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**OF MINNESOTA**



**2019 ANNUAL REPORT  
2020 & 2021 OBJECTIVES**

**MINNESOTA**

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**DAV OF MINNESOTA  
IS AN ORGANIZATION  
OF VETERANS  
HELPING VETERANS**

# FROM THE COMMANDER



**STATE COMMANDER SCOTT BERNDT**  
DAV OF MINNESOTA

As we cross the threshold of a new decade, Minnesotans reflect on the progress, promise, challenges and changes that await us in 2020 and beyond. Whatever the future holds, I am certain that those in the DAV of Minnesota will remain focused on our commitment to fulfill the promises to the men and women who have served. In fact, 2020 will mark a century of service for the DAV. With more than 30 chapters and 19,000 members statewide, our passionate voice has delivered advocacy to our veterans, families, survivors and caregivers.

In my tenure as State Commander, I have observed one unflinching characteristic among those in our ranks: we get things accomplished.

We expanded our transportation program to the southeast portion of the state and added vehicles throughout Minnesota so veterans could get to their VA medical appointments. We enriched our outdoor programs and enabled our veterans to experience camaraderie against the backdrop of nature. We innovated new women veteran programs to better serve the fastest-growing segment of the veteran population.

In 2019, we also achieved some very important public policy results that will enrich the lives of countless Minnesotans for years to come. DAV of Minnesota members visited Washington and were essential supporters of the Blue Water Navy Act, extending the presumption of illness caused by Agent Orange to those who served in the offshore waters of Vietnam. In St. Paul, our relentless years-long campaign to extend the property tax value exclusion for surviving spouses provided a lifeline to those who needed it most.

Thank you for your support of the DAV of Minnesota.

**Scott Berndt**  
DAV of Minnesota Commander

## LEADERSHIP

- SCOTT BERNDT | STATE COMMANDER 2019-2020
- RICK JARVIS | PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDER
- RON HAUGEN | SR. VICE COMMANDER
- LEE WALKER | JUDGE ADVOCATE
- MICHAEL AGUIRRE | 1ST JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER
- TRENT DILKS | ADJUTANT
- THOMAS ANNONSON | 2ND JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER
- OATHER MARTIN | CHAPLAIN
- ELLSWORTH FIELDS | 3RD JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER
- JOHN WALKER | TREASURER
- BRUCE PEDERSON | 4TH JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER

# ABOUT US

DAV of Minnesota is dedicated to a single purpose: fulfilling our promises to the men and women who served.

More than 19,000 Minnesota members, as well as other chapters across the nation, including the national DAV, have served as the official voice of America's service-connected disabled veterans — a strong, insistent voice that represents all of America's 3 million disabled veterans, their families and survivors.

DAV of Minnesota's network of services — free of charge to all veterans — is supported by membership dues and charitable contributions from the American public. We focus on the following actions:



- We provide free, professional assistance to veterans and their families in obtaining benefits and services earned through military service and provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and other agencies of government;
- We provide outreach concerning program services to the American people generally and to disabled veterans and their families specifically;
- We represent the interests of disabled veterans; their families; their widowed spouses and their orphans before Congress, the White House, and the Judicial Branch, as well as state and local government;
- We extend DAV's mission of hope into the communities where these veterans and their families live through a network of state-level departments and local chapters; and
- We provide a structure through which disabled veterans can express their compassion for their fellow veterans through a variety of volunteer programs.



