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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Minnesota Veterans 4 Veterans Trust Fund (V4V) awarded Three Grants totaling \$42,000.00 to assist Minnesota Veterans.

At the April 2018 Minnesota Veterans 4 Veterans Trust fund monthly meeting, the following grants were approved by the eight-member Board of Directors:

- 1. <u>A grant awarded to VINE Faith in Action for \$25,000.00.</u> This grant award will be used to make possible the many services they perform daily for veterans and their families through a multitude of services within their facility as well as providing transportations to other functions for veterans and/or their survivors throughout the year. For further information on VINE Faith in Action, go to: https://vinevolunteers.com/
- 2. The Department of MN VFW Auxiliary was awarded \$7000.00 for their Hospital Programs. The grant monies will be used in the nine facilities that the VFW Auxiliary serves through their Hospital program. At the start of this budget year there is approximately 1,589 resident veterans' patients in the nine facilities of which this grant will be serving to enhance their quality of life by providing opportunities not otherwise given to them. The Auxiliary puts together gift packages that are given out of these veterans.
- 3. <u>Middle River Veterans Outdoors Inc. was awarded \$10,000.00</u> to assist in their ongoing programs (hunting and fishing) that this organization organizes and handles. They are now serving approximately 158 veterans and some youth many of which are related to the veterans. The purpose of this grant is to help for food,

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refreshments, ammo, bait, lodging and boat hiring during the events including also insurance and misc. expenses throughout the year.

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.: mnv4v.org

To learn more about the history of the Big Island Veterans Camp see: <u>https://www.facebook.com/ELMHS/posts/10154256075799387:0</u>

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