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## Press Release

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Minnesota Veterans 4 Veterans Trust Fund (V4V) approved two grants totaling \$15,000.00 to assist Minnesota Veterans and their families.

At the October 2016 Minnesota Veterans 4 Veterans Trust Fund monthly meeting a grant for \$10,000.00 was awarded to the American Legion Auxiliary Department of Minnesota to give gifts during the holiday season to the veterans who are either patients in one of our VA Medical Centers or living in one of the five Minnesota Veterans Homes.. Every veteran in these facilities will receive a \$20.00 gift card or a gift valued at \$20.00 and receive a gift for their immediate family members. In December of 2015, 2,109 veterans and family members received gifts valued at \$42,180.00.

The American Legion Fourth District of Minnesota was awarded a grant for \$5,000.00 for their program "Shop, Ship and Share". The grant money is to be used to purchase items and pay for postage to ship gifts to our military members from Minnesota serving on active duty overseas during the holidays. The goal this year is to ship over 1,000 boxes.

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

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