**VIEW THE DAV OF MINNESOTA OVERVIEW**  
VIDEO HERE: [HTTP://BIT.LY/DAVMN\\_OVERVIEW](http://bit.ly/davmn_overview)

## DAV OF MINNESOTA EMPOWERS VETERANS TO LEAD HIGH QUALITY LIVES WITH RESPECT AND DIGNITY



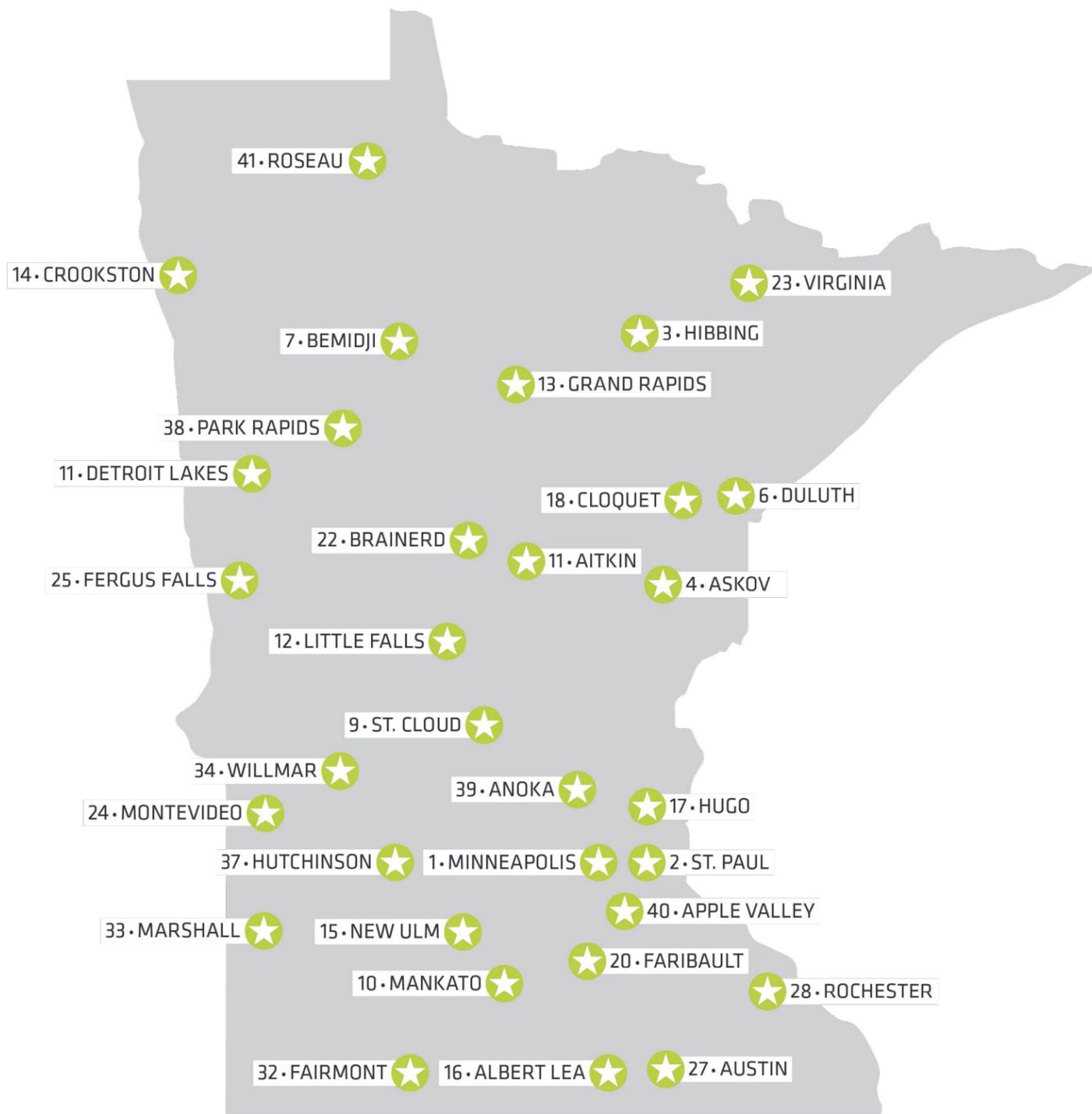
**“THE DAV OF MINNESOTA IS COMMITTED TO ENSURING THAT THE PROMISES MADE TO OUR VETERANS, FAMILIES, CAREGIVERS AND SURVIVORS ARE KEPT.”**

**ADJUTANT TRENT DILKS**  
CHAPTER 12 (LITTLE FALLS)

# MINNESOTA CHAPTERS

THIRTY-TWO CHAPTERS STATEWIDE

WORKING ON BEHALF OF THOSE WHO HAVE SERVED



# MEMBERS



**“IN ORDER TO KEEP OUR RANKS FULL AND CONTINUE TO MEET THE MISSION OF TAKING CARE OF OUR FELLOW BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN ARMS, WE’VE GOT TO HAVE PEOPLE STEPPING UP AND CONTINUING TO CARRY THAT TORCH.”**

**JOSH VRTACNIK // CHAPTER 20 (FARIBAULT)**

With more than 19,000 members in Minnesota, DAV is an organization of veterans helping veterans. DAV of Minnesota receives no federal government funding. The 32 chapters statewide work independently alongside community non-profits and advocacy organizations to ensure that the needs of Minnesota’s disabled veterans are met.

In addition to the DAV chapters, the Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary (DAVA) has partnered with the DAV parent organization in their mission of service to disabled veterans and their families. That relationship has continued to flourish and the blended organizations have achieved many victories in their quest to improve the quality of life our veterans rightly deserve.

Our members are diverse in their interests, and that is one of the reasons that DAVA is so successful. Our programs include Americanism, Community Service, Junior Activities, Legislative, and VA Voluntary Services. Foremost in our hearts is the goal of assuring benefit entitlement and compassion for

our disabled veterans and their families.

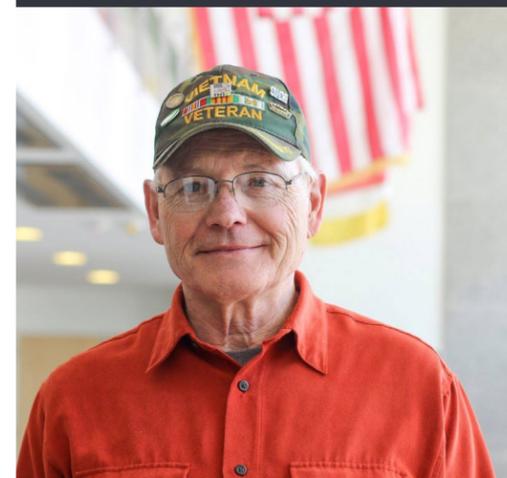
DAV advocates for those men and women who defend the American way of life, and our leadership structure reflects that. Since our founding, our State Commander has been democratically elected by our member veterans. That tradition ensures that the DAV will always put service for America’s veterans first.

