Contact: Dean Ascheman
V4V board administrative officer
Phone 612 481 1510

Email:
Dra.ascheman@gmail.com
Dec 23 ,2022

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Minnesota Veterans 4 Veterans Trust Fund (V4V) approved/disbursed $45,000.00 in grants to assist Minnesota Veterans.

At the December 21, 2022, monthly Minnesota Veterans 4 Veterans Trust fund meeting, the following grants were approved by the eight-member board of directors:

- **MACV** was awarded **$20,000**

  The board initiated award will assist MN Assistance Council for Veterans (MACV) in their efforts and programs to end veteran homelessness. The award was part of the MACV / WCCO Home for the Holiday fundraising program and the grant will be matched by an anonymous donor.

- **Camp Ripley Veterans Outdoors Program** was awarded **$25,000**

  The board initiated award will be used to provide housing for the participants in the three 2023 hunting and fishing events held at Camp Ripley for disabled veterans. The Turkey Hunt , Fishing and Deer Hunt are held in April, June and October 2023. These events are funded through a partnership of MN Veterans Service and Community organizations.

- **V4V 2022**

  The MN V4V Trust Fund ended the year 2022 granting 15 awards of over $247,000 to assist programs and services to MN veterans and their families statewide.

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:
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Big_Island_Park
And
https://minnehahacreek.org/sites/minnehahacreek.org/files/Big%20Island%20Fact%20Sheet.pdf

#####