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Care has been taken to ensure the information included in this guide is up to date and accurate. If your organization is listed within the guide, we ask that you take a moment to check the accuracy of the listing. Listings are free to area organizations. Requests to be added to the Recovery Resource Guide, as well as changes or corrections to listings, may be emailed to admin@rcnstcloud.org

A printable PDF version of this guide is available online at:

http://www.recoverycommunitynetwork.com/

Additional guides are available at:

Recovery Community Network

3400 1st St. N., Suite 302,

St. Cloud, MN, 56303

320-342-2236

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What is a Recovery Community Organization (RCO)?

(Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 254B.01, subdivision 8)

"Recovery community organization" means an independent, nonprofit organization led and governed by representatives of local communities of recovery. A recovery community organization mobilizes resources within and outside of the recovery community to increase the prevalence and quality of long-term recovery from substance use disorder. Recovery community organizations provide peer-based recovery support activities such as training of recovery peers. Recovery community organizations provide mentorship and ongoing support to individuals dealing with a substance use disorder and connect them with the resources that can support each person's recovery. A recovery community organization also promotes a recovery-focused orientation in community education and outreach programming, and organize recovery-focused policy advocacy activities to foster healthy communities and reduce the stigma of substance use disorder.

How can RCOs help?

A Recovery Community Organization (RCO) raises awareness about recovery from a substance use disorder and provides assistance to those in recovery and those seeking recovery services. RCO staff work with mental health providers, faith-based organizations, treatment providers, recovery-oriented agencies and 12-Step programs to broaden the safety net of recovery services.

The purpose for this resource guide is to provide access to information to our Veteran community across the State of Minnesota. This comprehensive booklet will provide

exhaustive details on the services available to Veterans, service criteria, and the costs if any associated with that service.

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COUNTY VETERAN SERVICE OFFICES

County Veteran Service Officers (CVSOs) are your advocate for Veteran related issues. They assist you through the process of applying for federal, state, and county Veteran benefits. CVSOs help service members, veterans, and their dependents to navigate the Veterans Administration (VA) benefits system by applying for VA healthcare, filing claims, such as compensation, pension, or burial benefits. They can also help with applying for financial assistance (state grants), obtaining DD214/discharge papers, providing information on veteran resources, organizations, and more. If you have a veteran-related question, don't hesitate to contact your local County Veteran Service Office.

Benton County Veteran Services Veterans, Military, Families

531 Dewey Street Office Hours: Mon – Thurs, 7 am – 3:30 pm

Website: co.benton.mn.us/161/Veterans-Services

Crow Wing County Veteran Services Veterans, Military, Families

204 Laurel Street, Office Hours: Mon – Fri 8 am – 5 pm

1st floor Suite 14 **Phone:** (218) 824-1058 Brainerd, MN 56401 **Toll free:** 866-507-1058

Fax: (219) 824-1059

Email: Veterans@co.crowwing.mn.us

Website: crowwing.gov/209/Veteran-Services

Mille Lacs County Veteran Services Veterans, Military, Families

525 2nd St SE Office Hours: Mon – Fri 8:00 am – 4:30 pm

Milaca, MN 56353 Phone: 320-983-8208 Email: gary.martin@millelacs.mn.gov or Toll free: 888-270-8208

mark.dooley@millelacs.mn.gov

Website: millelacs.mn.gov/2393/Veterans-services

Morrison County Veteran Services Veterans, Military, Families

213 1st Ave SE #27 **Office Hours:** Mon – Fri 8 am – 4:30 pm

Little Falls, MN 56345 Phone: 320-632-0290

Email: Veterans@co.morrison.mn.us

Website: co.morrison.mn.us/217/Veterans-service-office

Sherburne County Veteran Services Veterans, Military, Families

13880 Business Ctr Dr NW, Suite 100 Office Hours: Mon – Fri – 8 am – 4:30 pm

Elk River, MN 55330 Phone: 763-765-3100 Email: Veterans@co.sherburne.mn.us Toll free: 800-433-5228

Website:co.sherburne.mn.us/228/Veterans-services

Stearns County Veteran Services Veterans, Military, Families

3301 County Road 138 Office Hours: Mon – Fri – 8 am - 4:30 pm Waite Park, MN 56387 Walk-In Hours: Mon – Thurs 8 am - 11am

1 pm - 3 pm

Email: vetbenefits@stearnscountymn.govPhone: 320-656-6176Website: stearnscountymn.gov/369/Veteran-servicesFax: (320) 656-5257

Todd County Veteran Services Veterans, Military, Families

347 Central Ave, Suite 5 Office Hours: Mon – Fri – 8 am – 4:30 pm

Long Prairie MN 56347 **Phone:** (320) 732-6447

Email: pete.berscheit@co.todd.mn.us

Website: co.todd.mn.us/divisions/Veterans-services/

Wright County Veteran Services Veterans, Military, Families

3650 Braddock Ave NE, Suite 1900 Office Hours: M-Th, 8 am – 4:30 pm

Buffalo, MN 55313 Phone: (763) 682-7325 Email: vso@co.wright.mn.us Toll free: 800-362-3667

Website: co.wright.mn.us/218/Veteran-Services

Find a CVSO near you: macvso.org/find-a-cvso.html

VA HEALTHCARE/TREATMENT

ST. CLOUD VA MEDICAL CENTER

4801 Veterans Drive

St. Cloud, MN 56303-2015

Main phone: 320-252-1670

Mental health care: 320-252-1670

Suicide Prevention Coalition - Phone: (320) 252-1670, Ext. 6975

US Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) – 24-hour Crisis Response Hotline

If you're struggling, you can videophone, call, text, or chat online with Phone: (800) 273-8255 select 1 or dial 988 Lifeline. You can also text 838255. For deaf or hard of hearing ASL users, dial 711 then 988. We're available 24/7 and confidential. There are crisis counselors available to listen and support you without judgment. When contacting the 988 Lifeline, there is no need to reveal your condition unless you choose to. The crisis counselor will be able to support you either way. Your call/text is free. You decide how much information to share. Support doesn't end with your conversation.

VA Crisis Website: Veteranscrisisline.net

The VA's crisis hotline is available to both a Veteran in crisis, or anyone concerned about one. Connect with the Veterans Crisis Line to reach caring, qualified responders with the Department of Veterans Affairs. Many of them are Veterans themselves. Available for all Veterans, service members, National Guard and Reserves, their family members, and friends.

24/7 Veterans confidential crisis support. You don't have to be enrolled in Veterans healthcare to connect. Dial 988 then press 1 to chat live or text 838255.

Saint Cloud VA Medical Center Urgent Care- We provide immediate, walk in care for minor injuries and non-emergency illnesses that are not life threatening but need early attention va.gov/resources/getting-urgent-care-at-va-or-in-network-community-providers/

Phone: (320) 252-1670

4801 Veterans Dr St Cloud, MN 56303

Hours: 8:00 am - 6:00 pm/7 days a week

US Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) – Homeless Veteran Services

Veterans who are homeless or at imminent risk of homelessness are strongly encouraged to contact the National Call Center for Homeless Veterans. If Veterans do not have access to a phone or the internet, only then are they able to visit their closest VA medical center without calling in advance. www.va.gov/homeless/nationalcallcenter.asp

4801 Veterans Dr.

St. Cloud, Minnesota 56303

Phone: (877) 424-3838 (24-hour hotline)

St. Cloud VA MH Residential Rehabilitation Treatment Program (RRTP)

RRTPs Primary focus is for both Mental Health and Substance use disorder. Some of our treatment approaches include Cognitive/Behavioral Therapy, Substance use disorder counseling and Trauma related counseling.

yourfirststep.org/treatment-center/veterans-affairs-medical-center-mh-rrtp-saint-cloud-mn/

Payment/Insurance Accepted

 Cash or self-payment, State financed health insurance plan other than Medicaid, Private health insurance, Military insurance (e.g., TRICARE), Federal, or any government funding for substance abuse programs.

Payment Assistance

Payment assistance (check with facility for details)

Type of Care:

• Substance abuse treatment, Relapse prevention from naltrexone, Buprenorphine used in treatment, Naltrexone (oral), Vivitrol (Injectable Naltrexone), Use methadone/buprenorphine for pain management or emergency dosing, Accepts clients on opioid medication.

Facility Operation:

- U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, The Joint Commission, Commission on Accreditation and
- Rehabilitation

Veterans Hospital: 320-252-1670

Intake Line: 320-255-6390 4801 Veterans Drive Saint Cloud, MN, 56303

LEGAL SERVICES

MN Assistance Council for Veterans (MACV)- VETLAW: Veteran Legal Services

Phone: 651-200-4750

Website: https://www.mac-v.org/our-services/vetlaw/

About: Helps Minnesota Veterans Overcome Their Legal Obstacles MACV's Vetlaw program is committed to removing legal obstacles that prevent Minnesota Veterans from obtaining and maintaining stable employment and housing. Vetlaw provides Veterans with legal assistance, information, and advice via direct representation, community legal clinics, referrals, and phone services. All Veterans are encouraged to contact Vetlaw if you need legal services.

Mid-Minnesota Legal Aid -Mid-Minnesota Legal Aid offers free civil legal assistance to anyone living in their service area who has low income, a disability, or is at least 60 years of age. This program is designed to help those lacking in material resources to navigate often complex legal systems and assists with citizenship & immigration, advocacy & legal aid, discrimination & civil rights, and representation. The program serves all ages, immigrants, all disabilities, individuals, families, low-income, abuse or neglect survivors, domestic violence survivors.

Phone: (612) 334-5970

Disability Line: (800) 292-4150

110 6th Avenue South St. Cloud, MN 56301

Website: https://mylegalaid.org/get-help

St. Cloud VA Legal Advice Clinic-Financially eligible Veterans who need assistance with civil legal matters can meet individually with an attorney at the St. Cloud VA Hospital. To be eligible, the client's household must be at or below 125% of the federal poverty guidelines. Pre-registration is required. To complete a financial screening and register for the clinic, call CMLS at 320-257-4855.

4801 Veterans Drive

St. Cloud, MN 56303 United States

Phone: 320-257-4855

Veritas Laboratories - Mobile / Onsite Drug Testing-We understand that in some circumstances, our clients are unable to come into our collection sites. Therefore, we came up with onsite mobile services where our technicians travel to a client's location in St. Cloud, MN, Benton County/Stearns County/Sherburne County and perform a sample collection. The standard collection procedure and integrity of sample collection are exactly the same as if it is collected in our facility. Veritas Lab has

implemented a unique onsite testing program where we deliver the best laboratory testing services to you.

Phone: (888) 398-0059

Hours: 24 hours a day / 7 Days a week

Website:

https://veritaslab.org/onsite-testing/mobile-dot-dna-afterhours-drug-alcohol-dna-st-cloud-mn-benton-county-stearns-county-sherburne-county/

How to Apply for a Veterans ID Card

https://www.va.gov/records/get-veteran-id-cards/vic/

A Veteran ID Card (VIC) is a digital form of photo ID you can use to get discounts offered to Veterans at many restaurants, hotels, stores, and other businesses. Find out if you're eligible for a Veteran ID Card—and how to apply.

SETTLEMENTS / CURRENT LITIGATION

Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune or Marine Corps Air Station New River in North Carolina

https://advocatealliancegroup.com/lp/?msid=10&oid=1497&s=2&oid=1497&gad=1&gclid=CjwKCAjwuqiiBhBtEiwATgvixERRPlficYB0RGYpBh 0Fm1zqF0rxyEJbUaC1MxdwMnxQCW0oeUMqBoCAyYQAvD BwE

Phone: (888) 508-0836

Premise: If any of the listed conditions were diagnosed or a cause of death after drinking toxic water, then you may be eligible to receive compensation. See website for eligibility and details.

