



Minnesota Guidebook for Incarcerated Veterans

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This guidebook is for Veterans and their families as a resource to access services that will support a successful transition to the community after release from incarceration. Please be aware, this guidebook is intended for Veterans releasing within the State of Minnesota. Resources do vary from State to State.

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SECTION I USING THIS GUIDE AND SEEKING HELP

This guidebook is for you to use to plan for your release and to keep as a reference after your release. It includes addresses, phone numbers, and web sites that you can use to find out about programs and other help available after your release. You may want to ask a friend or family member to help you find the information you need if you don't have phone or internet access. Bear in mind, this guide may not include every service you may be eligible for. What is available in one area may be different from what is available in another, so be sure to check with your local County Veteran Service Officer after release to learn about local services in your community after release.

A strong release plan ought to include both Veterans and non-Veterans supports. While you are incarcerated, be sure to take advantage of the Transitions resources offered at your facility. Classes may be offered for you to work on skills to prepare for life after release. Take the time to put together a realistic plan you can act on, and take full advantage of all the opportunities available to you.

Begin thinking about what specifically you will need at the time of your release. For example: "Will I need housing?"; "Will I need Medical, Mental Health, or sobriety support?"; "Do I need to learn a job skill?"; "Do I have any other legal issues, such as child support?"; "How do I restart my VA checks or Supplemental Security Income (SSI)?"

A helpful thing to do is to list your priority needs for after release. A sample list might look like this:

- I need a place to live.
- I need a job.
- I need clothing to wear to work.
- I need to find out what benefits I can get as a veteran.
- I want to get addictions treatment.
- I owe child support.

Think about your list as you read through this guidebook. Who do you think can help you with each of your needs? Which agencies would you like to contact for assistance? Keep track of the steps you take, including the dates and names of people you contact for information or assistance. Although this guidebook provides national and state addresses for many organizations, we

recommend you check with HCRV or your local VSO after release to confirm local contacts that may be available.

When writing a letter to request information, be clear. Keep your letter short, to the point, and write legibly. Include the following information:

- Your name and contact information.
- A brief statement about your current situation.
- Your specific request.
- What you have done so far (example: I have written to ____ organization and they suggested I contact you).
- Any restrictions for mailing (for example: Mail with staples or paper clips will not be accepted by my prison facility).

For best results, when contacting an agency for help by mail, email, or phone, be persistent and polite. Be sure to ask questions if information is unclear to you. Remember that many organizations are staffed by volunteers who are eager to help, but may not have the answers you are looking for. If someone cannot help you, ask about who can.

The Internet can also be helpful to find information about VA benefits and community resources in your area. This guidebook includes web addresses, when available. Although you likely cannot use a computer with internet access in your facility, consider visiting the public library after release. Computer access may also be provided at Minnesota Workforce Centers. You may also reach out to the HCRV specialist for other options after release.

Section II of this guide provides information about assistance for specific needs.

Section III covers basic information about seeking VA Financial Benefits. The last page contains a Checklist that summarizes each section of this guide.

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SECTION II HELP FOR VETERANS

Healthcare for Re-Entry Veterans Program

The **Health Care for Re-Entry Veterans (HCRV) Program** is designed to address the needs of Veterans preparing for release from incarceration. HCRV services include:

- Outreach and pre-release assessments services for Veterans in prison;
- Assistance in identifying eligibility for VA benefits, such as healthcare;
- Referrals and linkages to medical, psychiatric, and social services, including employment services upon release;
- Short-term case management assistance upon release.

Eligibility Criteria (HCRV transitional case management):

- Veteran is willing to continue to meet with HCRV worker while incarcerated or following release, either at CRRC, VA Medical Center, or in the community as appropriate;
- Veteran is agreeable to ongoing assessment and services, including referrals to other Mental Health and Primary Care if appropriate;
- Veteran is willing to identify goals around VA care planning and to end homelessness, as indicated.

Admission Process (HCRV transitional case management)

- Complete HCRV intake packet, including self-assessment worksheet;
- Complete clinical interview to assess for VA care needs, and goals for HCRV transitional case management.

Discharge (Transition) from HCRV:

- Veteran successfully connects with appropriate resources to secure housing and employment independently.
- Veteran stabilizes, and is able to manage with minimal case management services.
- Veteran decline further intervention.
- Veteran transitions into another area of the Homeless Programs or community programs.
- Loss of contact with the Veteran.
- Exhibits aggressive or assaultive behavior(s).
- Veteran has a medical or mental health condition that does not allow for independent living and outpatient treatment to continue.

- While you are incarcerated, your healthcare is provided at your facility. VA is prohibited from providing medical care while you are incarcerated. However, VA care is available immediately following release. The HCRV Specialist is a resource to assist with accessing VA care as soon as possible after release. The HCRV Specialist can begin working with you prior to your release and assist with including VA as part of your release plan. You may contact the HCRV Specialist by mail, through your case manager, or at your correctional facility through the Transitions Department.

VA Healthcare Services

As a Veteran, you may be eligible to receive healthcare through one of the VA Healthcare Systems, either in Minnesota or at the facility closest to you. In some cases, the closest VA may be in Fargo, North Dakota, or Sioux Falls, South Dakota. The HCRV Specialist can assist you completing the VA enrollment process or updating your VA record, depending on whether you've ever received VA care in the past. VA eligibility verification may require your **DD-214 or Military Service Record**. If you no longer have a copy, one can be requested while you are incarcerated.

Eligible Veterans residing in Minnesota may be served by any of the four healthcare systems: **Minneapolis, St. Cloud, Sioux Falls, or Fargo**. Each VA healthcare system has **Community-Based Outpatient Clinics (CBOCs)** located throughout the state to provide better access to care for Veterans reside a great distance from one of the four main medical centers.

Transportation to VA appointments is often provided by local County Veteran Service offices. Be sure to check your local VSO for more information.

VA clinical services include:

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| • Chaplain Services; | • Medical Foster Home; | • Spinal Cord Injury & Disorder Center; |
| • Extended Care and Rehabilitation; | • Mental Health Services; | • Women Veterans Comprehensive Health Center |
| • Hospice and Palliative Care; | • Pharmacy; | |
| • Integrative Health; | • Polytrauma; | |
| | • Primary and Specialty Medicine Services; | |

Every VA Health Care System has a **Health Care for Homeless Veterans (HCHV) Program**, to assist Veterans facing homelessness to access VA and community-based services. The HCHV program provides outreach, clinical assessment, and referrals for medical and mental health care, long-term transitional residential assistance, case management, and employment assistance with linkage to permanent housing. Contact information is listed under each specific VA facility.

Every VA Health Care System provides a wide range of **Mental Health and Substance Use Disorders treatments**, including: Emergency Inpatient hospitalization, Residential treatment, Intensive Outpatient, individual and group Outpatient treatment. Contact information is listed under each VA health care system.

