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**NORTHERN
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BEYOND THE
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RIBBON**

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

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

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

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

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Yellow Ribbon News

The NDCBTYR Has Expanded!

We are proud to announce the addition of Inver Grove Heights to our Yellow Ribbon family. The beautiful community of approximately 35,000 people is now a part of the Northern Dakota County Beyond the Yellow Ribbon (NDCBTYR).

The Inver Grove Heights Beyond the Yellow Ribbon group unanimously voted to join the NDCBTYR. Having had a Yellow Ribbon organization for many years and having provided many veterans and members of their families with a quality service, they have decided to expand that great service into the NDCBTYR.

The NDCBTYR Board of Directors unanimously voted to accept Inver Grove Heights into the organization.

Added to the NDCBTYR Board of Directors will be Darcie Pierson as the representative from the City of Inver Grove Heights.

Housed in the Inver Grove Heights Veterans Community Center are the executive offices of the 34th ECAB. The 34th ECAB is an Army National Guard unit that supports the 34th infantry division and the State of Minnesota by providing aviation capabilities using both the UH 60 Blackhawk and a CH 47 Chinook helicopters.

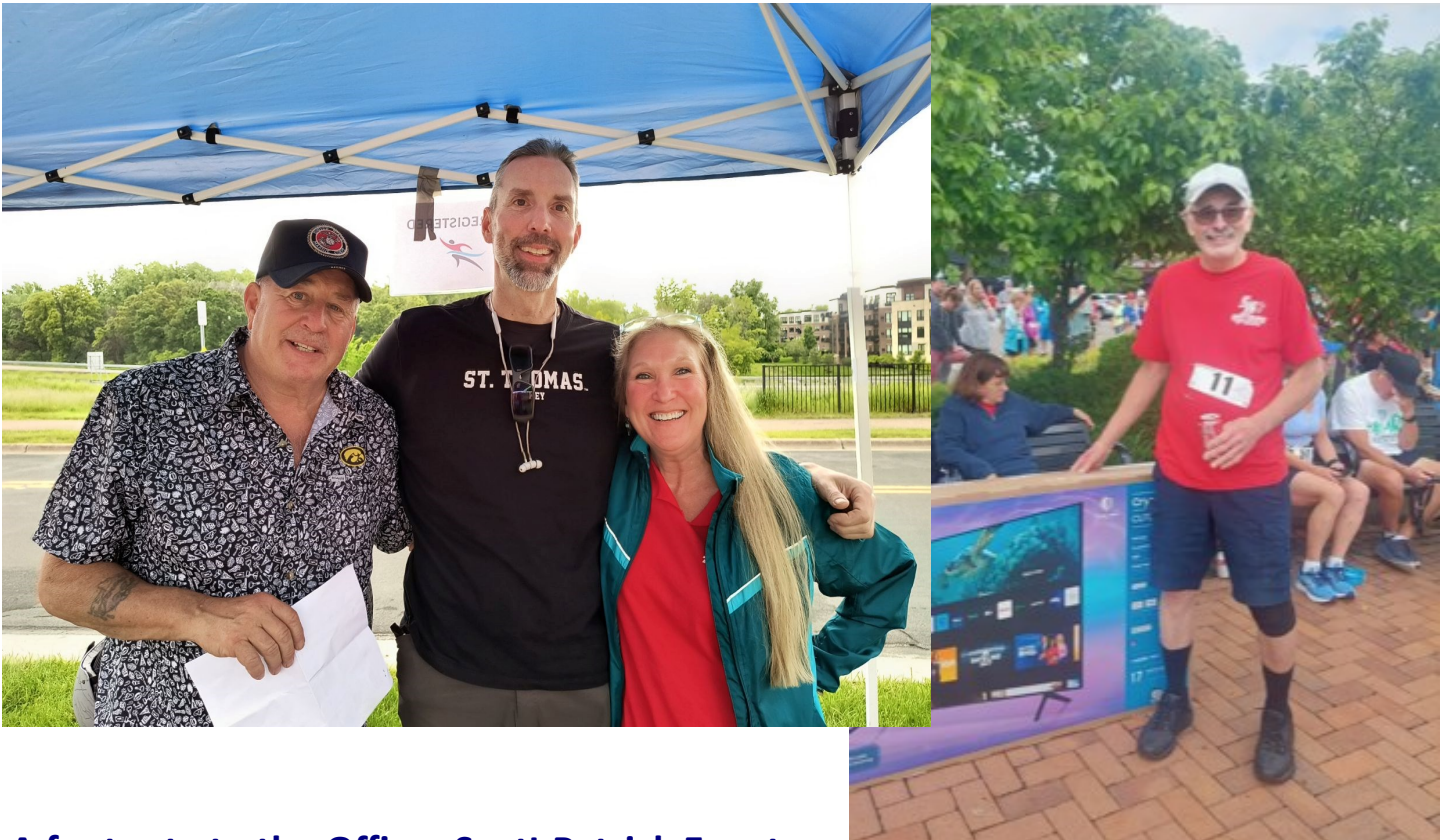
Also housed in the Veterans Community Center is Lynda Schluckebier, the Soldier and Family Readiness Specialist to the Minnesota Army National Guard.

Inver Grove Heights will be a great addition to the NDCBTYR with an excellent corps of volunteers who have proven their ability to provide quality service.



2024 Officer Scott Patrick Memorial 5K

Sponsored by Gateway Bank and led by Race Director and NDCBYR Chair Neil Garlock, the 19th Annual Officer Scott Patrick Memorial 5K Walk/Run was held on June 1st. Over 330 people participated and the event raised over \$17,000 for Special Olympics MN! This amazing event happens every June in Mendota Heights– put it on your calendar for next summer!



A footnote to the Officer Scott Patrick Event:

The page identifies Neil Garlock (pictured above, far left) as the race coordinator. That title barely touches on the work and effort that Neil puts in to this event, and has done so for 19 consecutive years.

He continues to honor the memory of his friend and colleague, working in many cases by himself to put on this event. It is worth noting that his efforts have contributed over \$200,000 to Special Olympics, has given thousands of door prizes to lucky participants and participants now number in the thousands.

This event is just one of the many “volunteer” activities that this former two term mayor participates in. Neil chairs our Northern Dakota County Yellow Ribbon board, raises money for many other worthy causes on the list too long to print.

Suffice to say, Neil does all of this without fanfare, and never seeks the limelight. The one thing I’m sure of is that his former friend and colleague Scott is looking down and saying “THANKS NEIL”.

By: Ed Iago
NDCYR Founder

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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