



Anoka County

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Veteran Services

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VETERANS ADVOCATE

Spring 2025

VETERAN RESOURCE FAIR AND CLAIMS CLINIC COMING TO ANOKA COUNTY

The Department of Veterans Affairs will be hosting a Veterans Resource Fair and Claims Clinic on Thursday, March 27 from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM at the Anoka Armory (408 E. Main St., Anoka, MN 55303)

VA claims processors will be on-site to provide services. Minneapolis VA Health Care System will help you enroll, understand your eligibility, provide Toxic Exposure Screenings and information on the Women's Clinic, Whole Health and more. Fort Snelling National Cemetery, Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs and Anoka County Veteran Service Officers will also be there! Please bring a copy of your DD214.

MYHEALTHeVET MODERN CREDENTIAL CLINIC

The deadline to use a modern sign-in credential like ID.me or LOGIN.gov to log into My HealtheVet was extended to Mar. 4, 2025.

The Minneapolis VA will be assisting Veterans with creating an ID.me or LOGIN.gov sign-in credential Tues. Mar. 11, 2025 from 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at the Minneapolis Medical Center in the main Flag Atrium, Virtual Health Resource Center. Veterans will need to bring a valid photo ID—Driver's License or Passport is preferred. It is recommended to bring another form of ID, like a VA Health Card or DD214 in case it is needed.

Additionally, VA has prepared a helpful webpage with tips for creating your Login.gov or ID.me account. The page gives advice on how to take your photo, what to do if the Login.gov or ID.me won't accept your phone number or says you already have an account and more. Link: <https://tinyurl.com/VA-Login-Help>

Veterans will still be able to coordinate their care in person or via the phone.

If you have questions, the My HealtheVet team is ready to help, call 877-327-0022.

FREE ADMISSION TO MN LANDSCAPE ARBORETUM FOR DISABLED VETERANS

Veterans with a service-connected disability are now eligible to receive free admission to the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum in Chaska. Eligible Veterans can receive this benefit by arriving at the Gatehouse and presenting a Veterans Health ID Card (VHIC) with the term "service-connected" on the card.

MEALS ON WHEELS FOR VETERANS

Metro Meals on Wheels has funding to provide healthy, home-delivered meals to Veterans thanks to a grant from the Minnesota Legislature. In addition to receiving nutritious meals prepared at a local kitchen, the program provides regular connection with a volunteer driver.

To be eligible, veterans must be:

- age 60+ or,
- experiencing food insecurity or,
- unable to obtain food because of a medical or mental health condition.

Information about our meals can be found online at www.meals-on-wheels.com. Veterans should call Metro Meals on Wheels at 612-623-3363 to find out more and enroll.

ANOKA COUNTY VETERANS SUPPORT NETWORK

Similar to how the Veterans Advisory Board operated, there will be quarterly meetings with stakeholders, and the Anoka County Veteran Services Office will serve as a facilitator for these meetings. This renamed group will allow for all local Veteran Service Organizations, support groups, and stakeholders to collaborate and ensure that the needs of our local Veterans are met. Please help us spread the word to ensure that any interested groups or individuals can attend.

The next meeting will be held:

****Monday, March 17, 2025 - 2:00 PM****

**Anoka American Legion Post 102
400 W. Main Street
Anoka, MN 55303**

LOCAL VETERAN SERVICE ORGANIZATION MEETING SCHEDULE

Anoka American Legion Post 102

Meeting on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM
400 West Main Street
Anoka, MN 55303

Blaine VFW - SGT John Rice Post 6316

Meeting on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM
1374 109th Avenue NE
Blaine, MN 55434

Coon Rapids American Legion and Auxiliary Post 334

Meeting on the fourth Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM at the Anoka American Legion
400 West Main Street
Anoka, MN 55303
Auxiliary meets at 7:00 PM at the
Coon Rapids VFW
1919 Coon Rapids Blvd NW
Coon Rapids, MN 55433

Lino Lakes American Legion Post 566

Meeting on the first Monday of each month at 6:30 PM at the Lino Lakes American Legion
7731 Lake Drive
Lino Lakes, MN 55014

Coon Rapids VFW Post and Auxiliary Post 9625

Meeting on the second Monday of each month.
Auxiliary meets at 6:30 PM and VFW Post meets at 7:00 PM at the Coon Rapids VFW
1919 Coon Rapids Blvd NW
Coon Rapids, MN 55433

Anoka DAV Chapter 39

Meeting on the second Thursday of each month at 6:30 PM at the Coon Rapids VFW
1919 Coon Rapids Blvd NW
Coon Rapids, MN 55433

Columbia Heights VFW Post and Auxiliary Post 230

VFW Post meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 6:00 PM and the Auxiliary Post meets on the third Wednesday of each month at 1:00 PM at the Columbia Heights VFW
4446 Central Ave NE
Columbia Heights, MN 55421

Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 470

Meets at 7:00 PM on the first Wednesday of each month at the Anoka American Legion
400 West Main Street
Anoka, MN 55303

Palmer Lake VFW Post #3915

Meeting on the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM at the Palmer Lake VFW
2817 Brookdale Drive
Brooklyn Park, MN 55444

Shaddrick and LaBeau American Legion Post #303

Post/Aux - First Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM
SAL - Second Tuesday of each month at 6:00 PM
Riders - Second Thursday of the month at 7:00 PM
7365 Central Ave NE
Fridley, MN 55432

Beyond the Yellow Ribbon NE Metro

Meetings held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month from 12:15 to 12:45 via Zoom. Email radermacher.dorothy@gmail.com to be added to the meeting invite list.

**If your organization's meeting information is not listed here, email the dates and times of your meetings to veterans@anokacountymn.gov



We are a 501(c)3 nonprofit serving the NE portion of the Twin Cities Metro Area.

 651-321-4722

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We've got the back of our military community.

2024-25 ANOKA COUNTY HOLIDAYS

The Anoka County Veteran Services Office will be closed on the following dates in observance of Federal Holidays:

May 26, 2025 - Memorial Day

June 19, 2025 - Juneteenth

July 4, 2025 - Independence Day

September 1, 2025 - Labor Day

November 11, 2025 - Veterans Day

November 27-28, 2025 - Thanksgiving

December 25, 2025 - Christmas Day

ABOUT ANOKA COUNTY VETERAN SERVICES

Our hours of operation are:

Monday - 8:00am - 4:00pm

Tuesday - 8:00am - 4:00pm

Wednesday - 8:00am - 4:00pm

Thursday - 8:00am - 4:00pm

Friday - 8:00am - 3:00pm

Closed on all Federal Holidays

Phone: (763) 324-4500

Fax: (763) 324-1040

Email: veterans@anokacountymn.gov

Website: www.anokacountymn.gov/veterans

*****PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE IN COUNTY WEBSITE AND EMAIL ADDRESS TO ANOKACOUNTYMN.GOV**



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VETERANS CRISIS LINE

The Veterans Crisis Line connects Veterans in crisis and their families and friends with qualified, caring Department of Veterans Affairs responders through a confidential toll-free hotline, online chat, or text. Veterans and their loved ones can call 1-800-273-8255 and Press 1, chat online, or send a text message to 838255 to receive confidential support 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. Support for deaf and hard of hearing individuals is available.

