

# Family Council Matters Newsletter

## MVH-Minneapolis



June 2025

### Summer Riverboat Trips

Interested in accompanying your loved one on a refreshing riverboat trip this summer? If so, please contact his or her Recreation Therapist (RT). Each RT is listed below, along with the schedule of riverboat trips organized by building number, floor, and date. The sooner you call, the better, as there is limited space available. The Family Council donates to this delightful summer activity. One family member may accompany each resident at no charge. Additional family members are welcome, but please pay for those tickets separately at the boat, which ensures that as many residents/Veterans as possible have an opportunity to attend. Please let your loved one's RT know if additional family members plan to attend so that can be communicated to the Padelford Boat Company.

As noted below, the riverboat leaves the dock at 12:00 Noon for all but two of the trips. It leaves at 2:30pm for Building 19-2, which is scheduled on August 14th, and at 2:30pm for Building 21-2, which is scheduled on August 12th. The residents and sponsored family members should be at the MVH-Minneapolis Main Entrance two hours in advance of the boat departure time, where the buses will be loaded. Or meet them at Harriet Island an hour in advance instead. The trips that are scheduled for a Noon departure will include lunch provided at no charge on the boat. Those departing at 2:30pm will have lunch at the Vets Home at their usual time. The buses will return to the MVH-Minneapolis three to four hours afterwards. Residents and families are welcome to purchase anything extra on the boat. Friendly reminder: Alcohol is not permitted on any Recreation Therapy (state) outings. Watch for flyers posted around campus for more details.



#### Building 19

19-2, Aug 14, Jacky Maxwell, 612.548.5754, **NOTE:**

**Leaves Dock at 2:30pm**

19-3, Sept 5, Olena Miller, 612.548.5757, Leaves Dock at Noon

19-4, July 10, Taylor Woltman, 612.548.5817, Leaves Dock at Noon

#### Building 21

21-1, July 9, Sara Grogg, 612.548.5756, Leaves Dock At Noon

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

**In Person**

**And Online (Listen Only)**

**Building 21, Theater Room**

**Saturday, June 14, 2025**

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

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

**Followed by the Meeting**

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

**Speaker:**

**Jacqueline Grimm**

**Assistant Administrator**

**Minneapolis Vets Home**

21-2, Aug 12, 21-2, Shaely Rakow, 612.548.5849,

**NOTE: Leaves Dock at 2:30pm**

21-3, Sept 12, Linnea Gunard, 612.548.5761, Leaves Dock at Noon

#### **Building 22**

22-1, Aug 28, Jennifer Kraus, 612.548.5753, Leaves Dock at Noon

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22-3, June 11, Kate Nickerson, 612.548.5763, Leaves Dock at Noon

22-4, July 24, Christa Tremewan, 612-548-5762, Leaves Dock at Noon

22-5, July 31, Christa Tremewan, 612-548-5762, Leaves Dock at Noon

### **Thank You's**

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

One more heartfelt thank you to BBGF Best Buy Payments, for making a generous donation to the Family Council.

*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)**

June 14  
July 12 (In-Person Only)  
~~August 9~~ Cancelled  
August 10 Annual Picnic  
September 13  
October 11  
November 8  
December 13

## Concerts In June

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

**Tuesday, June 3, 2:00pm  
Commodores Big Band**

**Thursday, June 12, 2:00pm  
The Jupes**

**Friday, June 27, 2:00pm  
Rockin' Hollywoods**



## Flags and the General Store

You are welcome to bring flags in need of disposal to the disposal box located in the General Store. Flags are picked up by an American Legion representative on a regular basis. Then a nearby American Legion post conducts disposal ceremonies of unserviceable flags on or near Flag Day (June 14) every year. These ceremonies are dignified and solemn occasions for the retirement of unserviceable flags. Also, there is a Lions Club Eyeglass donation box in the General Store. Feel free to donate eyeglasses and prescription sunglasses, cases, and hearing aids in this box.

**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**  
**Anna Solowiej**  
**651-703-6290**  
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