3M Earplug Lawsuit Update

3M Sets Up \$1 Billion Trust to Settle Veterans' Suites over Earplugs

Manufacturing giant 3M is establishing a \$1 billion trust to settle lawsuits filed by thousands of U.S. troops and Veterans over earplugs the service members said didn't work, causing permanent hearing loss.

The PACT Act and your VA benefits

https://www.va.gov/resources/the-pact-act-and-your-va-benefits/

The PACT Act is a new law that expands VA health care and benefits for Veterans exposed to burn pits, Agent Orange, and other toxic substances.

Financial Aid

Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs (MDVA)

https://mn.gov/mdva/resources/familyassistance/financialassistance.isp

The Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs works closely with our federal, state and community partners to link Veterans and their families with benefits they have earned. MDVA also provides financial assistance on a case-by-case basis. We encourage Veterans, military and families to contact their local County Veterans Service Officer (CVSO) for personal assistance and more information on eligibility and application to any of these programs. You can contact MDVA's one-stop customer service line for Minnesota Veterans and their families by calling 1-888-LinkVet (546-5838) or find your CVSO for assistance at www.macvso.org.

Minnesotans' Military Appreciation Fund

https://thankmntroops.org/

Phone: 1-877-668-4269

Email: ThankMNTroops@gmail.com

A 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that provides cash grants to Minnesota service members who have served in a combat zone since September 11, 2001. Grant applications are available online at Minnesotans Military Appreciation Fund website.

MN Military Family Foundation

https://minnesotamilitaryfamilyfoundation.org/

Phone: (763) 544-2255

Email: info@minnesotamilitaryfamilyfoundation.ora

620 Mendelssohn Ave North Golden Valley, MN 55427

The mission of the Minnesota Military Family Foundation is to provide timely financial assistance to deployed and currently serving Minnesota military personnel and their families – which includes active duty, national guard and reserve components, across all services – who have a financial crisis that is not supported by existing state or federal programs.

Minnesota Veterans 4 Veterans Trust Fund

https://www.mnv4v.org/

20 – 12th St. West, Floor 2

St. Paul, MN 55155-2002

Email: <u>dra.ascheman@gmail.com</u> – for general questions or grant applications

Our vision is to be a leading, productive resource for financial aid to organizations focused on supporting Veterans in Minnesota through:

- Effective administrative operations
- Productive networks with the Minnesota Veteran community
- High impact results applied to a broad Veteran community.

A community in Minnesota where no Veteran is left without a resource, where every Veteran has the opportunity for enhanced and meaningful participation in the community, and where dynamic partnerships exist between organizations that serve Veterans.

Soldiers' Angels

Phone: (210) 629-0020

2895 NE Loop 410, Suite 107

San Antonio, TX 78218

Website: https://soldiersangels.org/get-support/

The mission of Soldiers' Angels is to provide aid, comfort, and resources to the military, Veterans, and their families.

VA Special Needs Grant

Special Needs assistance provides a once-per-lifetime financial grant to help Veterans and dependents stabilize their lives in a time of hardship. Requests are reviewed and approved on a case-by-case basis and applicants must demonstrate future sustainability beyond the requested amount of assistance. Approved amounts of assistance are paid directly to the vendors chosen by the Veteran as part of their application.

Please contact your County Veteran Service Officer for assistance in applying for Special Needs benefits. Find your CVSO at www.macvso.org or by calling 1-888-LinkVet (546-5838), MDVA's one-stop customer service line for all Minnesota Veterans and their families.

EDUCATION **A**SSISTANCE

Montgomery GI Bill®

The Montgomery GI Bill (MGIB) is available for those who enlist in the U.S. Armed Forces. MGIB encompasses both the Montgomery GI Bill-Active Duty (Chapter 30) and The Montgomery GI Bill-Selected Reserve (Chapter 1606). Under Chapter 30, Active-Duty members enroll and pay \$100 per month for 12 months; and are then entitled to receive a monthly education benefit once they have completed a minimum service obligation. Under Chapter 1606, a reservist must be actively drilling and have a 6-year obligation in the Selected Reserve to be eligible.

Post 9/11 GI Bill®

The Post-9/11 GI Bill provides financial support for education and housing to individuals with at least 90 days of aggregate service after September 10, 2001, or individuals discharged with a service-connected disability after 30 days. You must have received an honorable discharge to be eligible for the Post-9/11 GI Bill. For more information visit the federal <u>US Department of Veterans</u> <u>Affairs Post 9/11 GI Bill page.</u>

Minnesota GI Bill

The Minnesota GI Bill program provides assistance to eligible Minnesota Veterans, currently serving military, National Guard and Reserve members who served after September 11, 2001, and eligible spouses and children. The Program provides a maximum benefit of \$10,000. Eligible participants can use the benefit in Higher Education, On-the-job training (OJT)/Apprenticeship or License and Certification.

This program is different from the Federal GI Bill (Montgomery, Post 9-11, Veterans Education Assistance Program, Dependents Education Assistance Program, or Vocational rehabilitation). See the MDVA page on Federal GI Bill Prog

Eligibility Requirements

- <u>Veteran</u> who is serving or has served honorably in any branch of the United States armed forces at any time, or;
- Non-Veteran who has served honorably for a total of five credible years or more cumulatively as a member of the Minnesota National Guard or any other active or reserve component of

- the United States armed forces, and any part of that service occurred on or after September 11, 2001, or,
- Surviving spouse or children of a person who has served in the military at any time on, and who
 has died or has a 100% VA determined permanent and total disability as a direct result of that
 military service and must be eligible to receive federal education benefits under Chapter 33
 Fry Scholarship, or Chapter 35 and provide a certificate of eligibility.
- Minnesota Resident see specific program for requirements.

ST CLOUD STATE UNIVERSITY Veterans Resource Center- St. Cloud State University proudly supports our troops and works hard to turn our respect into action by giving service members and their families the support and resources they need to transition to an academic setting. The veterans resource center

stcloudstate.edu/veterans

Office Manager, Kristin Hughes T 320-308-2990 VRC 320-308-2185 kristin.hughes@stcloudstate.edu

Veterans Resource Center 100 Administrative Service Building 740 4th Ave S St Cloud, MN 56301

VETERAN ORGANIZATIONS

American Legion - Minnesota

https://mnlegion.org/

Minnesota American Legion Post Locator

The American Legion provides services that really help Benefits assistance, career fairs and workshops, guidance on education, health care, personal finance and more. They also offer direct aid to Veterans through the Minnesota Veterans Assistance Fund (MVAF).

American Legion Auxiliary - Minnesota

https://www.legion.org/auxiliary

The American Legion is one of the nation's most prominent supporters of Veterans, military, and their families. They support Veterans, military and their families, offer patriotic youth programs, provide advocacy efforts on legislative priorities and offer a disaster relief/emergency fund.

Disabled American Veterans of Minnesota (DAV MN)

https://davmn.org/

Disabled American Veterans

Department of Minnesota Headquarters

State Veterans Service Building 3rd Floor

Saint Paul, MN 55155

Phone: 651-291-1212

Email: admin@davmn.org

Website: www.myDAV.org (DAV National website for Members)

DAV Auxiliary of Minnesota

https://davmn.org/about-us/mn-dav-auxiliary/

DAVA oversees a variety of supportive programs, to include Americanism, Community Service, Junior Activities, Legislation, Membership, Veterans Affairs Volunteer Service and Report Awards.

Find a unit: https://auxiliary.dav.org/membership/resources/find-a-unit/

Fort McCoy Retirement Services Office

https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100091981900713

The Fort McCoy Retirement Services Office is now on Facebook. You'll now be able to see the 2023 Retiree Appreciation Days schedule, Updates coming from DFAS, Tricare, DEERS and many more. You'll also be able to know exactly when the latest copy of the HONORS will be printed and shipped.

Marine Corps League

http://www.midwestdivisionmarinecorpsleague.org/minnesota.html Find other local detachments on the Marine Corp League website

Phone: (320) 251-1152

Marine Corp League - Valhalla #171

Contact: John Schiel

9 18th Ave N

Saint Cloud MN 56303

The Marine Corps League supports various programs to promote and honor the spirit and traditions of the Marines: Marine-4-Life/Injured Marine Support Program: Mentors and provides support for transitioning Marines. National Marksmanship Program: keeping the heritage and tradition of elite marksmanship.

Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs (MDVA)

https://mn.gov/mdva/resources/familyassistance/

The Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs works closely with our federal, state and community partners to link Veterans and their families with benefits they have earned. In addition to browsing the categories below, we encourage Veterans, military and families to contact their local County Veterans Service Officer (CVSO) for personal assistance and more information on eligibility and application to any of these programs.

You can contact MDVA's one-stop customer service line for Minnesota Veterans and their families by calling **1-888-LinkVet (546-5838)** or find your CVSO for assistance at www.macvso.org.

Resources:

- Dental Assistance
 - https://mn.gov/mdva/resources/healthdisability/dentalassistance.jsp
- Financial Assistance
 - https://mn.gov/mdva/resources/familyassistance/financialassistance.jsp
- Gold Star Families
 - https://mn.gov/mdva/resources/familyassistance/goldstarfamilies.jsp
- Homeless Prevention and Assistance
 - https://mn.gov/mdva/resources/homelessnessandprevention/
- Minnesota Service CORE
 - https://mn.gov/mdva/resources/familyassistance/minnesotaservicecore.jsp
- Optical Assistance
 - https://mn.gov/mdva/resources/healthdisability/opticalassistance.jsp

• Special Needs Grant

https://mn.gov/mdva/resources/familyassistance/specialneedsgrant.jsp

• Women Veterans Program

https://mn.gov/mdva/resources/familyassistance/womenveteransprogram.jsp

Surviving Spouse & Dependent Education Benefit

https://mn.gov/mdva/resources/education/survivingspousebenefit.jsp

• Veteran Education Assistance

https://mn.gov/mdva/resources/education/vea.jsp

• Post-9/11 Veterans Service Bonus

https://mn.gov/mdva/resources/familyassistance/911-service-bonus.jsp

Military Order of the Purple Heart (MOPH) of Minnesota

https://purpleheartmn.org/missing-military-records-missing-medals-missing-dd-214s-and-military-records ds/

Phone: 507-236-8978

Email: <u>purpleheart1900@gmail.com</u>

The Military Order of the Purple Heart supports many programs:

- Americanism Program
- First Responder Program
- Youth Activities Program ROTC/JROTC
- Purple Heart Trail Program
- The Minnesota Purple Heart Scholarship Program
- The National Purple Heart Scholarship Program

Missing Military Records, Missing Medals, Missing DD-214s, and Military Records

MN Paralyzed Veterans of America (PVA)

https://mnctf.org/minnesota-paralyzed-Veterans/

Founded in 1946, the Paralyzed Veterans of America (PVA) is a national organization dedicated to serving former members of the U.S. Armed Forces who have suffered catastrophic paralysis because of spinal cord injury or disease. Veterans with Spinal Cord Injury and Disease (SCI/D), Multiple Sclerosis (MS), Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS), and other service-connected injuries or conditions can seek help by contacting the Veterans Benefits Department within one of our National Service Offices. We have over 70 offices nationwide for your convenience.

- Vocational rehabilitation for Veterans seeking employment
- Health benefits, such as prosthetics, home care, and mental health treatment
- Housing and auto grants for Veterans with qualifying disabilities
- VA Pension, survivor benefits, and more:

Benefits Helpline: 1-866-734-0857

Veterans Crisis Hotline: Dial 988, Press 1

Women Veterans Hotline: 1-855-829-6636

Caregiver Support: -855-260-3274

Minnesota VFW

https://mnvfw.org/di/vfw/v2/default.asp?nid=1

Find a Post: https://www.vfw.org/find-a-post

The VFW's Veterans & Military Support Program includes assistance to Veterans who are not in hospitals or nursing homes, and to Military families. It includes financial assistance, bringing meals to shut-ins, and providing support during times of illness and bereavement. It can involve driving people to the doctor's office or to church, mowing their lawn, helping with shopping, or any type of assistance. It also includes support for the Military, such as funding or donating to the National Military Services fund, adopting a Unit, or providing assistance to Military families.