VA's Veterans Readiness and Employment and Employment (VR&E) services assist Veterans with VA-rated Service-Connected disabilities through job training and counseling for those with disability-related barriers to employment. Services include assistance finding a job, on-the-job training, job development, and vocational training. If you are not eligible for these services, a VA counselor may help you find other options, goals or programs. Contact your VA Regional Office (VARO) at 1-800-827-1000/612-970-5440.

VA Healthcare Facilities

Minneapolis VA Health Care System

Minneapolis VA Medical Center

One Veterans Drive

Minneapolis, MN 55417

866-414-5058/612-467-1100

Minneapolis VA serves veterans who reside in the following counties:

Aitkin	Dakota	Itasca	Olmsted	St. Louis
Anoka	Dodge	Koochichi	Pine	Wabasha
Blue Earth	Faribault	ng	Ramsey	Waseca
Brown	Fillmore	Lake	Redwood	Washington
Carlton	Freeborn	Le Sueur	Rice	n
Carver	Goodhue	McLeod	Scott	Watonwa
Chisago	Hennepin	Mower	Sibley	Winona
Cook	Houston	Nicollet	Steele	

Minneapolis VA Community-Based Outpatient Clinics (CBOC's)

Albert Lea, MN

Albert Lea VA Clinic
1665 West Main Street

Albert Lea, MN 56007
Phone: (507) 377-6051

Chippewa Falls, WI

Chippewa Valley VA
Clinic
475 Chippewa Mall Drive,
#418

Chippewa Falls,
WI 54729
Phone: (715) 720-3780
Fax: (715) 720-2322

Ely, MN

Ely VA Clinic
720 Miners Drive East
Ely, MN 55731
Phone: (218) 365-0001

Hayward, WI

Hayward VA Clinic
15954 River's Edge Drive
Hayward, WI 54843
Phone: (715) 236-3355

Hibbing, MN

Hibbing VA Clinic
990 West 41st Street
Suite 5
Hibbing, MN 55746
Phone: 218-263-9698
Fax: 218-262-1915

Mankato, MN

Lyle C. Pearson
Community Based
Outpatient Clinic
1961 Premier Drive Suite
330
Mankato, MN 56001
Phone: 507-387-2939
Fax: 507-387-6377

Maplewood, MN

Maplewood VA Clinic
1725 Legacy Parkway,
Suite 100
Maplewood, MN 55109
Phone: (651) 225-5420
Fax: (651) 777-6494

Ramsey, MN

NW Metro VA Clinic
7545 Veterans Drive
Ramsey, MN 55303
Phone: (612) 467-1100

Rice Lake, WI

Rice Lake VA Clinic
2700A College Drive
Rice Lake, WI 54843
Phone: (715) 236-3355

Rochester, MN

Rochester VA Clinic
3900 Fairway Place NW
Rochester, MN 55901
Phone: (507) 252-0885
Fax: (507) 529-8452

South Central

St James VA Clinic
1212 Heckman Court
St James, MN 56081
Phone: 507-375-9670
Fax: 507-375-9668

Shakopee, MN

Shakopee VA Clinic
111 Town Square
Shakopee, MN 55379
Phone: (952) 445-4070

Superior, WI

Twin Ports VA Clinic
3520 Tower Avenue
Superior, WI 54880
Phone: (715) 398-2400
Fax: (715) 392-3782

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Minneapolis VA Community Resource and Referral Center (CRRC).

1201 Harmon Place, Suite 103 Minneapolis, MN 55403

Hours of Operation: Monday–Friday, 7am to 5pm

Social Work Triage hours: 9:30-3:30pm

(612) 313-3240

VA CRRC is there to supply needed resources and help veterans overcome barriers to achieve veteran identified goals: • Counseling • Medical care • Prevention • Employment services • Housing referrals • Benefits • Substance abuse treatment • Personalized psychosocial rehabilitation • Community partners and services on site. The site also includes a Primary Care Clinic, multipurpose room with kitchen for classes, laundry, showers, group rooms, community rooms, and a computer lab. VA CRRC is one of 17 VA centers nationally, aimed at ending homelessness among veterans.

Minneapolis VA Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Services

Minneapolis VA Healthcare System provides a full range of outpatient **Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder treatment services** to Veterans eligible for VA care. If you are experiencing difficulties related to mental or emotional coping, or having difficulty managing stress related to re-entering the community after incarceration, you may contact Mental Health Intake at: 612-467-1921. If you are in need of Substance Use treatment or other sober support services, the **Addiction Recovery Services (ARS)** offers a full range of outpatient treatments, including: Intensive Outpatient, Aftercare, Medication Assisted Therapy (Suboxone/Buprenorphine) Psychiatric and individualized care management. For more information, call ARS at: 612-467-2228. The HCRV Specialist is also available to assist you accessing these services.

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Saint Cloud VA Healthcare System

St. Cloud VA Medical Center

4801 Veterans Drive
St. Cloud, MN 56303
800-247-1739

St. Cloud VA serves veterans who reside in the following counties:

Benton	Chippewa	Douglas
	Meeker	Stearns
Crow Wing	Mille Lacs	Stevens
Isanti	Morrison	Swift
Kanabec	Pope	Todd
Kandiyohi	Renville	Wright
Lac Qui Parle	Sherburne	Yellow Medicine

St. Cloud VA Community-Based Outpatient Clinics (CBOC's)

Alexandria, MN

Max J. Beilke VA Outpatient Clinic

515 22nd Ave E
Alexandria, MN 56308
Phone: (320) 759-2640

Brainerd, MN

Brainerd VA Outpatient Clinic

722 NW 7th Street
Brainerd, MN 56401
Phone: (218) 855-1115

Montevideo, MN

Montevideo VA Outpatient Clinic

1025 North 13th Street
Montevideo, MN 56265
Phone: (320) 269-2222

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St. Cloud VA Healthcare for Homeless Veterans Program aims to assist Veterans' with immediate need of food, clothing, shelter and safety. Program staff is available to assist with case management, referrals to medical treatment, mental health treatment, substance abuse treatment, housing, and additional community resources. To speak with a representative from the St. Cloud VA Healthcare for Homeless Veteran's Program call 320-252-1670.

Residential Rehabilitation Treatment Program (RRTP) is a voluntary treatment program for individuals who suffer from mental illness, substance abuse, or a combination of these disorders. Programs are available for dual disorder treatment, Post Traumatic Stress Disorder and Independent Living Skills. To find out more about RRTP contact 320-255-6390.

Outpatient Mental Health and Substance Use Disorders Services are available through the St. Cloud VA HCS. Call 320-252-1670 ext. 6322 to initiate outpatient Mental Health and/or Substance Use Disorders care. For more information on St Cloud VA services, contact the HCRV specialist at 320-252-1670 ext. 6275.

