



# 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.*

Spring 2022

## DEAR READERS:

The VA's screening checkpoints have been closed, as of March 7th, 2022, due to the improvement we've seen with COVID infections within our state. You're still limited to 1 escort per Veteran, and please do your best to understand that the VA Healthcare Systems are still short-staffed, so appointments are being scheduled out a ways in some cases. If it's too far out, please ask about Community Care to meet your needs. Also, if you're going to the St. Cloud VA, you'll notice Optometry, Pharmacy, and PACT 5 have fully moved to their new homes along the corridor. The 2nd story of building 111 is almost complete and construction on the parking ramp continues to progress. And if you didn't know, buildings are numbered in the order they were completed. So stop racking your brain over their numbering system!

## ISANTI COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE OFFICE NEWS:

Dan Meyer is returning from another deployment, this time to response to Minnesota's COVID pandemic for the past few months. Please welcome Dan back next time you see him!

## VETERANS INFORMATION :

As Women's History Month is upon us, many of you know that Harriet Tubman was one of the many women who did their part to help the Union Army during the Civil War and in Harriet's case, the Underground Railroad as well. During the Civil War, Sarah Emma Edmonds was compelled to join the military out of sense of duty, and enlisted in the 2nd Michigan Infantry as a male field nurse. Sarah was known then as Franklin Flint Thompson and participated in several battles, including at the Second Battles of Manassas and Antietam. A handful of women pulled double duty and worked as spies, including Dr. Mary Edward Walker, who was also the first female surgeon to be employed by the US Army, she was the first and only female Medal of Honor Recipient to date.

Each month is designated for cultural awareness of cultures other than our own. Many of us travelled to parts of the world that we were very unfamiliar with while in the military, but as we grow older, and we travelled to the four corners, we see that each of us is more alike than different. We all want heat, a hot meal, some peace and maybe even a little bit of quiet too. What are each of you doing to open your mind to understand other cultures and people? Are we mindful, or is our mind full? Is our mind full of so much that we can't think of others and their way of life too? Or are we open-minded about what others might be experiencing? Just food for thought!

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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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## NEWS:

Worried about the news? You are in control of how you interpret what you hear and see. You can change the channel, close the book, or turn the page. When it comes to our mental health, we also have controls there too. We can reach out to our friends, family, and other supports like the Veteran's Linkage Line (1-888-LinkVet / 1-888-546-5838), Veteran's Crisis Line (1-800-273-TALK / 1-800-273-8255), the War Vet Call Center (1-877-WAR-VETS / 1-877-927-8387), or Real Warriors (1-866-966-1020) to talk to someone about what you're experiencing. For those reluctant Veterans, family and friends may call Coaching Into Care (1-888-823-7458) to get assistance in reaching out for support their Veterans.

## SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS:

Both Isanti County Beyond the Yellow Ribbon, the American Legion Post 290 in Cambridge, and the Fold of Honor all have scholarships available! Please stop in our office for the specifics or if you'd like an application! The \$2500 Isanti County Beyond the Yellow Ribbon scholarship is available at [www.beyondtheyellowribbonisanti.org](http://www.beyondtheyellowribbonisanti.org) and their deadline is **MARCH 25th**. The \$1000 Dan Ruud, Clark Swanson, Bob Theis American Legion Post 290 Scholarship deadline is **APRIL 11th**. The Folds of Honor Scholarship, up to \$5000 per student, per year, is available at <https://foldsofhonor.org/scholarships> through **MARCH 31st**.

## 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 are distributed through the Isanti County Veterans Service Office. Please reach out to any of the VSOs or stop by the office to get yours!

## 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 (Kev's Depot)	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>