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# Press Release

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

**Minnesota Veterans 4 Veterans Trust Fund ( V4V ) approved five grants totaling \$84,000.00 to assist and support Minnesota Veterans and their families.**

At the March 2015 Minnesota Veterans 4 Veterans Trust Fund monthly meeting, grants totaling \$84,000.00 were approved by the eight member Board of Directors to supporting their mission to support veterans programs within the State of Minnesota.

A grant request was approved from the Minnesota Disabled American Veterans for \$32,000.00 to aid in the establishment of a Northeast Transportation Program that will expand the access to health services at the Minneapolis VA Medical Center for veterans that have difficulty acquiring transportation in the Northeastern region of Minnesota. This collaborative program will involve five counties (Cook, Lake, St. Louis, Koochiching and Carlton, and will provide potential access to the MPLS VA for over 24,000 veterans.

The Veterans on the Lake Resort grant request for \$7,000.00 was approved to upgrade the fencing on the outdoor pool as advised by the Lake County Health Department which currently does not meet the Minnesota Safety Standards. This swimming pool at the resort is a valuable therapeutic part of many veterans who stay at the Veterans on the Lake Resort as well as insuring the families with children and grandchildren staying at the resort are in a safe environment.

The Minnesota Veterans Home in Silver Bay request for help from V4V Trust to assist with funding the construction of a permanent Band shell was approved for \$25,000.00. This Band shell to be built on the Veterans Home Campus will enhance the Veterans Home music program and special activities for the residents in the Veterans Home.

The Allina Associated Foundation (AKA: Allina Hospice Foundation) grant request for \$10,000.00 was approved to assist in providing the very best end-of-life for veteran patients regardless of their financial situation by establishing "The Honoring Veterans Fund" which specifically helps veterans who cannot afford the expenses not covered by Medicare or private Insurance.

A grant request for \$10,000.00 was awarded to the Military Order of the Cootie of the US Grand of Minnesota to assist with the "Venison Program" which provides Venison meals to the hospitalized veterans in all five of the Minnesota State Veterans Homes as well as the VA Health Care Centers at Minneapolis and St. Cloud. It is estimated that 1500 patients in these facilities are served by this program which also works with the Department of Natural Resources and the Minnesota Deer Hunters Association.

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](http://mnv4v.org)

To learn more about the history of the Big Island Veterans Camp see:

[http://www.ci.orono.mn.us/index.asp?Type=B\\_BASIC&SEC={26552994-90DD-4C5A-B206-F249B23A2EBF}](http://www.ci.orono.mn.us/index.asp?Type=B_BASIC&SEC={26552994-90DD-4C5A-B206-F249B23A2EBF})

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