



THE SITREP

The **Situation Report** is provided by the Isanti County Veterans Services Department

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:

Thank you to everyone that took some time to honor our nation's Veterans this month! It might make some Veterans feel uncomfortable to be thanked or honored, yet others are grateful to return to a nation of open arms. Either way, those that paved the way, provided the opportunities that lie in front of us. Thank you all!

Please also keep the friends, family members, and caregivers of that Veteran in your mind. They're the ones that keep that Veteran going every day. Thank you for all you've done and continue to do for your Veteran!

Tiffany Kafer has been doing a great job of highlighting our local Veterans in her County News Review stories this month in the Community section. Check them out her stories on their website at the following link:

https://www.hometownsource.com/county_news_review/community/

VETERANS & GIVING THANKS:

Did you know that days of Thanksgiving were declared during both the Revolutionary and Civil Wars in an effort to unify the nation during times of war? One resolution during the Revolutionary War, asked everyone to give thanks for many reasons, including: "...To inspire our Commanders, both by Land and Sea, and all under them, with that Wisdom and Fortitude which may render them fit Instruments, under the Providence of Almighty GOD, to secure for these United States, the greatest of all human Blessings, INDEPENDENCE and PEACE..."

Two hundred years before President Washington would proclaim a nationwide "day of public thanksgiving" on October 3rd, 1789, people came together annually to celebrate the bountiful fall harvest. Following presidents would also mimic that day of thanks, but it wasn't until 1863 when Thanksgiving would become an official holiday. In October, 1863, and in the midst of the Civil War, President Lincoln wrote in his Thanksgiving Proclamation, "I do, therefore, invite my fellow-citizens in every part of the United States, and also those who are at sea and those who are sojourning in foreign lands, to set apart and observe the last Thursday of November next as a Day of Thanksgiving." Vidal Thom, a wrote home during the Civil War, "I suppose you would like to know what I had for Thanksgiving breakfast. Well I had a very good one. I had baked beans, coffee with milk in it and bread which made for a good army meal."



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“With malice toward none, with charity for all, with firmness in the right as God gives us to see the right, let us strive on to finish the work we are in, to bind up the nation’s wounds, to care for him who shall have borne the battle and for his widow, and his orphan, to do all which may achieve and cherish a just and lasting peace among ourselves and with all nations.”

President Abraham Lincoln’s 2nd Inaugural Address, March 4th, 1865 Gobbler Edition 2019

ISANTI COUNTY VETERAN NEWS:

Many local churches and Veterans organizations will be hosting a special holiday meal for Thanksgiving. Take a look at the Isanti County Star’s November 14th edition for further information, or ask your buddies. Word spreads around like wildfire in these here parts!

MN VETERAN NEWS:

HURRY! 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

MACV Legal Clinic	9a - 3p	Dec 5th	Anoka County Gov’t Center 2100 3rd Ave - Rm 237
MACV Legal Clinic	9a - 2p	Dec 10th	Mpls VA Health Care System (HCS) Flag Atrium Rm 2S-114
MACV Legal Clinic	10a - 3p	Jan 28th	St. Cloud VA (HCS) Auditorium - Bldg 8
MACV Stand Down	8:30a - 2:30p	Dec 12th	Target Field - Mpls, MN (& Holiday meal)

And don’t forget about the Braham VFW Post 1731’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?IngBusinessCategoryID=28>