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## Press Release

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## MN Veterans 4 Veterans Trust Fund (V4V) approved \$35.000.00 in Grants to assist MN Veterans

At the October 2012 Veterans 4 Veterans Trust Fund monthly meeting the following grants were approved and made by the eight member board of directors:

\$20,000 grant was awarded to the Minnesota Assistance Council for Veterans (MAC-V) for financially at-risk and homeless Veteran Outreach and emergency financial assistance. MACV will utilize these funds to do their good work of assisting Minnesota homeless veterans and veterans and their families with obtaining more financially stability.

\$10,000 was granted to the MN Department American Legion Auxiliary to supplement their annual holiday \$10 bill shower program. This grant will assist the auxiliary in presenting a \$10 holiday gift for each veteran who is a patient or resident at the VA medical facilities (Minneapolis, St. Cloud, Sioux Falls, and Fargo) as well as the five MN veterans homes. This gift will truly be appreciated by the recipients (approximately 1,800) at the respective nine veterans facilities.

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\$5,000 was awarded to the Northeast Middle School - Minneapolis Public Schools for funding an educational/social program involving students from Northeast school and veterans (residents) at the Minneapolis Veteran's Home. After the 7th graders study citizenship, the 3 branches of government and wars that have taken place on

USA soil, students will engage in service learning by interviewing the veterans about their military experiences to create oral histories. Each student will then record an oral history that will be shared with their interviewees at the veterans home.

The MN Veterans 4 Veterans (V4V) Trust Fund is a 501c(19) non-profit organization established as the result of the 2006 sale of Lake Minnetonka Big Island Disabled Veterans Camp. The non-profit organization has eight board members, two veterans each who are appointed by the DAV, VFW, MOPH, and American Legion. The board oversees the funds from the sale of the island to the City of Orono and has a grant application process on their website. Grants are made to organizations serving MN veterans in a way that conforms to the criteria the V4V has documented online at their website.....Website: <a href="mailto:.mnv4v.org">.mnv4v.org</a>

To review history of the Big Island Veterans Camp see: ://editiondigital.net/display\_article.php?id=431873

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