



Minnesota Veterans 4 Veterans Trust Fund

At the January, 2014 Minnesota Veterans 4 Veterans Trust fund monthly meeting, the eight member board of directors approved a grant of \$20,000 to assist in the purchase of a \$66,000 bus that is being used to transport Adult Day Care residents in need of transportation to and from the Minneapolis Veterans Home adult day care facility. The over \$60,000 bus was purchased thanks to donations from the DAV of MN Foundation and MN Veterans 4 Veterans Trust Fund. The bus will play a very crucial role in bringing a better quality of life for veterans who use the new adult day care center.



Pictured presenting the keys to Craig Barsness, Administrator, is DAV Executive Director Stephen Whitehead. Also pictured are members of the Austin MN DAV chapter who had hosted a SPAM breakfast for the Minneapolis home residents that day. Also, pictured are Dean Ascheman, V4V Board Member and MN DVA Commissioner Larry Shellito.



MN Veterans 4 Veterans Trust Fund (V4V) approved four grants for \$52,500.00 to assist Veterans throughout Minnesota.

February 2014, MN V4V Board Chairman David Adams along with three of his board members met at the Veterans Service Building in St. Paul on February 6, 2013 to present four grants totaling \$52,500.00.

The first grant of **\$20,000.00** was presented to the Minnesota DAV Foundation to assist them in their purchase of a new \$66,000.00 bus that will be used to transport veterans in need of transportation to and from the new Adult Care Center at the Minneapolis Veterans Home.

A grant for **\$20,000.00** was presented to the Military Assistance Council for Veterans (MACV) to assist them to provide emergency financial support to homeless or near homeless veterans after all other options have been exhausted.

A \$7,500.00 grant was awarded to the Minnesota American Legion to be used to assist in the funding of veterans outreach education through Pro-Fisherman Mark Courts as he travels the state sporting activities to reach out to veterans and inform them of the benefits for them as well as recognition for their service to our country. The Military Order of Purple Heart Auxiliary was granted **\$7,500.00** to be used to fund their "Birthday Party Program" for veterans in the Minneapolis VA Medical Center.

At the March 2014 **\$10,000.00** was granted to the Allina Hospice Foundation to support their programs to serve veteran patients and families for end of life care that provides peace, dignity, and comfort.

A check was also presented to Ironwood Springs Christian Ranch Inc. for **\$15,000.00** to assist in providing "Operation Welcome Home and Veterans Program" to be part of the healing process once the soldiers have completed their military deployments. With this grant they will be serving not only the soldiers, but also the families to help them reintegrate into society.