



# THE SITREP

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*As we move further into the world of technology and instant access to information, Isanti County's Veterans Services Department found it necessary to provide the community with a regularly published source of information regarding Veterans in our community.*

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## DEAR READERS:

President Trump has declared all of November to be a month to honor American Veterans and their family members, just as in the last two years, in order to extend the traditional Veterans Day celebrations. Veterans Day is filled with events to celebrate and honor everyone that answered our nation's call. From large celebrations all across the country like the week-long event in Branson, MO to the local Veterans Day event at the Cambridge-Isanti High School on the Friday before, there are many ways to participate in our communities. I'd like to say we have a good handle on all of the events happening on Veterans Day in Isanti County, but good old neighborly word of mouth seems to spread the news faster and farther than our office ever can. There's a small list of deals and discounts for the occasion in the next pages.

## VA NEWS:

In an October 25th Fox News article, I found some new info on the additions to the VA's Presumptive List...



Late October 2017, the VA Secretary David Shulkin decided to add three health conditions to the list presumed to be caused by exposure to herbicides. However, the report came just five months after a provision that was a part of the Agent Orange Act of 1991, which allowed the VA secretary to dictate regulations for "a presumption of service connection" for diseases, had expired. In May 2018, the new acting VA Secretary Robert Wilkie, said they were waiting for two studies, the VHA's Vietnam Veteran Morbidity Study and the Vietnam Mortality Study, to be completed before a decision would be made before "reengaging OMB on prescribing presumptions." Those results were never published and at some point "the VA determined that there was insufficient data and information to overcome the limitation in the scientific support for the rulemaking." The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) had concerns of the scientific evidence and the severity of the impact on the budget, however the estimated cost for compensation to Veterans was redacted, according to the story.

(The full article can be read here: <https://www.foxnews.com/us/veterans-face-more-delays-on-agent-orange-relief> )

**\*Are you a Blue Water Veteran? - Contact a CVSO to find out about your benefits!\***

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## ISANTI COUNTY VETERAN NEWS:

We were in print! Dan's interview can be read in full in the October 31<sup>st</sup> edition of the Isanti County Star!

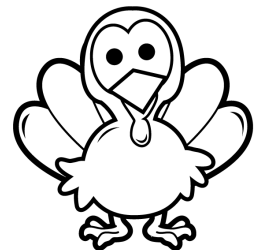
## MN VETERAN NEWS:

Don't forget about the **Disabled Veteran Homestead Valuation Exclusion!** For surviving spouses of 100% Permanent and Totally Disabled Veterans, property tax exclusion eligibility for a limit of only 8-years was eliminated, beginning with the 2019 assessment year (for taxes payable in 2020). The new law also moved the deadline for filing the Disabled Veteran Homestead Valuation Exclusion from July 1st to **December 15th**. Please call our office with any questions you might have regarding these changes.

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

MACV Stand Down                      8:30a-2:30p    Dec 12th                      Target Field - Mpls, MN (& Holiday meal)

Check back with us, or on our website for more on Thanksgiving events later this month!



And don't forget about the Braham VFW Post 1735's **Monthly Pancake Breakfast** on the first Saturday of the every month, except June & July! Breakfast is served from 7am to 10:30am, and features pancakes, french toast, scrambled eggs, sausage, ham, coffee, and juice and smiles to go around!

## LOCAL VETERANS ORGANIZATIONS & MEETING TIMES:

American Legion Post 290 - Cambridge, MN	6pm, 2nd Tuesday of the month
Isanti County Beyond the Yellow Ribbon - Cambridge, MN	7pm, 3rd Thursday of the month
Military Order of the Cootie Pup Tent 99 - Isanti, MN	7pm, 1st Thursday of the month
Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1731 - Braham, MN	7pm, 2nd Thursday of the month
Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2735 - Isanti, MN	7pm, 3rd Monday of the month
Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 684 - Isanti, MN	7pm, 1st Wednesday of the month

Addresses for these meetings can be found at the following Isanti County website:

<https://www.co.isanti.mn.us/BusinessDirectoryII.aspx?lngBusinessCategoryID=28>



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## 2019 VETERANS DAY DEALS

**Applebee's** — Veterans and active duty military receive a free meal from among eight entrees.

**Bakers Square** — Free meal for Veterans and active duty.

**Buffalo Wild Wings** — Free order of small boneless or traditional wings and fries.

**Chili's** — Active duty and Veterans can choose a free dine-in meal from a select menu including Cajun chicken pasta and chicken bacon ranch quesadillas.

**Chop House** — 50% off any dine-in lunch or dinner entree to all active-duty and retired service members with military ID or in uniform.

