

# Family Council Matters Newsletter

## MVH-Minneapolis



May 2025

### More Support for Families

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has a toll-free Caregiver Support Line (CSL) for caregivers, family members, friends, and Veterans. That number is **1-855-260-3274**. More information can be found on their website : [https://www.caregiver.va.gov/help\\_landing.asp](https://www.caregiver.va.gov/help_landing.asp)

This dedicated CSL team is available by phone **Monday through Friday, from 7am till 7pm CST**, and can help you to:

- Learn more about their Caregiver Support Program (CSP) services and program eligibility.
- Receive supportive counseling.
- Navigate barriers to accessing care.
- Connect with the CSP team at the Minneapolis VA Medical Center, who will assist with referrals to local services and enrollment in CSP.
- Discover additional VA and community resources available to help care for a Veteran.

Again, CSL's toll-free number is:

**1-855-260-3274**

### Reminder: Support Group Meeting

The second meeting of the Vets Home's **Family Member Support Group** will be on **5/14/2025**. There were 25 participants at the first meeting in April! This group meets on the second Wednesday of each month. As a Caregiver for your loved one who lives at the MVH, you are invited to come, connect with others, share, and receive care. If you are interested, please feel free to attend. If you would like to be on the group's email list, please send an email about it to Chaplain Brandon at [brandon.newton@state.mn.us](mailto:brandon.newton@state.mn.us). Again, this month's meeting is scheduled on:

**Wednesday, May 14, 1:00-2:30pm**  
**Building 22 Community Room**

Please Join Us for the  
**Monthly Family Council Meeting**

**In Person**

**And Online (Listen Only)**

**Building 21, Theater Room**

**Saturday, May 10, 2025**

**Come Early for the Social Half-Hour**

**11:45am till 12:15pm**

**Followed by the Meeting**

**12:15pm till 2:00pm**

**Speakers:**

**Carmelle Hanson**

**Assistant Director of Nursing**

**Dhuguma Tola**

**Officer of the Day (OD)**

### Vets Home Events in May

As always, families are invited and welcome to participate in these events!

### Fishing Opener

**Saturday, May 3, 2025**

**9:00am till 12 Noon**

**In Front of Building 19**



### Memorial Day

**Monday, May 26, 2025**

**11:30am:**

**Decorated Vehicle Parade Drive  
Through Vets Home Campus, 2X**

**2:00pm:**

**Memorial Day Program**

**Building 19 Community Room**

(Sponsored by the 5th District American Legion)



*Our condolences go out to the families and friends whose loved one recently passed away.*

## 2025 Meeting Dates

**Second Saturday of  
Each Month at 12:15pm  
In-Person and  
Online (Listen Only)**

May 10

June 14

July 12

~~August 9 Cancelled~~

August 10 Annual Picnic

September 13

October 11

November 8

December 13

## Thank You's

A heartfelt thank you to Judith Costello, GERALYN Kelly, and Patricia Slovak for making generous donations to the Family Council in memory of Mike Costello.

And another heartfelt thank you to Carol Evans and Jennifer Evans-Hall for making generous donations to the Family Council in memory of John Evans.

One more heartfelt thank you to the Hugo American Legion for making another generous donation to the Family Council.

One last heartfelt thank you to Your Cause BES Corporate, for making another generous donation to the Family Council.

**MVH-Minneapolis COVID Info Line 612-548-5737**

## Concerts In May

The Family Council is sponsoring the following concerts, which will be held in the Building 19 Community Room. Families and their loved ones living at the Vets Home are invited to attend!

**Friday, May 2, 2:00pm  
Music of the Civil Wars**

**Friday, May 23. 2:00pm  
Castaways**



**Officer of the Day (OD)  
MVH-Minneapolis**

**612-221-6389 or 612-210-6295**

**Call at Night and on Weekends**

**At Other Times,**

**Please Call Unit or Building Manager**

**Ombudsman for MVH-Minneapolis**

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