



Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs

2025 Agency Overview

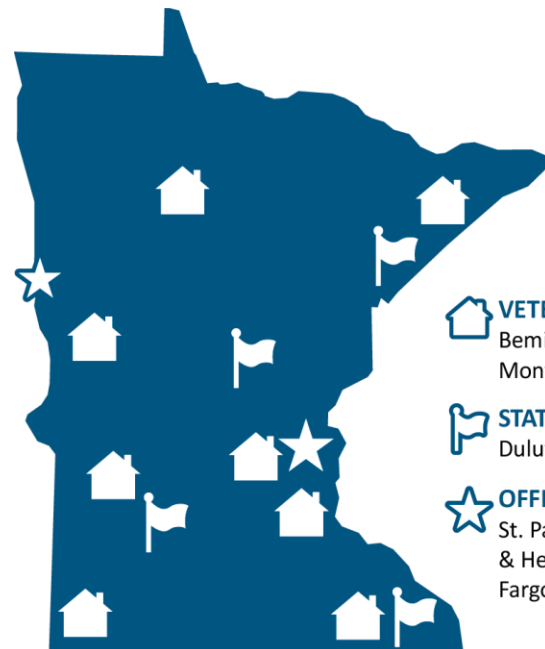
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Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs

Agency Overview

- Strategic Goals
- Programs & Services Division
- Healthcare Division
- Agency Budget
- Priority Initiatives



-  **VETERANS HOMES**
Bemidji, Fergus Falls, Hastings, Luverne, Minneapolis
Montevideo, Preston & Silver Bay
-  **STATE CEMETERIES**
Duluth, Little Falls, Redwood Falls & Preston
-  **OFFICE LOCATIONS**
St. Paul (Veterans Service Building Central Office)
& Henry Whipple Building Claims Office,
Fargo/NW Minnesota Claims office



Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs

Mission

Serving Minnesota Veterans, their dependents and survivors by connecting them with the federal and state care and benefits they have earned.

Vision

Fulfilling the needs of Minnesota Veterans and their families by providing proven and innovative programs and services to maximize quality of life.



MDVA Strategic Plan

Strategic Goals

- Ensure a seamless **continuum of support** that addresses the evolving needs of Veterans
- Increase Veteran **awareness and participation**
- Be exemplary stewards of **resources**
- Develop, sustain and retain the quality of our **workforce**

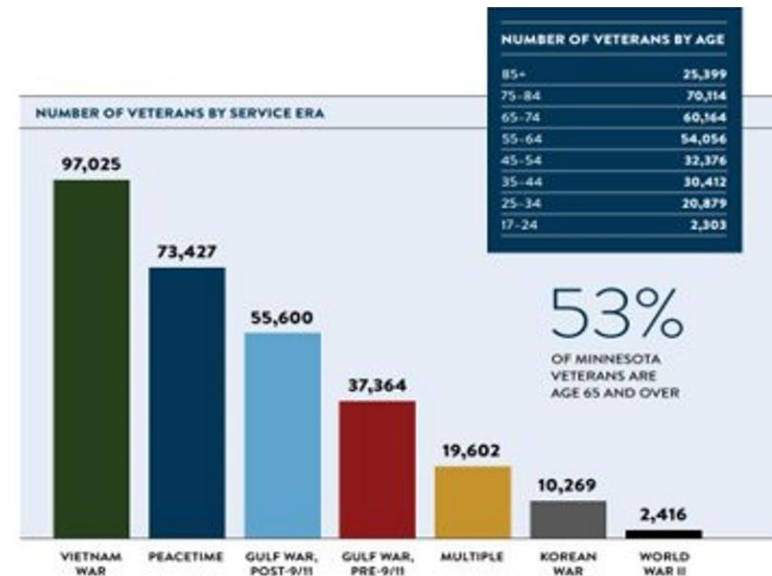
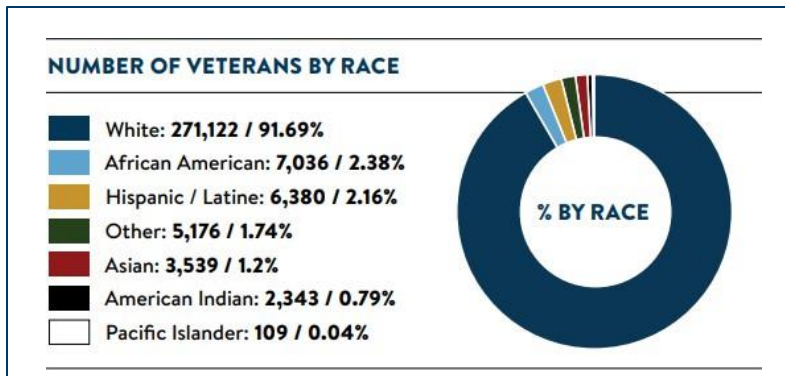




Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs

Who we serve

- More than 286,000 Veterans in Minnesota (approx. 5.15 % of state population)
 - As of 9/30/24
- Serving Veterans in all 87 Minnesota counties
- Approximately 55,000 Minnesota Veterans have served post-9/11





MDVA Grant Programs

Support Our Troops (SOT) and Legislative Grants support:

- **County Veterans Service Officers (CVSO)** in Minnesota's 87 counties
- **Veterans Service Organizations** (American Legion, VFW, etc.)
- **Minnesota Assistance Council for Veterans (MACV)** providing assistance to Veterans and their families who are homeless or in danger of homelessness.
- **Support Our Troops (SOT) Grants** are funds raised from the Minnesota "Support Our Troops" License Plate Program.
- **Legislative Grants** (MN Military Museum, Meals on Wheels, Camp Bliss, VRP, Vets on the Lake, etc.)



**Purchase a
"Support our Troops" Plate.
MinnesotaVeteran.org/SOT**





Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs Programs & Services Division



MDVA Programs & Services

- Assists Minnesota Veterans and their families in attaining both federal and state benefits they are entitled to
- Administers programs to meet the needs of eligible Veterans, their dependents and survivors





MDVA Programs & Services

- **Federal Claims Assistance**
- **State Veterans Benefits Division**
- **Veterans Employment and Education**
- **MDVA State Soldiers Assistance Program**
- **State Veterans Cemeteries and Memorial Affairs**
- **Veteran Homelessness Initiative**



MDVA Programs & Services

Federal Claims Assistance: St. Paul and Fargo Regional Offices

- Represent Minnesota Veterans and their dependents who seek federal Veterans benefits including service-connected disability compensation, non-service-connected pension, vocational rehabilitation or educational benefits through the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)

Field & Tribal Operations

- Outreach to groups of claimants who would not normally seek benefits due to cultural differences or geographic location

Women Veterans' Program

- Ensure women Veterans have equitable access to federal and state benefits and services



MDVA Programs & Services

Higher Education Veterans Program

- Supports Veterans, current military members and families at Minnesota colleges and universities
- Staff on-campus Veterans Resource Centers providing comprehensive education information
- Campus institutional readiness in support of the unique needs of Veteran students

Minnesota G.I. Bill

- \$15,000 for all eligible Minnesota Veterans, those currently serving and dependents of deceased or severely disabled Minnesota Veterans
- Can be used for: Post-secondary education, on-the-job-training/apprenticeship programs and licensure, licensing/certifications



MDVA Programs & Services

State Approving Agency (SAA)

- Review, evaluate and approve education and training programs in accordance with state statute and federal regulations

On-the-Job (OJT) and Apprenticeship Program

- Approves on-the-job training and apprenticeship training programs providing opportunities for Veterans to use their earned G.I. Bill® benefits

Veterans Preference Act (VPA)

- Ensures that state-granted Veterans preference rights are upheld and enforced



MDVA Programs & Services

State Soldiers Assistance Program (SSAP)

- Offers state Veterans benefits, including dental and optical benefits and direct or emergency financial assistance to Veterans, dependents and survivors

LinkVet 1-888-LinkVet

- Nation-leading program providing information on Veterans benefits, healthcare, education and reintegration
- The phone line is managed by trained Minnesota online staff 7 days a week and evening hours.





