

# *Becker County Veterans Service Office*

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## **Veteran News**

**988** = New Crisis Line Number

Please share the word on the new 3-digit number for the Suicide and Crisis Lifeline: 988

## **MN VETERANS DAY ON THE HILL — SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 30, 2023**

### **VA News**

Starting on January 17, Veterans in suicidal crises can go to any health care facility, at VA or in the community, for free emergency health care – including transportation costs, inpatient or crisis residential care for up to 30 days, and outpatient care for up to 90 days, including social work. See more on attached fact sheet.

VALife: In January 2023, VA will launch a new life insurance program called Veterans Affairs Life Insurance (VALife), which provides guaranteed acceptance whole life insurance coverage to Veterans age 80 and under, with any level of service-connected disability. Increments are available between \$10,000 and \$40,000. Some Veterans age 81 and older may also be eligible.

<https://news.va.gov/103790/valife-insurance-program-coming-january-2023-veterans-with-service-connection/>

### **MN DVA News**

The [Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs](https://mn.gov/mdva/assets/2022-mdva-annual-report_tcm1066-557368.pdf) has released its annual report. You can find it at: [https://mn.gov/mdva/assets/2022-mdva-annual-report\\_tcm1066-557368.pdf](https://mn.gov/mdva/assets/2022-mdva-annual-report_tcm1066-557368.pdf)

### **Other MDVA news**

- The State Soldiers Assistance Program (SSAP) is celebrating its 100-year anniversary. Since 1923, the SSAP has been providing assistance and support to veterans in Minnesota. The program was established in response to the needs of veterans returning from World War I. The SSAP has since grown and evolved to meet the changing needs of veterans, but our commitment to serving and supporting Minnesota's veterans remains unchanged.
- Asset limits for SSAP program for dental and optical benefits have increased from \$3,000 to \$10,000 for individuals and from \$6,000 to \$18,000 for families. The maximum benefits have also increased from \$1,000 to \$1,500 per person for routine dental treatments and from \$400 to \$600 for optical care. Other changes have also been made to the payment schedule.

DAV NW MN Transportation line: 1-855-277-9787

Senior Linkage Line at 1-800-333-2433 <https://mn.gov/senior-linkage-line/>

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Attached documents:

Legal CORPS flyer

Emergency Crisis Treatment Options



## **Warm a Service Members Heart**

**February 11th**

**10:00 AM to 3:00 PM**

**Frazeo Post 7702**

**120 W Main Frazeo**



**The MN Loving Hands Quilters are offering a free  
quilt for service members past and present.**

**The VFW Post 7702 will provide free food.**

**Stop by to say hello to fellow comrades and**

**warm the heart of a Service Member**

**Sponsored by United Community Bank and VFW Post 7702**

