

Family Council Matters Newsletter

MVH-Minneapolis



July 2025

July 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 July 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 go. Also, 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. All July Riverboat Trips will leave the dock at 12:00 Noon, and lunch will be provided on the boat at no charge, for residents and sponsored family members. All of whom should be at the Main Entrance by 10am, where the buses will be loaded. Or meet them at Harriet Island an hour in advance instead. The buses will return to the MVH-Minneapolis by 3:00-4:00pm. Residents and families are welcome to purchase anything extra on the boat.



Building 19

19-4, July 10, Taylor Woltman, 612.548.5817

Building 21

21-1, July 9, Sara Grogg, 612.548.5756

Building 22

22-4, July 24, Christa Tremewan, 612-548-5762

22-5, July 31, Christa Tremewan, 612-548-5762

Decorated Vehicle Parade

Saturday, July 5, 2025, ~11:30am

Find a good spot on the Minneapolis Vets Home Campus to watch the "Red, White, and Blue Salute to America" Parade, which will circle the campus twice.

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

In Person Only This Month

**Building 21, Theater Room
Saturday, July 12, 2025**

**Come Early for the Social Half-Hour
11:45am till 12:15pm**

**Followed by the Meeting
12:15pm till 2:00pm**

**No Speaker This Month
Instead: Open Forum and
Get-to-Know-You Time**

Eagle/Raptor Center Visit

Friday, July 11, 2025, 2:00pm

The Family Council is sponsoring this event, which is scheduled as noted above. It 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!

Save the PICNIC Date!

The Family Council's Annual Potluck Picnic is scheduled for **Sunday, August 10th, 2025**, starting at 12:00-Noon. Picnic activities will be held in the Building 22 Community Room and Courtyard. All family members and friends with a loved one living at the MVH-Minneapolis are invited. Watch for more details in the August Newsletter!



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)**

July 12 (In-Person Only)

~~August 9~~ Cancelled

August 10 Annual Picnic

September 13

October 11

November 8

December 13

Visitors Bringing in Pets

If you plan to bring your pet to the Minneapolis Vets Home on a regular basis, please check in at the Main Entrance so you can be informed about the requirements. And if there are any changes to your pet visits, that can be updated at the Main Entrance as well.

VA Patient Advocates

If you have questions about the care your loved one has received, or might be qualified to receive, at the Minneapolis VA Medical Center, please contact a Patient Advocate at the Minneapolis VA. These advocates are specially trained to help Veterans resolve issues with their care. Families can reach out to them too, on behalf of their loved one who is a Veteran. Their telephone number is 612-467-2106. And here is a link to their website:

<https://www.va.gov/minneapolis-health-care/health-services/patient-advocates/>

Thank You's

A heartfelt thank you to Anita Kies for making a generous donation to the Family Council in memory of Leroy Kies.

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

Officer of the Day (OD)

MVH-Minneapolis

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Call at Night and on Weekends

At Other Times,

Please Call Unit or Building Manager

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