- Unmet Needs Financial Assistance https://www.vfw.org/unmetneeds/
- Military Assistance Program (MAP) http://www.vfw.org/TroopSupport/
 - o MAP Grant Application https://www.vfw.org/MAPGrantApplication
 - o MAP Grant Report
 https://www.vfw.org/MAPGrantReport
- Adopt-A-Unit
 - o Adopt-A-Unit Application
 https://www.vfw.org/AdoptAUnitApp
 - o Adopt-A-Unit Report https://www.vfw.org/AdoptAUnitReport
- VFW's 'Sport Clips Help A Hero Scholarship' https://www.vfw.org/Scholarship/

Minnesota VFW Auxiliary

https://vfwauxmn.org/di/vfw/v2/default.asp

Phone: 651-291-1759

Our members have direct family relationships with a Veteran and consistently reach out to assist with the needs of our Active-Duty Military Personnel, Veterans, and their Families.

Vets 4 Warriors

https://www.vets4warriors.com/

Phone: (855) 838-8255

Vets4Warriors, housed at the Rutgers University Behavioral Health Care National Call Center, is a one-of-a-kind, 24/7 peer support network. We are committed to ensuring that every member of the military community in need of support always has direct and immediate access to a peer who understands what they are going through.

Wounded Warrior Project

https://www.woundedwarriorproject.org/programs

A 501(c)(3) charitable organization that helps Veterans and active-duty service members who incurred a physical or mental injury, illness, or wound while serving in the military on or after September 11, 2001. The Wounded Warrior Project provides Veteran support services and programs to help in the biggest areas of need -- spanning isolation, mental health, wellness, career, and more.

Pawsitivity Service Dogs for Veterans

Phone: (651) 321-3647

197 Griggs St. N., St. Paul, MN 55104. **Email:** mail@pawsitivityservicedogs.co

Website: https://www.pawsitivityservicedogs.com/

Soldier's 6

Website: https://www.soldiers6.com/

Providing trained K9's to the honorably discharged, police officers, firefighters, paramedics, correctional officers, and 911 dispatchers.

Patriot Assistance Dogs

Website: https://patriotassistancedogs.com/

BELIEVET Canine Service Partners

Local Phone: 507-216-5736 **Toll-Free Phone:** 888-525-3979

Email: info@believet.org

PO Box 385

Northfield, MN 55057

Website: https://believet.org/

Believet™ Canine Service Partners provides highly skilled service dogs, free of charge, to disabled veterans. In doing so, we dedicate ourselves to the noble service of strengthening lives.

Additional Veteran Resources

American Red Cross - Central MN

https://www.redcross.org/local/mn-nd-sd/about-us/locations/central-minnesota.html 1301 West St. Germain St.

St. Cloud, MN 56301 **Phone:** (320) 251-7641

The Red Cross is proud to offer services to men and women Veterans who have served in the U.S. Armed Forces. Veterans and their families rely on the Red Cross to help them identify their needs and connect them to the most appropriate resources. These vital services range from responding to emergency needs for food, clothing, and shelter, referrals to counseling services (e.g., financial, legal, jobs, mental health), information on Veteran cemeteries and burial benefits, and other resources that

meet the unique needs of local Veterans and their families.

Beyond the Yellow Ribbon

https://ngmnpublic.azurewebsites.us/btyr/

The mission of Beyond the Yellow Ribbon is to establish and sustain a comprehensive community and corporate support networks that connect and coordinate agencies, organizations, and resources to meet the needs of Minnesota's military Veterans, service members, and families in all military branches. Through its community and corporate partnerships, Minnesota's Beyond the Yellow Ribbon program, known as BTYR, provides Minnesota's military community a wide range of support, including deployment readiness, family assistance and resources, youth programs, educational and career opportunities, and more.

Bravo Zulu House-Many military veterans face a complex battleground after service, struggling with mental health challenges like PTSD and suicidal ideation. Alarmingly, VA data suggests a potential link, with 75-95% of veterans with PTSD exhibiting substance abuse issues. This highlights the critical need for specialized support programs. Here in Minnesota, a significant gap exists in resources specifically designed for veterans seeking sobriety. While sober houses exist, there's a stark lack of facilities exclusively tailored to the unique experiences and needs of veterans in recovery.

2949 230th St

Winnebago, MN 56098

(507) 400-1973

https://bravozuluhouse.org/

Brides Across America – #OperationWeddingGown

www.bridesacrossamerica.com

Phone: (877) 650-3309

Email: info@bridesacrossamerica.com

342 N. Main Street Andover, MA 01810

Free wedding gowns for the military and first responders.

Central MN Warrior to Citizen - Beyond the Yellow Ribbon (BYTR)

https://www.givemn.org/organization/Btyrw2c https://www.facebook.com/btyrcentralMN

Mike Mills: 320-282-2800; Anita Harris Hering: 320-266-3649

Email: btyrw2c@gmail.com

P.O. Box 113 Sartell, MN 56377

The Warrior to Citizen (W2C) Campaign is a grassroots effort to provide enduring support to Minnesota's returning Veterans and their families. This Beyond the Yellow Ribbon program challenges all Minnesotans to think actively and creatively about how returning Veterans can contribute their new skills and insight to our organizations, businesses, schools, local governments and communities—as citizens. By engaging Veterans in education, faith, civic, government and community life, we can offer them unique ways to reconnect with the communities they left behind

Eagle's Healing Nest- A place of home, hope and healing. Eagle's Healing Nest offers residence housing and outpatient treatment programs for the invisible wounds of war including PTSD, anxiety, drug and alcohol addiction.

www.eagleshealingnest.org

Phone: (218) 371-1570

310 US-71 N

Sauk Centre, MN 56378

Haven4Heros- Haven for Heroes is a stand alone non-profit substance and alcohol free board and lodging facility that provides recovery and transitional housing to service members and veterans.

https://www.haven4heroesmn.org/

Phone: 763-600-6142

Email: hello@haven4heroesmn.org

Every Third Saturday- Every Third Saturday assists Veterans in finding new purposes after military service. We are about pursuing growth and post-traumatic success.

https://everythirdsaturday.org/

Phone: (952) 356-5116 5402 43rd Avenue S. Minneapolis, MN 55417

Magnus Veterans Foundation- At Magnus Veterans Foundation, our wellness model is focused around our five performance pillars as we address the gap between our warriors and our communities. Our holistic approach goes well beyond traditional primary care to promote health and wellness on every level: medical, physical, psychological, spiritual, and social.

https://magnusVeteransfoundation.org/

Phone: (763) 427-7832

Email: contact@magnusVeteransfoundation.org

16861 North Diamond Lake Rd

Dayton, MN 55327

Military OneSource

www.militaryonesource.mil

Phone: (800) 342-9647

Active-duty military resource website, offering 24/7 support for service members, spouses, their family and survivors on taxes, moving, benefits, MWR and more.

Military Veterans Network

https://thewaterschurch.net/

Phone: (562) 280-8017 - Contact: Raul Muniz

militarynetwork@thewaterschurch.net

The Waters Church 1227 Pine Cone Rd

Sartell, MN 56377

A faith-based group connecting Veterans and their families to the resources they need, such as food, counseling, referrals, self-help meetings, connection cards, religious organization information and services for families and children.

Minnesota Military & Veterans Exchange (MNme)

https://mnme.us/

Email: info@mnme.us, Central MN: stcmnme@gmail.com

Strengthening MN military and Veteran families through collaboration and partnership.

MN National Guard Soldier Family Readiness Specialists

https://ngmnpublic.azurewebsites.us/minnesota-soldier-and-family-readiness

Soldier and Family Readiness Specialists (SFRS) are dispersed throughout the state of Minnesota. They offer resources, referrals, and support to the Minnesota National Guard to enhance the quality of life and well-being of service members and their families.

Contacts:

Troy Gjerde - troy.t.gjerde.civ@army.mil, Phone: (320) 616-3119

Savannah Polzin - savannah.d.polzin.civ@army.mil, Phone: (651) 282-4053

Saluting Community Heroes

https://salutingcommunityheroes.com/

Hutchinson, MN

Phone: 320-587-0459 or 320-292-9947

Email: info@salutingcommunityheroes.com

Saluting Community Heroes (SCH) brings the community together in sharing a common goal of celebrating the selfless heroism of our Veterans.

St Cloud Stand Down, Inc.

https://stcloudstanddown.com/

Phone: (320) 774-1892

724 33rd Ave N

St. Cloud, MN 56303

A nonprofit organization serving the Veterans of Saint Cloud, MN, providing everything from housing assistance to employment opportunities. StandDown assists male and female Veterans in Minnesota and the surrounding area with resources and merchandise free of charge. StandDown provides food, clothing, accessories, footwear, job connections, and housing information and resources for Veterans in need, at risk, or homeless. Their motto is VeteranS HELPING VeteranS. Especially in a time of need, contact them and let them see what they can do to assist you. The St. Cloud StandDown location consists of multiple operations, all providing complementary resources and services to our beloved Veterans, including:

- 1. StandDown Warehouse
- 2. Lady Veterans Boutique
- 3. <u>Clifford Beck Veteran</u> Resource Center

4. <u>Gentlemen's Quarters Barbershop</u>

United Way 211-United Way 2-1-1 is an easy-to-remember, three-digit number that families and individuals in Minnesota can call to obtain free and confidential information on health and human services. 2-1-1 call centers are staffed 24/7 by trained Community Resource Specialists who quickly assess needs and refer callers to the help that they seek. 2-1-1 offers information on a broad range of services, including:

- Food and housing support
- Mental health and substance abuse resources
- Legal assistance
- Youth programs
- Medical and dental clinics
- Job training opportunities
- Household items

https://www.211unitedway.org/

Veterans Resource & Enrichment Center (VREC)- VREC provides a unique experience to Veterans and their family, by offering kind-hearted advocacy transition management to enhance their well-being. Services include housing assistance, transportation, food, gas cards, bus passes, community referrals, legal assistance, automotive repair, recovery services, internet services, laptops, paperwork advocacy, employment assistance, wellness/massage/healing services and camaraderie. VREC meets Veterans where they are at (physically, mentally, emotionally) to transform their life through positive influences. Our enrichment center offers complimentary daily activities and classes to challenge everyone, which eases the mind and allows them to find their purpose.

www.vrecmn.com

Phone: (320) 204-5660

Email: vrecmn@gmail.com

501 17th Ave. N.

St. Cloud, MN 56303

Whitney Senior Center- Whitney Senior Center (WSC) strives to promote the holistic well-being of all people 55+ in the greater St. Cloud area by providing opportunities for social interaction, recreation, and education. Veterans are encouraged to take advantage of food, community referrals, self-help meetings, Internet services and Wellness Workshops.

https://www.ci.stcloud.mn.us/418/About-Us

Phone: 320-255-7245

1527 Northway Drive St. Cloud, MN 56303

ConnectAbility of MN- ConnectAbility of MN is a non-profit organization that specializes in providing transportation, making homes accessible, providing access to assistive technology, and more so that individuals with disabilities can live a life free of limitations. We are here to make a difference in the lives of those that need it.

https://connectabilitymn.org/

Phone: (320) 253-0765

Email: hello@connectabilitymn.org

2901 3rd St S

Waite Park, MN 56387

Rise

About us: Rise is an organization which supports people who have disabilities and other barriers. We are an industry leader and offer the people we serve the greatest possible level of community integration and a wide range of programming choices so that they may meet their goals.