MDVA Programs & Services

Minnesota Service CORE

- Serves Veterans, current military and their families through *Case Management, Outreach, Referral & Education*
- Brings community-based services directly to Veterans, service members and families at no cost
- Partnered with Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota (LSS)
- Services include individual and family counseling, financial counseling, debt management, addiction counseling, disability services and in-home counseling



MDVA Programs & Services

Minnesota State Veterans Cemeteries

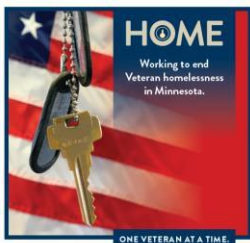
- Located in Little Falls, Preston, Duluth, and Redwood Falls
- Provides dignified burial services to Veterans and their eligible dependents



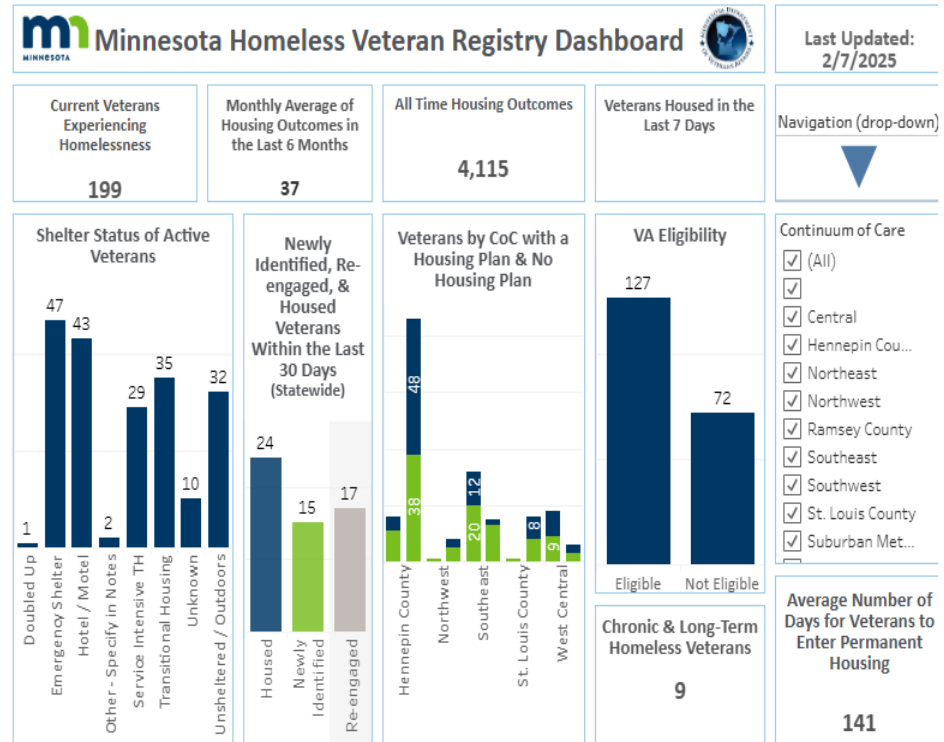


Ending Veteran Homelessness

- **MDVA** works with public and non-profit partners throughout Minnesota
- **Homeless Veterans Registry** connects Veterans experiencing homelessness with housing and services in their community
- [Dashboard](#) on the MDVA website provides real-time updates on the status of Veteran homelessness.



