

# Family Council Matters Newsletter

## MVH-Minneapolis



October 2025

### **Safety and Security**

Just a reminder that the Minneapolis Vets Home security staff will escort families to and from their cars. This is available year-round, and especially helpful during the winter months, when there is a risk of slipping on the ice or snow. Simply call **651-587-2721**, or **612-791-3289**, and ask to be picked up. Security will drive to your vehicle, and give you a ride to the Main Entrance. The same is true when leaving the facility. Stop by the Main Entrance desk in Building 19, and ask for a ride to your car. It should be noted that individuals requesting a ride must be able to independently enter/exit the security vehicle unassisted as our Security Company is unable to provide assistance due to liability insurance reasons.

Also, last year, Family Council members raised several safety related questions, which are listed below. The answers, in bold, are from Doug Britain, Campus Administrator, and are still true today.

1) Is security in the parking lot when staff are leaving the evening shift, and when night staff are arriving? **Yes! It is always our expectation to have security staff in the parking lots during shift changes. Security staff can be reached at (651) 587-2721 if you have any immediate security concerns. If you are unable to reach a security staff member at this number please try a second number, 612-791-3289 as an alternative.**

2) Does security make rounds every so many hours in the lot? If so, how often? **Parking lot patrol is ongoing, 24-hours per day, 7 days per week. The expectation is to make rounds of the entire campus at least once every hour.**

3) How many cameras are located in the parking lot? **Currently, there are seven cameras facing the primary, front parking lots on the north sides of Building 19 and**

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

**In Person**

**And Online (Listen Only)**

**Building 21, Theater Room**

**Saturday, October 11, 2025**

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

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

**Followed by the Meeting**

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

**Speaker:**

**Razaq 'Zaq' Adedayo**

**Director of Nursing**

**Minneapolis Vets Home**

**Building 21. There are also other cameras scattered around the remainder of the campus exterior.**

4) Is it a continuous camera at the security desk that is being watched 24/7? **Yes, parking lot cameras are monitored 24-hours per day by a security staff member that is stationed at the Main Entrance desk. There are generally two security officers on duty, 24-hours per day, seven days per week. The second security officer is located in the security vehicle and is expected to patrol throughout the campus on a continuous basis.**

**Family Member Support Group Meeting**

**Wednesday, October 8, 1:00-2:30pm**

**Building 22 Community Room**

Questions? Contact Chaplain Brandon at 612.548.5940.

*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)**

**October 11  
November 8  
December 13**

## Performance In October

The Family Council is sponsoring one performance this month. Families and their loved ones living at the Vets Home are invited to attend the following!

### The Accidental Hero

**Friday, October 3 at 2:00pm  
Building 19 Community Room**

## Halloween Mystery Social

Put on your best costume and join the spooky and theatrical Halloween Mystery Social at the Vets Home! Step into a world of intrigue where YOU become part of the story. Help them solve a chilling Halloween mystery while enjoying delicious fall treats, laughter, and plenty of festive fun!

**Friday, October 31<sup>st</sup> at 2:00pm  
Building 19 Community Room**



## Thank You's

A heartfelt thank you to Ron Lietz, for making a generous donation to the Family Council.

One more heartfelt thank you to the Hugo American Legion Post 620 for making another generous donation to the Family Council.

And one last heartfelt thank you to BBGF Best Buy Payments, for making a generous donation to the Family Council.

**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**

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