One of the driving forces behind DAV’s mission of empowering veterans to lead high-quality and fulfilled lives is volunteerism. We have devoted volunteers across Minnesota providing the best possible care, morale and assistance to our nation’s heroes. To that end, volunteers lend their time and talents through the DAV volunteer registration site, [www.volunteerforveterans.org](http://www.volunteerforveterans.org).



VIEW THE DAV OF MINNESOTA MEMBERSHIP VIDEO HERE:  
[HTTP://BIT.LY/DAVMEMBERSHIP](http://bit.ly/davmembership)

**DAV OF MINNESOTA MEMBERS  
SPEAK WITH A LOUD VOICE**



# VETERAN SERVICES

## DAV'S NATIONAL BENEFITS ADVOCATES TRAIN THROUGHOUT THEIR CAREERS TO STAY CURRENT WITH THE CHANGES IN LAWS AND REGULATIONS AFFECTING VETERAN BENEFITS

Located at Ft. Snelling, DAV benefit advocates help veterans file claims and assist them throughout the process. In 2019, with the support of the DAV of Minnesota, these benefit advocates coordinated both retroactive and annual compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs.

The Fort Snelling National Service office reviewed 7,169 veterans' files and conducted 6,043 veteran interviews either face to face, over the telephone or via video conference. In addition, they responded to 2,134 emails averaging nearly 200 veteran contacts per week.

The DAV team conducted more than 465 appeals actions including 138 informal hearing presentations for veterans not wishing to argue their appeals before a veteran's law judge. This includes supplemental claims and requests for higher level reviews under the Appeals Modernization Act.

In 2019, the benefit advocate team filed 6,740 new claims for veterans. Of these claims, 6,263 were new claims for service connection, 1,697 were claims for increased evaluations and 142 were claims for conditions that are secondary or aggravated by already service-connected conditions. In total, more than 8,100 claims and 39,000 unique activities were actioned on behalf of Minnesota veterans.

The DAV concluded the last year of operating a Mobile Service Office (MSO) to reach those veterans with mobility problems, or who simply live a distance from the nearest office. In 2019, the MSO visited 13 locations in May and October and assisted 140 veterans in rural Minnesota. In 2020, DAV will embrace conducting regional information seminars to enhance outreach statewide.

## NEED HELP?

CONTACT THE DAV MINNESOTA NATIONAL SERVICE OFFICE AT 612-970-5665



**39,000**

ACTIVITIES TO SUPPORT VETERANS IN 2019



**8,100**

NEW CLAIMS FILED IN 2019



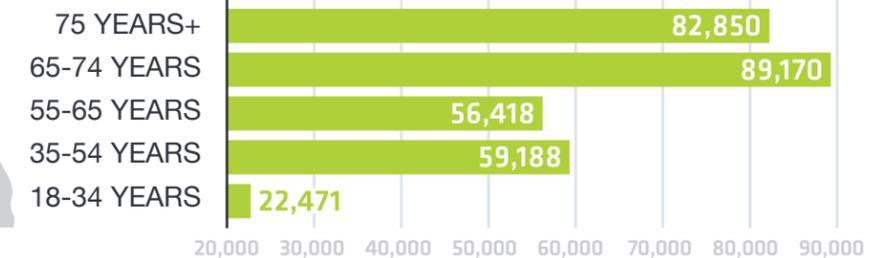
# VETERAN STATISTICS

**310,097**

VETERANS IN MINNESOTA



## AGE DISTRIBUTION



## GENDER BREAKDOWN

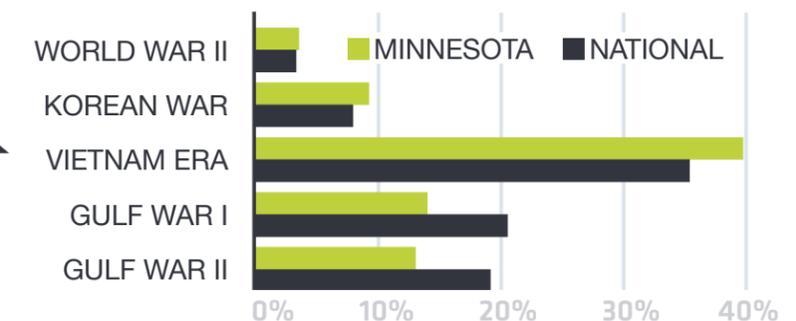
**20,018** 6.5% FEMALE VETERANS

**290,079** 93.5% MALE VETERANS

SOURCE: 2018 GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION OF VA EXPENDITURES (GDX) REPORT

## PERIOD OF SERVICE

SOURCE: 2017 US DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS, NATIONAL CENTER FOR VETERANS AND STATISTICS



# LEGISLATIVE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

## 2019 RESULTS

DAV OF MINNESOTA PROMOTES STRONGER, MORE EFFECTIVE PUBLIC POLICIES FOR VETERANS INJURED OR MADE ILL DURING WARTIME SERVICE, AS WELL AS THEIR FAMILIES AND SURVIVORS

VIEW THE DAV OF MINNESOTA LEGISLATIVE OVERVIEW VIDEO HERE: [HTTP://BIT.LY/DAVLEGISLATIVE](http://bit.ly/davlegislative)



The DAV of Minnesota advocates bettering veterans' programs at the federal and state level. In 2019, the significant influence of 19,000 members statewide influenced policies that will benefit veterans, their families and caregivers for generations to come.

