiers had an evening out with their loved ones to come together for a relaxing dinner, shared laughter, and to try their luck at winning raffle prizes. It was a great night to give back to those who give so much.

The photos capture it best. Families enjoying a meal, visiting Santa, talking with Klondike Kate, kids bouncing in the bouncy house, and new connections being made. Some short speeches and then watching the lucky raffle winners set a tone of gratitude, while some great elected officials and NDCYR volunteers rolled up their sleeves to serve.

This would not be possible without the great leadership provided by the NDCYR board members and the incredible support of our volunteers, including the financial assistance from the St. Paul Yellow Ribbon.

We ended the night richer than we began—paid in smiles, a round of applause, and heartfelt thanks from the troops. To us, that's more than a fair trade.



By: Ed Iago
NDCYR Founder and Business Liaison Officer



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On Saturday, November 29th, the West St. Paul Police K9 Foundation and NDCBYR partnered with For the Love of Dogs/The Dog Tank in Mendota Heights for a fundraising event. For the Love of Dogs/The Dog Tank is a local training facility where dogs can go dive into a pool and swim around or attend different types of training programs. During this event people could have pictures taken by a professional photographer of their dog meeting Santa and Mrs. Claus. While the humans could snack on hot chocolate, coffee and cookies. This was the 2nd year for this fun event where people had the opportunity to donate to the foundation. Thank you to all who ventured out on this snowing day.

By: Neil Garlock
Chair NDC Beyond the Yellow Ribbon



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
- Lowe's
- MGM Liquor
- 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