



# PALMER LAKE VFW POST 3915



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NO ONE DOES MORE FOR VETERANS

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## Volunteers are great, you all are great

by Commander Jarrod McReynolds



All the Volunteering is what makes this Post so great.

While many VFW Posts are spending their time trying to rundown new members, or are wondering why younger Veterans are not joining, you all at Palmer Lake are concentrating on serving Veterans, and serving our Community.

As I stated in the last newsletter we have already kicked off this year doing great things, and I know that plans are already in the works for some more great things.

But it is not just what we do in the community it is also the great things that volunteers do here at the Post that gets noticed but often not mentioned. Be it the potlucks during events like the super bowl, or the Chili cook off during Daytona week, Fish Fry, Pig Roast, and Lawn Care on and on.

The time that you all volunteer is getting noticed, and it is this work that is attracting new members, and getting people involved. When you ask someone why they join an organization, one of their top answers is because the people involved in the

organization are so dedicated and so involved. There is not a day that I walk into the Post that I don't see someone who has put in Volunteer time to make this post so great.

I could try and list everyone off in this newsletter but I know that I would forget someone, and I don't want to do that. What I do want everyone to know is that your hard work, and dedication does not go unnoticed, and it is always appreciated.

So with that said I hope to see as many folks as possible this year for all of the great events like spring clean-up poppy distribution, and booya.

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# Auxiliary News

by President Tracy McReynolds

Auxiliary Brothers and Sisters,

As some of you know we have the Fish Fry in FULL swing, it goes until 3/30



Come on up its great food 5-7pm

May will be our Taco Fiesta watch for more information on how you can help. I should have more information in April for that.

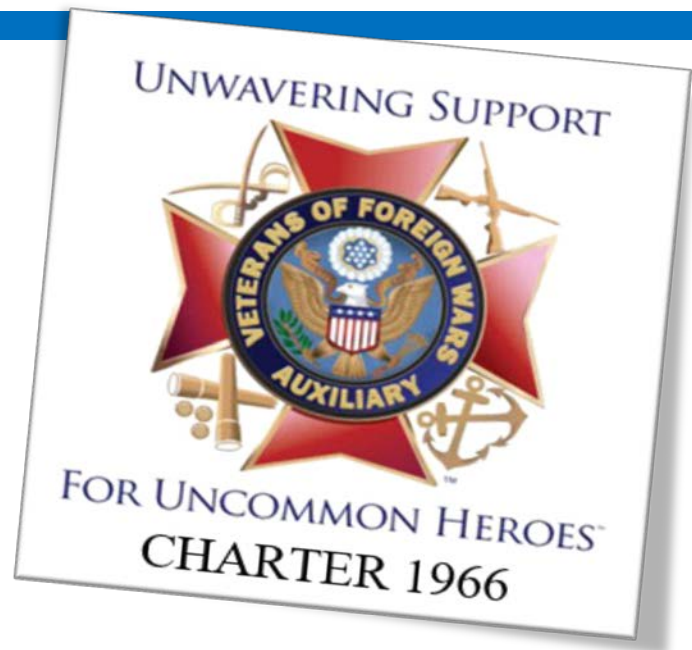
We will be having elections soon we can always use some new faces.

Have you checked out our new web page?

<http://palmerlakevfw.org/>

Remember to turn in your community service hours

<http://www.palmerlakevfw.org/content/enter-volunteer-hours>



As always I want to personally thank each and every one of you for always putting our veteran's needs first. The Veterans Day on the Hill event is again on March 12<sup>th</sup> let me know if interested.

<https://davmn.org/events/200/veterans-day-on-the-hill-2018/>

Thank you,

Tracy McReynolds, Auxiliary President

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## Prayer Corner

by Commander Jarrod McReynolds



I like to think of Palmer Lake VFW as not only a Veteran organization, but also as a family. We grow, work, laugh and morn together. This last week has been a tough week, and I

ask that we all work together to get through these hardships.

Please keep Mark Mortrud and his Family in your thoughts and prayers as he recovers from heart Surgery at the VA. I spoke with him last night and he is in

good spirits and says the VA is taking great care of him.