More than twenty DAV of Minnesota leaders traveled to Washington, DC in February to lend their voice to a unified fight for equitable benefits for Navy veterans who served on ships off the coast of Vietnam. On June 25, President Trump signed into law the Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act of 2019 (P.L. 116-23), requiring the Department of Veterans Affairs to consider Blue Water Navy veterans eligible to receive benefits based on medical conditions related to Agent Orange.

In Minnesota, the years-long effort to eliminate the 8-year limit on the surviving spouse provision of the property tax exclusion was signed into law by Governor Walz. The law ensures that the surviving spouses of those who die during, or as a result of, their service in the U.S. military can remain in their homes without the burden of property tax beyond the previous 8-year limit.



**"THE DAV IS ALWAYS THERE FIGHTING FOR NEW BILLS TO GO THROUGH FOR VETERANS."**

*KIRK ELLEFSON, CHAPTER 13 (CROOKSTON)*

# 2020 OBJECTIVES

**NO ONE KNOWS BETTER ABOUT THE ISSUES VETERANS FACE THAN VETERANS THEMSELVES**

The DAV of Minnesota works to inform the public and lawmakers of the challenges that veterans face and rallies our fellow Minnesotans to join the cause. Through DAV of Minnesota's ongoing advocacy and determination, legislation continues to pass that upholds veterans' benefits and rights. No one knows better about the issues veterans face than veterans themselves.

## THE 2020 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES ARE:

### ENABLE A ONE-TIME SURVIVING SPOUSE TRANSFER OF PROPERTY TAX EXCLUSION

**Background:** The 2019 legislative session eliminated the 8-year limit on the surviving spouse provision of the property tax exclusion. The law ensures that the surviving spouses of those who die during, or as a result of, their service in the U.S. military can remain in their homes without the burden of property tax. Upon the passing of the veteran, however, the surviving spouse often wishes to downsize from their current dwelling into another dwelling.

**Proposal:** Expand this benefit so that the surviving spouse of a deceased veteran who utilized the Homestead Market Value Exclusion can transfer this property tax exclusion to a new property.

### EXPAND OUTDOOR OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISABLED VETERANS

**Background:** Opportunities for veterans to connect to outdoor activities have been widely researched and recognized as beneficial. Minnesota offers reduced cost hunting and fishing licenses for disabled veterans who have a disability rating of 100%.

**Proposal:** Revise the current policy to include the state's disabled veterans the opportunity to receive discounted hunting and fishing licenses at the disability rating threshold of 50%.

### SUPPORT ENDING VETERAN HOMELESSNESS IN MINNESOTA

**Background:** Minnesota veterans continue to struggle with the issue of homelessness. Minnesota's ecosystem of veteran support recognizes that this societal issue must be addressed one veteran at a time.

**Proposal:** Develop a MDVA supplemental budget that better addresses programs that eliminate veteran homelessness.

### ADVOCATE FOR POLICY IMPROVEMENTS THAT ADDRESS SUICIDE PREVENTION AMONG VETERANS

**Background:** Minnesota veterans continue to contend with an unacceptably high rate of suicide.

**Proposal:** Include programming in the MDVA supplemental budget that results in meaningful tools that support reducing veteran suicide rates.



# TRANSPORTATION

# 25,701

## VETERANS TRANSPORTED BY DAV OF MINNESOTA



## 2019 BY THE NUMBERS

- ★ 1,163,163 MILES DRIVEN BY VOLUNTEER DRIVERS
- ★ 25,701 VETERANS TRANSPORTED
- ★ 55,034 HOURS INVESTED BY VOLUNTEERS TRANSPORTING VETERANS

### ★ VEHICLE LOCATIONS

#### // METRO

- Nine vehicles stationed at the Minneapolis VA Medical Center, Forest Lake and Stillwater
- 7,135 veterans transported
- Schedule a ride in the Metro Area or volunteer to drive: 612-467-2768

#### // CENTRAL MINNESOTA

- Eight vehicles stationed at the St. Cloud VA Medical Center, Buffalo, Brainerd, Little Falls, Milaca and Mora
- 6,169 veterans transported
- Schedule a ride in Central Minnesota or volunteer to drive: 320-252-1670 ext. 6676

#### // NORTHWEST MINNESOTA

- Four vehicles stationed in Bemidji, Park Rapids, Crookston and Wheaton
- 1,034 veterans transported
- Schedule a ride in Northeast Minnesota or volunteer to drive: 855-277-9787

#### // NORTHEAST MINNESOTA

- Four vehicles stationed in Duluth, Ely and Hibbing
- 2,475 veterans transported
- Schedule a ride in Northwest Minnesota or volunteer to drive: 715-398-2406

#### // SOUTHEAST MINNESOTA

- Five vehicles based in Rochester, Owatonna and Winona
- 2,274 veterans transported
- Schedule a ride in Southeast Minnesota or volunteer to drive: 507-703-1139

One of the key deliverables that DAV provides nationally is transportation. Each day, a cadre of volunteers drive veterans from their home to medical appointments at no cost to the veteran.

