

Women Veteran Committee

Melissa Franz

Committee Co-Chair

Agenda

- FY 24 Committee Members
- Updates since July
- What's Coming Up
- Future Plans

FY 24 Committee Members

Melissa Franz- Co-Chair

Kati Carpenter- Co-Chair

Chris Magnusson

Josi Jensen

Andrea Kostiuk

Vernadette Velardi

** Members were appointed by Commander Ellsworth Fields. Co-chairs were selected by Department

** For pictures, please see the davn.org website (it's finally updated!)

Updates- July



252 T-shirts Ordered (84 of each color)

\$7.50 for S-XL

\$9.50 for 2XL

\$11.50 for 3XL

** Sold 111 as of Monday

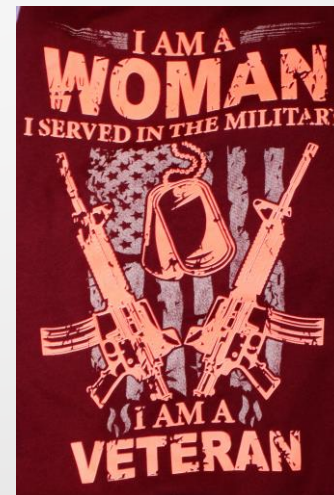
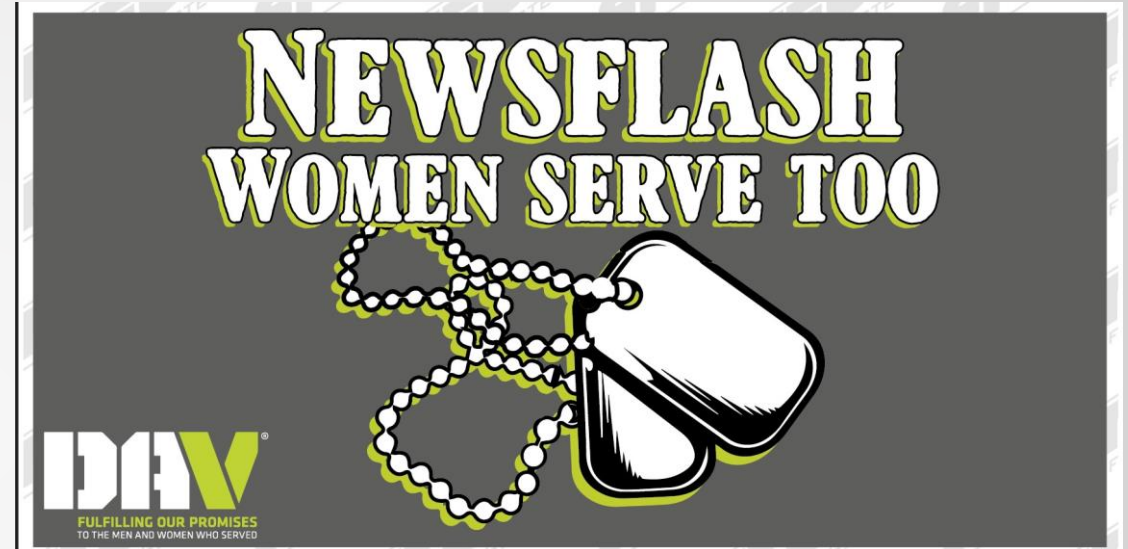
South Dakota ordered 63 Shirts



