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## Women Veterans of Minnesota

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A non-profit 501(c)(19) veterans' organization since 1990

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Spring 2021

I send greetings to all our members this rather wet spring. I am waiting for plant growth in my garden and am seeing first sprouting.

On the 6th of February, I joined Geri Longfellow and Diane Keith to present the 2020 Woman Veteran of the Year award to COL (ret) Laura Ludwig. The award presentation along with a bouquet of roses was made at a meeting of the Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association, in which Laura is an active member. Laura had over 36 years of service in the active Army and Minnesota Army National Guard, receiving numerous awards including the Legion of Merit, Expert Field Medical Badge, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, and Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal. Laura's father, Art Ludwig was in attendance and this was special to Laura. Due to Covid restrictions, the award could not be presented earlier.

I am saddened by the passing of two of our members. Rose Bayuk, World War II Army nurse died on January 7th at the age of 105. I enjoyed seeing a news story last year of a car parade in White Bear Lake to celebrate her 105th birthday, how she must have relished that! She will be buried at Ft. Snelling National Cemetery later this year.

Korrinne K. Kanne, a 20-year active-duty Air Force Nurse, died on March 25th at age 75. She had also served two years with the Peace Corps assigned in South Korea, prior to her military service. She later was able to request duty in South Korea as an Air Force assignment. Korrinne was a resident of Faribault and is buried at Ft. Snelling National Cemetery.

We are planning our 2021 annual meeting and luncheon at the Charles Knaeble VFW Post #494, 5222 Bass Lake Road, Crystal, MN 55429, on **Saturday, September 25, 2021**, with a 10:00 am meeting and noon luncheon. Further details will be communicated later, planning may be affected by Covid considerations. I have missed seeing everyone and hope we can get together this year.

The 2021 Salute to Servicewomen Golf Tournament will be held on Tuesday, June 22, 2021, at the Prestwick Golf Course, 9555 Wedgewood Dr., Woodbury, MN 55125. This event honors and benefits women veterans. Women veterans are eligible for a free dinner. To register: <https://birdease.com/13386/register>.

Negotiations are in progress with the Woman Veterans Initiative (WVI) about their possible dissolution, their hope of preserving their work legacy, and interest in joining WVM (some of their members are already with WVM). We hope to enlighten all of you with information regarding this in the near future. This could allow our group to become stronger and more meaningful.

I would like to encourage members to consider running for WVM office. We are open to working with interested individuals to prepare them for leadership. I invite anyone who has thought about joining the leadership of our organization to contact any of our officers for more information.

The Memorial Rifle Squad at Ft. Snelling National Cemetery is looking for new volunteers. Volunteers work the same day each week with their team to cover about ten 15-minute services in a four-hour day. Prospects must provide a copy of their DD214, be a member of a chartered veterans organization, and submit to a background check. A uniform will be provided. More information is available at <http://www.memorialriflesquad.org>. Information contacts are Bob Selden at 612-308-5219, or Ken Tibesar at 651-263-0522.

Enjoy your spring, and I hope all are well.

*Karla*

### **2020 DONATIONS UPDATE:**

Women Veterans of Minnesota received a thank you letter for the \$200.00 donation from the Community Resource and Referral Center.

### **NEMN Women Veterans**

Zoom Coffee Talks will be changing back to In Person Coffee Talks soon, where, and when will be announced soon but we will probably start in the area parks with pavilions again before we move inside to restaurants. We are also partnering with a local Girl Scout Troop to distribute 10 cases of Girl Scout cookies to area veterans. And Women Veterans are stepping up to support our regional Honor Guards. Summer activities will look different, but we are looking forward to meetings, picnics, and maybe even a parade or two! For more information email [nemnvw@gmail.com](mailto:nemnvw@gmail.com) or call 218.969.7137.

### **April – Month of the Military Child (from the Minnesota Department of Veteran Affairs website)**

In April, Minnesotans across the state celebrate the "Month of the Military Child." It is estimated that more than 23,000 children in Minnesota have at least one parent or guardian currently serving on military duty. In recognition of their sacrifice, we take the time to celebrate children of Service Members and Veterans during this month. This celebration was created by former Secretary of Defense Caspar W. Weinberger in 1986 to highlight the important role that military-connected youth play.

