



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.

Summer 2021

DEAR READERS:

This news comes with a heavy heart to many in our community. Veterans are learning of Danny Larson's passing on July 30th, 2021 from COVID at the Minneapolis VA. Danny was the volunteer driver for Isanti County Veterans for about a decade. He was dedicated to making sure his friends, a.k.a. Veterans, were doing ok. In fact, the last time he was in the Isanti County Veterans office, Danny's next stop was to check on a Veteran that he hadn't seen in a couple of weeks. Danny's memorial will be 2pm on Friday, August 27th, 2021 at the Olson Funeral Chapel in Rush City.



1947—2021

ISANTI COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE OFFICE NEWS:

Director Dan Meyer is back in the state of MN, and will be in the office by the end of August! Also, the former state hospital has been acquired from the state in order to work on a homeless Veterans center with additional resources to include trades and higher education schools, as well as easy access to our community resources like the library and hospital. "Veterans' HOPE On The River" will focus on housing, employment, purpose.

THE ATOMIC VETERANS SERVICE CERTIFICATE (AVSC):

The Defense Threat Reduction Agency (DTRA) is the Department of Defense (DoD) executive Agent for the Nuclear Test Personnel Review (NTPR) Program, which serves veterans who participated in U.S. atmospheric nuclear tests, served with the U.S. occupation forces of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Japan, or were prisoners of war in Japan at the conclusion of World War II.

The primary purpose of the NTPR Program is to provide participant data and radiation dose information for veterans. Since its inception in 1978, the NTPR Program has identified approximately 550,000 DOD personnel as participants in four missions: 1) post-World War II occupation forces of Hiroshima and Nagasaki; 2) prisoners of war in Japan at the conclusion of World War II; 3) participants of U.S. atmospheric nuclear tests (1945 - 1962), conducted primarily in Nevada and the Pacific Ocean; and 4) participants of U.S. underground nuclear testing between (1951 - 1992), conducted primarily in Nevada.

If this pertains to you, contact your favorite County Veterans Service Office to find out more about this program, or check out an internet search for: The John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year 2019 (FY19).

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Let every nation know, whether it wishes us well or ill, that we shall pay any price, bear any burden, meet any hardship, support any friend, oppose any foe, in order to assure the survival and the success of liberty. This much we pledge--and more.

Inaugural Address of John F. Kennedy—Friday, January 20th, 1961

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ISANTI COUNTY VETERAN OUTREACH NEWS:

As the Outreach Coordinator, I'm looking for specific training opportunities for Veterans that want to learn more about available benefits and the claims process. If there's a want or need for more information or you'd like to have a representative (me) give a presentation to your organization about benefits or even 22 years of life in the National Guard, there will be opportunities for classes in the future and your topics are a valued source of inspiration! If it's what you want to know, then that's what I'd love to teach you!

CLAIMS:

Did you go to an individual for help with a claim and were told you weren't going to get any benefits? Did the VA deny your claim? Times have changed, my friends. I tell Veterans on a daily basis that when the VA says NO, that's not the end of the fight! Laws change and so do people! My philosophy is this:

1. You can't get what you don't ask for!
2. It's the Federal Government. Kind of like the tax man!
3. If it can hit the 3 markers of a Good Claim, then let's go for it!
 - A. In-Service Event
 - B. Chronic (6 months or more) Diagnosed Condition
 - C. Nexus (Licensed Medical Professional's Medical Opinion that A is linked to B)

COMMEMORATIVE COIN AVAILABLE TO GWOT VETERANS :

In recognition of the 20th Anniversary of the 9/11 attacks and subsequent Global War on Terrorism (GWOT), the Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs has created a commemorative coin as an expression of appreciation to Minnesota Veterans who have served since that fateful day. These coins are a limited edition and available for a short time. Minnesota GWOT Veterans are invited to register for this free coin by visiting <https://bit.ly/GWOTvetcoin>.

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 - Mora, MN (Kanabec Co)	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>