Potential orders from Massachusetts,
Connecticut, and Virginia



8 Banners Ordered- Arkansas, Ch. 13, Ch.
39, Ch. 38, and 3 Individuals
~\$58.00 each



Updates- July

Women Veterans Monument Dedication

Blaine, MN
July 7th



Updates- July

Crow Wing River Canoe Trip
Chapter 38 Park Rapids

July 17-18th



Updates- July

NE Women Veteran Group

- Gilbert Independence Day Parade

July 4th

- Voyageurs National Park Hike, Presentation,
and Lunch

July 23rd



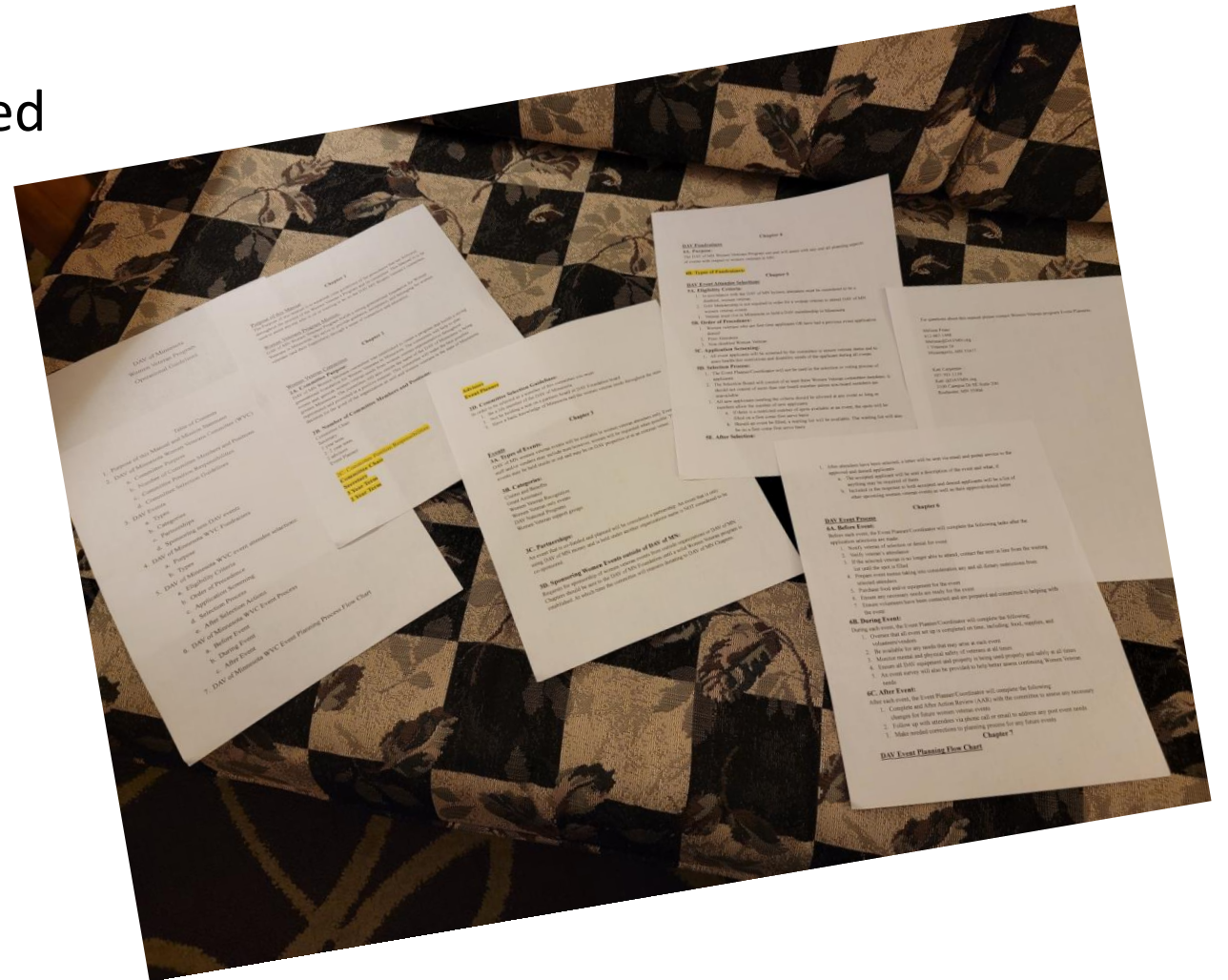
Updates- July/August

Working Draft of Women Veteran Program Operational Guidelines Started

**It still needs a lot of work, but it's a START!!

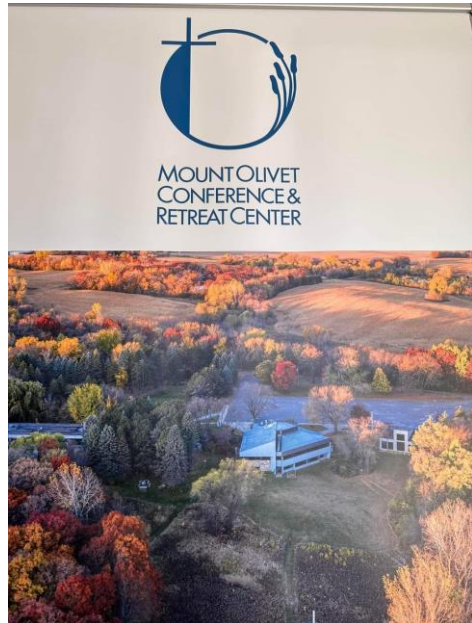
Brainstormed:

- Budget Considerations
- Events Targeting Non-Connected Women Veterans
- Event Ideas



Updates- August

SE MN Women Veteran Retreat
Farmington, MN
August 4-6th

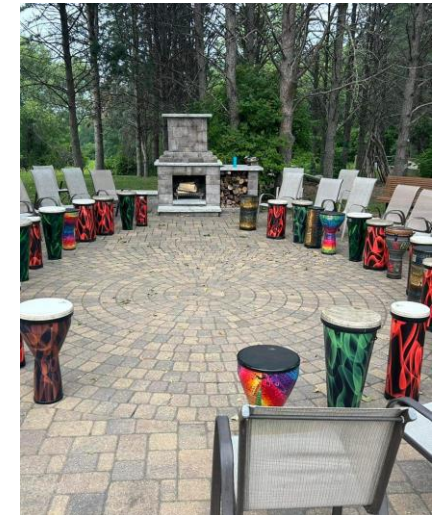


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Updates- August

MAC-V Summer Stand Down Event
St. Paul, MN
August 22nd



Updates- August



NE Women Veteran Group

- Military Appreciation Day at St. Louis County Fair
- Mountain Iron Merritt Days Parade
- Escape to the Lake Retreat
August 24-27th

Updates- August/September

Minnesota State Fair

St. Paul, MN

August 24-September 4th



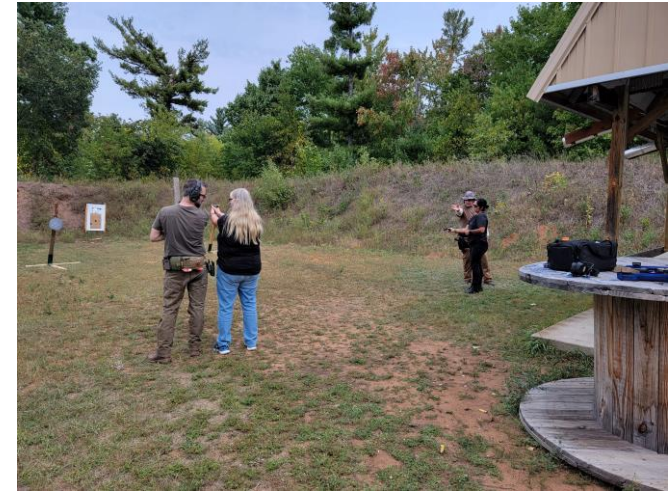
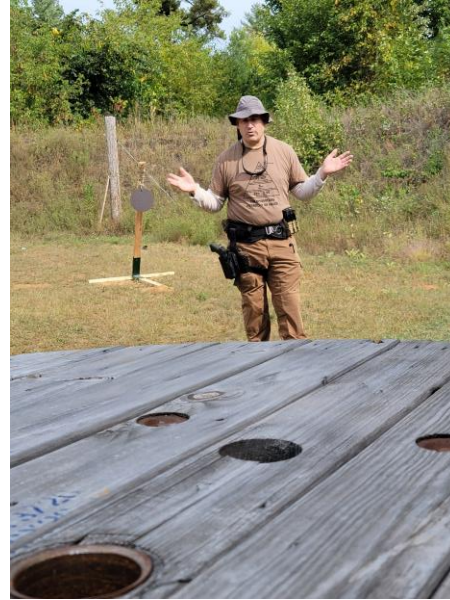
Updates- September

