

**NORTHERN
DAKOTA COUNTY
BEYOND THE
YELLOW RIBBON**

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

October Monthly Mtg. @ Lilydale City Hall **Oct 10 2:00pm**

November Monthly Mtg. @ Lilydale City Hall **Nov 14 2:00pm**

December Monthly Mtg. @ Lilydale City Hall **Dec 12 2:00pm**

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Yellow Ribbon News

Summer of Service

As seen in the photographs of this newsletter, the Northern Dakota County Yellow Ribbon has been very busy for the past few months.

A multitude of service hours and events have taken place this summer, culminating with an award and Certificate of Appreciation presented to the NDCYR from the State of Minnesota.

We are enjoying servicing Veterans with lawnmowing services, helping a Navy Veteran clear out their apartment to avoid eviction, and providing financial assistance to another Veteran who lost their job and prevented a repossession of a vehicle. In addition, we volunteered to head up a new fundraising program for a fallen Police Officer, headed up the Police Dog Committee for fundraising, and introduced our services to a local church for their Veterans. We spent the day at the Dakota County Fair Yellow Ribbon booth, meeting Veterans and providing direction and information. Finally, with the help of a few great volunteers, we cooked food for 160 National Guard Members.

We continue to do fundraising and are always seeking new volunteers. We welcome any private parties or businesses wishing to contribute to our 501 (c)(3) program. If you're interested in volunteering, please contact our NDC Yellow Ribbon volunteer coordinators Neil and Ed at 651-259-2614.



Summer of Service cont.



Mark Koenig at the Dakota County Fair booth



Volunteers Steve Iverson and Ed Hayes helping feed 130 troops from the National Guard 135th.

MN State Recognition Event

At the Minnesota State Fair, on Military Appreciation Day, the Northern Dakota County Beyond the Yellow Ribbon group was recognized for their amazing work and volunteerism.

From April 1 to June 30, members of the Northern Dakota County BTYR performed 50 volunteer hours. Members mowed the lawn of a disabled Veteran, helped pay the rent for a National Guard service member, provided gift cards to a Veteran, paid for two vehicle repairs, and assisted a Veteran with utilities. Northern Dakota County BTYR also provided 170 boxed lunches for a deploying National Guard unit, and teamed up with MSP Heating & Cooling and Hi Way Credit Union (a BTYR company) to install a boiler in a Veteran's home. It also served as a sponsor of the Officer Scott Patrick Memorial 5K and raised more than \$17,000 for Special Olympics.



NDC BTYR Committee members accepting the award are Neil Garlock, Ed Iago, and Glen Boche.

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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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