Governor Tim Walz will send children of military members and Veterans a letter of gratitude in honor of their service and sacrifice.

**To register** <https://www.mdva.state.mn.us/motmc/>. **The form permits** filling in the names of up to five children on but the information concerning the veteran will not appear in the letter (mailed in late May) from Governor Walz. The Veteran's / Military Servicemember's information will not appear on the letter. Letters will be mailed in late May.

### **Minnesota Assistance Council for Veterans**

There are no Legal Clinics or Standdowns currently scheduled; however, the **2021 Salute to Service Women Golf Classic** is scheduled for Monday, June 21, 2021 from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. The Tournament will be held at the Prestwick Golf Course, located at 9555 Wedgewood Drive, in Woodbury, MN 55125. Attendees are asked to wear **red**, white, and **blue**. The event was cancelled last year but in 2019 raised more than \$40,000.00 for the continued support of two homes in the Twin Cities for women

veterans as they transition into permanent housing. The events will include an Opening Program with posting of the Colors, a Keynote Speaker, a scramble- formatted Golf Tournament, the traveling display of *I Am Not Invisible*, an online Silent Auction followed by dinner and awarding of prizes. To register: <https://birdease.com/SaluteToServicewomen>.



## Sponsorship Opportunities

Major sponsorships include one foursome. Send your own golfers or sponsor women veterans identified by the tournament committee – your choice.

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| <p>★ <b>Hero Meal Sponsor (One Available)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All the benefits of the Honor Hole level plus...</li> <li>• Company's name prominently displayed at dinner at each table</li> <li>• Display table during meal</li> <li>• Opportunity to speak during program</li> </ul>  | <p><b>\$5,000</b></p> |
| <p>★ <b>Mission Sponsor (One Available)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All the benefits of the Honor Hole level plus...</li> <li>• Banner at Registration Table and In Dining room</li> <li>• Display table during meal</li> <li>• Opportunity to speak during program</li> </ul>   | <p><b>\$5,000</b></p> |
| <p>★ <b>Honor Hole Sponsor</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One foursome—green fees, cart, dinner, gift bag and prizes</li> <li>• Hole sponsorship including signage and opportunity for promotion at one hole</li> <li>• Logo on event banner, program, web page (with link) and social media</li> <li>• Option to provide items for golfer gift bags</li> </ul> | <p><b>\$1,250</b></p> |
| <p>★ <b>Beverage Cart Sponsor (Two Available)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Signage on one beverage cart</li> <li>• Option to provide items for golfer gift bags</li> </ul>  | <p><b>\$500</b></p>   |
| <p>★ <b>Hole Sponsor</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Signage at one hole</li> <li>• Option to provide items for golfer gift bags</li> </ul>  | <p><b>\$300</b></p>   |
| <p>★ <b>Foursome</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Check <a href="http://www.SaluteToServicewomen.com">www.SaluteToServicewomen.com</a> for single golfer &amp; discounted prices for women veterans</li> </ul>  | <p><b>\$560</b></p>   |
| <p>★ <b>Other great ways to support women veterans &amp; golf tournament</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In-kind donations for women veterans or to help defray tournament costs</li> <li>• Have another idea? We're happy to hear about other ways to support women veterans</li> </ul>   |                       |

*All proceeds benefit women veterans participating in programs provided by*



For more information, go to our website at [www.SaluteToServicewomen.com](http://www.SaluteToServicewomen.com) or contact us at [golf@mac-v.org](mailto:golf@mac-v.org)

## Golf Discounts Information from Military.com

<https://www.military.com/discounts/military-discounts-for-the-golf-enthusiast.html>

Golf is a great way to stay fit, relieve stress and enjoy time outdoors. But between lessons for new golfers, greens fees and equipment, golf can be a costly pastime. Luckily, there are military discounts available to help. Whether you are a golfer yourself or prefer to be a spectator, there are many ways to enjoy the sport using military discounts.

### Military Golf Courses

Many military installations throughout the world have their own golf courses through Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR). They offer open course play, tournaments and events, pro shops, driving ranges, classes, and private lessons all for affordable prices. Visit the military.com Base Guide (<https://www.military.com/base-guide/browse-by-service>) to location a base.