Most of our programs are intended to assist the people we serve in finding employment opportunities that fit their career objectives and skills. We also have life enrichment programs and mental health support services, as well as programs assisting people in finding safe, affordable housing in some Central Minnesota counties. Rise strives to support the people we serve in the ways they want, such that everyone can achieve their personal measure of vocational achievement, self-sufficiency, and belonging in their communities.

Rise - Milaca

Phone: (320) 983-2684 Email: info@rise.org Website: www.rise.org

110 Second Street NW, PO Box 35

Milaca, MN 56353

Office Hours: Mon – Fri, 8:00 am – 4:00 pm, Sat – Sun, Closed

Rise - St. Cloud

Phone: 320-656-5608 Hearing Impaired: (651) 265-2337

Email: info@rise.org Cell/Text: (651) 295-4261

Website: www.rise.org VP: (651) 243-3047

Midtown Square 3400 1st St N Ste 105 St Cloud, MN 56303

Office Hours: Mon-Fri, 8:00 am - 4:00 pm, Sat - Sun, Closed

Archangel Recovery and Reintegration Ministries

Archangel Recovery and Reintegration Ministries (A.R.R.M.) was established because a need was recognized: a need to break the "cookie cutter" short term assistance molds our society and the healthcare system have grown so used to using when helping others. We create a case specific program for each individual that comes to us. We address all components of who we are, mind, body and soul. We address things past, who we are now and what a successful faith filled future looks like. We provide the means to transform yourself from old to new with one-stop-shop services, mental and physical health, emotional regulation and soul filling purpose. The programming is designed for a year, but our assistance is for life. Our goal is to create an army of graduates that will not only gain success in their own lives but mentor and assist others through theirs which is why our motto is, "Help one, Help all".

Phone: 320-348-0990

Email: archangelministry@amail.com

Hours: M-F 11-3

JOBS/CAREER PLANNING

VA Careers

Website: https://www.va.gov/careers-employment/

Aerotek Staffing

3717 23rd St, Suite 201 St. Cloud, MN 56301

Phone: 320-255-5045

email: kdale@aerotek.com

MN Deed/Career Force

Phone: (320) 406-5321

1542 Northway Dr., Door #2

St. Cloud, MN 56303

Website: https://www.careerforcemn.com/Veterans-resources

https://www.careerforcemn.com/dedicated-veterans-employment-team

Provide employment services, career counseling, and community referrals. Most current or former U.S. military members are eligible for Veterans' employment services. There are many resources available to you if you served or are serving with any of the branches of the military, including as a reservist or National Guard member.

Career Force – St. Cloud

Phone: (320) 308-5320

St Cloud Technical & Comm. College

1542 Northway Drive Door 2

St Cloud, MN 56303

Email: <u>careerforce.saintcloud@state.mn.us</u>

Website: www.careerforcemn.com/saintcloud

Office Hours: Mon - Fri 8:00am - 4:30pm

Career Force - Litchfield

Phone: (320) 593-1056

114 North Holcombe Avenue Suite 170

Litchfield, MN 55355

Email: careerforce.litchfield@state.mn.us
Website: www.careerforcemn.com/litchfield

Office Hours: M-Tues: 8:00 am-12:00 pm /1:00-4:30 pm;

Thurs. 8:00am-12:00pm /1:00pm-4:30pm

Career Force – Little Falls

Phone: (320) 232-2000

609 13th Avenue NE Suite G

Little Falls, MN 56345

Email: careerforce.littlefalls@state.mn.us
Website: www.careerforcemn.com/littlefalls
Office Hours: Mon – Fri 8:00 am – 4:30 pm

About us: With close to 50 CareerForce locations throughout the state, you're sure to find one that fits your career development or talent matching needs. CareerForce is committed to helping individuals start, advance, or change their career. This includes one-on-one guidance, training, networking, labor market information and much more. We are a rich resource for anyone, from any walk of life, at any career or recruitment stage.

RecruitMilitary

Phone: (513)683-5020 or (800) 226-0841
Website: https://recruitmilitary.com/
1545 Crossways Blvd, Suite 200

Chesapeake, VA 23320

About: RecruitMilitary's goal is to engage transitioning and civilian-experienced military veteran men and women in the most meaningful way. Some will discover new possibilities in our magazine, others will target jobs through our website, and still others will find success face-to-face with employers at our job fairs.

Hire Heroes USA

Website: https://www.hireheroesusa.org/

About: Hire Heroes USA helps the U.S. servicemen and women, and their spouses, to achieve success here at home via a rewarding career path. And by supporting our mission, you support their success.

After all that they've given our nation, we want to help make sure they find the support they need to make their next steps successful.

MilitaryOneSource

Website:

https://www.militaryonesource.mil/education-employment/for-service-members/programs-that-hire-veterans/

This site offers resources from the U.S. Department of Labor for job seekers and employers who want to hire vets.

DAV

Website: https://www.dav.org/get-help-now/employment-entrepreneurship/

DAV's employment program connects transitioning active duty, Guard and Reserve members, veterans and their spouses with employers.

MilitaryHire

Website: https://www.militaryhire.com/

520 S Main St Suite 2511-27

Akron, OH 44311

Doherty Staffing

Phone: (320) 253-4473

Website: www.doherty.jobs/

2301 Division St #500 St Cloud, MN 56301

Office Hours: Mon -Fri, 8:00am – 5:00pm

About: Doherty is one of the Midwest's largest staffing and recruiting agencies, connecting great jobs to great people for 40+ years. People who partner with us enjoy awesome work perks that include:

- Weekly paychecks with free auto deposit or pay card options
- Health benefit plans with several coverage levels
- Vacation and holiday pay
- Flexible work options that fit your schedule
- Referral bonus program
- Awesome customer service from recruiters who care

Express Employment Professionals

Phone: (320) 251-1038

Website: www.expresspros.com/stcloudmn

1410 W St Germain St Ste 101

St Cloud, MN 56301

Office Hours: Mon – Fri, 8:00am – 5:00pm

About: Express Employment Professionals works with job seekers to help them find the right job for their skills and experience. We have a <u>variety of jobs</u> available, and there are full-time, part-time, and temporary positions available.

Goodwill / Easter Seals

Phone: (320) 654-9012

Email: outreach@gesmn.org

Website: www.goodwilleasterseals.org/services/Career-Training-Support

50 2nd Ave. S.

Waite Park, MN 56387

Office Hours: Mon – Fri, 10:00 am – 8:00 pm, Sat, 10:00 am – 7:00, Sun, 11:00 am – 6:00 pm

About us: Industry-specific training programs help expand the skills and qualifications needed to start a new career in just 8 - 12 weeks (eligibility screening and entrance test are required prior to enrollment).

- Get no cost training in high demand fields in automotive, construction, business, and IT.
- Earn industry certificates, college credits and connect with potential employers.
- Receive stipends or training wages while enrolled in select courses.
- Explore goals, strengths, and interests and plan for a career.
- Prepare for interviews and build personal skills in employment & career readiness.
- Receive support and career navigation from experienced staff and instructors.

Personalized, flexible job placement services are the heart of GESMN's mission; we work closely with job seekers and employers to connect people to a career.

Kelly Services

Phone: (320) 253-7430

Website: www.kellvservices.us

4150 2nd St S #425 St Cloud, MN 56301 **Office Hours:** M-F 8:30am – 5:00pm

About us: The fight is on to fix the injustices that keep qualified people from thriving in today's workforce. We teach our children to believe in building a better future. If we can envision that future for our kids, why not for today's working adults? Whether you're an employer or a job seeker, join us and let's remove more barriers to work – today and for our future.

LAMB Labor Services

Phone: (320) 266-3059

Email: info@lamblaborservices.com
Website: www.lamblaborservices.com

115 Business 23 E

Paynesville, MN 56362

Office Hours: M-F 9:00am – 5:00pm

About us: (Spanish Friendly) Our staffing team sees a wide range of individuals seeking employment — from those looking for a career change or a second job to those currently unemployed. We hire and work with individuals to help them find full-time and part-time employment for permanent and temporary positions throughout central Minnesota. Currently we work with employers within a 20–30-mile radius around our office location in Paynesville, MN.

As an equal opportunity employer, we welcome and encourage all individuals to apply — regardless of race, age, gender, disability, or other. We are Veteran friendly. We are disability friendly. We are race friendly. We are a people-friendly recruiting agency.

Prostaff

Phone: (320) 656-9777

Email: askhr@staffmarkgroup.com
Website: https://prostaff.com/
1400 W St Germain St #102

St Cloud, MN 56301

Office Hours: M-F 8:00am – 5:00pm

About us: A leader in staffing and recruiting, Pro Staff offers temporary, contract-to-hire, and direct-hire placements for a variety of light industrial and administrative jobs. We help you prepare for your next job – whether it's reviewing a resume to offer feedback or connecting you to exclusive jobs at leading local companies. Some of the administrative jobs include executive assistant, legal secretary, sales assistant, call center representative, collections, sales agents, human resources generalist, data entry clerk, general office clerk, receptionist. Light industrial jobs include assembler,

production operator, certified forklift operator, inventory clerk, material handler, transportation clerk, quality control technician, test technician, CNC operator and welder.

Housing Resources

MN Assistance Council for Veterans (MACV)

Phone: (833) 222-6228 Email: Mac-v@mac-v.org 1542 Northway Dr., Door 2

St. Cloud, MN 56303

Website: www.mac-v.org

About: MACV helps Minnesota Veterans, and their families create sustainable housing opportunities by providing housing, employment, and legal services and connections.

Building Homes for Heroes

Phone: (516)340-0672 NY Headquarters 4584 Austin Blvd Island Park, NY 11558

Website: https://www.buildinghomesforheroes.org/

About: Building Homes for Heroes[®] is determined and devoted to bringing renewed hope to our nation's injured Veterans. The organization builds or modifies homes, and gifts them, mortgage-free, to injured Veterans and their families, while providing support services to enable them to build better and brighter lives and reach new heights.

Central Minnesota Habitat for Humanity - Veterans Build

https://www.cmhfh.org/Veteran-build

Phone: (320) 656-8890

3335 W. St. Germain St., Suite 108

St. Cloud, MN 56301

To Qualify for the CMHFH Veterans Build Homeownership Program:

- You must be a Veteran (active duty, retired and discharged, or family of the fallen).
- You cannot have had a bankruptcy for 2 years before applying.
- You cannot have had a property foreclosed on for 3 years before applying.
- Your total household income must fall between 35% and 60% of area median income.
- You must be a U.S. citizen or legal resident and be able to provide documentation.

HUD-VASH VOUCHERS

A RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR HOMELESS VETERANS

https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/public_indian_housing/programs/hcv/vash

The HUD-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH) program combines HUD's Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) rental assistance for homeless Veterans with case management and clinical services provided by the <u>Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)</u>. VA provides these services for participating Veterans at VA medical centers (VAMCs), community-based outreach clinics (CBOCs), through VA contractors, or through other VA designated entities.

Minnesota Housing

www.mnhousing.gov

Phone: (800) 388-3226

Minnesota Housing is the state's housing finance agency. We finance housing that low and moderate-income Minnesotans can afford while helping Minnesotans buy and fix up their homes. If you are behind on your mortgage or worried about foreclosure due to the COVID-19 pandemic, HomeHelpMN from Minnesota Housing may be able to help.

Operation Homefront

https://operationhomefront.org/

Phone: (210) 659-7756

1355 Central Parkway S., Suite 100

San Antonio, TX 78232

A national 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that helps families of junior and mid-grade (E1-E6) enlisted service members that were deployed to combat zones and post-9/11 service-connected wounded, ill, or injured that are within 7 years of discharge. From placing a family in permanent housing to supplying military children with back-to-school supplies, our programs support military families so they can thrive, not simply struggle to get by, in the communities they have worked so hard to protect. For more information, go to Operation Homefront website.

