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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

**Camp Ripley Outdoor Programs,** was recently awarded \$33,000.00 by V4V Trust Fund for its portion to help fund the Minnesota disabled veterans outdoor programs at Camp Ripley and Veterans on the Lake in Ely. The V4V grant is to be used for a year's annual costs (2018/2019) specifically for housing required by veteran participants attending the four outdoor programs. The additional costs to run the outdoor programs are primarily and jointly financed by the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Disabled American Veterans, of Minnesota. The annual programs that are funded by these veteran's organizations are the veterans Ely fishing Trip, and at Camp Ripley, The veterans Turkey Hunt, The Trolling for Troops Program, and the veterans Deer Hunt, all for MN disabled veterans. The Ripley outdoor programs also involves a partnership with staff / leadership at Camp Ripley, as well as support and volunteers from local VSOs and community organizations. This recent grant follows a previous grant of \$90,000 which covered the housing costs for 2016, 2017, and 2018.

Disabled veterans who are interested in participating in these programs in the Spring, Summer and Fall of 2018, or would like additional information are encouraged to contact the Department of MN offices of the American Legion, VFW, MOPH and DAV, their local CVSO or Mr. Dennis Erie at

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The Minnesota 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: mnv4v.org