The following golf courses offer military rates:

- [Augustine Golf Club](#) in Stafford, Virginia offers military discounts on golf rates during the week and on weekends and holidays.
- [Callaway Gardens](#) in Georgia offers a military discount on lake view and mountain view golf rates. They also offer special military rates and packages when staying at the resort.
- [Disney Golf](#) in Florida offers military discounts any day of the week to active duty and retired military.
- [Shades of Green](#), an Armed Forces Recreation Center on the Walt Disney World property, is nestled between two world-class PGA golf courses, and they have special military discounts on tee times, equipment, and clinics.
- [Lansdowne Resort](#) in Virginia offers the Tribute to the Troops package, which includes a discounted rate, a \$50 daily breakfast credit and a waived resort fee.
- [Pinehurst Resort](#) offers a 10% discount off spa therapies at The Spa at Pinehurst.

### Equipment

The first place to shop should always be your military Exchange. You pay *no* sales tax, and most exchanges offer a [price matching policy](#). [Callaway Golf](#), [TaylorMade Golf](#) and [Wilson](#) all offer a 15% military discount off purchases online, and [PING](#) offers the “Thank You Troops” Military Rebate on select purchases made through August 1, 2021. (PING typically renews this rebate, so keep checking even past the expiration date.)

### Wounded Warriors

The nonprofit organization [Fairways for Warriors](#) provides golf clinics with instruction for wounded service personnel and their family members to help with physical and emotional rehabilitation.

### Military Appreciation Month 2021

May is Military Appreciation Month for those currently serving and for veterans. May was designated by Congress in 1999 and each year the president makes a proclamation to remind the nation of the importance of the U.S. Armed Forces. Often a specific Military Appreciation Day is recognized by businesses which offer discounts or by sport teams which offer free admission to military families and veterans.

## Veterans Tickets Foundation

From: Vet Tix - <https://www.vettix.org/>

Veteran Tickets Foundation's Tickets for Troops Program is dedicated to giving back to those who gave us so much. We team up with major sports teams, leagues, promoters, organizations, venues, and everyday event ticket holders to provide free tickets to currently serving and veterans of all branches of the US military.

The Veteran Tickets Foundation is proud to announce that to date 9,624,805 event tickets have been given out in **all 50 States and Washington, DC** to our Military, Veterans, and their families. Here is the breakdown of our event ticket distribution:

**Hero's Wishes** - <https://www.vettix.org/heroswish.php>

Deployed, wounded and families of those killed in action are shouldering the hardest burdens of military service. Their duty has impacted their lives in ways the rest of America can only imagine.

Vet Tix would like to ease their burden of stress by giving a Hero a once in a lifetime experience at an event. Hero's Wish events create a wonderful family experiences help heal their spirit, reduce stress, and show support for their service to our country. For those who have suffered, we want to welcome them back and bring enjoyment back into their lives.

The Hero's Wish program can be used by Active-Duty Military Personnel (six months prior to, while on leave from or six months after their deployments), severely wounded warriors and the families of men and woman killed in action (KIA).

Since 2013 we have been able to fulfill EVERY Hero's Wish! Thank you to all that donated and continue to donate to make this possible!

## Every Third Saturday – 4th Annual Female Vets Event

On June 12, 2021 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Every Third Saturday, located at 4303 E. 54<sup>th</sup> Street in Minneapolis, MN 55417 will be hosting an event including food, speakers, activities, and a special gift for each attendee. Weather permitting, the event will be outdoors. You need to RSVP at [events@everythirdsaturday.com](mailto:events@everythirdsaturday.com)

**MINNESOTA STATE FAIR** – August 26 – September 6, 2021 – A military appreciate date with discounted admission prices for veterans has not been announced.

## Dates of Interest

### APRIL

5<sup>th</sup> - Gold Star Wives Day  
14<sup>th</sup> – Air Force Reserve Birthday  
23<sup>rd</sup> Army Reserve Birthday

### MAY – National Appreciation Month

1<sup>st</sup>-Silver star Service Banner Day  
8<sup>th</sup> – Victory in Europe (VE) Day  
11<sup>th</sup> – Military Spouse Appreciation Day  
13<sup>th</sup> Children of Fallen Patriots Day  
20<sup>th</sup> Armed Forces Day  
29<sup>th</sup> National Poppy Day  
31<sup>st</sup> – Memorial Day