**City Barbecue** — Free sandwich platter with two sides and beverage. Dine-in and carryout.

**Connors Steak & Seafood** — 50% off any dine-in lunch or dinner entrée. Active duty and retired.

**Cotton Patch Café** — Free chicken-fried steak or fried chicken.

**Country Cookin** — Free meal from 2-8 p.m. Nov. 11 for Veterans, Reserves and active duty.

**Country Kitchen** — Free Country Scramble with pancakes and eggs.

**Cracker Barrel** — Free slice of Double Chocolate Fudge Coca-Cola Cake or pumpkin pie latte to all dine-in Veterans.

**Crooked Pint Ale House** — Free meal for Veterans.

**Dunkin' Donuts** — Free doughnut for active duty and Veterans. One per person.

**54th Street Grill** — Free entree (up to \$12) for Veterans and active duty.

**Friendly's** — Free Big-Two-Do breakfast and coffee, or free burger, fries and beverage (lunch and dinner) for Veterans and active military.

**Golden Corral** — Free buffet dinner and beverage from 5-9 p.m. Nov. 11 for retirees, Veterans, active duty, National Guard and Reserves.

**Huddle House** — Free sweet cakes from Nov. 8-11.

**Hurricane Grill and Wings** — Free entrée from menu of seven items, including Yuengling beer-battered fish and chips or chicken BLT tacos.

**IHOP** — Free breakfast combo or a free stack of Red, White and Blueberry pancakes for Veterans and active duty.

**Joe's Crab Shack** — 20% off food for Veterans, active duty.

**Kolache Factory** — Free sausage and cheese kolache and coffee.

**Krispy Kreme** — Free doughnut and small coffee to active duty and Veterans. No ID required.

**Little Caesars** — Free lunch combo 11 a.m.-2 p.m.; includes 4 slices of deep-dish pizza and a beverage. Veterans and active duty.

**Lucille's Smokehouse Bar-B-Que** — Free dessert Nov. 11 and 20% discount all month.

**Manhattan Bagel Co.** — Free bagel and cream cheese to Veterans and active duty.

**Max & Erma's** — Free cheeseburger, endless fries and beverage for Veterans and active duty personnel.

**Mission BBQ** — Free sandwich and cake to Veterans and active duty.

**Nektar Juice Bar** — Free 16-ounce smoothie or juice.



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- Olive Garden** — Free meal from limited menu for Veterans and active duty. Includes unlimited soup or salad, plus breadsticks.
- Outback Steakhouse** — All active and former service members receive a free Bloomin' Onion and a beverage on Nov. 11. Outback is also offering active and former service members and first responders 20 percent off meals Nov. 8-11.
- Peet's Coffee & Tea** — Free coffee or tea on Nov. 11. For Veterans.
- Red Lobster** — Veterans, retired and active-duty military personnel receive a free appetizer or dessert from a limited menu that includes lobster pizza and Brownie Overboard.
- Red Robin** — Free Tavern double burger with Bottomless Steak Fries for Veterans and active duty.
- Scooter's Coffee** — Free drink of any size to Veterans and current military.
- Sizzler** — Active duty and Veterans get a free meal and beverage from a limited menu through 4 p.m.
- Starbucks** — Free coffee to Veterans, active duty and military families.
- Tap House Grill** — Free dine-in meal.
- Target** — 10% discount on one purchase between Nov. 3-11 to all military personnel, veterans and their families in stores and online.
- TCBY** — Free 6-ounce frozen yogurt for Veterans.
- Texas Roadhouse** — Free meal Nov. 11; hours may vary. Choose from 10 options, from country fried chicken to sirloin steak. Offer is good for active duty, retired or former military.
- Village Inn** — Free breakfast for Veterans, active duty.
- White Castle** — Free breakfast combo or Castle combo meal for Veterans and military.
- Yard House** — Free appetizer for Veterans, active duty.

## 2019 REGIONAL VETERANS DAY EVENTS

- Minneapolis College Veterans Day Recognition Event**—07NOV2019 @ 12:30pm—1:30pm  
Minneapolis College  
1501 Hennepin Ave South  
Minneapolis, MN
- Cambridge-Isanti High School**—08NOV2019 @ 7:30am—8:30am  
(Free breakfast provided by Caribou Coffee & Peoples Café)
- Hastings Veterans Home** — 8NOV2019 @ 2pm  
MVH—Hastings  
1200 18th St East  
Hastings, MN
- State of MN Veterans Day Event**—11NOV2019 @ 8:30am—9:30am (Free breakfast), 10am Program  
Veterans Memorial Community Center  
8055 Barbara Avenue  
Inver Grove Heights, MN
- St. Cloud VA Veterans Day Ceremony** — 11NOV2019 @ 1:30pm in Bldg 8 (Auditorium), St Cloud VA HCS
- Minneapolis Veterans Home** — 11NOV2019 @ 2pm in Bldg 19 (Community Room)