St. Cloud HRA

Phone: (320) 252-0880

1225 W. St. Germain St. St. Cloud, MN 5630 (Hours: Mon.-Fri. 8:00 – 5:00)

Website: https://stcloudhra.com1

Providing housing and rental assistance in the greater St. Cloud area.

US Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) – Homeless Veteran Services

www.va.gov/homeless/nationalcallcenter.asp

4801 Veterans Dr.

St. Cloud, Minnesota 56303

Phone: (877) 424-3838 (24-hour hotline)

Veterans who are homeless or at imminent risk of homelessness are strongly encouraged to contact the National Call Center for Homeless Veterans. If Veterans do not have access to a phone or the internet, only then are they able to visit their closest VA medical center without calling in advance.

Trinity Sober Homes

Phone: (701) 527-7769 983 Ashland Ave St Paul, MN 55104

Email: through website

Website: trinitysoberhomes.org/

Safe harbor from the craziness of your old life, in a comfortable, home-like environment, among a band of brothers that will embrace you as family, combined with a formal coaching program that helps heal your inner wounds is what makes Trinity's approach so successful. It's also why you'll feel The Trinity Difference in your bones the minute you walk through the front door.

JUSTICE INVOLVED PROGRAMS

Justice Involved Veterans Program

Phone: (844) 675-5900 Email: jiv@mac-v.org

Services include pre-release and post-release case management support and advocacy for justice involvement. Support with identifying a plan for release for incarcerated individuals. Support with addressing threats or barriers to obtaining permanent housing that is directly impacted by justice involvement. Guidance in navigating conditions of release and community supervision. Referrals to MACV legal, housing, and employment services. Referrals to other community partners and supporters.

Stearns Co. Community Corrections Veteran Protocol

Jeremy Lehto – Career Agent 705 Courthouse Square St. Cloud. MN 56303

Phone: 320-656-6099

Email: jeremy.lehto@co.stearns.mn.us

Assists with sentencing adjustments and Veteran support services.

MILITARY LODGING RESOURCES & DISCOUNT TICKETS

DOD Lodging

https://www.dodlodaina.net/

This search will provide all inventory across all military brands within a specific city.

Army Lodging (On Post) - US Army MWR

www.armymwr.com

Army Lodging provides quality accommodations and hospitality services on select posts. With over 1837 guest rooms at 18 locations worldwide, Army Lodging facilities are available to eligible patrons and comparable to limited-service commercial hotels.

Navy Hotels for TDY and Leisure Lodging -- Navy Gateway Inns & Suites

https://www.dodlodging.com/html/navygateway.htm

Phone: 1-877-NAVY-BED

With over 22,000 guest rooms worldwide, our mission is to provide a professionally managed DoD Lodging Program that contributes to and supports mission readiness. Value, convenience, great accommodations, 5- Star service and very affordable rates are the foundation of your Navy Gateway Inns & Suites (NGIS).

Navy Lodge - Navy & Military Hotels, Lodging & Housing (navy-lodge.com)

www.navy-lodge.com

If you're looking for temporary PCS or TDY lodging, visit the Navy Lodge website to search and reserve your hotel room today or call toll-free in the USA 800-628-9466.

Air Force Inns

https://af.dodlodaina.net/

With over 27,000 rooms at 89 locations worldwide, our mission is to ensure the resilience of our guests by providing a clean, comfortable room to guarantee a good night's rest and a pleasant stay.

Veteran Discounts

https://news.va.gov/85765/Veteran-discounts-available-year-round/

As a way to say thank you, many retailers and businesses offer a Veteran discount year-round. We've compiled a list of deals for you.

Vet Tix

https://www.vettix.org/?gclid=CjwKCAjw9J2iBhBPEiwAErwpebHGhBpx4edRTuvsw7yuFll9Rt31qswRV8e 6hJFTTqVmefB97 s-RhoCRX8QAvD BwE

Vet Tix provides event tickets to our Military, Honorably Discharged Veterans and family members of troops Killed in Action.

FARMING AND EQUINE THERAPY

Farm Therapy for Military Veterans

https://www.farmers.gov/blog/are-you-Veteran-interested-in-farming-usda-can-help

Are you a Veteran interested in farming? We're here to support you by giving you the tools and opportunities you need to succeed.

Veterans Farming Initiative

https://Veteransfarming.org/

Phone: (507) 573-2119 **Email:** tom@vfi.farm 4432 County Rd 12 S Montrose, MN 55123

We operate a Veteran and community supported farm on 23 acres of fertile soil in beautiful Montrose, Minnesota. Here, we grow high-quality restorative foods, teach sustainable farming techniques, and offer many educational and healing programs. Veterans from all eras and branches of service, their families, and members of the community are invited to join us in developing sustainable farming skills and building a strong sense of camaraderie and purpose.

Veteran Valor Farm

Email: Through Website

Website: Veteranvalorfarm.org

19206 County Road 132

Brainerd, MN 56401

Veteran Valor uses a farming environment to encourage internal growth, skill development and motivation to live at a standard / quality of life Veterans deserve.

Gaits of Hope – Equine Therapy

Website: gaitsofhopeeal.com/Veterans-program

Phone: (320) 260-6755

Email: gaitsofhopemn@gmail.com

2761 125th St. NE Rice, MN 56367

Angel Reins Stable

Website: angelreinsstable.org/

Phone: (855) 99-REINS

20801 13th Ave

St Augusta, MN 55320

RECREATION AND OUTDOOR OPPORTUNITIES

Camp Bliss

https://campbliss.org/all-events/

Phone: (218) 547-4004

Email: office@campbliss.org 6150 Camp Fish Rd NW

Walker, MN 56484

Camp Bliss provides retreats for Veterans, law enforcement and people with disabilities.

Guitars for Vets

Guitarsforvets.org

Phone: (855) G4V-HERO (1-800-448-4376

Email: Info@guitarsforvets.org

Helping Veterans Cope with PTSD Through Music

Birdies for the Brave

https://birdiesforthebrave.org/military-ticketing-20212022

The Birdies for the Brave Military Ticketing Program has a longstanding history of supporting military members and their families by offering special access to golf's greatest players and moments.

PXG - Parsons Xtreme Golf - Clubs Unlike Any Other

https://www.pxg.com/en-us/heroes

Phone: (844) PLAY PXG (844-758-9794) or (612) 248-8878 (Edina, MN Location)

Email: info@pxg.com Southdale Center Mall 10 Southdale Center Edina, MN 55435 PXG offers a Thank You program for former and current military and first responders, which includes special pricing on PXG clubs, apparel and accessories.

Tee It Up for the Troops- Tee It Up for the Troops engages communities to raise awareness and provide support to America's military veterans by organizing golf events, outreach programs, and fundraisers helping veterans transition from the battlefront to the home front.

https://teeitupforthetroops.org/

Phone: (952) 646-2490

Email: info@teeitupforthetroops.org

515 West Travelers Trail Burnsville, MN 55337

Hunting and Fishing

American Warrior Association (AWA)

The AWA provides week-long Men's and Women's programs in Colorado and Georgia for our military, Veterans and first responders. These mountain retreats provide an opportunity for our nation's warriors to confront and heal moral injuries. Through original curriculum and teaching sessions, prayer and meditation, horseback riding, outdoor adventure, and time for reflection, each warrior is able to encounter God in an entirely new way. They are equipped with the tools needed to face life's challenges and are able to find brothers and sisters to have their back when the fight gets tough. American Warrior Association (AWA)

Camp Ripley Hunting and Fishing

https://namnpublic.azurewebsites.us/camp-ripley-hunting-and-fishing-2-2/

Contact: Jake Kitzmann Camp Ripley Environmental

Phone: 320-616-2722

Email: jacob.n.kitzmann.mil@mail.mil

Hunting opportunities for currently-serving or retired members of the military are available at both Camp Ripley and the Arden Hills Army Training Site. These opportunities are for deer or turkeys and take place during the normal state season for the species. In addition, the public archery hunt has taken place on Camp Ripley since 1954 and allows the general public the opportunity to hunt at Camp Ripley.

https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/hunting/deer/index.html https://mnngapps.azurewebsites.us/huntinaform.php

Minnesota Veterans Outdoors

Phone: (320) 292-5996

576 Concord Dr, Chaska, MN 55318

Website: https://www.mnvetsoutdoors.org/

Minnesota Veterans Outdoors is a partnership of veteran service organizations and other community partners who come together to offer outdoor programs and activities for veterans.

Minnesota Veterans Outdoors is a partnership of Veteran service organizations and other community partners who come together to offer outdoor programs and activities for Veterans. We offer a variety of programs and events including the following:

- Disabled Veteran Turkey Hunt
- Trolling 4 Troops
- Disabled Veteran Deer Hunt

Outward Bound

www.outwardbound.org

Phone: (866) 467-7651 1133 Route 55, Suite 10 LaGrangeville, NY 12540

Outward Bound for Veterans helps returning service members and recent Veterans readjust to life at home through wilderness courses.

Veterans Campground

https://vetscampmn.org/

Phone: (651) 433-2699

11300 180th St N

Marine on St Croix, MN 55047

Open to all honorably discharged and serving veterans. Family fun for all! 24 cabins, 167 RV sites, 15 tent sites, cabin rentals, boat rentals, golf cart rentals, boat launch, marina, swimming beach, and more! Reservations for stays of one week or longer are taken year round. Weekend reservations begin each May 1st. Summer Camping: Apr 15 to Oct 15 (weather permitting). Winter Duplex Cabins: Oct 16 to Apr 14.

Warriors & Quiet Waters

warriorsandquietwaters.org

Warriors & Quiet Waters is a Veteran service organization (VSO) and a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization serving post-9/11 combat Veterans, and their loved ones.

American Forces Travel

https://www.americanforcestravel.com/

A Department of Defense online leisure travel website managed by Morale, Welfare, and Recreation (MWR) and supported by Priceline. Veterans are eligible to book travel through this website to access exclusive deals on hotels, flights, rental cars, cruises, packages and event tickets. Eligible Veterans includes all Veterans of the United States Armed Forces with a discharge status of honorable or general under honorable conditions. The site is also available to Veterans with service-connected disabilities, Purple Heart recipients, former prisoners of war and individuals approved and designated as primary family caregivers of eligible Veterans under the Department of Veterans Affairs Program of Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers.

SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER RESOURCES

Self-Help Meetings

Alcoholics Anonymous- Alcoholics Anonymous is an enduring program of recovery based on one alcoholic sharing their experience, strength and hope with one another.

Find a meeting near you

www.aa.org

AA Online Meetings: https://www.aaonlinemeeting.net/

https://aa-intergroup.org/meetings/

Narcotics Anonymous- Narcotics Anonymous is a nonprofit fellowship or society of men and women for whom drugs had become a major problem. We are recovering addicts who meet regularly to help each other stay clean.

www.naminnesota.org/

https://virtual-na.ora/

Nationwide Virtual Meetings online and by phone

Phone: (833) 716-0080

Call and press 2, or text your zip code to find a virtual meeting in your time zone happening soon/now!

https://na.org/meetingsearch/

Local NA Helplines, Websites and Meeting search

St. Cloud Intergroup (SCI) Phone: CALL US! Phones answered 24 Hours/day- (320) 204-6005

Email: information@aasaintcloud.org

St. Cloud Intergroup meetings, meet the second monday of each month from 6pm to 7pm.