## JUNE

6<sup>th</sup> – D-Day  
14<sup>th</sup> Flag Day and Army Birthday  
23<sup>rd</sup> Coast Guard Auxiliary Birthday  
25<sup>th</sup> June – Start of Korean War  
27<sup>th</sup> National PTSD Awareness Day

## JULY

4<sup>th</sup> – Independence Day  
27<sup>th</sup> – Korean War Veterans Armistice Day  
29<sup>th</sup> – Anniversary of the Army Chaplain Corps

## AUGUST

4<sup>th</sup> Coast Guard Birthday  
7<sup>th</sup> – Purple Heart Day  
8<sup>th</sup> – Victory over Japan (VJ) Day  
29<sup>th</sup> – Marine Forces Reserve Birthday

## U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Updates

### COVID-19 VACCINES & THE VA

The VA is closely working with the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and other federal partners to provide COVID-19 vaccines to Veterans and VA health care personnel.

### Message from VA Health Care

**Attention Veterans:** If you think you have been exposed to COVID-19 and develop a fever and symptoms such as cough or difficulty breathing, or if you are feeling sick or ill with other symptoms, your first step is to CALL the VA Health Care System at:

- **Minneapolis:** 612-467-1100
- **Fargo:** 701-239-3700 extension 2319
- **St. Cloud:** 320-252-1670, or 800-247-1739
- **Sioux Falls:** 605-336-3230 or 605-336-5001

The medical staff will advise you on next steps based on your symptoms. In a medical emergency, call 911.

### Your Health Matters

Because of the pandemic, you may have skipped your annual mammogram or check-up. If you have already received your vaccine or will be – continue to make your health a priority. Schedule your annual examination and mammogram now and make sure you attend. Sign up for reminders to conduct a monthly breast examination with KARE-11. They will send you a reminder on the 11<sup>th</sup> of each month about the importance of regular self-exams. If you notice anything amiss, schedule the appointment and talk with a medical professional. KARE-11 asks you to remember your buddy by contacting them and reminding them to do a self-examination. There is a non-profit organization in Minnesota called **Hope Chest for Breast Cancer Foundation**. They can provide emergency assistance grants to help those struggling after a diagnosis with mortgage payments, utility bills and food assistance. You must live in Minnesota and be in treatment to receive a grant. The foundation relies on donations and a percentage of proceeds from their Hope Chest for Breast Cancer Resale Shop, located at 3850 Shoreline Drive, in Wayzata, MN 55391. Call 952-471-8700 for store hours and closings.

### IRS FREE FILE AVAILABLE - TAX DAY 2021 IS MONDAY, MAY 17

You can prepare and file your 2020 federal income tax online for free. You can file at an IRS partner site with the IRS Free File Program or use Free File Fillable Forms. It is safe, easy and no cost to you. IRS Free File online products are available to any taxpayer or family who earned \$72,000 or less in 2020. MiTax

online software is also now available, and the free products support mobile use, so you can file from your phone! For more information: <https://www.irs.gov/filing/free-file-do-your-federal-taxes-for-free>

### **Tax Season is Starting - First Day to File Taxes is Feb 12th**

The IRS pushed the start date of tax season back a little bit this year. The first day to file is generally at the end of January, but it has been pushed back to Feb 12th this year due to delays with last year's taxes and with the stimulus check program. Current military members have access to free tax preparation services through the MiLTax program on Military OneSource.

There are several other companies that also offer free or reduced tax services for military members. Current and former military members are also eligible to file their taxes for free through the IRS FreeFile Program if they earn less than \$72,000 last year. We also have an exclusive special offer from H&R Block that is available to all new H&R Block customers - including current and former military members. New customers can save \$25 if they get their taxes done at a participating H&R Block location.

### **Free Tax Filing and Preparation for Military Members and Through IRS Free File**

<https://themilitarywallet.com/free-tax-preparation-for-military-members/>

**H&R Block Coupon - <https://themilitarywallet.com/hr-block-coupon-code/>**

## **TAPS**

**Korrinne K. Kanne**, age 75 of Faribault, MN, passed away unexpectedly on Thursday, March 25, 2021, while on her daily nature walk.