There has been exceptional focus on transportation in 2019, and new services were added in St. Louis County (Ely), Sibley County (Gaylord), Brown County (New Ulm), Washington County (Forest Lake and Stillwater) and Kanabec County (Mora).

As important, the increase in DAV-provided transportation shifts the burden from county government and is a tremendous tax savings to the citizens of Minnesota.

In 2020, DAV of Minnesota intends to expand and enhance transportation in St. James, Mankato, and Anoka. The organization is exploring expansion into Chippewa County and Goodhue County as well as adding an additional vehicle in Hibbing.



**“FOR THE FIFTH YEAR IN A ROW, THE DAV OF MINNESOTA’S TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM CONTINUES TO EXPAND. OUR NETWORK OF VEHICLES AND VOLUNTEER DRIVERS IS UNMATCHED IN THE STATE.”**

STEPHANIE ZEIMETZ // DAV OF MN TRANSPORTATION MANAGER

# VOLUNTEER DRIVERS

DAV VOLUNTEER DRIVERS ENSURE THAT EVERY VETERAN HAS ACCESS TO THE MEDICAL CARE THAT THEY HAVE EARNED

## DRIVE A VAN

More than 300 individual volunteers throughout Minnesota are committed to making a positive difference in the lives of veterans who were disabled in our nation’s defense.

Statewide, 55,034 volunteer hours contributed to 25,701 veterans and their caregivers getting to and from medical appointments at VA Medical Centers and Community-Based Outpatient Clinics in the region. A full-time team of DAV of Minnesota Transportation Coordinators manage the workload to ensure veterans are efficiently transported to their medical appointments. The current capacity enables the DAV of Minnesota to serve veterans in more than half of the state’s counties.

The DAV of Minnesota transportation program adds great value to taxpayers. The vehicles are paid for by the DAV and the DAV of Minnesota Foundation, and then transferred and maintained by the Veterans Administration Medical Center. Since the vehicles are driven by volunteers, the veterans do not have a requirement for per diem compensation.

With the addition of vans and transportation routes, there is always a need for volunteer drivers. Whether an hour a week – or an hour a month – every contribution of time is valued and is an indispensable service to veterans. To volunteer, call one of the regional transportation offices listed on page 12.



VIEW THE DAV OF MINNESOTA TRANSPORTATION VIDEO HERE: [HTTP://BIT.LY/DAVTRANSPORTATION](http://bit.ly/davtransportation)



For those who volunteer to drive a DAV van it is an optional activity, but for the veterans counting on them for reliable transportation it is much, much more than that. It can mean the difference between life and death or identifying a health issue in a timely manner.

With so many veterans living on fixed incomes, travel costs often give way to shelter and food. Health needs are sometimes sacrificed for everyday necessities.

**\$1,521,632** VALUE OF HOURS DONATED BY VOLUNTEER DRIVERS

# OUTDOOR PROGRAMS

Minnesotans have a passion for hunting, fishing and experiencing nature. DAV of Minnesota designs programs to bring veterans together in a natural setting. Experienced guides develop activities that provide opportunities for all veterans – including those who might not otherwise be able to participate due to mobility issues – to let the stresses of life go and focus on being one with the outdoors.

2019 continued the tradition of supporting veterans through connecting with Minnesota’s natural resources and supporting veterans engaging with the outdoors regardless of ability or disability. Groups participated in a wide variety of activities including ice fishing; fishing events; and turkey, deer and pheasant hunts.

The DAV of Minnesota Outdoor Program is committed to enabling veterans to share experiences in nature and



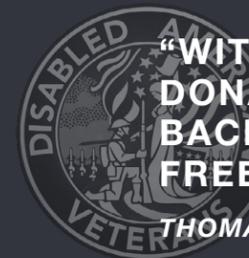
reinforce to the participants that they still can do anything they set their mind to. Watch for the DAV of Minnesota Outdoor Program to be featured in 2020 – 2021 on Fox Sports North’s “American Heroes Outdoors” television program.

For more information, visit [davmn.org/outdoors](http://davmn.org/outdoors)

VIEW THE DAV OF MINNESOTA OUTDOOR PROGRAM VIDEO HERE: [HTTP://BIT.LY/DAVOUTDOOR](http://bit.ly/davoutdoor)



# DONOR CONNECT



“WITH THE [POWER WHEELCHAIR] DONATION, WE GAVE THE VETERAN BACK HIS FREEDOM, AND THAT WAS FREEDOM THAT HE FOUGHT FOR.”