ZOOM Meeting ID - 851 8214 0152

Passcode-sci12

3400 1st Street North, Suite 404

St. Cloud, MN 56303-1928

About: St. Cloud Intergroup (SCI) is here to help anyone who has a drinking problem. Our sole purpose is to carry the message of Alcoholics Anonymous and to be of service to A.A. groups in Central Minnesota. www.aasaintcloud.org

SMART Recovery- SMART Recovery is an evidenced-informed recovery method grounded in Rational Emotive Behavioral Therapy (REBT) and Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT), that supports people with substance dependencies or problem behaviors to:

- 1. Build and maintain motivation
- 2. Cope with urges and cravings
- 3. Manage thoughts, feelings and behaviors
- 4. Live a balanced life https://www.smartrecovery.org/

Nationwide Virtual Meeting Finder

https://meetings.smartrecovery.org/meetings/

Phone: 440-951-5357

7304 Mentor Avenue, Suite F

Mentor, OH 44060

Veterans Experience, Strength & Hope Meeting- The Recovery Community Network in partnership with The Center of Addiction and Faith, hosts a weekly zoom meeting for all who serve or have served in the Armed Services. Who are looking for support with recovery from substance use disorder. Who are looking for comradeship so you know you are not alone.

https://www.addictionandfaith.com/event/

Zoom meeting is every Wednesday at 12:00 pm

Email: veteransesh@gmail.com

Zoom Link: 867 8551 7606; Password: 706080

VETERANS HELPLINE AVAILABLE 24/7: CALL 1-800-273-8255 and PRESS 1, chat live, or text 838255

Dharma Recovery- Offers an approach to recovery based on Buddhist principles. Peer led and non theistic. https://recoverydharma.org/

Refuge Recovery- Through the teachings of Siddhartha, Refuge to Recovery is a practice, a process, a set of tools, a treatment, a path to healing addiction and the suffering caused by addiction. https://www.refugerecovery.org/

In The Rooms- Free online recovery tool that offers 130 weekly online meetings for those recovering from addiction and related issues https://www.intherooms.com/public/login

Collegiate Recovery- Supporting all students in recovery substance use disorder. Helping students pursue their education and sustain their recovery at the same time. https://collegiaterecovery.org/crps-crcs/

SEXUAL HARASSMENT

Stop Harassment

https://www.va.aov/STOP-HARASSMENT/HeartOfTheMatter.asp

If you have experienced harassment or sexual assault, VA is here to provide support with resources and services, every step of the way with many programs and staff ready to help.

Central Minnesota sexual assault Center

15 Riverside DR NE St. Cloud, MN 56304

Phone: (320) 251-4357

SUICIDE AWARENESS AND INTERVENTION

VETERANS CRISIS LINE - DIAL 988, PRESS 1

Phone: Veterans Crisis Line – 800-273-8255, Press 1

Chat: <u>Veteranscrisisline.net/chat</u> – text 838255 to reach responders

US Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) – 24-hour Crisis Response Hotline

Phone: (800) 273-8255 and select 1

Call TTY if you have hearing loss (800) 799-4889 Or Text 838255

VA Crisis Website: www.veteranscrisisline.net

The VA's crisis hot-line is available to both a Veteran in crisis, or anyone concerned about one. Connect with the Veterans Crisis Line to reach caring, qualified responders with the Department of Veterans Affairs. Many of them are Veterans themselves. Available for all veterans, service members, National Guard and Reserves, their family members, and friends.

Central MN Suicide Prevention Coalition

Phone: (320) 252-1670, Ext. 6975

Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/CentralMNSuicidePreventionCoalition

Bethlehem Lutheran Church

https://www.bethlehemlutheran.org/

Phone: (320) 251-8356

Contact: Reverend Stephanie Christoffels, schristoffels@bethlehemlutheran.org

Offers Suicide Awareness and Intervention classes as well as counseling and gas cards. Worship services online Wednesday 6:30 pm/ Sun. 8:30am & 10:30am.

VETERAN BENEFITS/FINANCIAL SERVICES

There are numerous ways to apply for VA benefits depending on the type of benefit you are seeking. We encourage you to work with an <u>accredited representative</u> who can assist you with the claims process.

You can <u>find and appoint or manage</u> your accredited representative in <u>eBenefits</u>.

Benefits	How To Apply
Before leaving military service – pre-discharge claims	If you are a member of the armed forces serving on either active duty or full-time National Guard duty, you should apply through the VA Pre-discharge claim program before leaving service.
Veteran Readiness and Employment benefits for service members and Veterans	The best way to file for Veteran Readiness and Employment services is to apply online at va.gov/careers-employment. To submit a paper application, download and complete a VA Form 28-1900, "Disabled Veterans Application for Vocational Rehabilitation" and mail it to your local regional office. You may also go to your local regional office and turn in your application for processing. Visit Veteran Readiness and Employment (VR&E).
Disability compensation benefits for Veterans	The best way to file for disability compensation is to apply online at www.va.gov/disability . To submit a paper application, download and complete VA Form 21-526EZ, "Application for Disability Compensation and Related Compensation Benefits" and mail the application to: U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Claims Intake Center PO Box 4444 Janesville, WI 53547-4444 Or, you can fax it to: (844) 531-7818 (inside the U.S.) (248) 524-4260 (outside the U.S.) You can also go to your local regional office and turn in your application for processing. For more information, visit the

Compensation (VA DIC) benefits for spouses, dependents, and parents

you to complete an Application for DIC, Death Pension, and/or Accrued Benefits by a Surviving Spouse or Child (VA Form 21P-534a). The officer will help you mail the form to the correct VA regional office. Download VA Form 21P-534a (PDF)

If you're the surviving spouse or child of a Veteran, fill out an Application for DIC, Death Pension, and/or Accrued Benefits (VA Form 21P-534EZ).

Download VA Form 21P-534EZ (PDF)

If you're a surviving parent, fill out an Application for Dependency and Indemnity Compensation by Parent(s) (VA Form 21P-535).

Download VA Form 21P-535 (PDF)

You can apply for this benefit in any of these ways:

 Mail the form to the Pension Management Center (PMC) for your state.

Find your PMC

- Work with an accredited representative.
 Get help filing your claim
- Go to a VA regional office and get help from a VA employee.

Find a VA regional office near you

For more information, visit the <u>VA Dependency and Indemnity</u> <u>Compensation (VA DIC)</u>.

Pension benefits for Veterans

You can apply for pension benefits online at www.va.gov/pension.
To submit a paper application Pension benefits, download and complete VA Form 21P-527EZ, "Application for Pension" and mail it to the Pension Management Center that serves your state.
For more information, visit www.va.gov/pension/eligibility.

Pension benefits for survivors

By mail

Fill out an Application for DIC, Death Pension, and/or Accrued Benefits (VA Form 21-534EZ).

Download VA Form 21-534EZ (PDF)

Mail it to the pension management center (PMC) for your state.

Find your PMC

In person

Bring your application to a VA regional office near you.

Find a VA regional office near you

With the help of a trained professional

You can work with a trained professional called an accredited representative to get help applying for VA survivors pension benefits. Get help filing your claim

For more information, visit www.va.gov/pension/survivors-pension.

VA education and training benefits

The best way to apply for your education benefits is by going to www.va.gov/education/how-to-apply/.

You can also apply for education benefits by doing any of the following options:

By mail

Call 888-442-4551, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. ET, to request that we send the application to you. Fill it out and mail it to the VA regional claims processing office that's in the same location as your school.

See a list of regional claims processing offices

In person

Go to a VA regional office and have a VA employee help you.

Find a VA regional office near you

Work with your school's certifying official. This person is usually in the Registrar or Financial Aid office at the school.

With the help of a trained professional

You can work with a trained professional called an accredited representative to get help applying for education benefits.

Get help filing your claim

For more information education benefits, visit www.va.gov/education/.

Home Loan Benefits for Servicemembers and Veterans

You can apply for a home loan certificate of eligibility <u>online using</u> <u>eBenefits</u>. You may also apply for a home loan certificate of eligibility through your lender.

To apply by mail, download and complete <u>VA Form 26-1880, "Request for Certificate of Eligibility"</u> and send it to the <u>Regional Loan Center</u> that serves your state.

For more information on home loan benefits, visit the <u>VA Home Loans</u> website.

Home Loan Benefits for Survivors

Download and complete <u>VA Form 26-1817</u>, "Request for Determination of Loan Guaranty Eligibility - Unmarried Surviving Spouses. You can also call 1-877-827-3702 and follow the prompts for "Eligibility" and we will send the form to you.

Mail your completed application to the <u>Regional Loan Center</u> that serves your state.

For information about home loan benefits for survivors, visit the <u>VA</u> Certificate of Eligibility web page.

Life Insurance Benefits for Service Members, Veterans, and Survivors

Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance (SGLI): SGLI coverage is automatic. You do not need to apply. To designate beneficiaries, or reduce, decline or restore SGLI coverage, you must use either the SGLI Online Enrollment System (SOES) or form SGLV 8286, "Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance Election and Certificate.

To find out whether you should use SOES or to download the form visit https://www.benefits.va.gov/INSURANCE/resources-forms.asp#sgli. For more information, visit the VA Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance web page.

Veterans' Group Life Insurance (VGLI): To file for VGLI, you can apply <u>online at eBenefits</u>. You may also download and complete <u>SGLV</u> <u>8714, "Application for Veterans' Group Life Insurance"</u>.

Mail your application to this address:

OSGLI

PO Box 41618

Philadelphia, PA 19176-9913

For more information, visit the <u>VA Veterans' Group Life Insurance web</u> page.

Family Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance (FSGLI): To decline, reduce, or restore FSGLI coverage, complete and file form SGLV 8286A, "Spouse Coverage Election and Certificate" with your branch of service.

To find out whether you should use SOES or to download the form visit https://www.benefits.va.gov/INSURANCE/resources-forms.asp#fsgli. For more information, visit the VA Family Servicemembers' Life Group Insurance web page.

Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance Traumatic Injury Protection

Program (TSGLI): To file a claim for TSGLI, complete and file SGLV 8600,

"Application for TSGLI Benefits" with your branch of service. Coverage for this benefit is automatic for all Servicemembers covered by SGLI.

For more information, visit the Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance

Traumatic Injury Protection Program web page.

Veterans Affairs Life Insurance (VALife): You can check your eligibility and apply online. When you apply, you'll need to submit your first premium payment.

Apply for VALife.

For more information, visit **VALife** web page.

Veterans' Mortgage Life Insurance (VMLI): To file for VMLI, complete and submit <u>VA Form 29-8636</u>, "<u>Application for Veterans' Mortgage Life Insurance"</u> to your Specially Adapted Housing Agent. The agent will help you complete your application.

Also, you must provide information about your current mortgage. For more information, visit the <u>VA Veterans' Mortgage Life Insurance</u> <u>web page</u>.

NATIONAL RESOURCE DIRECTORY

NRD is a database of validated resources that supports Recovery, Rehabilitation and Reintegration for Service Members, Veterans, Family Members and Caregivers. Go to <u>NRD.GOV</u> and Click on the category link to search for specific topics within that category. We have provided examples of topics for each category.