Fargo VA Healthcare System

Fargo VA Medical Center

2101 N. Elm
Fargo, ND 58102
800-410-9723

Fargo VA serves veterans who reside in the following counties:

Becker	Grant	Marshall	Roseau
Beltrami	Hubbard	Norman	Traverse
Big Stone	Kittson	Ottertail	Wadena
Cass	Lake of the	Pennington	Wilkin
Clay	Wood	Polk	
Clearwater	Mahnomen	Red Lake	

Sioux Falls VA Healthcare System

Sioux Falls VA Medical Center

2501 W. 22nd Street
Sioux Falls, SD 57105
605-336-3230

Sioux Falls VA serves veterans who reside in the following counties:

Martin	Rock	Lincoln
Jackson	Cottonwood	Lyon
Nobles	Murray	Pipestone

Sioux Falls VA Community-Based Outpatient Clinics (CBOC's)

Watertown VA Outpatient Clinic

917 29th Street SE
Watertown, SD 57201
605-884-2420, x. 2221

Spirit Lake VA Outpatient Clinic

1850 Royal Avenue
Spirit Lake, IA 51360
712-336-6400

Sioux Falls Health Care for Homeless Veterans Program serves the counties in Minnesota that are served by the Sioux Falls VA Health Care System. Staff in the program can be reached at 605-333-6890 during normal business hours.

Sioux Falls VA Health Care System provides a range of **Mental Health and outpatient Substance Use Disorder** services to eligible Veterans. If you are experiencing mental health difficulties or are having difficulty managing stress related to re-entering the community after incarceration, you can contact mental health scheduling by calling **(605)333-6890** and ask for the next available appointment. If you would like to engage in substance use services or receive support in staying sober, the Addictions Treatment Program offers outpatient and aftercare services. For more information contact (605) 333-6890 and ask for the Addictions Treatment Program staff person. Keep in mind that the HCRV Specialist can assist you in identifying and accessing these services.

Vet Centers

Vet Centers are a Veterans Affairs organization of 300 nation-wide community-based counseling centers that provide a wide range of social and psychological services, including professional readjustment counseling to **eligible Veterans, active duty service members, including National Guard and Reserve components, and their families.** Readjustment counseling is offered to make a successful transition from military to civilian life or after a traumatic event experienced in the military. Individual, group, marriage and family counseling is offered in addition to referral and connection to other VA or community benefits and services.

Eligibility for services at the Vet Centers are granted to Veterans of any discharge type, they do not require enrollment at a VA Medical Center, and are open to currently serving military whom;

- Have served on active military duty in any combat theater or area of hostility
- Experienced a military sexual trauma
- Provided direct emergent medical care or mortuary services, while serving on active military duty, to the casualties of war, or
- Served as a member of an unmanned aerial vehicle crew that provided direct support to operations in a combat zone or area of hostility.
- Vietnam Era Veterans who have accessed care at a Vet Center prior to January 2, 2013.
- Families who have lost an active duty service member are eligible for bereavement services.

Vet Center staff are available toll free and around the clock at 877-WAR-VETS (927-8387). More information and Vet Centers locations can be found at: WWW.VETCENTER.VA.GOV

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Minnesota Vet Centers Direct Connection:

Brooklyn Park Vet Center

7001 78th Avenue North, Ste 300
Brooklyn Park, MN 55445
Phone: 763-503-2220

Duluth Vet Center

4402 Haines Road #3
Duluth, MN 55811
Phone: 218-722-8654

St. Paul Vet Center

101 5th Street Ease, Suite 101
St. Paul, MN 55101
Phone: 651-644-4022

Women Veterans

Every VA healthcare system has a Women Veterans Program Manager designated to advise and advocate for women Veterans. She can help coordinate connecting with VA care services you may need; including Primary and Specialty care and Reproductive Health. Woman Veterans who are interested in receiving care at VA should contact the nearest VA Medical Center and ask for the Women Veterans Program Manager.

Women Veterans Hotline—1-855-VA-WOMEN (1-855-829-6636)—an incoming call center that receives and responds to questions from women Veterans, their families, and caregivers across the nation about available VA Women’s services and resources.

If you are not eligible for Veterans benefits, the following may be able to help you accessing community resources:

County Social Services Your local County office after release can provide assistance accessing treatment and counseling services. Your Corrections staff may be able to assist initiating these services. Otherwise, information can also be obtained through the Minnesota Department of Human Services, www.dhs.state.mn.us.

National Alliance on Mental Illness is a non-profit organization committed to improving the lives of adults and children with mental illness and their families. NAMI Minnesota offers education, support and advocacy as well as many free support groups and classes:

NAMI Minnesota
800 Transfer Road, #31
Saint Paul, MN 55114
Phone: 651-645-2948
Toll free: 1-888-NAMI-HELPS

Veteran Service Organizations

Veteran services include a network of Federal, State, and Non-profit organizations working together to maximize support for Veterans. In addition to Veterans Health (VHA) and Veterans Benefits Administrations (VBA), these organizations offer resources generally not available through VHA or VBA:

Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs (MDVA) assists Veterans and their family members with available programs and benefits. Examples of these include VA healthcare, service related compensation and pension claims, education, home loans, as well as the State of Minnesota dental, optical, and financial benefits. Veteran Service Officers can also provide information for a several other resources available from local governments and non-profits throughout the state. Currently, there is a Field Operations Veteran Service Officer for MDVA that provides benefits assistance to incarcerated former service members in each state and federal correctional facility. For assistance, call 612-970-5662 or write to:

**Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs
Bishop Henry Whipple Building
1 Federal Drive, Room G220
St. Paul, MN 55111**

County Veterans Service Offices: For information regarding benefits contact your county veteran service officer (CVSO). You will find a list of CVSOs in the state of MN at the end of this guidebook. A list of service officers can also be accessed at <http://mdva.state.mn.us>.

Minnesota Assistance Council for Veterans (MACV) Serves Minnesota resident Veterans and their families who are homeless, at risk of homelessness, or experiencing other life crises. MACV accomplishes its mission by providing services directly or in collaboration with other service agencies. MACV provides comprehensive program and supportive services to homeless Veterans in three primary focus areas: Housing, Employment, Justice Involved services and support, and Civil Legal concerns. MACV provides and coordinates services for veterans in need throughout Minnesota.

MACV North
5209 Ramsey Street
Duluth, MN 55807
833-222-MACV (6228)

MACV South
724 Madison Avenue
Mankato, MN 56001
833-222-MACV (6228)

MACV Metro
1000 University Ave, W.
Suite 10
St. Paul, MN 55104
833-222-MACV (6228)

Volunteers of America (VOA)/Amicus Reconnect: is a program and drop-in center providing information, referrals, and specialized one-on-one planning tailored to the specific challenges that come with having a criminal background. Our award-winning staff — some who are former offenders themselves — have expertise in the community and resources available to this population. This is a relationship-based service that supports, respects, and empowers the whole person. We believe that everyone deserves a second chance, no matter what their criminal background.