Women Veterans Dinner with
Chapter 38 Park Rapids
September 8th



Updates- September

Conceal and Carry Class
Grantsburg, WI
September 9th



Updates- September

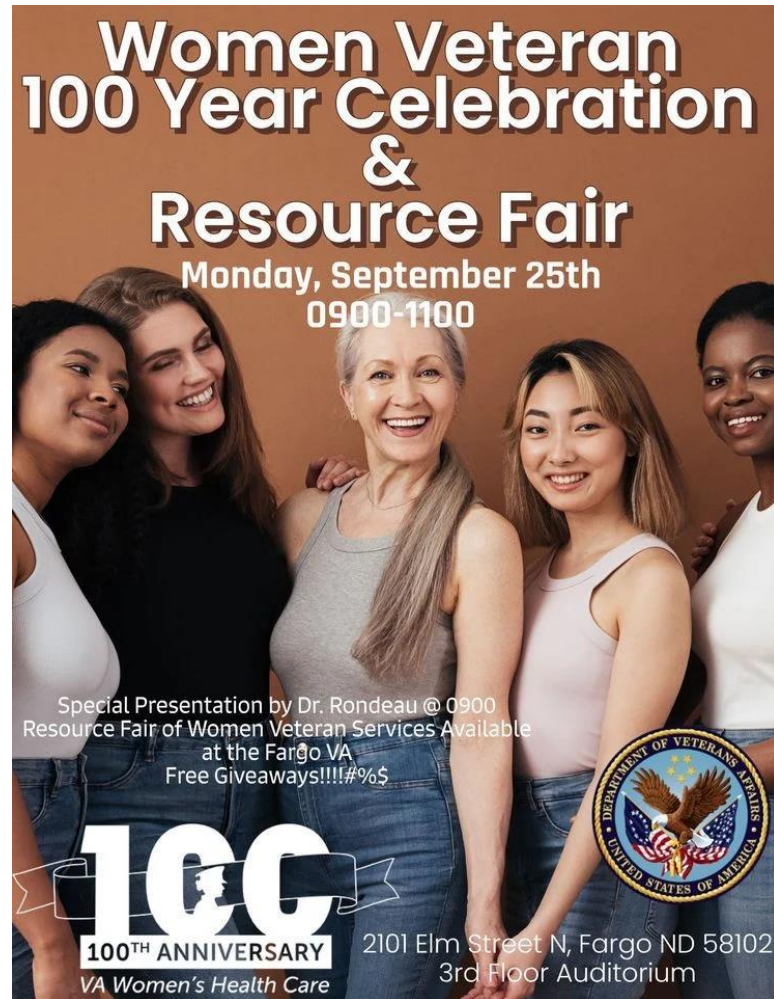


NE Women Veteran Group

- Silver Bay Veterans Home Bus Trip and Visit to Discovery Center
- Veterans on the Lake Anniversary Event
- Schnorr's Mudfest supporting Take a Vet Fishing



Upcoming Events




**Women Veteran
100 Year Celebration
&
Resource Fair**
Monday, September 25th
0900-1100

Special Presentation by Dr. Rondeau @ 0900
Resource Fair of Women Veteran Services Available
at the Fargo VA
Free Giveaways!!!!#%\$

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100TH ANNIVERSARY
VA Women's Health Care

2101 Elm Street N, Fargo ND 58102
3rd Floor Auditorium



Monday September 25th

9:00am to 11:00pm

2101 Elm Street N

Fargo, ND

Upcoming Events

Celebrating and honoring our incredible Women Veterans

Women Veterans Appreciation Event



Tuesday September 26, 2023 from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. in St. Paul
To register use the QR code or visit this site and enter code LKHPTJKAC:
<https://varedcap.rcp.vaec.va.gov/redcap/surveys/>

Registration will remain open until September 8, 2023, then entries will be randomly selected via lottery to attend. You will be contacted via email if your entry is selected.