THOMAS FLASCHBERGER // CHAPTER 6 (DULUTH)



The Disabled American Veterans of Minnesota established the Donor Connect Program to link veterans and their families in need of used durable medical equipment with medical equipment donors. The goal of the program is to build better lives for all Minnesota veterans and family members. Equipment is maintained by donors until it is transferred to a veteran with a specific need.

With the assistance of a network of DAV chapter volunteers statewide, the DAV keeps a current list of donated durable medical equipment. This list of available items are sent out to veterans and veteran advocates across the state and posted on the DAV of Minnesota website.

When a request is received, a DAV of Minnesota staff member links the available equipment with the requester and facilitates a link-up for the parties to connect and exchange the equipment.

VIEW THE DAV OF MINNESOTA DONOR CONNECT VIDEO HERE: [HTTP://BIT.LY/DAVDONOR](http://bit.ly/davdonor)



THE DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS OF MINNESOTA HAS ESTABLISHED THE DONOR CONNECT PROGRAM TO LINK VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES IN NEED OF USED DURABLE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT WITH MEDICAL EQUIPMENT DONORS

- Connects veterans and their families in need of used durable medical equipment
- Veterans or veteran advocates identify needed items
- DAV Minnesota coordinates a link between the donor and the veteran in need
- Donors register available items at [davmn.org/donate-volunteer-veterans](http://davmn.org/donate-volunteer-veterans) or call 320-828-6761

THERE IS NO COST TO EITHER THE DONORS OR THE VETERANS WHO RECEIVE THE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT



“THE THERAPEUTIC VALUE OF BEING WITH OTHER VETERANS IS TRANSFORMATIONAL IN A NATURAL SETTING. OUTDOOR PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS REDISCOVER HEALTHY OUTLETS TO FACE ISSUES THAT THEY MAY HAVE BEEN AVOIDING.”

JOHN CARSON // OUTDOOR PROGRAMS COORDINATOR



DAV OF MINNESOTA PROVIDES **OUTDOOR RECREATIONAL THERAPY** OPPORTUNITIES TO VETERANS

# VOLUNTARY SERVICE PROGRAMS

**NO MATTER WHO YOU ARE, OR WHAT YOUR LEVEL OF EXPERIENCE, YOU CAN STAND BY OUR NATION'S VETERANS**

DAV of Minnesota offers a wide range of opportunities for individuals who want to make good on the commitment we've made to our nation's heroes. The organization encourages volunteer support at our regional VA hospitals, driving veterans to medical appointments or providing specialized help based on individual needs.

To that end, there are numerous ways to assist DAV of Minnesota with our mission:

## LOCAL VETERANS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

■ LVAP was established in 2007 to facilitate and recognize initiatives in which volunteers can contribute their skills, talents, professional abilities and time in ways that benefit veterans residing within their local communities. The program empowers individuals to find and develop new and unique ways to support veterans and their families by providing resources, assistance or help with everyday needs.

■ **LINK: // [davn.org/volunteer/enroll-in-the-local-veterans-assistance-program-lvap/](http://davn.org/volunteer/enroll-in-the-local-veterans-assistance-program-lvap/)**

## VETERAN ADMINISTRATION VOLUNTARY SERVICE

■ VAVS is committed to engaging American citizens in service and providing lasting benefits to the veterans and communities in which they live through volunteer service. Founded in 1946, VAVS ensures that our veterans are cared for in our VA health care facilities. One of the largest centralized volunteer programs in the federal government, VAVS enables community organizations to engage in support of our nation's veterans.

■ **LINK: // [volunteer.va.gov/](http://volunteer.va.gov/)**

## VOLUNTEER FOR VETERANS

■ VolunteerForVeterans.org is a nationwide resource designed by DAV to connect volunteers with initiatives, veterans, their families, caregivers and survivors. It creates a database to match opportunities with civic minded individuals and organizations. We have devoted volunteers across Minnesota providing the best possible care, morale and assistance to our nation's heroes. To that end, volunteers lend their time and talents through the DAV volunteer registration site.

■ **LINK: // [volunteerforveterans.org](http://volunteerforveterans.org)**

# WOMEN VETERANS

**"ONE OF THE REASONS THAT I STAY ACTIVE IN THE DAV IS BECAUSE I FEEL THEY ARE SO INCLUSIVE OF YOUNGER VETERANS AND FEMALE VETERANS, AND I FEEL VERY WELCOME."**

**ASHLEY LAGANIERE  
CHAPTER 28 (ROCHESTER)**



**THE DAV OF MINNESOTA FIGHTS FOR WOMEN VETERANS**

As women continue to expand their roles in America's armed forces, the DAV of Minnesota is a staunch advocate to make sure that the issues affecting women veterans throughout their lifetime are addressed by federal and state resources.

Women veterans have a unique set of circumstances and needs compared to their male counterparts. According to DAV's 2018 report "Women Veterans: The Journey Ahead," women veterans tend to be younger, are more racially and ethnically diverse, are more likely to be divorced and less likely to be married, have childcare responsibilities and are five times more likely to be in a dual-military marriage than men.

