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## **News Release**

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

## Minnesota Veterans 4 Veterans Trust Fund (V4V) approved \$48,300.00 in grants to assist Minnesota Veterans

At the May 2021 Minnesota Veterans 4 Veterans Trust fund monthly meeting, the following grants were approved by the eight-member board of directors:

<u>The Armadillo Project</u> was awarded \$13,300.00 by V4V Trust Fund to apply to a community-based military suicide prevention initiative to ensure the health, safety, and well-being of service members and veterans in NE MN through awareness, education, healthcare and community connections. The funds provided will be used for three roadside billboards in the Hibbing well-traveled areas.

The MN Medal of Honor Memorial was awarded \$35,000.00 by V4V Trust Fund to apply to the soon to be built MN Medal Of Honor Memorial on the State Capitol campus near the State Veterans Service Building. The V4V Trust Fund is proud to be a partner with many other Corporations, organizations (including the veterans organizations), and individual donors to this project.

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.

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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="may4v.org">mnv4v.org</a>

To learn more about the history of the Big Island Veterans Camp see: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Big\_Island\_Amusement\_Park And

https://www.minnehahacreek.org/project/big-island-restoration