Please keep Don Herman and his family in your thoughts and Prayers as he deals with the passing of his wife Lois. There has been a gofundme page set up to help the family with medical bills and funeral costs and can be reached at

<https://www.gofundme.com/close-of-life-fund-for-lois-asplund>

The funeral will take place on Thursday, March 15<sup>th</sup> @ Osseo United Methodist Church, 16 2nd Ave SE, Osseo, MN 55369. Viewing starts at 10 am, followed by service at 11. A small luncheon will follow, then Lois will be laid to rest immediately afterward in Hillside Cemetery, 2600 19th Ave NE, Minneapolis, MN 55418.

# Community Service

by Commander on Behalf of Senior Vice Jim Williams

As we move out of winter we will be looking to get back to work doing some things for the Anoka Healing Nest. One project that will be coming up fast will be building fire pits between the cabins. Keep an eye on your email as more information will come out as it is received.

There should also be an opportunity in May to start doing work again on the next building. This will be demolition and cleaning work and will be a great time to get out and assist this organization.

We will be doing the 5K again this year, and we have multiple members that are looking to do fundraising for other Veteran organization by doing ruck marches. There are a lot of great things to get involved with this year.

We have started the year off with a bang for Community Service hours ending January with 275 and February with 219 Hours. Great work everyone. Community service reporting sheets will continue to be handed out at meetings to help in recording these hours, but you can also record