Program services include:

- Housing
- Referrals to Project Reboot
- Transportation
- Clothing
- Voicemail
- Computers and phones

Amicus office:
3041 4th Ave. S.
Minneapolis, MN 55408

Minnesota State Veterans Homes: The Minnesota Veterans Homes are available to:

- Honorably Discharged Veterans;
- served 181 Consecutive Days on Active Duty;
- MN residents (or had service credited to Minnesota), and spouses of eligible Veterans over 55 years of age and reside in the state.
- All Applicants must demonstrate medical need Information regarding eligibility and admission.

****MN State Veterans Homes WILL NOT ACCEPT individuals with 'mandatory (sexual or violent offender) registration requirements'.**

Minnesota operates five State Veterans Home facilities across the state: Fergus Falls, Hastings, Luverne, Minneapolis, and Silver Bay. Depending on the location, they offer either ‘Board and Care’ or ‘Skilled Nursing’ levels of care. Application procedures and further details may be found at:

<https://mn.gov/mdva/homes/>

You may also contact your HCRV representative or your County Veterans Service Office or for more information.

Lutheran Social Services (LSS) Veteran C.O.R.E. Program of Minnesota: Since 2008, Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota has partnered with the Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs (MDVA) to support military members, veterans, and their families in maintaining their well-being through a program called C.O.R.E. (Casework, Outreach, Referral and Education).

Services include:

- Individual and Couple’s Counseling
- Family Counseling and Support
- Deployment and Reintegration Support
- Diagnostic Assessment
- Trauma-Focused Behavioral Therapy

LSS C.O.R.E. Case Management

Whatever challenges you are facing, C.O.R.E case managers assess each individual’s situation. They create a personalized plan identifying beneficial services and resources found at LSS or through their large network of providers across the state.

Financial Counseling

Financial counseling can help veterans, military members and their families strategize for a stable financial future. We offer expertise in budgeting, debt management, home buyer education and student loan counseling.

Homeless Initiative

Our Behavioral Health and Housing Services partner together to offer options for short- and long-term shelter for veterans. If you are a veteran and unable to find shelter, please [contact us](#) for more information.

Support Groups

LSS C.O.R.E. support, therapy and wellness groups are facilitated by staff trained in trauma-informed care and experienced in working with veterans, military members and their families. Some of the groups LSS C.O.R.E. offers include:

- Military Sexual Trauma (MST) Support Group;
- SMART (Self-Management and Recovery Training) Recovery Group;
- Veterans' Caregiver Support Group;
- Veterans' Family Recovery Support Group;
- Veterans' P.T.S.D. Support Group;
- Women's C.O.R.E.. Support Group.

Contact C.O.R.E. at 1.844.LSS.CORE (1.844.577.2673) or at: www.minnesotaveteran.org.

Community Housing Resources

Transitions Program Office, located at each Minnesota Correctional Facility, has a variety of information on local resources available for you to review. Access to stable housing is key to a successful Re-Entry plan. Please consider all options that may be available to you, including: family, positive social supports, community Re-Entry programs, and transitional housing programs in your area.

Central MN Re-Entry Project: Creating safer communities by providing individuals releasing from incarceration the opportunity to transform their lives through mentoring, resources and community partnerships.

- **P.O. Box 2391**
St. Cloud, MN 56302
Phone: 320-656-9004
www.cmnrp.org

Housing Authority/Public Housing: Long-Term and Permanent Housing waiting lists can be long, and the length of time varies from community to community. Even if you are not sure where you will be living, apply for housing to get your name on the waiting lists. This will give you as many housing options as possible. To learn how to apply, contact the local **Housing**

Authority listed in your phone book's 'Government' (blue) pages. Look for city and county listings under "Housing Authority," or "Public Housing." Each program office will identify available (accepting application) programs.

HousingLink.org: HousingLink provides a variety of services for individuals seeking affordable housing. They update, weekly, lists of available market-rate and subsidized rental vacancies across Minnesota. They also publish the status of subsidized housing waiting lists in the Twin Cities through the Housing Authority Waiting List. Renters and service agencies also use Housing Tips and training available through HousingLink to solve housing problems. Staff at human service agencies in Minnesota use HousingLink's resources to help individuals overcome barriers to their housing search, and to answer questions about subsidized housing programs in Minnesota. Landlords and property managers use HousingLink to advertise their rental housing openings for free. This expands the housing and neighborhood choices to renters in Minnesota.

- <https://www.housinglink.org/>

Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has listings online that provide information about emergency shelters, foreclosure prevention program, and links

to other resources. For information about Minnesota, go to:

- www.hud.gov/local/index.cfm?state=mn

Metro Shelter Hotline: 1-888-234-1329 A service of Twin Cities Community Voice Mail (TCCVM), Metro Shelter Hotline provides information about Twin Cities area emergency shelters and transitional housing programs in the five-county metro area including : **Hennepin, Ramsey, Dakota, Anoka and Washington counties**. Callers access specific information about shelter and transitional housing programs in the counties from which they are calling.

The Metro Shelter Hotline is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, offering specific information on admission requirements and details regarding seeking pre-approval for each of the five counties. The hotline ensures the most current information is available to individuals facing homelessness quickly and easily. This helps people seeking shelter avoid multiple phone calls--and the hotline is available even during evening hours when regular offices are closed.

- **Call: 1-888-234-1329**

Minnesota Coalition for the Homeless includes organizations whose mission is to serve those facing homelessness, including: shelters, food cupboards, housing authorities and other advocates. The Minnesota Coalition for the Homeless can provide a listing of providers across the state.

2233 University Ave W. #423
St. Paul, MN 55114
Phone: 651-645-7332

- www.mnhomelesscoalition.org

National Coalition for the Homeless has a directory of shelters and homeless assistance programs online. Please note this is not a comprehensive directory, so be sure to check for local programs in your area.

- <http://www.nationalhomeless.org/>

St. Stephens Human Services is a resource offering emergency services for individuals facing homelessness. For those in Minneapolis and St. Paul the **Handbook of the Streets** is published in cooperation with St. Stephens. Local church agencies are another good option to check for emergency resources. Check with the Transitions Area at any MN correctional facility, your County Social Service office, or the yellow pages under Social Service Organizations.

- 2309 Nicollet Avenue
Minneapolis, MN 55404
Phone: (612)870-0311

United Way First Call for Help has information about emergency shelter and homeless services in your area.

- Dial: 2-1-1

VA National Call Center for Homeless Veterans

- Dial: 1-877-424-3838

NOTES:

Community Employment Resources

While you are in prison, begin thinking about what specifically you will need upon release. Ask yourself these kinds of questions: Will I need housing? Will I need Medical, Addictions, or Mental Health care? Do I need to learn a job skill? What training do I need to be eligible for certain jobs? Do I have any other legal issues impacting my employment search?