Born in Waseca, Minnesota on December 6, 1945 to Kennard and Delora (Beese) Kanne, Korrinne Kanne was the second of four children. She grew up across the street from Trowbridge Park, graduating from Waseca High School in 1963. Korrinne graduated from Naeve Hospital School of Nursing, Albert Lea, in 1966. At age 21, Korrinne's self-proclaimed "adventuresome spirit" led her to Ghost Ranch in Abiquiu, New Mexico, where she trained to become a Peace Corps Volunteer. As a member of Korea IV, Korrinne served in the first public health focused Peace Corps group to enter South Korea in 1967. After two years of Peace Corps Service and time spent traveling abroad, she returned to her job as a nurse at Midway Hospital in Saint Paul. In 1972 she joined the United States Air Force. She served 20 years, through Operation Desert Shield/Storm, retiring in 1992 as a Major with decorations including a Meritorious Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal, and an Air Force Outstanding Unit Award. During her time in the military, she earned a bachelor's degree and trained as a registered nurse at University of Mobile Alabama. Korrinne was stationed all over the country, from Alaska to Arkansas, but was most proud to be able to return to Korea as an Air Force nurse. After retiring from service, Korrinne put her energy into her family, acting as "Major Nanny" to her niece and nephews, and taking expert care of her parents in their advanced age. Korrinne kept up her nursing license, working for Comfort Home of Owatonna, Saint Lucas of Faribault, and in Rice County Public Health. Korrinne served her community and congregations as a Parish Nurse, met regularly with her fellow retired Air Force nurses, and travelled on many medical mission trips to Sierra Leone with a team from AfricaUplifted. She enjoyed lending a hand with Lynn Cook and friends at The Nook and Cranny gift shop of Faribault.

Visitation was held on Wednesday, March 31, 2021 at the Parker Kohl Funeral Home, 1725 Lyndale Ave. N. Faribault. Interment with military honors was held at the Fort Snelling National Cemetery in Minneapolis. The family plans to have a memorial service to be held this summer at Hope United Methodist Church in Faribault.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERAN AFFAIRS – CENTER FOR WOMEN VETERANS (CWV)

## 2021 Women Veteran Trailblazers

The Center for Women Veterans has announced the 27 names of the 2021 Women Veteran Trailblazers of Women Veterans Leading the Way campaign. The Center for Women Veterans sponsors a campaign to honor the contributions of women veterans, from all military branches, highlighting their experiences and contributions both while serving and after their military service. By 2045, the number of women veterans is expected to reach nearly 20% of the veteran population. For more information:

<https://www.va.gov/womenvet/cwv/trailblazers2021.asp>

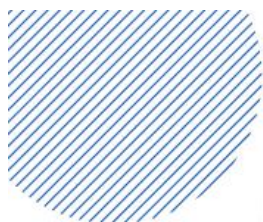
### Information for Women Veterans

March Women Veterans Alliance Sisterhood Review -

<https://www.womenveteransalliance.org/marchsisterhoodreview/>

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**FREE WEBINAR FOR WOMEN VETERANS**

**APRIL 21, 2021**

**12:00pm PT/3:00pm ET**



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Navy Veteran  
Cyber Secure at Sea LLC

**Cyber Security for  
Everyone**

**MEMBERSHIP NOT REQUIRED TO ATTEND**

**Register at: [WomenVeteransAlliance.org/webinars](https://WomenVeteransAlliance.org/webinars)**





# FEMALE WARRIORS WEEKEND

## CAMP BLISS BEAUTIES



**JUNE 25-27, 2021**

We appreciate the women who have served our country! Join us to relax, reflect, rejuvenate and connect with other female Veterans. Get the special treatment you deserve. Enjoy the beauty of the north woods, learn new ways to unwind and how to enhance your self-care.

You will check in Friday between 4:00 - 5:00 pm. All meals are included.

Cost is \$75.00 for the weekend.

Massages are offered for \$70.00 per 1 hour and must be booked in advance.

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***To Register:*** Fill out the registration on and return it with your payment to Independent Lifestyles.

***\*We need to receive your registration by Friday June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021\****



For more information:  
[www.campbliss.org](http://www.campbliss.org)



The cost to send 1 person to Camp Bliss for a weekend retreat is \$650, which includes lodging and all meals. Because of donations and sales from our 2020 Guns & Goods Raffle, we are able to supplement \$575 per Veteran or Person with Disabilities.

