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**NORTHERN
DAKOTA
COUNTY
BEYOND THE
YELLOW
RIBBON**

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

**Oct Monthly Mtg. Oct 8
@ Lilydale City Hall 2:00pm**

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

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

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Yellow Ribbon News

FUND RAISING!

If you go to your mailbox six days a week, at least three of those days will have something in the mail, asking you to make a donation. It seems that 2024 has been one of the busiest years I've seen with organizations and people asking you to make a donation to something.

The combination of high inflation and government spending have made things very difficult for many organizations, big and small to do fundraising.

So what makes the Northern Dakota County Yellow Ribbon different from other small nonprofits? With most nonprofits, you really don't have a clue where the money goes and you have no way to get a straight answer as to what they spend money on.

With the NDCYR, our books are open, you can see how the money is spent. The only thing that is different would be that we do not disclose the names of our veterans without their permission.

You can see who we pay, the amount we pay, the purpose of the payment, and in many instances, the location or name of the Veteran that we have provided the service for.

You can also see the money that we spend to run our operation. Nobody in our organization receives any compensation for their participation. We pay no rent, no utilities, no mileage, nada.

The Veterans and members of their families that we service have already paid for whatever benefits we provide for them. Our military and Veterans are woefully underfunded, and under-served.

As a private citizen, or as a representative of a business, we welcome inquiries regarding our funding, and invite you to participate in helping us help Veterans. Donations can be made directly through our website on PayPal, or dropped off at any of our City Halls. You are welcome to speak to any of our six board members regarding fundraising or any other part of the services we perform for Veterans and members of their family.

Thank you for your attention and thank you for any contributions you're able to make.

By: Ed Iago

NDCYR Founder and Business Liaison Officer

Summer Events

NDCBTYR participated in the 2024 Dakota County Fair, Mendota Parade and the memorial for Officer Scott Patrick

Dakota County Fair



Molly Tollefson, Lilydale City Clerk & Neil Hetherington, Dakota County Veterans Services

Mendota Parade



Officer Scott Patrick Memorial July 30, 2024



Officer Scott Patrick's five brothers



Scott's brother (middle) and two daughters Amy and Erin

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, Inver Grove Heights, 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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