VA



U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
Veterans Health Administration
Minneapolis VA Health Care System

Tuesday September 26th

10:00am to 2:00pm

Base Camp Leadership Hall

6202 Bloomington Road

St. Paul, MN

**** We Are Not Invisible Tour will be set up**

**** Randomly Selected to Attend once registered**

Upcoming Events

Musky Fishing Adventure

Friday September 29th

06:30-UTC

Beers Lake, Ottertail County MN
(Maplewood State Park)

- A full day of musky fishing (lunch/and all fishing gear provided) with LockJaw Guide Service.
- Open to 6 female Veterans.
- Register at <https://bradyoberglegacyfoundation.org/musky-fishing-adventure/>



Upcoming Events

NE Women Veteran Group

Monthly Zoom Meetings 2nd
Monday of each month

In Person Meetings 4th Monday of
each Month

- Mike's Pub in Hibbing
(even Months)
- Boomtown in Eveleth (odd
Months)



Upcoming Events

Women Veterans Trip to
Bentleyville, MN with Chapter 38
Park Rapids

November 19-20th

Depart: 10:00am

Stay: Suites Hotel in Duluth, MN

Return: 3:15pm



Help raise non-perishable food
items and new unwrapped toys
for families in need

Judy Garland Museum Tour

RSVP to Dawn @ 218-289-1637 by
November 15

Upcoming Events

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

FEMALE WARRIORS GETAWAY

NOVEMBER 10-12 2023

We appreciate the women who have served our country

Join us for a weekend of relaxation and connect with other female Veterans!



Coming This Winter!

December 1-3, 2023

Female Veterans and Daughters Getaway

Come and experience an amazing weekend of healing, relaxation, and learning.

- Healing
- Quality Time
- Workshops
- Breathtaking forest setting

SIGN UP TODAY!



Upcoming Events

1st Annual Hot Dish Festival

February 2nd 2024

Morson Ario Strand VFW Post 950

Mankato, MN

**Proceeds go to DAV of MN
Women Veterans Program

June 2024

Women Veteran Appreciation Event

Date, Time, and Location TBD

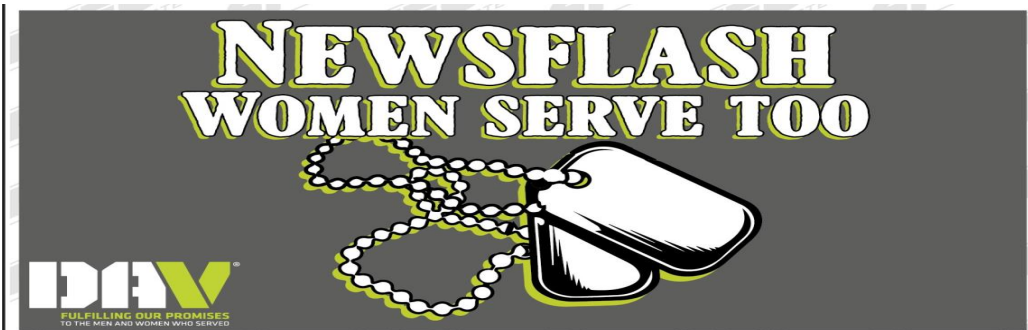
Salute to Service Women Golf Classic

Date, Time, and Location TBD

August 2024

SE MN Women Veteran Retreat

Date, Time, and Location TBD



Goals for FY 2024

- Finalization of Women Veterans Program
- Work Collectively with MDVA, AL, VFW, WVI, etc. for Women Veteran Issues and Communicating/Supporting Events
- Women Veterans Appreciate Day Event in June 2024
- Support DAV Chapters Women Veterans Events
- Education on Behaviors (Male and Female)
- Education on Women Veteran Needs (Environment)

Goals for FY 2025

- Start Fundraising (by Fall Conference 2025) with “I Support Women Veterans” Shirt for males, females, and kids (please 😊)
- 1 to 2 Big Women Veteran Events in Minnesota
- Continue Supporting Women Veteran Events at the Chapter Level
- Continue Working Collectively with MDVA, AL, VFW, WVI, etc. for Women Veteran Issues and Communicating/Supporting Events
- Build Women Veteran Battle Buddy Program
- Continue Education on Behaviors (Male and Female)
- Continue Education on Women Veteran Needs (Environment)