- **Veterans SOAR Program** increases access to SSI/SSDI





Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs Healthcare Division



MDVA Healthcare Division



MINNESOTA VETERANS HOMES

Our Services

Skilled Nursing Care

Memory Care

Domiciliary Care

Many private Resident rooms with bathrooms

Onsite rehabilitation

Mobile dental clinic

Adult Day Care

Recognized high-quality care

Home-like atmosphere

MinnesotaVeteran.org/Homes



Serving Minnesota Veterans



MDVA Healthcare Division

- Provide 24-hour skilled nursing care, dementia care, domiciliary care (known as board and care), and Adult Day Healthcare/Vets (Minneapolis only)
- Serve more than 800 Veterans
- Recognized for high-quality, long-term care





MDVA Healthcare Division

Minnesota Veterans Homes offer a variety of services:

- 24-hour Skilled Nursing
- Medical Services (MD and NP)
- Dementia Specialty Care Units
- Domiciliary (Board & Care)
- Adult Day Care (Minneapolis Campus)
- Rehabilitation services including physical therapy, occupational therapy and speech therapy.
- Dietetic and Nutrition services
- Resident Fitness/Restorative Care
- Recreational therapy
- Mental Health and behavioral services
- Social Services
- Pharmaceutical Services
- Spiritual Care
- Transportation
- Dental, optometry, podiatry and audiology/hearing care
- Drug and alcohol treatment
- Work therapy
- Volunteer programs



Preventing Veteran Suicide

- More than 100 Minnesotan Veterans die by suicide each year.
- MDVA has made preventing Veteran death by suicide a priority.
- State funding of \$1.65 million will support a state-wide initiative for Veteran Suicide Prevention.
- Website: MinnesotaVeteran.org/EndVetSuicide





Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs FY24-25 Operating Budget Overview



HealthCare Budget

General Funds	Base Budget	Base Budget
Veterans Healthcare/Homes	FY24	FY25
8 Veterans Homes Operational Budget	\$ 99,847	\$ 99,847
Suicide Prevention	\$ 550	\$ 550
Community Health Navigators	\$ 400	\$ 400
Veterans Homes Totals	\$ 100,797	\$ 100,797

Special Revenue Funds	Actual	Budgeted
Veterans Healthcare/Homes	FY24	FY25
Full Federal Per Diems > 70%	\$ 25,498	\$ 27,283
Standard Federal Per Diems < 70%	\$ 17,894	\$ 19,147
Resident Maintenance Fees	\$ 16,548	\$ 17,706
Medicare A & B & Secondary Insurance	\$ 943	\$ 1,009
Medicare D & Other Pharmacy Revenue	\$ 3,156	\$ 3,100
Veterans Homes Totals	\$ 64,039	\$ 68,245

FY24 FTE's = 1,253 Salary & Benefits = \$124,249 Non-Salary = \$35,886



Programs & Services Budget

Veterans Programs & Services	Base Budget FY24	Base Budget FY25
Central Office Division	\$ 4,138	\$ 4,138
Claims Division	\$ 3,621	\$ 3,621
Education Division	\$ 1,629	\$ 1,629
State Soldiers Assistance Program	\$ 5,600	\$ 5,600
Tenancy Support	\$ 950	\$ 950
Temporary Housing	\$ 1,714	\$ 1,714
Veterans State Cemeteries	\$ 4,282	\$ 4,282
Honor Guard	\$ 200	\$ 200
Homeless & SOAR	\$ 1,035	\$ 1,035
MACV Supportive Housing	\$ 6,675	\$ 325
Veteran Homeless Initiative MNVEST	\$ 4,311	\$ 1,311
Direct Veterans Assistance MACV	\$ 1,190	\$ 750
MN Service CORE	\$ 1,225	\$ 1,225
Recently Separated Veteran	\$ 350	\$ 350
LinkVet	\$ 369	\$ 369
VSO \$500K /CVSO \$1,550	\$ 2,050	\$ 2,050
Gold Star \$100K /GI Bill \$200	\$ 300	\$ 300
Veterans Bonus	\$ 15,000	\$ -
Legislative Grants	\$ 1,884	\$ 1,365
Veterans P&S Division Totals	\$ 56,523	\$ 31,214

FY24 FTE's = 127 Salary & Benefits = \$13,328 Non-Salary = \$29,315



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Contact MDVA

- MinnesotaVeteran.org
- LinkVet: 1-888-LinkVet
- County Veterans Service Officers: macvso.org



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Questions?

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