The DAV of Minnesota has established a Women Veteran Committee to look at issues in the state: primary and gender-specific healthcare, mental health and readjustment services, and disability and employment benefits. These are important issues facing the women in our ranks, and the DAV of Minnesota is working for equal access to benefits and quality health care for women veterans.

In 2019, chapters throughout the state hosted women-specific events, gatherings and galas to address the action steps to overcome the challenges women encounter transitioning from military to civilian life, and crafting strategies for future policy and legislative changes to improve programs and services for women veterans.

The DAV of Minnesota continued to be the exclusive military sponsor of the WNBA Minnesota Lynx, and at each 2020 home game design a pre-game segment that showcases a women veteran.



**VIEW THE DAV OF MN WOMEN VETERANS VIDEO HERE:  
[HTTP://BIT.LY/DAVWOMENVETERANS](http://bit.ly/davwomenveterans)**

# REVENUE

## STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSE FOR THE YEARS ENDING JUNE 30, 2019 AND 2018

REVENUES, GAINS AND OTHER SUPPORT	2019	2018
GRANTS	\$230,303	\$246,552
CONTRIBUTIONS	\$1,298	\$31,361
NATIONAL SERVICE ALLOCATION	\$154,818	\$160,591
DAV MN FOUNDATION SUBSIDY	-	-
BEQUESTS	-	-
REGISTRATION AND FEES	\$16,768	\$19,167
IN-KIND	\$58,508	\$32,734
INTEREST AND DIVIDEND INCOME	-	\$464
<b>TOTAL REVENUE AND SUPPORT BEFORE ENTERPRISE OPERATIONS</b>	<b>\$494,645</b>	<b>\$490,869</b>
GROSS INCOME FROM ENTERPRISE OPERATIONS	\$3,747,215	\$4,284,149
GROSS EXPENSES FROM ENTERPRISE OPERATIONS	(\$2,636,230)	(\$3,114,309)
<b>NET INCOME FROM ENTERPRISE OPERATIONS</b>	<b>\$1,605,630</b>	<b>\$1,169,840</b>
<b>TOTAL REVENUES AND SUPPORT</b>	<b>\$2,100,275</b>	<b>\$1,660,709</b>

**THE DAV OF MINNESOTA IS  
A NON-PROFIT VETERAN  
ORGANIZATION  
THAT RECEIVES  
NO FEDERAL  
FUNDING**



# EXPENSES

## STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEARS ENDING JUNE 30, 2019 AND 2018

PROGRAMS EXPENSES	2019	2018
VETERANS' SERVICES	\$470,463	\$330,686
COMMUNICATIONS	\$96,518	\$58,818
TRANSPORTATION NETWORK	\$452,900	\$288,484
HOSPITAL AND COMMUNITY	\$20,413	\$16,046
MEMBERSHIP	\$55,658	\$50,972
CHARITABLE GIVING	\$367,963	\$608,513
MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL EXPENSES	\$310,889	\$264,651
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$1,743,053</b>	<b>\$1,618,170</b>
GAIN / (LOSS) ON ASSET DISPOSITION	(169,174)	0
GAIN / (LOSS) ON INVESTMENTS	-	(161)
<b>CHANGE IN NET ASSETS</b>	<b>(169,174)</b>	<b>\$42,378</b>
NET ASSETS - BEGINNING OF YEAR	\$1,124,143	\$1,081,765
<b>NET ASSETS END OF YEAR</b>	<b>\$954,969</b>	<b>\$1,124,143</b>

# HOUSEHOLD DONATIONS



The DAV of Minnesota enterprise is an 'accredited business' by the Better Business Bureau



**“FUNDS GENERATED FROM HOUSEHOLD DONATIONS ALLOW OUR CHAPTER TO HELP VETERANS IN NEED RIGHT HERE IN OUR COMMUNITY.”**

*VAN KARG, CHAPTER 37 (HUTCHINSON)*



The primary source of revenue for DAV of Minnesota is household donations, and both the statewide chapters and the department benefit from this commitment.

Though collection boxes throughout Greater Minnesota, clothing drives and Twin Cities residential collection, the DAV Minnesota team schedules pick-up, deliveries and distribution to our commercial partners.

Starting in 2020, DAV of Minnesota is honored to be chosen as the single featured charity partner at all Savers and Unique Thrift Community Donation Centers in Minnesota.

In 2019, clothing and household item donations allowed for the repurposing of more than 8.1 million pounds of unused or unwanted items and provided approximately \$2.37 million in funding for DAV of Minnesota chapter and department programs and services in communities across Minnesota.

**TO HELP US BETTER FULFILL OUR MISSION**

The DAV of Minnesota requests that the public consider increasing contributions in the winter months – January through March. The demand for second-hand items is much higher during this time of year compared to spring and summer months. We are better able to provide uninterrupted programs and services if we can keep our collections up throughout the cold and snowy season. Thank you for your continued support for our Minnesota veterans, their dependents and survivors.

**VIEW THE DAV OF MINNESOTA HOUSEHOLD DONATIONS VIDEO HERE: [HTTP://BIT.LY/DAVDONATIONS](http://bit.ly/davdonations)**

## INTERESTED IN DONATING TO DAV OF MINNESOTA?

Your gift will ensure veterans and their families can access the full range of benefits they deserve, provide care and support during tough times, advocate for the veteran community, connect veterans with meaningful employment, and so much more.