Find out which unit in your facility can help you plan for your release. There are many resources available for individuals re-entering the community after incarceration. **Some** are listed in this booklet but **there are many other** organizations that provide helpful services.

If you are incarcerated in a **Minnesota Correctional Facility**, please visit the **Transitions Department** to find out more about the services available to you there. Contact your facility **Education Director** to learn more about the post-secondary education programs available. **MN Career Information Center (MCEC)** is the secondary credential program and career/college education program represented in Minnesota Corrections. There are many **free** opportunities for **education and training** that leads to **industry certifications, college credit and career planning**. Classes may be offered so you can work on skills development and prepare for life after release. Take the time to put together a reliable and useful plan, and take advantage of the opportunities available to you.

Minnesota CareerForce Centers: There are approximately 50 locations across Minnesota. They each provide resources, services, and practical skills needed to for job search, career planning, and training needs. We are conducting “virtual” events to include workshops and career fairs to reduce barriers related to transportation. There are **Veterans Employment Representatives** located at CareerForce locations across Minnesota to assist Veterans seeking employment. You may contact Lee Okerstrom at: **lee.okerstrom@state.mn.us** or call: 651-304-7626 for assistance locating a Veterans representative convenient to you. You may also contact your local CareerForce Center and ask to meet with a Veterans Employment Rep.

New Leaf Workshops are offered to assist individuals with legal backgrounds address related barriers to employment. For more information, contact: <https://www.careerforcemn.com/> or go to the Veterans resource page at: <https://careerforcemn.com/veterans-resources>

Minnesota Vocational Rehabilitation Services helps people with disabilities find and keep jobs. You can apply immediately after your release at your local Vocational Rehabilitation Services office, most of which are located within one of Minnesota's many CareerForce locations. Find more information and locate the office nearest you by going to mn.gov/deed/vrs

Minneapolis Community and Technical College: Minneapolis College offers Veterans a free 2-credit course introducing them to higher education and career transition. The college also offers free college prep courses in writing, reading, and math for registered students. In addition, the Veterans Welcome Center is a welcoming place to study, access computers, or have a cup of coffee and relax. The Veterans Coordinator can assist in getting career, personal, and financial aid counseling, enrollment assistance, and one-on-one tutoring. In addition, a full-time VA benefits counselor is on staff to assist veterans in applying for educational benefits. Veterans with a service-connected disability might be eligible for additional benefits. Other resources are available for students who are first-generation college students, have a disability or show significant financial need.

Minneapolis Community and Technical College
1501 Hennepin Ave, Minneapolis, MN 55403
Main number: 612-659-6580
vets@minneapolis.edu

GI Bill Education Benefits

1. **Montgomery GI Bill** applies to veterans who served on active duty **after 6/30/1985** and generally expires **ten years after discharge**.
2. **Post-911-GI Bill** applies to veterans who served on active duty **at least 90 days after 9/10/2001** and generally **expires fifteen years after discharge**. You can apply online at <http://www.gibill.va.gov/apply-for-benefits/> If you don't have the capability to apply online, you can call **1-888-GI BILL-1 (1-888-442-4551)** to have a form mailed to you. You

may also receive an application form at the school or training establishment you wish to attend. The VA Certifying official at the school (usually located in the Registrar's or Financial Aid office) should have the forms available, can assist you in filling them out, and will submit them to VA.

3. **Minnesota GI Bill.** The Minnesota GI Bill program provides tuition assistance to eligible Minnesota Veterans, currently serving military, National Guard and Reserve members who served **after September 11, 2001**. The Program provides a maximum benefit of \$10,000, up to age 62. Eligible participants can use the benefit in Higher Education, On-the-job training (OJT)/Apprenticeship or License and Certification. To apply create a login and apply at: <https://gibill.mn.gov/Home>

If you would like to use your GI Bill while incarcerated, GI Bill

Beneficiaries incarcerated for **other than a felony** can receive full monthly benefits if otherwise entitled. Incarcerated Veterans **convicted of felonies** may receive a reduced benefit. Veterans with felonies residing in halfway houses or participating in work-release programs may receive full monthly benefits if otherwise entitled. Individual situations may vary. Assistance with **Minnesota Department of Veteran Affairs (MDVA), Higher Education Veteran Program coordinator at:**

https://linkvet.org/app/custom/1198_regional_coordinators#.

To apply for GI Bill Benefits:

1. Submit the **“Application for Educational Benefits” (VA form 22-1990)**. **Please contact the MDVA Higher Education Veteran Program coordinator for additional assistance with the process.**
2. The Veteran student must work directly with the school Admissions Office where they plan to attend.
 - a. The **“School Certifying Official for Veterans Educational Benefits (SCO)”** must be contacted to request they submit verification of enrollment in the educational program to the VA in order to begin receiving GI Bill financial benefits.
 - b. The SCO may need to contact the Department of Veterans Affairs Regional Office in the region in which the Veteran resides for further information on certifying Veteran students who are incarcerated.

Veterans Health Administration (VHA) Vocational Rehabilitation programs offer structured work opportunities in a therapeutic setting for Veterans at-risk of homeless with physical, mental health or substance use problems. Services also include assistance with finding and keeping a job, and general vocational assistance. For more information contact the Voc Rehab program at your local VA facility. You will need referral from your VA healthcare providers.

COMMUNITY FINANCIAL RESOURCES

Public assistance programs can be accessed through the Minnesota Department of Human Services, such as Medical Assistance, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP- also known as Food Stamps), and cash assistance (also known as General Assistance or GA). Application for most County and State financial assistance programs need to be initiated after release from incarceration by contacting your local County Economic Assistance Department office upon release. County Veterans Service Officers are knowledgeable about local financial and social services, and can be a valuable point of contact in the process.

Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits can be applied for following release from incarceration. The Supplemental Security Income (SSI) program pays financial benefits to adults with disability, and children who have limited income and resources. SSI benefits also are payable to people 65 and older without disabilities who meet the financial limits. People who have worked long enough may also be able to receive Social Security Disability or Retirement benefits as well as SSI. For detailed information or assistance, call 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778), or contact your local Social Security office. Detailed information may be found online at:

- <http://www.ssa.gov/pgm/ssi.htm>.

Legal Help

Minnesota Assistance Council for Veterans' Vetlaw Program provides legal information, referrals, brief advice and services to homeless Veterans and Veterans in crisis across the state of Minnesota. This is accomplished primarily through a series of legal clinics that offer brief services and advice to Veterans in both civil and criminal matters. Representation services are

available for a limited number of Veterans who may be eligible based on housing status, income, and legal matter. To find out if you are eligible for the Vetlaw Program, please **call MACV Vetlaw Intake at: 651-200-4750.**

Legal Aid Offices A client specialist is available to assist you Monday thru Friday 8:30 am to 4:30 pm.