Benefits & Compensation

https://www.nrd.gov/Benefits-Compensation

- DoD Benefits
- Federal & State Benefits
- Filing Claims & Appeals
- Forms
- Insurance
- Pay, Allowances, Retirement, Pension & Compensation
- Social Security Benefits
- States & Territories
- Survivor & Burial Benefits
- Unemployment Benefits
- VA Benefits



Education & Training

https://www.nrd.gov/Education-Training

- Continuing Education, Career Paths, Apprenticeships & Credentials
- Education Benefits & Programs
- Scholarships & Other Financial Assistance
- States & Territories
- Support for Student Veterans
- Tuition Assistance



Employment

https://www.nrd.gov/Employment

- Employment Support & Services for People with Disabilities
- Job Placement Services & Internships
- Occupational & Professional Associations
- Resources for Employers & Veterans' Employment Service Providers
- Service Member Human Resources
- Specialized Support & Information for Wounded Warriors
- States & Territories
- Transitioning from the Military to a Civilian Career
- Unemployment Insurance



Family & Careaiver Support

https://www.nrd.gov/Family-Caregiver-Support

- Caregiver Support
- Caregiver to Survivor
- Children & Youth
- Civil Rights & Legal Assistance
- Counseling
- Disability Services

- Domestic Abuse & Sexual Assault
- Facility & Records Locator
- Family Support
- Financial Information & Assistance
- Military Spouse
- Pets & Service Animals
- Seniors
- Service Member Support
- States & Territories
- Survivors
- Volunteer Organizations
- Women's Resources



Health

https://www.nrd.gov/Health

- Health Care
- Health Care Provider Resources
- Healthy Living
- Medical, Psychological & Behavioral Health Conditions
- Rehabilitation
- Resiliency
- States & Territories



Homeless Assistance

https://www.nrd.gov/Homeless-Assistance

- Emergency & Transitional Housing
- Employment & Income Assistance
- Essential Needs, Toiletries & Clothing
- Facility and Records Locator
- Health Care, Mental Health & Substance Abuse
- Homeless Outreach

- Homeless Women Veterans
- Legal Assistance & Credit Counseling
- Non-Profit Programs
- Referral Services & Case Management
- Research & Reports
- Resources & Grants for Homeless Service Providers
- Soup Kitchen
- States & Territories
- VA & Other Government Programs



Housing

https://www.nrd.gov/Housing

- Accessible Housing
- Affordable Housing
- Building & Locating Houses
- Facility and Records Locator
- Military Housing & Relocation
- Mortgages, Home Loans & Financial Assistance
- Residential Rehabilitation Facilities
- States & Territories
- Temporary Housing
- Veterans Home & Nursing Care Facility



Transportation & Travel

https://nrd.gov/Transportation-Travel

- Driver's License & Vehicle Registration
- Facility and Records Locator
- Military Travel Pay
- Off-Duty Travel
- States & Territories
- Transportation Assistance & Public Transportation

- Vehicle Modifications & Adaptive Equipment
- Veteran License Designation & License Extensions

osd.masp@mail.mil warriorcare.dodlive.mil (Government)

- American Association of Adapted Sports Programs sports@adaptedsports.org adaptedsports.org (Non-Government)
- Move United www.moveunitedsport.org (Non-Government)



https://www.nrd.gov/MASP

• DoD Military Adaptive Sports Program

EMPLOYMENT IN **R**ECOVERY

MINNESOTA'S RECOVERY CORPS: A DIVISION OF AMERICORPS

Minnesota Recovery Corps

www.minnesotarecoverycorps.org/contact

Phone: (612) 206-3030

1200 Washington Ave S., Suite 310

Minneapolis, MN 55415

One year of sobriety required.

Do you want to use your lived experience to make a difference? Volunteer with AmeriCorps's Recovery Corps. AmeriCorps members, serving as Recovery Navigators, provide mentoring, peer support, and resource navigation to help people build their recovery. The Recovery Navigator is not a sponsor or counselor but a trained peer who understands the journey of recovery.

The rewards include helping people, inspiring hope, and changing lives. In exchange for a one-year commitment to service you will receive a living stipend, health care, and an education credit of \$6495.00 that can be used in multiple ways. If you are ready for a challenging job with a purpose.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Catholic Charities – Financial and Housing Counseling

Phone(320) 229-4576 **Fax:** (320) 253-7464

Email: financialcounseling@ccstcloud.org

Website: www.ccstcloud.org/services/financial-counseling

Catholic Charities Emergency Services

157 Roosevelt Road, Suite 200

St. Cloud, MN 56301

Hours: Mon - Fri 8:00 am -4:30 pm

About us: If your bills have become too much to handle, Catholic Charities Financial and Housing Counseling may be able to help. Our financial counselors will help assess your situation, outline a plan, and set realistic financial goals.

We offer a managed checkbook service through Liberty Bank Minnesota where clients' funds are held in a protected "For the Benefit Of" account. We also offer management and balancing of clients' personal checkbook accounts. These accounts are managed by staff in coordination with the client to assure all monthly bills are paid, especially housing/rent, utilities and insurance.

Catholic Charities also offers financial education in a group setting. Topics include budgeting and savings strategies, building and managing credit, debt reduction, reverse mortgage basics and consumer protection. Contact Catholic Charities for more information.

Catholic Charities – Good Samaritan Fund

Phone: (320) 229-4560 **Fax:** (320) 229-4562

Email: admin@ccstcloud.org

Website: www.ccstcloud.org/services/emergency/good-samaritan-fund

Good Samaritan Coordinator

Catholic Charities Emergency Services

157 Roosevelt Road, Suite 100

St. Cloud, MN 56301

Hours: By appointment

About us: The Good Samaritan Fund seeks to provide funding to individuals and families with verifiable emergency needs when other services or funds are unavailable. Funds may be approved for rent, damage deposit, utilities, medical expenses, childcare, transportation, and other critical needs. A referral is required.

*It is important to note that the Good Samaritan Fund is not a program of Catholic Charities; rather, Catholic Charities is the fiscal agent for the Good Samaritan Fund. Clients are encouraged to contact an agency that they are presently working with to discuss a possible referral to the Good Samaritan Fund.

Social Security Administration

Phone: (877) 405-1446
Email: Through Website
Website: www.ssa.gov/

About us: Social Security has provided financial protection for our nation's people for over 80 years. Chances are, you either receive Social Security benefits or know someone who does. Services include retirement, disability, and survivor's benefits.

FOOD ASSISTANCE, SNAP, DISCOUNTED FOOD

Place of Hope - Free Community Meals Daily

511 9th Ave N

St Cloud, MN 56303 **Phone:** (320) 203-7881

Email: hope@placeofhopeministries.org
Website: www.placeofhopeministries.com

About us: A community meal is provided to anyone in need. Recovery testimony nights are every

Tuesday at 6:00 pm.

Hours: Mon – Sat, Noon and 5 pm, Sun, 1:00 pm and 5:00 pm. Call to verify days and times

Salvation Army - Free Community Meals Daily

400 Highway 10 South

St. Cloud, Minnesota 56302

Phone: 320-252-4552

Website: https://centralusa.salvationarmy.org/northern/stcloud

Hours: Monday – Friday, 11:30 am – 12:45 pm

About us: We serve a hot meal at our worship and service center over the lunch hour Monday

through Friday from 11:30 am - 12:45 pm. All are welcome to attend.

Albany Food Shelf

Phone: (320) 845-2343

721 Lake Ave,

Albany, MN 56307

Pantry hours: Albany food shelf is open between 9:00 am and 10:00 am on the 1st Thursday of the

month and between 5:30 pm and 6:30 pm on the 3rd Thursday of the month.

Avon Food Shelf

Phone: (320) 357-5202

212 1st St. SW

Avon, MN 56310

Pantry hours: Avon food shelf is open between 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm on the 1^{st} and 3^{rd} Tuesday of the month, from 10:00 am - 11:00 am on the 2^{nd} and 4^{th} Wednesday, and from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm on the 1^{st} and 4^{th} Thursday of the month. Call to confirm their days and hours of operation.

Brooten/Belgrade/Elrosa Food Shelf

Phone: (320) 346-4193 131 Pleasant Ave. N. Brooten, MN 56316

Email: bbefoodshelf@tds.net

Pantry hours: Wed, 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Catholic Charities Food Shelf

Phone: (320) 229-4560

157 Roosevelt Road Suite 100

St. Cloud, MN 56301

Email: emergencyservices@ccstcloud.org

Website: www.ccstcloud.org/services/emergency/food-shelf

Pantry hours: In-Person shopping by appointment hours: Monday: 1 pm-4 pm, 2nd and 4th Tuesday

(Senior/60 +) 1 pm – 3:30 pm, Wednesday: 3 pm – 7 pm, Friday: 9 am – 12 pm

Celebration Lutheran Church

Phone: 320-255-0488 Ext. 109 1500 Pine Cone Road N

Sartell, MN 56377

Email: <u>lcstore@celebrationlutheranchurch.com</u> **Website:** <u>www.celebrationlutheranchurch.com</u>

Pantry hours: Mon. – Thurs. 8:00 am – 4:00 pm, Friday 8:00 am – 1:00 pm

About us: Drop-off and curbside pick-ups available. Delivery available for the elderly and disabled.

Clearwater/Clear Lake Food Shelf

Phone: (320) 558-2954 1100 County Road 75 Clearwater, MN 55320

Pantry hours: *Mondays 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm, Tuesdays 9:00 am to 11:00 am and 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm,

Wednesdays 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm. Call to confirm days and times of service.

CROSS Center - Benton County Food Shelf

Phone: (320) 968-7012

150 4th Ave Foley, MN, 56329

Email: crosscenter@hotmail.com **Website:** www.foleycrosscenter.org **About us:** Serving Benton County

Pantry hours: Monday 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm & 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm, Thursday 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

Holdingford Area Food Shelf

Phone: (320) 746-263 7

420 Main St, City Hall,

Holdingford, MN, 56340-0013

About us: We serve the cities of St. Anna, Opole, St. Wendel, Holdingford and Upsala.

Pantry hours: 8:00am - 9:30am, 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month.

Kimball Area Food Shelf

Phone: (320) 398-3415

441 Hazel Ave. E. St. Anne Parish

Kimball, MN, 55353

Email: kimfoodshelf@meltel.net

Website: https://kimballfoodshelf.com

Pantry hours: Tuesdays: 9:30 am to 10:45 am, and Thursdays: 9:30 am to 10:45 am

Melrose Food Shelf

Phone: (320) 256-2555 200-298 Country Club RD

Melrose, MN 56352

Website: www.hungersolutions.org;\

About us: Serves residents of Melrose Area Independent School District 740. **Pantry hours:** The first four Wednesday of the month, from 1:00 pm – 4:45 pm

Paynesville Community Service Center

Phone: (320) 243-4953 110 Lake Avenue So. Paynesville, MN - 56362

Email: paynesvillecsc@yahoo.com

About us: Call for information and to confirm days and times.

Pantry hours: Wednesdays, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm for food, Thursdays, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm for

clothing/housewares

Place of Hope - Living Hope Center

Phone: (320) 203-7881

511 9th Ave N

St Cloud, MN 56303

Email: hope@placeofhopeministries.org
Website: www.placeofhopeministries.com

About us: Our Hospitality Center is stocked with free food, free medical care, free clothing, & free personal care items. Anyone in need may come to our Living Hope Center, Door # 4 for help.

ROCORI Area/Salvation Army

401 Main St - Basement of Bank of Cold Spring (Salvation Army)

Phone: (320) 685-8785

(and) 217 Main Street (Rocori Food Bank)

PO Box 307

Cold Spring, MN 56320

Email: rocorifoodshelf@gmail.com
Website: www.rocoriareafoodshelf.org

About Us: Food pantry and assistance programs to the low income, seniors, and the needy. Self-sufficiency is also provided to those who qualify. Programs include a food pantry, Christmas meals and gifts, and shelter/transitional housing.

Pantry hours: Every Monday 10:00 am – 2:30 pm & 3rd Monday of the month 5:30 pm –7:00 pm. Call to confirm dates and times of service.

Salvation Army

Phone: (320) 252-4552 400 Highway 10 S

Saint Cloud, MN - 56304

Email: laura.douvier@usc.salvationarmy.org

Website: https://centralusa.salvationarmy.org/northern/StCloud

About us: Salvation Army food pantry serves residents of Benton, Sherburne, and Stearns counties that live in the St. Cloud metro area. There is a limit of one visit per month. Photo ID and proof of address are required.

Pantry hours: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9:00 am - 11:00 am and 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm and every 4th Monday, 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm. Arrive 20 minutes before close. Call to confirm days and times.