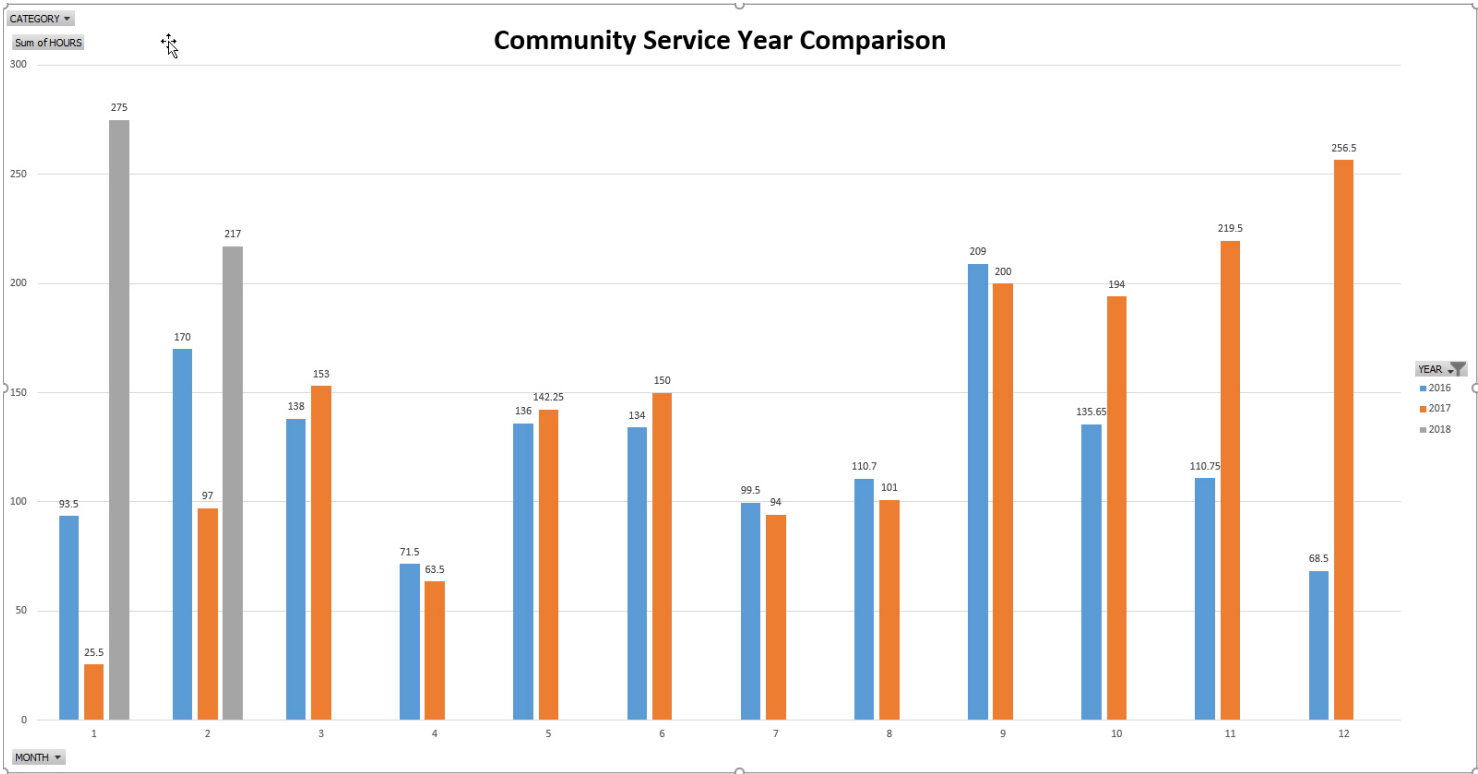


them on the website  
<http://www.palmerlakevfw.org/content/enter-volunteer-hours>

Keep checking the site for updates for more opportunities, if you are organizing or know of an opportunity please  
<http://palmerlakevfw.org/content/accomplishments-and-contributions>  
<http://palmerlakevfw.org/content/volunteer-hours-report>

## Community Service Hours

Quick Look at where we stand this year compared to last year's community service hours through the first Month.





# VETERAN'S ISSUES

By: Post Service Officer Jeff Jarosz

## ISSUING OF ID CARDS

The issuing of the Veteran's ID card has turned into a real fiasco. Problems with the info gathering, problems with the cards, problems with the photos and problems with distribution and computer crashes have stalled the program to a near standstill. Here's what I see on-line concerning their problems:

**Waiting list:** Please note there is a very high volume for applications and Due to the high volume of requests, many veterans were instructed to place their name on a waiting list. As of January 2018, the VA is again issuing ID cards. However, there may still be a waiting list as the VA works through the backlog of applications. Keep in mind it can

also take up to 60 days to receive your ID card once you submit your application there may be delays before cards are issued.

### When will I receive the Veterans ID

**Card?** Veterans who apply for a card should receive it within 60 days and can check delivery status of their cards at [vets.gov](https://vets.gov). A digital version of the VIC will be available online by mid-December.

From the official sight, you supposedly can get on the computer and get into Vets.Gov to check on your delivery status.

Good Luck!!

## FREE LEGAL ADVICE FOR VETERANS

Greetings to all and I hope everyone is in good health this winter. If you haven't received your flu shot, it's still not too late. Coming up in March and April are some free legal clinics for Veterans. These clinics provide lawyers to answer legal questions you may have about wills, trusts, health care directives, power of attorney, housing employment, debt collection, expungement, child support and family law. These services are totally free and you don't need an appointment, just walk in. These fine folks also will provide you with a nice lunch at no cost to you. I can't stress enough the importance of your spouse and yourself having valid "power of attorney" documents on each other. In case of sickness or death these documents will save you numerous headaches and heartaches. Here are the dates for the upcoming Veteran Legal Clinics:

March 1, 2018  
Anoka County Courthouse (Rm 237)  
9:00 – 3:00pm

March 13 and April 10, 2018  
Minneapolis VA Med Center (Flag Atrium)  
9:00 – 2:00pm

Just bring a copy of your DD-214 to show proof that you are a Veteran and have your questions ready for the Legal Team.

If any member has questions about their earned VA benefits, Minnesota Veteran's benefits or questions about filing a VA claim, I can be reached at [jjarosz@q.com](mailto:jjarosz@q.com) or [763-434-9708](tel:763-434-9708)

## Nationwide job listings for Veterans

Here is a nationwide list of law enforcement jobs available to Veterans. You must hold down the control key while you click on the link.