# REGISTRATION



## FEMALE WARRIORS WEEKEND CAMP BLISS BEAUTIES JUNE 25-27, 2021

### CONTACT INFORMATION:

#### 1st Attendee

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Emergency Contact (Name & Phone): \_\_\_\_\_  
Room Type Preference: \_\_\_\_\_  
Veteran: Yes  No   
Accompanied by a Service Dog: Yes  No   
Any special food allergies: \_\_\_\_\_  
Any special accommodations needed: \_\_\_\_\_

#### 2nd Attendee

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Emergency Contact (Name & Phone): \_\_\_\_\_  
Room Type Preference: \_\_\_\_\_  
Veteran: Yes  No   
Accompanied by a Service Dog: Yes  No   
Any special food allergies: \_\_\_\_\_  
Any special accommodations needed: \_\_\_\_\_

1 Hour Massage - \$70.00 \_\_\_\_\_

You will need to pay by cash or check to Massage Therapist at time of Massage.

Please enclose payment made out to Camp Bliss or to pay by credit card fill out below:

Type of Card: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name on Card: \_\_\_\_\_  
Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_ CSC Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Total Cost: \_\_\_\_\_

If you will be accompanied by a PCA, please contact us for applicable fees.

Return Registration by Friday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021 to Independent Lifestyles  
215 North Benton Dr. Sauk Rapids, MN 56379  
Or email it to [lorio@independentlifestyles.org](mailto:lorio@independentlifestyles.org) or call us at 320-281-2016

## COME UP NORTH AND FIND YOUR BLISS!

## FLAGS FOR FORT SNELLING

### MINNESOTA REMEMBERS 2021 MEMORIAL DAY EVENT ON SATURDAY, MAY 29, 2021

The group continues with their 2021 LEGACY FLAG FUNDRAISER to purchase a permanent collection of new retractable flags that are sustainable through weather, handling, and storage. They are also looking for volunteers to assist with flag placement and practicing safety protocols.

### United Veterans Legislative Council of Minnesota

A Consortium of Veterans, Military, and Auxiliary Organizations to exchange information and support issues relating to entitlements for Veterans, Military Retirees, the National Guard and Military Reservists, their dependents, and survivors.” UVLC Meetings are held via Zoom. For UVLC info: [www.mnuvlc.org](http://www.mnuvlc.org).

**If you have questions or concerns regarding WVM, please contact:**

#### WOMEN VETERANS OF MINNESOTA CONTACT INFO

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Treasurer	Colleen Crew	<a href="mailto:crewcol@yahoo.com">crewcol@yahoo.com</a> or 952-925-1629



**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Please print Last First Maiden or service name Birthday

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State/Zip

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Branch of Service:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Dates Served:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Duty Stations/Where/When:** \_\_\_\_\_

**How did you hear about Women Veterans of MN?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Military Occupation:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Do you belong to any of our Women's organizations?**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Which One?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Member at Large?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Newsletter Preference: Electronic Copy** \_\_\_\_\_ **Hard Copy** \_\_\_\_\_

Dues are \$10.00 per calendar year. Please make check payable to Women Veterans of Minnesota. Mail to Membership: Colleen Crew, 6215 Halifax Avenue South, Edina, MN 55424-1915 (Phone 952-925-1629)

# **Navy Seabees Build VP Kamala Harris a Desk Out of Wood from USS Constitution**

Former Navy Secretary Kenneth Braithwaite had an idea that was approved by former President Trump and finalized after the Navy Secretary had left his position. He was, however, able to view the completed project.

Navy Seabees began construction on two desks, one for the Vice President and one for the new Navy Secretary. The Vice President's desk, delivered in February, was made from materials taken from the USS Constitution, the oldest commissioned warship, showcases carvings of stars and an eagle similar of the USS Constitution's stern decorations and is considered a "heritage desk." The wood was removed from the USS Constitution during restorations conducted between 2007-2017.

The second "heritage desk", for the Navy Secretary, included materials from the USS Constitution and from the frigate Chesapeake and battleships Texas, New Jersey, and Arizona. There are two additional heritage desks in existence in the office of the Chief of Naval Operations and Office of Naval Reactors. No additional heritage desks are planned at this time.

**Honor Flight** – Trips have been postponed through August 15, 2021 due to COVID-19.

**WOMEN VETERANS OF MINNESOTA  
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