Sauk Centre Community Connection Food Shelf

Phone: (320) 351-2287 523 Sinclair Lewis Ave. Sauk Centre, MN 56378

times.

St. Joseph Community Food Shelf

Phone: (320) 433-0068 or (478) 213-2700

610 CO RD 2 P.O. Box 565 St. Joseph, MN 56374

Email: <u>stjosephcommunityfoodshelf@gmail.com</u> **Website:** <u>www.facebook.com/St.JoeFoodShelf</u>

Pantry hours: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm. Call to confirm days and times.

Wright County Community Action Clothing Center/Food Shelf

Phone: (763) 658-4414

411 Elm Ave

Waverly, MN 55390

Pantry hours: Mondays through Thursdays, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm and Fridays, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm. Call to

confirm days and times.

SNAP FOOD Assistance Programs

WIC/SNAP - Benton County

Phone: (320) 698-5000 531 Dewey Street Foley, MN 56329

Website: www.co.benton.mn.us

Office hours: 8:00 am – 4:30 pm Monday – Friday

WIC/SNAP - Sherburne County

13880 Business Center Dr. NW

Elk River, MN 55330 **Phone:** (763) 765-4000

Email: wic@co.sherburne.mn.us

Website: www.co.sherburne.mn.us/

Office hours: 8:00 am – 4:30 pm Monday – Friday

WIC/SNAP – Stearns County

705 Courthouse Square St Cloud, MN 56303 **Phone:** (320) 656-3600

Email: info@co.stearns.mn.us

Website: www.stearnscountymn.gov

Office hours: 8:00 am – 4:30 pm Monday – Friday

WIC/SNAP - Wright County

10 2nd Street NW

Buffalo, MN 55313-1736 **Phone:** (763) 682-3900

Website: www.co.wright.mn.us

Office hours: 8:00 am – 4:30 pm Monday – Friday

WIC/SNAP - Meeker County 114 N. Holcombe Ave, Ste 180 Litchfield, MN 55355-2273

Phone: (320) 693-5370

Email: paul.bukovich@co.meeker.mn.us

Website: www.co.meeker.mn.us/

Office hours: 8:00 am – 4:30 pm Monday – Friday

WIC/SNAP - Todd County

212 2nd Ave S

Long Prairie, MN 56347-1640

Phone: (320) 732-4500

Email: jackie.och@co.todd.mn.us

Website: www.co.todd.mn.us/divisions/health-human/community-health

Office hours: 8:00 am – 4:30 pm Monday – Friday

WIC/SNAP - Morrison County

213 SE 1st Ave

Little Falls, MN 56345-3196 **Phone:** (320) 632-2951

Website: www.co.morrison.mn.us

Office hours: 8:00 am – 4:30 pm Monday – Friday

WIC/SNAP - Mille Lacs County

525 2nd St SE Milaca, MN 56353 **Phone:** (320) 983-8208

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Website: www.millelacs.mn.gov/

Office hours: 8:00 am – 4:30 pm Monday – Friday

FARMERS MARKET SNAP/EBT PROGRAM

Nothing says summer like the pop-up produce stands of our local farmers markets. They are a great option for high quality, locally grown produce at a low price. In addition, they provide organic 'farm to table' vegetables and fruits at the peak of freshness.

Each market is unique in what they have to offer. In addition to seasonal fruits and vegetables, you also might find booths selling meat, poultry, fish, eggs, dairy products, bread, cereals, jams, syrups, honey, rice, grains, pickles, and packaged pastries.

And did you know that many farmer's markets allow you to purchase using your EBT card? It is as easy as swiping your card for tokens that can be used in exchange for food purchased at the various booths. (Non-food items as well as immediately consumable food and drinks are not eligible for EBT purchase.)

Purchases will be rounded up to the nearest dollar. No change will be given, and vendors will not exchange tokens for money. Unspent tokens may be kept and used later. Cash refunds cannot be given for tokens and must be used by the end of the Farmer's Market season.

Below you will find a list of local markets that participate in the EBT program. And, more is added each year, so be sure to contact your local farmers' market to see their purchase options.

St. Joseph Farmers' Market: 610 N County Road 2, St. Joseph, MN 56374 Fridays 3:00-6:00 pm, Open from May to October

St. Cloud Waite Park Harvest Market: 6^{th} Ave South , St. Cloud, MN 56301 Saturdays 9:00am-1:00pm, Open from May to October

St. Cloud Area Farmers Market: 103 - 6th Avenue South, St. Cloud, MN 56303 Saturdays 8:00am-12:00pm, Open from May to October

Monticello Farmers Market: 200 W 6th Street, Monticello, MN 55362 Thursdays 3:30pm-7:00pm to Open from May to October

Big Lake Farmers Market: 101 Lakeshore Drive, Big Lake, MN 55309 Wednesdays 3:00pm-6:00pm, Open from June to September

Buffalo Farmers Market: 100 1st St NE, Buffalo, MN 55313 Saturdays 8:00am-12:00pm, Open from May to October

Maple Lake Farmers Market: 210 Division St W, Maple Lake, MN 55358

Fridays 3:00pm-7:00pm, Open from June to September

DISCOUNTED FOOD: FARE FOR ALL

Locations:

Fare for All – Buffalo

Zion Lutheran Church 1200 – MN 25 Buffalo, MN 55313

Phone: (800) 582-4291

Email: office@zionbuffalo.org
Website: www.zionbuffalo.org

Fare for All – Little Falls

Bethel Lutheran Church 901 Broadway W Little Falls, MN 56345

Phone: (800) 582-4291

Email: bethellittlefallsa@usfamily.net

Website: https://bethellutheranlittlefalls.weebly.com/

Fare for All - St. Joseph

Resurrection Lutheran Church 610 County Road 2 St. Joseph, MN 56374

Phone: (800) 582-4291 Email: rlc@rlcstjoe.com

Website: https://rlcstjoe.com/fare-for-all/

Fare for All - St. Cloud

Salem Lutheran Church 90 Riverside Dr. SE. St. Cloud, MN 56329

Phone: (320) 252-1625

Email: contact@salemstcloud.org

Website: https://fareforall.thefoodgroupmn.org/

Ruby's Pantry - No Waste. Great Food.

Ruby's Pantry is a service available for anyone that is looking to extend their monthly grocery budget. They gather various food overages, surpluses, and bumper crops into generous food bundles for a low \$22 contribution.

Cost: \$22 for each unit of food.

**Bring empty containers for your food.

Locations:

Ruby's Pantry in Ramsey, MN

Website: www.rubyspantry.org

Phone: (651) 674-0009 Bethany Lutheran Church

34238 Nature Rd Foley, MN 56329

Pantry hours: 2nd Wednesday of the month - Registration begins at 4:30 pm and food bundles are available 4:30 pm - 6:30 pm. Call to verify day and time.

Ruby's Pantry in Sauk Centre, MN

Website: www.rubyspantry.org/location/101

Phone: (651) 674-0009 River of Life Church

705 12th St S

Sauk Centre, MN 56378

Pantry hours: 1st Saturday of the month - Registration begins at 10:00 am and food bundles are available 10:00 am - 11:30 am. Call to verify day and time.

Ruby's Pantry in Little Falls

Phone: (651) 674-0009

Website: www.rubyspantry.org/location/85

Little Falls Alliance Church

15615 HWY 27

Little Falls, MN 56345

Pantry hours: 4th Monday of the month - Registration begins at 4:30 pm and food bundles are available 4:30 pm - 6:00 pm. Call to confirm the day and times.

RECOVERY COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

Amethyst Recovery Solutions

759 Winslow Ave, West St. Paul, MN 55107 (612)-661-5322 amethystrecoverysolutions.org/

Anything Helps

3859 Fremont Ave N Minneapolis, MN 55412 (612)-325-2500 anythinghelpsmn.org/

Begin Anew

7533 Sunwood Dr. NW Suite 208 Ramsey, MN 55303 (763) 252-6570 begingnewrecovery.org

Continuum Care Center

1 West Water Street, Suite 210 Saint Paul, MN 55107 (612) 353-5171 Minneapolis: (651)888-6103 continuumcarecenter.com

Doc's Recovery House

1821 Restoration Rd SW Rochester, MN 55902 (507) 216- 3353 info@docsrecoveryhouse.org

Face It Together Bemidji

408 Beltrami Ave NW, Suite 100 Bemidji, MN 56601 (218) 444-8753

Minnesota Hope Dealerz Organization

705 42nd Avenue North, Suite 006 Minneapolis, MN 55412 (763) 290-2736 minnesotahopedealerz.org

Minnesota Recovery Connection

800 Transfer Road, Suite 31 St. Paul, MN 55114 (612) 584-4158 minnesotarecovery.org

Niyyah Recovery Initiative

420 S 15th Ave Minneapolis, MN 55454 (612) 547-9052 nivyahrecovery.org/

Recovery Alliance Duluth

206 W 4th St #203 Duluth, MN 55806 (218) 576-6005 recoveryallianceduluth.org

Recovery Community Network

3400 1st Street N Suite 302 St. Cloud, MN 56303 (320) 342-2236 recoverycommunitynetwork.com

Recovery Engaged Communities

P.O. Box 111 Moorhead, MN 56560 (218) 284-1811

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mnrec.net

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Recovery is Happening

25 16th St. NE Rochester, MN 55906 (507) 218-4773 www.recoveryishappening.org

Rise Up Recovery

507 Vermillion Street Hastings, MN 55033 (651) 319-0122 www.riseuprecoverymn.com

South Metro Community Services

1440 Duckwood Dr. Suite 500 Eagan, MN 55122 (952) 955-9399 smcsmn.org/

Thrive Family Resources

1505 Raleigh Dr Burnsville, MN 55337 (612) 424-0540 thrivefrr.org/

WEcovery by Beyond Brink

314 Chestnut St Mankato, MN 56001 (507) 779-7091 beyondbrink.com

Will Work for Recovery

2520 N 2nd St Minneapolis, MN 55411 (612) 521-4178 willworkforrecovery.org/

VETERANS TELEHEALTH AND TECHNOLOGY

VA Mobile aims to improve Veterans' health by providing technologies that expand clinical care beyond the traditional office visit. The VA App Store puts health into your hands. Go to mobile.va.gov and explore tools created to help Veterans and their VA health team manage physical and mental wellness.



MHA for Veterans

Take a variety of mental health assessments from the comfort and convenience of home.

Web



MOVE! Coach

Complete a 16-week nutrition and exercise program for weight management.

Android iOS



myPhonak

Personalize your hearing experience and track health data.

Android iOS



Oticon Companion

Control your hearing aids discreetly with the touch of a finger.

Android iOS



PTSD Coach

Access tools, educational resources, and self-assessments to help manage the stresses of daily life with PTSD.

Android iOS



ReSound Smart

Control your hearing aids directly from your mobile device.

Android iOS



Safety Plan

Create a custom step-by-step action plan to keep yourself safe when experiencing thoughts about suicide or self-harm.

Android iOS



Mindfulness Coach

Learn how to practice mindfulness to reduce stress and improve emotional balance.

Android iOS



My VA Images

Securely send photos and videos to your VA provider to receive care without visiting a facility.

Web



NetResponse

Submit vital signs and other information for your care team to review to remotely monitor your health.

Web



PE Coach

Supplement your Prolonged Exposure (PE) therapy sessions with exercises and techniques to alleviate PTSD symptoms.

Android iOS



PTSD Family Coach

Access self-care tools and receive support for living with someone who has PTSD.

Android iOS



Rx Refill

Request VA prescription refills, track delivery, view prescription history, and more.

Android iOS



6 Share My Health Data

View data from your health tracking devices all in one place and share it with your VA care team.

Android iOS

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