500+ Law Enforcement Jobs Nationwide: [Veterans Wanted](#)



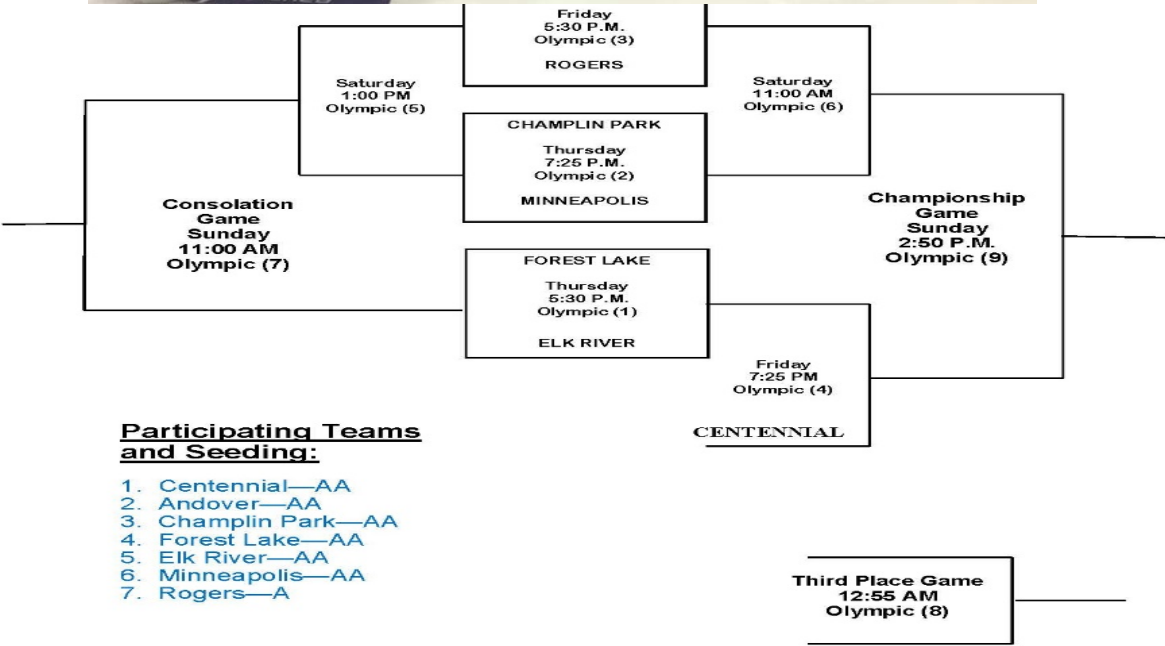
# Activities

By: Jarrod McReynolds

## Hockey

Palmer Lake VFW is sponsoring the Champlin Park Bantam AA Hockey team in this year’s District 7 VFW Tournament. They are a great team with a lot of wins already this

season. I talked to the Coach the other day and they have a few injured players so they could use all of the fan power they can get. If you are looking for something fun today this weekend go to Elk River and check them out. The schedule is below. I will post to Facebook more information as they progress through the Tournament.



March 8—11, 2018

Elk River Ice Arena

2018 V.F.W. SEVENTH DISTRICT ‘A’ BANTAM HOCKEY TOURNAMENT

# Legislative

By: Jarrod McReynolds

This year's legislative priorities are set, and Veterans Day on the Hill is next week. More information

