



THE SITREP

The **Situation Report** is provided by the Isanti County Veterans Services Department

As we move further into the world of technology and instant access to information, Isanti County's Veterans Services Department found it necessary to provide the community with a regularly published source of information regarding Veterans in our community.

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DEAR READERS:

Did you serve on Active Duty in the US Armed Forces at any time during the period of November 1st, 1955 to May 15th, 1975? Then, regardless of location, you are due one Vietnam War Commemoration Lapel Pin to honor your service and sacrifice. This initiative for living veterans will be ongoing through the year 2025. Contact your County Veterans Services Office to learn more about receiving your pin!



And speaking of the Vietnam War, Twin Cities PBS — TPT and Concordia University (St. Paul) have been hosting monthly roundtable events on the Vietnam War's impact on Minnesotans. More information can be found at the Minnesota Remembers Vietnam's website: www.mnvietnam.org

VA NEWS:

Public Law 116-23, (**Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act 2019**) was signed on June 25th, 2019 and took effect on January 1st, 2020. Blue Water Navy Veterans, or those who were stationed on a ship within 12 nautical miles who served in the **Republic of Vietnam** between January 9, 1962 and May 7, 1975, or who had service in the **Korean Demilitarized Zone (DMZ)** between September 1, 1967 and August 31, 1971, may be entitled to disability compensation for conditions related to herbicide exposure. The law also provides benefits for children born with spina bifida whose parent was a Veteran with herbicide exposure in **Thailand**.

The VA will be using a Ship Locator Tool to compile and updated ships list to help verify a Veteran's vessel location during the presumed exposure dates, which they are currently working on with the US Navy. In the meantime, you can check out this website <https://www.hillandponton.com/blue-water-navy-vietnam-map/>

with an interactive map and ship list. If you, or someone you know may qualify, please contact your County Veteran Service Officer to learn more.



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“With malice toward none, with charity for all, with firmness in the right as God gives us to see the right, let us strive on to finish the work we are in, to bind up the nation’s wounds, to care for him who shall have borne the battle and for his widow, and his orphan, to do all which may achieve and cherish a just and lasting peace among ourselves and with all nations.”

President Abraham Lincoln’s 2nd Inaugural Address, March 4th, 1865

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ISANTI COUNTY VETERAN NEWS:

There’s a Memory Café opportunity each month in both Cambridge and Isanti for folks to share their stories and socialize with others who are concerned with memory loss. In Cambridge, it’s held on the 2nd Thursday of the month from 9:30am - 10:30am at SAC’s Senior Enrichment Center 140 Buchanan St N., Cambridge, MN

In Isanti, it’s held on the 4th Thursday of the month from 9:30am - 10:30am at the Spirit River Community Center, 1321 Heritage Blvd NE, Isanti, MN

MEMORY CAFÉ 2020 DATES

Cambridge

January 9
February 13
March 12
April 9
May 14
June 11

Isanti

January 23
February 27
March 26
April 23
May 28
June 25



Please call Angie Detert at 320-364-1115 or email angied@familypahtways.org for more info on Cambridge. Please call Julie Tooker at 763-691-6192 or email jtooker@preshomes.org for more info on Isanti.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

MACV Legal Clinic 9a-3p Jan 7th, 2020
MACV Legal Clinic 9a-2p Jan 14th, 2020
MACV Legal Clinic 10a-3p Jan 28th, 2020

The Depot | Great Hall - Duluth, MN
Minneapolis VA Medical Center | Mpls, MN
St Cloud VA Health Care Systems | St. Cloud, MN

And don’t forget about the Braham VFW Post 1735’s **Monthly Pancake Breakfast** on the first Saturday of the every month, except June & July! Breakfast is served from 7am to 10:30am, and features pancakes, french toast, scrambled eggs, sausage, ham, coffee, and juice and smiles to go around!

LOCAL VETERANS ORGANIZATIONS & MEETING TIMES:

American Legion Post 290 - Cambridge, MN	6pm, 2nd Tuesday of the month
Isanti County Beyond the Yellow Ribbon - Cambridge, MN	7pm, 3rd Thursday of the month
Military Order of the Cootie Pup Tent 99 - Isanti, MN	7pm, 1st Thursday of the month
Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1731 - Braham, MN	7pm, 2nd Thursday of the month
Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2735 - Isanti, MN	7pm, 3rd Monday of the month
Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 684 - Isanti, MN	7pm, 1st Wednesday of the month

Addresses for these meetings can be found at the following Isanti County website:

<https://www.co.isanti.mn.us/BusinessDirectoryII.aspx?lngBusinessCategoryID=28>