Duluth Office

306 W. Superior Street
403 Alworth Building
Duluth MN 55802
Phone: (218) 722-5625

Fertile Office

P.O. Box 572
Fertile MN 56540
Phone: (218) 945-3154

Mankato Office

11 Civic Center Plaza
Suite 402
Mankato MN 56001
Phone: (507) 389-9826

Minneapolis

111 N Fifth St Suite 100
Minneapolis MN 55403
Phone: (612) 332-1441
Fax: (612) 334-5755

St. Cloud Office

110 Sixth Avenue South Suite
200
St. Cloud MN 56301
Phone: (320) 253-0121
Fax: (320) 253-5794

St. Paul

Legal Services
Advocacy Project
2324 University Avenue West
Suite 101
Midtown Commons
St. Paul MN 55114

Willmar Office

415 SW 7th Street
P.O. Box 1866
Willmar MN 56201
Phone: (320) 235-9600
Fax: (320) 235-1030

To apply for military Discharge Upgrade, contact your County Veterans Service Office (CVSO). A full listing of Minnesota CVSO's begins on Page 30.

Your local CVSO is a good first point-of-contact for assistance applying for military Character of Discharge upgrade, seeking VA benefits, and filing a VA claim. Contact phone numbers are listed beginning on Page 30. A full list of County Veteran Service Offices in Minnesota can also be found at:
www.mdva.state.mn.us

SECTION III FEDERAL VETERANS BENEFITS

The US Department of Veterans Affairs publishes a booklet called "Federal Benefits for Veterans and Their Dependents" that describes the types of benefits available and lists the addresses and phone numbers for VA facilities nationwide. Write the VA Regional Office (VARO) to request a copy:

**U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
Whipple Federal Building
One Federal Drive
St. Paul, MN 55111**

Call **1-800-827-1000** or find information about benefits at www.vba.va.gov/.

Eligibility for VA Benefits During Incarceration

Veterans incarcerated and incarcerated dependents may apply for the same compensation, **Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC)** – Service Connected death benefits – and pension benefits as veterans who are not incarcerated. However, Congress restricts the amount of benefits that may be paid to a veteran or dependent while he or she is incarcerated. These benefits are institutionalized as part of law: **38U.S.C Sec 5313 (a), 38 C.F.R., Sec. 3.665 (a), (d)**, which reads as follows:

If a veteran is incarcerated as the result of a “felony” conviction as defined by law: “Any offense punishable by death or imprisonment for a term exceeding one year, unless specifically categorized as a misdemeanor under the law of the prosecuting jurisdiction.”

Then, the amount paid to a veteran incarcerated for a service-connected disability is generally limited by law to the 10 percent disability rate, or half the amount of the ten percent rate if the veteran’s disability rating is 10 percent. (If the veteran is rated before incarceration as 20 percent disabled or higher, he will receive only the amount payable to a 10 percent disabled veteran.) Incarcerated DIC

For example, Joe is a veteran who receives a VA pension. He commits a crime, is convicted, and is incarcerated, but doesn't tell the VA right away and keeps getting paid for 6 months. After serving his sentence of 18 months, he is released and applies to the VA to have his pension restarted. He will have an overpayment which must be recovered from the restarted benefits. Until the overpayment is recovered, Joe will have to go without that income.

recipients will receive one-half the amount paid to a veteran receiving compensation payments for a 10 percent-rated disability.

A veteran may not receive non-service connected VA pension benefits, or any portion of these benefits, while incarcerated for a felony or misdemeanor. However, his family may receive an apportionment of such benefits under the procedure described above. (See 38 C.F.R. Sec.3.666)

To be eligible for federal VA benefits, the veteran must have been issued either an honorable or general discharge, or would have received one if not for re-enlisting. If a veteran had two periods of service, (one honorable and the other less than honorable), they may still be eligible for VA benefits based on the honorable period of service.

VA Financial Benefits Payments While Incarcerated

There is a **60-day "grace period"** following a conviction when you may still receive full benefits. **To avoid an overpayment, it is important that you notify the VA Regional Office immediately when you go to prison if you are receiving payments. If you do not notify the VA and receive overpayment, you and your family will lose all financial payments until the debt is paid.**

Your compensation or pension benefits should resume from the date you are released, provided the VA receives notice of your release within one year. **Form 21-4193**, Notice to Department of Veterans Affairs of Veteran or Beneficiary Incarcerated in Penal Institution, available through your counselors should be completed before release- signed by a prison official and submitted to VA Benefits Administration.

Apportionment (Family Benefits)

Although legally, the veteran can only receive a portion of the full amount payable for his or her disability rating, the remaining balance may be **"apportioned to the individual's dependent family"**. To apply for apportionment, the veteran's dependent family member must send a letter that identifies the veteran and makes it clear they are requesting an apportionment of his VA benefits to the VA Regional Office (VARO) that has jurisdiction over the veteran's case. VA regulations clearly specify this apportionment amount will only go to family members if they can show

financial need for such amount. This applies to the spouse, children, or dependent parents who are involved in the application.

Determination of whether any apportionment is appropriate, the amount, and to whom it will go, the following factors are considered:

- **The family member’s income and living expenses;**
- **The amount of compensation available to be apportioned;**
- **The needs and living expenses of other family members;**
- **Special needs of any of the family members.**

For example: an incarcerated Veteran with 80% Service Connected rating can only receive the amount they would get if they were 10 percent disabled. However, the Veteran’s family may be apportioned up to 70 percent, the difference of the 80 percent rating. (DIC may also be apportioned with similar restrictions.)

During the 60-day “grace period”, the Veteran, or Dependency or Indemnity Compensation (DIC) recipient, may still receive full benefits. Again, **if the veteran continues to receive benefits after the 60-day period, it will result in an “overpayment”. The VA considers it to be the recipient’s responsibility and fault if this occurs because the recipient failed to notify the VA of his or her incarceration.** Attempts to obtain a waiver in these situations of overpayment are usually unsuccessful. As a rule, the Veteran loses most, if not all, financial benefits until the VA recovers the entire overpayment. It has also been a standard procedure that the family will not be entitled to receive an apportionment until the debt is completely recovered. For more information concerning VA debt collection rules that may affect the incarcerated Veteran, telephone: **1-800-827-1000** and request a Veterans Service Organization representative or, write to a Veterans Service Organization.

Please note an important detail regarding incarcerated Veterans’ eligibility for Service-Connected disability compensation is that: **“No total disability rating based on un-employability, may be assigned to an incarcerated Veteran.”** It is important to remember that most VA decisions, including those on apportionment, can be appealed to the Board of Veterans Appeals and, if need be, to the Court of Appeal for Veterans Affairs.