<http://palmerlakevfw.org/event/veterans-day-hill>

## 2018 Legislative Priorities

1. **Lifetime Homestead Market Value Exclusion for Surviving Spouses** – Make the existing homestead market value exclusion for surviving spouses of a deceased Veteran permanent. Currently, the exclusion expires 8 years after the death of the Veteran. This change would allow the surviving spouses to receive the exclusion until they remarry, sell, transfer, or otherwise dispose of the property.
2. **Military Beneficiary's Pay or Benefits Protections** – Legislation to prohibit a party from entering or attempting to enter into an agreement with a military beneficiary that assigns the beneficiary's pay or other benefits to another party in a manner that violates federal law.
3. **Support MDVA'S request for Asset Preservation funding** – Support the Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs' request for funding to address critical repair projects at the 5 Minnesota State Veterans Homes and Minnesota State Veterans Cemeteries.
4. **Free or Reduced Cost Hunting, Fishing and Trapping Licenses for Service-Connected Disabled Veterans** – CTF supports a reduction in the threshold level of disability rating from the current 100% for Veterans to be eligible for free or discounted deer hunting, trapping, small game and lifetime fishing licenses.
5. **Expansion of Veterans Courts Statewide** – Provide for the creation/expansion of Veterans Courts (or related treatment and diversion programming) to all district courts in the state of Minnesota.




# MINNESOTA

## VETERANS DAY ON THE HILL

MONDAY, MARCH 12, 2018 - 10:00 A.M.  
MINNESOTA STATE CAPITOL ROTUNDA  
75 REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
BLVD, ST. PAUL, MN 55155

Hosted By:  
United Veterans Legislative Council of MN  
Minnesota Commanders' Task Force  
MN Association of County Veterans Service Officers




# Help Wanted

**Content Contributor/Video Editor** – Looking for an individual that is tech savvy that can assist in uploading and managing YouTube content, along with edit video content. Maybe also an opportunity to record content. There is no pay associated with this job, it is strictly volunteer.  
Email: palmerlake.vfw3915@gmail.com

**Newsletter Journalist** – This newsletter is should be more than just the commander or the President giving out information. If you have something you want to share, this is your chance. Go to <http://www.palmerlakevfw.org/content/send-content> and upload a news story, or a picture you want added to the newsletter, it will be looked at, and someone will be in touch with you.

**Special Project Manager** – Looking for a project manager for a special project. This individual will need to cross organize between individuals, and other entities. This project will involve working with Veterans, and the media. There is no pay associated with this job, it is strictly volunteer.  
Email: palmerlake.vfw3915@gmail.com

## DATES TO NOTE

Next Post meeting Mar 14<sup>th</sup> at 1900

Next Aux meeting Mar 13<sup>th</sup> at 1800

Next Hospital Visit Mar 22<sup>nd</sup> at 1900 meet at the post at 1830

Spring Cleaning Apr 7<sup>th</sup> at 0800 ->> [Click Here to SIGN UP so we know how many are coming!](#)

Next District Meeting Apr 14<sup>th</sup>

Dist. 7 Joint Testimonial Mar 24<sup>th</sup> at Fridley VFW

State Cmdr. Testimonial Mar 31<sup>st</sup> in Wilmar

Buddy Poppy Distribution May 18-19<sup>th</sup>

Blood Drive May 2<sup>nd</sup>

Department Convention Jun 6-9 Brooklyn Park



Friday Fish Fries Feb 16<sup>th</sup> – Mar 30<sup>th</sup> – 5 to 7PM - \$10 all you can eat fish.



Easer Ham Raffle – Tuesday March 20th – See flyer – page 9

March 25<sup>th</sup> – watch postings in Club room for more info, it will be: Breakfast (for a fee – 9AM) and "Winter Challenge Games" (may be a small fee)

The Twin City Honor Flights for World War II and Korean War Veterans are now booked for 2018. If you want to help welcoming them when they arrive back at Minneapolis the dates and location are listed below:

When: Saturday April 7th, 2018 and Saturday, September 29, 2018 Arrive at Terminal 2 Baggage Area by 10 PM. The flight arrives between 1020 and 1030 PM No need to RSVP just show up and bring signs and lots of cheers

# CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENTS

Palmer Lake VFW is not responsible for the content of any Ads

**EVERYONE IS INVITED**

Retirement party for Doug and Marcia Holly, Hali Chiodo, and Booya Dave 7pm April 7th. Food and music provided. Cash bar. Music by The city Knights.



# Easter Ham Raffle!

**Tuesday March 20th from 5PM until GONE!**

**All packages are \$50 Value!**

(\$25 bone in ham and \$25 gift certificate)

**All tickets are only \$2!**

