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**NORTHERN DAKOTA  
COUNTY  
BEYOND THE  
YELLOW RIBBON**

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**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**April Monthly Mtg. April 11  
@ Lilydale City Hall 2:00pm**

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

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

**CONNECT WITH US:**

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**Generous Donors**

We also received a generous donation from the S. Robert Street Business Association for \$5,000. Thanks so much!



# Yellow Ribbon News

## United in our Actions

Northern Dakota County Beyond the Yellow Ribbon (NDCBTYR) supported a local Veteran with a boiler installation. We received a call from Minneapolis-St. Paul Plumbing, Heating and Air (MSP) in January about a Veteran, who was a resident of St. Paul, and the boiler had gone out in their home. This took place during the coldest week of January, and the family was not in a financial position to pay for a new boiler system. The man of the house is a Veteran of six years of army reserve duty. Although the Veteran resided outside of our territory, the board quickly determined that during this cold spell we could not abandon a Veteran, and we authorized MSP to proceed with a new boiler. MSP reduced the price of the boiler from \$12,500 down to \$7,000 and NDCBTYR committed to the expense. Our board member Glenn Boche did some research on the City of St. Paul, and found that they had a Yellow Ribbon organization, so Ed Iago reached out. The St. Paul Yellow Ribbon group generously offered to join us in paying for this Veteran's new boiler, and donated \$3,500 to the expense. The photograph taken after the installation of the boiler shows members of the St. Paul Yellow Ribbon, members of MSP, along with the Chair of the NDCBTYR, Neil Garlock. NDCBTYR has now established a relationship with the St. Paul Yellow Ribbon and we look forward to more joint ventures in assisting Veterans and members of their family. We thank MSP for contacting us, and the generous reduction of their cost to assist a Veteran and his wife in a time of need.



## 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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