- To donate clothing or household goods, register online or find the nearest drop-off box at: [donatedavmn.org](http://donatedavmn.org) or call 651-487-2002
- To donate a car, truck, RV or boat in any condition, visit [dav.org/vehicle-donation](http://dav.org/vehicle-donation) or call 833-227-4328



# EVENTS

**THE DAV OF MINNESOTA IS ENGAGED AND RELEVANT THROUGHOUT THE STATE**

## NATIONAL COMMANDER

DAV of Minnesota's own Stephen "Butch" Whitehead was elected to serve as the DAV National Commander 2019-2020. Commander Whitehead represented the interests of more than 1 million DAV members across the nation.



## VIETNAM ROUNDTABLE

The DAV of Minnesota sponsored Twin Cities Public Television's monthly Vietnam Roundtable, connecting with an audience of veterans who have earned both recognition and benefits.



## TWIN CITIES LIVE

The DAV of Minnesota partnered with KSTP-TV Channel 5 and transported toys for the station's annual "Stuff the Sleigh" holiday campaign. DAV members were featured on "Twin Cities Live."



## VOLUNTEER DRIVER NIGHT AT SAINTS

The St. Paul Saints honored DAV of Minnesota Volunteer drivers during a home game. Drivers and their families were provided seats and an in-game recognition segment thanking them for their service to Minnesota's veterans.



## VETERAN HOME IMPROVEMENT

In a partnership with Wells Fargo and the DAV National Team, the DAV of Minnesota facilitated home improvement projects for selected disabled veterans across the state.



## NATIONAL RECOGNITION

As a result of advancing legislation for veteran issues, DAV of Minnesota Adjutant Trent Dilks was awarded Division II "Outstanding Performance in Advocacy" recognition.



# FOUNDATION

## DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS OF MINNESOTA FOUNDATION

The Disabled American Veterans of Minnesota Foundation has been responsible for improving the lives of Minnesota veterans and their families since 1991. Operating as the "giving arm" of the DAV Minnesota, the Foundation provides the financial resources to support quality programs, services and projects across Minnesota.

The Foundation is a separate entity from the DAV of Minnesota, and is governed by an independent Board of Directors. One of the core objectives of the Foundation is to support the daily activities of the DAV of Minnesota, and many of the operating costs of providing services, transportation, outdoor programs and legislative support are provided by the Foundation.

The funds are generously donated by corporations, businesses, other veteran service organizations, DAV of Minnesota chapters, charitable foundations, individual donors and estate bequeaths, in addition to two fundraisers: the 5K Old Glory Run and the DAV of Minnesota Golf Classic.

Upon submission of an application for a Disabled American Veterans of Minnesota Foundation grant, the Board of Directors takes into consideration the request and determines the level of support for the DAV of Minnesota program or other veteran support.

For more information // [davnminfoundation.org](http://davnminfoundation.org)

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PAT HARRIS // SERVING OUR TROOPS



VIEW THE DAV OF MINNESOTA FOUNDATION VIDEO HERE: [HTTP://BIT.LY/DAVFOUNDATION](http://bit.ly/davfoundation)



# FOUNDATION FINANCIAL STATEMENT

## DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS OF MINNESOTA FOUNDATION STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSE AS OF JUNE 30, 2019

	PROGRAM SERVICES	MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL	FUNDRAISING	2018-2019 TOTAL
DESIGNATED VETERANS PROGRAMS	\$ 376,644	-	-	\$376,664
CONTRIBUTIONS	\$301,224	-	-	\$376,664
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FEES	\$19,435	\$6,478	\$6,477	\$32,390
TRAVEL – EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	-	-	\$2,863	\$2,863
TRAVEL – BOARD	-	\$9,408	-	\$9,408
CONFERENCES AND MEETINGS	-	-	\$178	\$178
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	-	\$180	-	\$180
ADVERTISING AND PROMOTION	-	\$9,236	-	\$9,236
OFFICE SUPPLIES	-	\$2,532	-	\$2,532
LEGAL FEES	-	\$13,631	-	\$13,631
ACCOUNTING FEES	-	\$23,550	-	\$23,550
OTHER PROFESSIONAL FEES	\$2,798	\$6,588	\$24,313	\$33,699
MISCELLANEOUS	-	\$11,503	\$2,761	\$14,264
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$700,121</b>	<b>\$83,106</b>	<b>\$36,592</b>	<b>\$819,819</b>
COST - DIRECT BENEFIT TO DONORS	\$26,585	\$5,166	\$622	\$32,373
<b>TOTAL FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$673,536</b>	<b>\$77,940</b>	<b>\$35,970</b>	<b>\$787,446</b>

### Charities Review Council

The DAV of Minnesota Foundation is certified by the Charities Review Council.



The Classic Panhead Motorcycle Club supports the DAV of Minnesota Foundation through charity rides.



The DAV of Minnesota Foundation traveled to Kuwait to inform service members about the importance of reporting injuries while still in theater.

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