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VA Disability Overpayment

If you have incurred an overpayment, repayment plans are set by the **VA Debt Management Center (DMC)**. You can contact the DMC in the following ways:

- The VA Debt Management Center (DMC) Internet homepage is found at <http://www.va.gov/debtman/>
- Call the Debt Management Center toll free at: **1-800-827-0648**, or
- Contact the Debt Management Center by e-mail at: **dmc.ops@va.gov**
- Write the Debt Management Center at:

**U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
Debt Management Center
P.O. Box 11930
St. Paul, MN 55111**

Re-starting Benefits After Release

It is important that each Veteran receiving disability compensation or DIC payments promptly notify the VA Regional Office (VARO). Regular full benefit payments should begin upon release, providing the VA is notified of the Veteran's release from incarceration within one year of release. VARO needs formal notification from the prison of your release to re-start benefits. The sooner your Release document is provided to VARO, the sooner VARO can begin to process your request.

Seeking Help Applying for VA Disability Income After Release

If you would like to apply for VA Disability financial benefits or think you have a pending claim before the US VA, it is best to get professional help to assist you. Veterans Service Organizations (VSOs) have trained staff to assist you with your VA claim, and can legally represent your claim before the VA. Some also help homeless and at-risk veterans connect with other support services you may need. You can contact any VSO listed on the next page to find an office near you.

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Veterans Service Organizations		
American Legion	4H104 Mpls VAMC	612-970-3849
Disabled American Veteran	Whipple Federal Building	612-970-5665
Veterans of Foreign Wars	Whipple Federal Building	612-726-1777
Paralyzed Veterans of America	SCI-238 Mpls VAMC	612-467-2263
MDVA LinkVet		888-546-5838
Vietnam Veterans of America	Whipple Federal Building	612- 970-5670
MN Order of Purple Heart	2G-116 Mpls VAMC	612-467-3247
US Dept of Veterans Affairs	1S-104 Mpls VAMC	612-725-3858/800-827-1000

Seeking Benefits on Your Own

Although we encourage you to seek the aid of a service representative, you may choose to apply for VA benefits on your own. Write your local VA Regional Office or find the forms online at: www.vba.va.gov/pubs/forms1.htm. You can also apply for certain benefits online at: <http://vabenefits.vba.va.gov/vonapp/main.asp>

Commonly Used VA forms. Copies of these may be obtained from your HCRV representative at your facility or from any VSO. When corresponding by mail, be sure to include a return address where mail will get to you as quickly as possible. Make photocopies of all forms for your records before sending your packet to the VARO nearest you.

- **VA Form 21-526** - Application for Compensation or Pension- must be filed to apply for compensation or pension. Mail your DD-214 and the form to the VARO nearest your release destination **30 to 45 days before your release.**
- **VA Form 21-4138 - Statement in Support of Claim** - To explain (in the Veteran's own words) why you deserve the benefits you are asking for because of your medical or Mental Health condition. It may be helpful to have a Veterans Service representative help you complete the form.

PRE-RELEASE VETERANS CHECKLIST

Using This Guide

- Ask about classes or resources at your facility to help you plan for your release.
- Make a list of your needs.
- Make a list of who may be able to help you.
- Write letters and/or contact organizations by phone or e-mail.
- Write down the steps you take so that you do not repeat them.

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- If you are receiving benefits, notify the VA when you go to prison to avoid an overpayment.
- If you are receiving benefits, apply for apportionment so that some of the money withheld may be given to eligible family members.
- If you are not currently receiving Veteran benefits, find out if you can or should be.
- Know where to call toll-free for help.
- Contact organizations about what services they offer.
- Think about your housing needs and gather information about what is available locally.
- Learn about job resources and create a plan to find a job.
- Learn about health issues, and what services are available.
- Learn about the resources available for Substance Use and Mental Health treatment in your area.
- Learn about your options to get financial help.
- Begin to take care of other legal issues.
- Learn about homeless Veterans' services (if applicable).
- Learn about resources for Women Veterans (if applicable).
- Contact a veteran service representative to represent you and help you file a claim.

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Toll-Free Numbers

- **US Department of Veterans Affairs**
 - Benefits: 1-800-827-1000
 - www.va.gov
- **VA Medical Centers:**
 - Minneapolis 1-866-414-5058
 - St. Cloud 1-800-247-1739
 - Fargo 1-800- 410-9723
 - Sioux Falls 1-800-316-8387
- **Veteran Special Issues Help Line: 1-800-749-8387**
 - Information regarding: Persian Gulf War issues
 - Agent Orange issues
 - Shipboard Hazard and Defense (SHAD)
- **SAMHSA National Helpline: 1-800-662-4357**
 - Also known as, the Treatment Referral Routing Service, this Helpline provides 24-hour free and confidential treatment referral and information about mental and/or substance use disorders, prevention, and recovery in English and Spanish.
- **CDC-INFO: 1-800-CDC-INFO (232-4636)**
 - CDC's national health information hotline, providing answers to your questions regarding HIV, how to protect yourself, and where to get an HIV test.
- **VA National Call Center for Homeless Veterans: 1-877-424-3838**
- **National Veterans Crisis Hotline: 1-800-273-TALK (8255)**
 - The Veterans Crisis Line connects Veterans in crisis and their families and friends with qualified, caring Department of Veterans Affairs responders through a confidential toll-free hotline, online chat, or text. Veterans and their loved ones can call 1-800-273-8255 and Press 1, chat online, or send a text message to 838255 to receive confidential support 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. Support for deaf and hard of hearing individuals is available.

RESOURCE WEB SITES

- **U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs (USDVA) – www.va.gov**
- **Veterans Health Administration-VISN 23
<http://www.visn23.va.gov/>**
- **VA Homeless Programs- <http://www.va.gov/HOMELESS/>**
- **Veterans Benefits Administration- <http://benefits.va.gov/benefits/>**
- **Minnesota Dept. of Veterans Affairs-
<http://www.mdva.state.mn.us/>**
- **Minnesota Assistance Council for Veterans (MACV)
<https://www.mac-v.org/>**
- **The American Legion- Dept. of MN- www.mnlegion.org**
- **Disabled American Veterans- www.dav.org**
- **Veterans of Foreign Wars- www.vfw.org**
- **Vietnam Veterans of America- www.vva.org**
- **Minnesota References (education, employment, government) –
www.mn.gov**
- **National Coalition for Homeless Veterans- www.nchv.org**
- **Minnesota State Homeless Coalition-
www.mnhomelesscoalition.org**
- **MN Department of Employment and Economic Development:
<http://www.positivelyminnesota.com/>**
- **MN Department of Human Services:
<http://mn.gov/dhs/>**

County Veterans Service Offices

Aitkin County
217 2nd St. NW, Room 130
Courthouse
Aitkin, MN 56431
Phone: (218) 927-7320/7276
Toll Free: (888) 404-7320

Anoka County
Government Center, Room 216
2100 3rd Ave
Anoka, MN 55303-5034
Phone: (763) 324-4501

Becker County
915 Lake Ave
Detroit Lakes, MN 56501-3403
Phone: (218) 846-7312
Toll Free: (888) 260-0580

