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**NORTHERN
DAKOTA COUNTY
BEYOND THE
YELLOW RIBBON**

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

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

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

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

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Yellow Ribbon News

Honoring the Midwest Seabees

The Northern Dakota County Beyond the Yellow Ribbon (NDCBTYR) donated \$1,000 to the 82nd Annual Midwest SeaBee Ball; held on March 2 in Bloomington.

The Midwest SeaBee Ball is a celebration of United States Navy SeaBee heritage open to all SeaBees (past & present), families, friends, and supporters.

“Success in World War II hinged on the ability of the military to quickly complete ambitious construction projects under dangerous conditions, so the U.S. Navy established the military’s first Naval Construction Battalions under the direction of officers from the Navy’s Civil Engineer Corps. More than 325,000 Seabees served during World War II. Continuing this proud tradition, the Seabees have provided critical support to American troops in every conflict since then. The Seabees are construction workers fully trained in defending themselves against enemy attack while building the infrastructure to keep the war effort moving.”

- “History of the SeaBees”. Navy SeaBee Foundation.
<https://www.seabee.org/> Accessed 4 March 2024.



Pictured below: (Left) Chair Neil Garlock presenting the donation check to Terry Sullivan, Builder First Class. (Right) Terry Sullivan, Builder First Class, presenting the donation check to the Midwest SeaBee Ball Chairman, Chief Dan Perry at the recognition ball.



So Why Do We Do This?

Occasionally, someone who reads our newsletter and sees the photos asks us the question “why do we do this?”. Why do we put in the time, effort and expense to have a holiday dinner for members of our military? It’s a valid question, and the answer is something that all of us who belong to the Yellow Ribbon are happy to answer: The members of our National Guard could be your neighbors down the street, your second-cousin, your own child, good friend, or someone you just know casually. What all of them have done is raise their right hand and sworn to defend our country if called upon. During holidays they, like any other organization, enjoy having a party and taking time and love to share it with their families. They get an opportunity to show their families firsthand things about their organization and to communicate with other family members on mutual items.

The members of the Yellow Ribbon provide a small “pat on the back” and “thank you” during the holidays and have the opportunity to show our appreciation for what the National Guard does. The Yellow Ribbon provides a great meal and a lot of fun and door prizes for guard members and their family. The enjoyment of seeing one of the children win a bicycle as a door prize, a bicycle helmet, a small cash gift or a toy of significance, is one of the pleasures our members enjoy. Guard members who are the lucky recipients receive a variety of prizes ranging anywhere from cash to hockey tickets. Guard members interface with Yellow Ribbon members and members of the community including County Commissioners and City Mayors, and they all say the same thing; “thank you for your service, and we have your back.” Yellow ribbon members do it because it’s the right thing to do and we invite the general public to join us! We fed 200 National Guard members and their families a dinner at the West St. Paul Armory on January 20th.



Officer Scott Patrick Memorial 5K Walk/Run



Register today for the 19th Annual Officer Scott Patrick Memorial 5K Run/Walk to benefit Special Olympics Minnesota and Northern Dakota County Beyond the Yellow Ribbon



Special
Olympics
Minnesota



Register

Registration fees are payable to **Beyond the Yellow Ribbon**

1. Complete the paper registration form,
2. Include payment by cash or check.
3. Mail or drop off to:

Mendota Heights City Hall
Attn: 5K
1101 Victoria Curve
Mendota Heights, MN 55118

Payment must be received by 4:30 p.m. on Friday, May 31, to receive preregistered fee. Online registration is not available this year.

City Hall Business Hours

Monday-Thursday: 7 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
Friday: 7-11:30 a.m.

Registered participants receive a T-shirt and are entered into a prize drawing. Prizes distributed as part of this event are provided by Beyond the Yellow Ribbon.



Event Date

Saturday, June 1
Registration: 7:30-8:30 a.m.
Race begins at 9 a.m.



Race Fee

\$30 Preregister by 4:30 p.m.
Friday May 31
\$35 Register on race day



Location

The Village at Mendota Heights
Intersection of Main Street and
Market Street



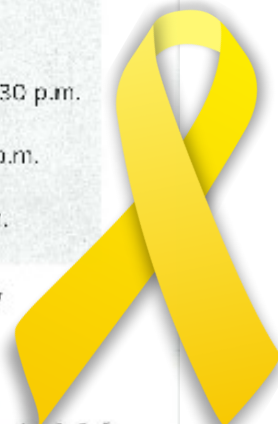
Packet Pickup

Thursday, May, 30, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
Mendota Heights City Hall
Friday, May 31- 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
Mendota Heights City Hall
Saturday, June 1- 7-8:30 a.m.
Race Location



Sponsored by


GATEWAY BANK



Register today for this meaningful event, sponsored by the Northern Dakota County Beyond the Yellow Ribbon chapter. Proceeds benefit Special Olympics. Chair Neil Garlock will be hosting the event for the 19h year!

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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