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Renville County Veterans Services Office

2025 Year in Review

Welcome to the office!



Mike Harmon CVSO
(County Veteran Service Officer)

Promoted!



Ryan Schweiss ACVSO
(Assistant County Veteran Service Officer)

Farewell and Happy Retirement!

Lee Stock retired October 2025



Transporting Veterans to Their VA Appointments



In 2025, 123 rides were given to Veterans, and 21 rides to spouses/family members.

- Minneapolis Veteran's Administration Medical Center (Every odd numbered Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday)
- St. Cloud Veteran's Administration Medical Center (Wednesdays only)
- Montevideo Veteran's Administration Community Based Outpatient Clinic (First even Tuesday of each month)
- Exceptions can be made with prior approval/driver availability

State Veterans Cemetery-Redwood Falls

In 2025, 37 Veterans were buried.

To date, 122 people are buried, including dependents.



Veterans Homes in Minnesota

Bemidji, Fergus Falls, Hastings, Luverne, Minneapolis, Preston, and Silver Bay

Services:

Residents enjoy an assortment of exceptional quality services designed to meet their physical, social and spiritual needs, such as:

- Skilled Nursing Care
- Medical Service with 24-hour Nursing Care
- Social Services
- Individualized and Group Recreational Activities
- Rehabilitation Services, including Physical and Occupational Therapy
- Large Rehabilitation Gym for Specialized Therapy and Independent Activity
- Mental/Behavioral Health Services
- Chaplain and Spiritual Care Services
- Individualized Nutrition Services
- Pharmaceutical Services
- Oral Health Program
- Local Transportation Service
- Barber and Beauty Services
- Strong Community Involvement



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Veteran Population



MDVA is dedicated to the service and sacrifice of our state's Veterans, dependents and survivors.

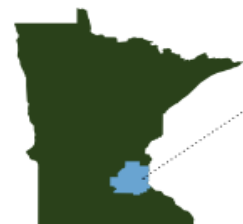
Here is a detailed look at the Veteran population in Minnesota

★ 47% ★
Nearly 47 percent of Minnesota Veterans live in the seven-county metro area.



286,593
MINNESOTA VETERANS

VETERANS MAKE UP 4.9% OF THE POPULATION IN MINNESOTA



Renville County serves 840 Veterans, as defined by Minnesota Statute 197.447

Redwood County -780 Veterans

Sibley County -850 Veterans

Chippewa County -834 Veterans

Swift County -571 Veterans

Demographics:

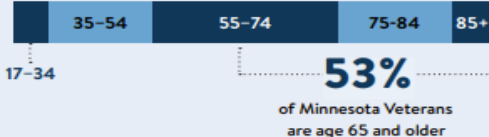
RACE:

White	262,437
Black or African American	6,918
Hispanic or Latino	6,134
Other	5,337
Asian	3,408
American Indian	2,253
Pacific Islander	106

GENDER:



AGE:



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Daily Operations

Help Direct Veterans with the Tools to Receive the Benefits They Are Allowed By Law

Assist Veterans with Filing Claims for Service-Connected Disabilities

Track Veteran Claims to Stay Abreast of the Lifecycle of Each Claim

Help Surviving Dependents/Family with Burial, Death, DIC, and Other Benefits They May Be Entitled To



New Outreach We Are Doing

Redwood Area Warriors Fund

- Non-Profit
- Recently Added Renville County in Their By Laws
- Ryan Agreed to Be On The Board
- Help Veterans With Monetary Needs, Pay Vendors Directly, Not The Veteran
- Up To \$1,000 Could Be Given

Veterans on the Water

- Non-Profit
- Take Veterans Fishing
- Day Trips and Extended Trips
- Everything Provided For The Veteran
- Help Veterans Get Back to Doing Something They Enjoy



Goals for 2026

- Complete All Outstanding Tasks from 2025
- Continue Training Required to Remain Accredited
- Ryan to Complete the Advanced Appeals Course
- Switch Over to Vetraspec from Vetpro
- Upload Files to the Intranet for Storage
- Provide the Best Experience Possible for Veterans and Their Families

Questions?