

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

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SHOVEL READY

GROUNDBREAKING: SUMMER OF 2023
GRAND OPENING: SUMMER OF 2025

BONDING REQUEST: \$23.7 MILLION

2023 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

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MN DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AFFAIRS, MAJOR GENERAL SHAWN MANKE (1/4/23)

The Department of Military Affairs fully concurs with the revised cost estimates for the construction of the Minnesota Military Museum requiring an additional \$23.7M in either cash or additional bond proceeds. We are in the process of investing in a generational resource that will serve Minnesota in an ideal location with an important mission. Though we are experiencing unprecedented construction cost increases that necessitates this request for additional funding, we are also in a time when equally unprecedented circumstances have made an investment of this scale feasible.

JEWISH COMMUNITY RELATIONS COUNCIL OF MN AND THE DAKOTAS, STEVE HUNEGS (1/3/23)

The overarching point is the creation of the new Minnesota Military & Veterans Museum makes such indelible educational opportunities available to the thousands of visitors each year. The JCRC strongly supports this \$23.7 million dollar request.

MN INDIAN AFFAIRS COUNCIL RESOLUTION, ROBERT LARSEN & ROBERT DESCHAMPE (3/12/22)

Whereas, the Tribal Nation members of the Minnesota Indian Affairs Council understand the importance of completing this new facility because it will continue to help recognize the important contributions made by Tribal Members and all Minnesota military veterans. Therefore, be it resolved, that the Minnesota Indian Affairs Council affirmatively supports this legislation.

ASSOCIATION OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY, JON LOVALD (1/2/23)

I write to you in my role as the President of the General John W. Vessey Jr. Chapter of the Association of the United States Army (AUSA) and spokesperson for our over 2200 association members. The museum has been critical supporters of all branch associations including AUSA. I ask you to fully and actively support the request for \$23.7 million.

MN COUNCIL OF THE UNITED STATES NAVY LEAGUE, JOSEPH FRASER (1/4/23)

The museum is seeking a bonding request of \$23.7 million in order to commence work on a shovel ready project that will deliver a world-class museum worthy of the service of Minnesota Veterans. This bonding request is a follow-up to legislative efforts last year when no bill was passed and the earlier state commitment of \$13 million made to this project prior to the pandemic.

MN COMMANDER'S TASK FORCE, MICK AGUIRRE (2/16/23)

Our state's Veteran organizations and those we serve will benefit greatly from a new, larger museum facility at Camp Ripley. It will be an important venue for Veteran reunions and help to inform the general public about the tremendous Veteran contributions throughout history. I urge you to please support this legislation.

MN MILITARY & VETERANS MUSEUM BOARD OF DIRECTORS, MARK RITCHIE (1/2/23)

I write to you in my role as Board Chair of the Minnesota Military & Veterans Museum at Camp Ripley and as Minnesota's Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the U.S. Army. I ask you to fully and actively support our request for \$23.7 million to complete what 4-star General Joseph Votel calls "a world-class museum worthy of the sacrifice and service of Minnesota Veterans."

ISSUE



Camp Ripley has been the home of the Minnesota Military & Veterans Museum for more than 40 years. A dozen small buildings within the camp walls currently comprise the five-acre museum campus. A nearly 90-year old building--a former Battalion HQ building--houses the main displays, leaving 80,000 artifacts stored in a series of secondary buildings. This aging and limited exhibition space does not allow for veteran stories from across the state and all the service branches to be fully represented.

The museum campus is across from the post's airfield and in the flight path of low-flying C-130 aircraft. The FAA has directed that plans be developed to move the museum. No new construction is permitted on the current site.

OPPORTUNITY



In 2019, the Museum acquired 32-acres of land just outside the walls of Camp Ripley and well clear of approaching aircraft. This new site, at the intersection of Highways 371 and 115, will dramatically increase exposure and accessibility. It is at the crossroads of Camp Ripley, Veterans State Cemetery and Veterans State Recreational Trail.

This new site conceptually conveys the entire spectrum of the Minnesota veteran experience, from its national character, with the American flag prominently flying, to the flags of all service branches, to a statewide representation at the front door, with the names of all 87 counties etched into the walls, to unit-level experiences explored in the immersive galleries, and finally to individual stories captured in letters, photographs, and objects cared for in the Museum's collections. Together, the Museum and the Minnesota Department of Military Affairs has completed many steps to make this new site a reality.

