

**NORTHERN  
DAKOTA COUNTY  
BEYOND THE  
YELLOW RIBBON**

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**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**January Monthly Mtg.  
@ Lilydale City Hall**      **Jan 9  
2:00pm**

**February Monthly Mtg.  
@ Lilydale City Hall**      **Feb 13  
2:00pm**

**March Monthly Mtg.  
@ Lilydale City Hall**      **Mar 12  
2:00pm**

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# Yellow Ribbon News

## Another Home Run

On December 2nd the NDCBTYR, in partnership with the St. Paul Yellow Ribbon, held a holiday pancake breakfast for the Minnesota Air National Guard stationed at Holman field. The event was held for guard members and their families, plus Santa Claus operating out of the side door of a helicopter and several members of "Klondike Kate".

A menu of pancakes, sausages, fruit, donuts and beverages was served up by some great volunteers and elected officials. Serving the families were Stephanie Levine, Mayor of Mendota Heights; John Diehl, Mayor of Lilydale; Jimmy Francis, Mayor of So. St. Paul; Dave Napier, Mayor of West St. Paul; and Joe Atkins, Dakota County Commissioner.

The food preparation was expertly done by members of the So. St. Paul Lions Club who did another outstanding job. Following breakfast a raffle was held for children and for guard members. Prizes for the children ranged from bicycles to games to toys. Prizes for the guard members included visa gift cards, gift cards from some fine westside businesses and the final items were three 50" color TVs.

This event is a small pat on the back to these air guard members who have been through multiple deployments and may see additional deployments in their future.

"Another Home Run" was the overall comment by Officers and Enlisted members of the guard, thanking the Yellow Ribbon Groups and all volunteers.

The NDCBTYR in partnership with the St. Paul Yellow Ribbon was proud to sponsor this event and extend our sincere thank you to all of the volunteers, all of the businesses that donated, and to the core of the Air National Guard at Holman.





Santa arriving at Holman Field



Mendota Heights Mayor Stephanie Levine



Klondike Kates



West St. Paul Mayor Dave Napier and Commissioner Joe Atkins





Four Mayors and County Commissioner



Breakfast is Served!



# Gene and Mary Kahnke Memorial Awards



Above: Mark Koenig was awarded the Gene & Mary Memorial Award for his many hours of volunteer service to the Northern Dakota County Beyond The Yellow Ribbon Network. He was awarded at our monthly meeting on 10-10-23.

Below: Sheila Robertson was awarded the Gene & Mary Memorial Award for her service to the Northern Dakota County Beyond The Yellow Ribbon Network; designing the quarterly newsletter. She was awarded at the Mendota Heights City Council meeting 11-8-23.



## Community Connections



Above: Glenn Boche and his family, after receiving a proclamation from the City of South St. Paul, declaring it "Glenn Boche Day" on November 6.



Left: Glenn Boche and Ed Iago with the Inver Grove Heights family that participated in the First Responders hockey game. Fund raising for a worthy cause... Neil Garlock was involved in the fund raising.

# Thanks to Our Community for Their Ongoing Support:

The mission and work of Northern Dakota County [NDC] Beyond the Yellow Ribbon in supporting our service-connected community is made possible through the generous monetary, in-kind, and volunteer support of organizations and individuals across our region. We wish to thank the following community partners, service providers, and volunteers:

- AMVETS Post #1
- The Bingo Palace
- Cub Foods West St. Paul
- Dakota County Veteran's Administration
- Dakota County Veteran's Affairs
- Dave Meisinger
- DEED Veteran Employment Program
- Dunkin' Donuts
- Easy Rest
- Gateway Bank
- Just Paws
- Mobile Pro Systems
- MSP Plumbing Heating and Air
- Navy Island Plywood
- Oxendale's Market
- Pace's Tire and Service Center
- Pate Bonding
- Solid Construction
- Soldier Delivery
- South Robert Street Business Association
- Southview Animal Hospital
- Tapemark
- The Framing Place
- Veteran's Employment First Aid of MN
- West St. Paul/ Mendota Heights Rotary Club

In addition to this list, there are several other businesses and private citizens that wish to remain anonymous with regards to their donations and contributions. If your business would like to get involved in supporting BTYR, please contact Ed Iago, Business Liaison Officer, at 651-259-2614

## Dakota County Resources

Did you know that Dakota County provides financial assistance for Veterans in a varieties of ways?



- State Grant referrals
- Federal program referrals
- Mortgages through the VA
- Partners with many existing Veteran Services

### Volunteers Needed!

NDC Beyond the Yellow Ribbon is looking for volunteers to help with the needs of military-connected individuals and families in our surrounding region (Lilydale, Mendota, Mendota Heights, South St. Paul, and West St. Paul).

**Opportunities include (but are not limited to):**

- Light housework and seasonal yardwork; including raking, shoveling, and snow blowing
- Rides to and from VA appointments and other errands
- Special event assistance

For more information, please contact our NDC Yellow Ribbon volunteer coordinators Neil and Ed at **651-259-2614**

### Helpline and Contact Info

If you are a Veteran or know of a Veteran in need of assistance or support, please contact us by calling our Helpline or emailing us. We're here to serve those who serve.

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