Beltrami County Veterans Service
Office
616 America Ave NW, Suite 140
Bemidji, MN 56601
Phone: (218) 333-4177

Benton County Courthouse
P.O. Box 129
Foley, MN 56329
Phone: (320) 968-5044

Big Stone County Courthouse
11 2nd Street SE
Ortonville, MN 56278
Phone: (320) 839-6398
Fax: (320) 839-6399

Blue Earth County
County Govt Center
410 South 5th. St.
P.O. Box 8608
Mankato, MN 56002-8608
Phone: (507) 304-4246

Brown County Courthouse
14 S. State Street
P.O. Box 248
New Ulm, MN 56073-0248
Phone: (507) 233-6636

Carlton County Veterans Services
301 Walnut Avenue
Carlton, MN 55718
Phone: (218) 499-6838
(218) 878-3295
(218) 878-3297

Carver County Veterans Service
Office
555 West 1st Street
Waconia, MN 55387
Phone: (952) 442-2323

Cass County
PO Box 51
Backus, MN 56435
Phone: (218) 947-7531

Chippewa County
Court House
629 North 11th St. Suite 1
Montevideo, MN 56265
Phone: (320) 269-6419

Chisago County Veterans Services
313 North Main, Room 239
Center City, MN 55012
Phone: (651) 213-5680

Clay County Courthouse
715 11 St. North, Suite 103
Moorhead, MN 56560-2071
Phone: (218) 299-5041

Clearwater County Courthouse
213 Main Ave. North Dept. 105
Bagley, MN 56621
Phone: (218) 694-6618

Cook County
411 W. 2nd Street
Grand Marais, MN 55604
Phone: (218) 387-3639

Cottonwood County
P.O. Box 201
Windom, MN 56101
Phone: (507) 831-5522

Crow Wing
Community Service Building
204 Laurel Street, Suite 14
Brainerd, MN 56401-3572
Phone: (218) 824-1058

Dakota County
One Mendota Rd. West, Suite 420
West St. Paul, MN 55118-4772
Phone: (651) 554-5601

Dodge County
22 6th Street East, Dept. 121
Mantorville, MN 55955
Phone: (507) 635-6140

Douglas County
809 Elm Street Suite 1190
Alexandria, MN 56308
Physical Address:
1500 Irving St
Alexandria, MN 56308
Phone: (320) 762-3883

Faribault County
P.O. Box 130
County Office Building
412 N. Nicollet
Blue Earth, MN 56013
Phone: (507) 526-6268

Fillmore County
902 Houston Street NW
Suite 4
Preston, MN 55965
Phone: (507) 765-4937

Freeborn County
P.O. Box 1147, Courthouse
411 S. Broadway
Albert Lea, MN 56007-1147
Phone: (507) 377-5184

Goodhue County
Government Center, Room 101
509 West 5th Street
Red Wing, MN 55066-2540
Phone: (651) 385-3256

Grant County
411 1st Street SE
P.O. Box 29
Elbow Lake, MN 56531
Phone: (218) 685-8324

Hennepin County
Government Center
300 South 6th Street SW, First Level
Minneapolis, MN 55487-0013
Phone: (612) 348-3300/3499

Houston County
611 Vista Drive
Caledonia, MN 55921
Phone: (507) 725-5805 ext.
2205/2332

Hubbard County
Veterans Service Office
201 Fair Ave
Park Rapids, MN 56470
Phone: (218) 732-3561

Isanti County
Government Center
555 18th Avenue SW
Cambridge, MN 55008
Phone: (763) 689-3591

Itasca County Courthouse
123 NE 4th Street
Grand Rapids, MN 55744-2600
Phone: (218) 327-2858

Jackson County
County Resource Center
405 4th Street
Jackson, MN 56143
Phone: (507) 847-4774
Kanabec County
Public Service Building
905 Forest Avenue E., Suite 127
Mora, MN 55051
Phone: (320) 679-6380

Kandiyohi County
2200 23rd Street NE
Suite 2080
Willmar, MN 56201
Phone: (320) 231-6226

Kittson County
410 5th Street South, Suite 210
Hallock, MN 56728
Phone: (218) 843-2198

Koochiching County
Courthouse
715 4th Street
International Falls, MN 56649
Phone: (218) 283-1179

La Qui Parle
600 6th Street, Suite 3
Courthouse
Madison, MN 56256
Phone: (320) 598-3445

Lake County
Courthouse
616 3rd Avenue
Two Harbors, MN 55616
Phone: (218) 834-8326
Lake of the Woods County
P.O. Box 1255
Baudette, MN 56623
Phone: (218) 634-2219

Le Sueur County
Veterans Service
88 South Park Avenue
Le Center, MN 56057
Phone: (507) 357-8279

Lincoln County
319 N. Rebecca
PO Box 29
Ivanhoe, MN 56142
Phone: (507) 215-3159

Lyon County
Veteran Service
607 W. Main Street
Marshall, MN 56258
Phone: (507) 537-6729

Mahnomen County
P.O. Box 305
County Highway Building
Mahnomen, MN 56557
Phone: (218) 935-5062

Marshall
208 East Colvin Ave., Suite 19
Warren, MN 56762
Warren Phone: (218) 745-4303
Middle River Phone: (218) 222-3546

Martin County
115 W. First Street, Suite 306
Fairmont, MN 56031-1717
Phone: (507) 238-3220

McLeod County
McLeod County Veteran Services
2381 Hennepin Avenue North
Glencoe, MN 55336
Phone: (320) 864-1268

Meeker County
Veterans Services Office
Family Services Center, Suite 120
114 North Holcombe Avenue
Litchfield, MN 55355-2273
Phone: (320) 693-5445

Mille Lacs County
Veterans Service Office
525 2nd Street SE
Milaca, MN 56353
Phone: (320) 983-8208
Toll Free: (888) 270-8208

Morrison County
213 Avenue SE
Little Falls, MN 56345
Phone: (320) 632-0290
Toll Free: (866) 401-1111

Mower County
Veterans Service Office
201 First Street NE
Austin, MN 55912
Phone: (507) 434-2712

Murray County
Government Center
P.O. Box 57
Slayton, MN 56172
Phone: (507) 836-6148 ext. 154

Nicollet County
622 South Front Street
St. Peter, MN 56082
Phone: (507) 934-7871

Nobles County
County Government Center
P.O. Box 757
Worthington, MN 56187
Phone: (507) 295-5292

Norman County
Courthouse
16 E. 3rd Avenue, Room 107
Ada, MN 56510
Phone: (218) 784-5494

Olmsted County
2100 Campus Drive SE, Suite 200
Rochester, MN 55904-3711
Phone: (507) 328-6355

Otter Tail County
Veterans Service Office
505 S. Court Street, Suite 2
Fergus Falls, MN 56537
Phone: (218) 998-8605

Pennington County
County Courthouse, 1st Floor
P.O. Box 616
Thief River Falls, MN 56701
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