STATUS

- Acquired 32-acres of land (12/27/19)
- State Designer Selection Board picked HGA (4/29/21)
- Design Charette completed (7/14/21)
- Predesign Phase completed (8/25/21)
- Schematic Design completed (9/29/22)
- Design Development completed (12/8/22)
- Groundbreaking (summer 2023)
- Construction complete (fall 2024)
- Grand Opening (summer 2025)

Project Management:
MN Department of Military Affairs

Architect:
HGA

Site:
Camp Ripley

PUBLIC FUNDING

Already secured: \$13.8 million

Still needed: \$23.7 million

For a new 40,000 square foot Camp Ripley museum facility to serve the state's more than 300,000 veterans, their families & friends, the general public & future generations.



PRIVATE FUNDING

Already secured: \$5.2 million

Still needed: \$4.8 million

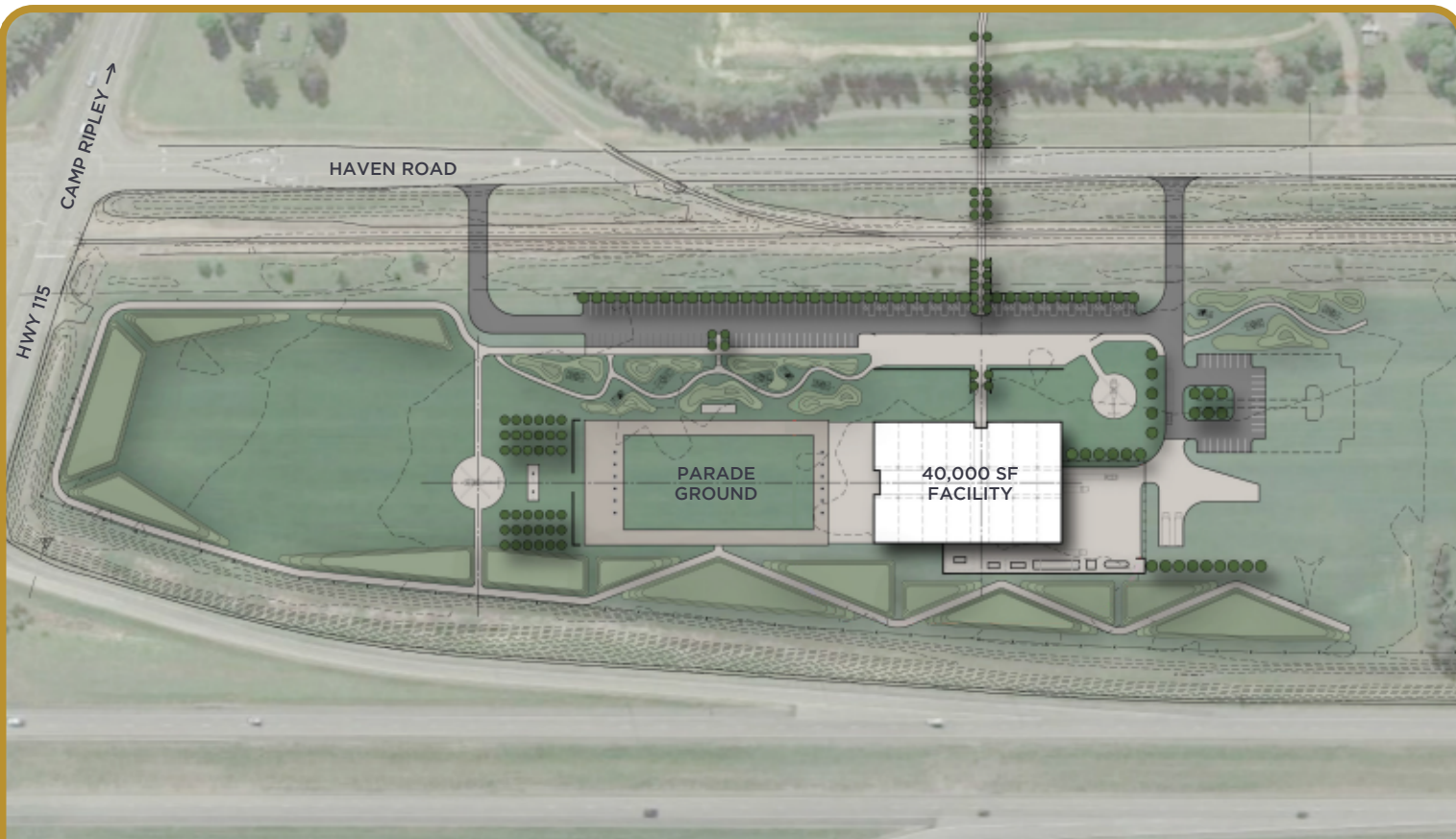
For new museum exhibit galleries, education classrooms & collections area to showcase veteran stories from all 87 counties and each branch of service.



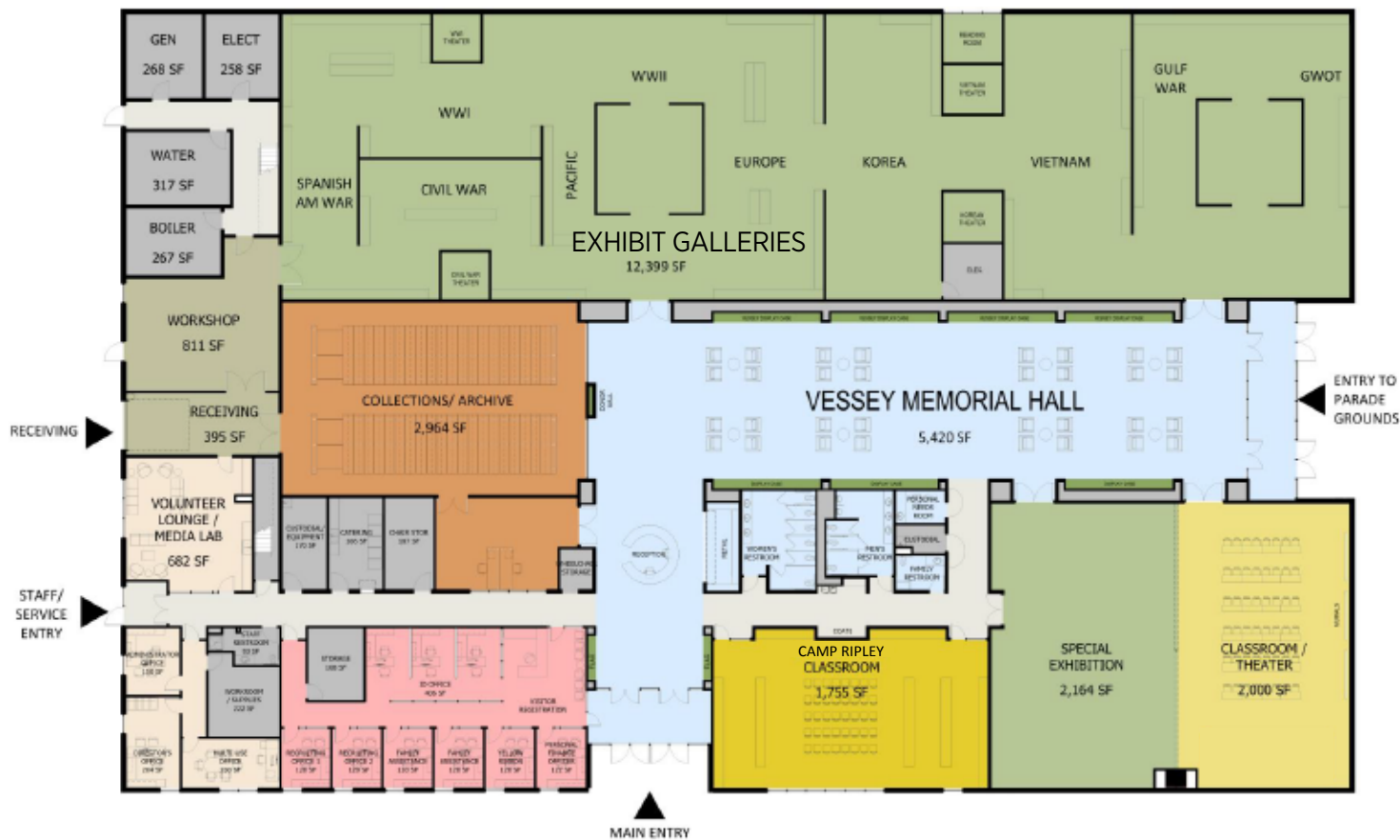
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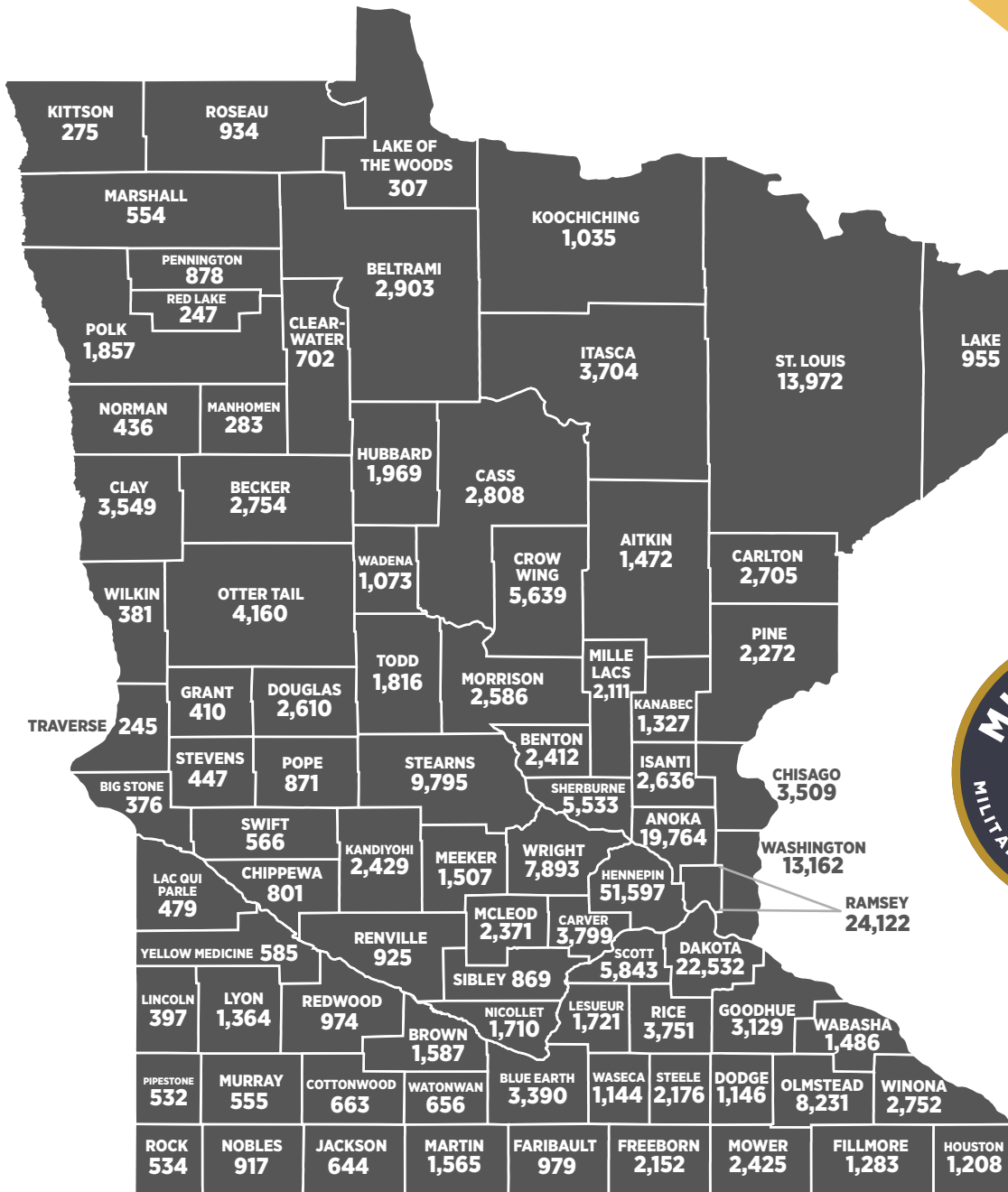
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303,272 Veterans in MN

The Minnesota Military & Veterans Museum is a non-profit 501(c)3 educational organization chartered to preserve and interpret Minnesota's military history.

The museum is certified by the U.S. Army Center of Military History and the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force, although its mission encompasses all branches of military service.

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