

Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs
FY20 Support Our Troops Grant Expenditures
Total SOT Expenditures = \$743,946

\$121,461 - Veterans Service Organizations – Grants to the American Legion, VFW, Vietnam Veterans of America, Paralyzed Veterans of America, and the Disabled American Veterans. Funds were used to support the assistance provided to veterans and their families by Congressionally Chartered Veterans Service Organizations. These SOT grants supplement grant funding of \$353,000 that is provided pursuant to Minnesota Laws 2017, 1st Special Session, Chapter 4, Article 1, Section 38, Subdivision 2.

\$20,000 – AMVETS – “Remember Me” – Grant was used to memorialize veterans with the creation of a digital book that includes veteran photos, biographies and a record of military service. *Grant was executed in FY2019 with \$20,000 of grant expenditures occurring in FY2020.*

\$7,692 – DAV “SE Minnesota Transportation Program” – Enabled DAV to expand their transportation program by supplementing the salary of a DAV Transportation Coordinator, along with the purchase of two new vans for the southeast portion of the state. *Grant was executed in FY2018 for \$87,408 with expenditures occurring in FY2019 and \$7,692 in FY2020.*

\$2,389 – Disabled American Veterans “Military Radio II” – Promote outreach by providing housing and food for a Minnesota radio personnel and managers at a Military Radio event held at Camp Ripley. *The \$6,000 Grant was executed in FY2020 with \$2,389 of grant expenditures occurring in FY2020 and the \$3,611 balance returned to the State.*

\$30,600 – Disabled Veterans Rest Camp – “Veterans Transportation Initiative” - Grant enabled grantee to purchase three multi-passenger Golf Carts to transport differently-abled and elderly veterans to the activities located throughout the 69 camp acres. *\$34,000 grant was executed in FY2020 with \$30,600 in grant expenditures occurring in FY2020 and \$3,400 in FY2021.*

\$2,790 – Eagle Group of Minnesota – “Battle Buddy” - Expand "Battle Buddy" program to multiple twin city locations including Cargill. *\$18,000 grant was executed in FY2019 with grant expenditures of \$2,820 occurring in FY2019, \$2,790 expended in FY2020 and the remaining \$12,390 balance will be in FY2021.*

\$9,056 – Every 3rd Saturday - “Veteran Case Management” – Provides case management assistance to veterans and their family members who are either currently in crisis or who have made recent positive changes in their life, such as exiting homelessness, or completing a mental health or a substance abuse program. *Grant was executed in FY2018 for \$50,000 with grant expenditures of \$13,684 in FY2019, \$9,056 in FY2020 and the remaining \$27,259 in FY2021.*

\$10,000 – Lutheran Social Services – Provided gap funding for our LSS Case Management, Outreach, Referral and Education program while MDVA worked with our contracted provider to amend our program offering to respond to the increased demand for behavioral health counseling for those effected by COVID-19 which included family members of residents in our Veterans Homes and our senior population who have been most effected by decreased socialization with their loved ones.

\$10,000 – MACV Metro Standdown – In 2019 MDVA partnered with MACV to provide the annual metro standdown where Veterans received access to much needed veterans services, healthcare, and referral services to include an on-site rapid response housing team to triage any homeless veteran that came in and desired a housing plan. *MDVA's support was paid directly to the facility vendor (Twins Ballpark- \$4,999.99) and food vendor (Minnesota Sportservice LLC- \$4,999.99).*

\$25,000 – Minnesota Military Radio – Camp Ripley Event for Broadcasters, Advertising, IT Support and Website Redesign - *\$50,000 grant was executed in FY2020 with grant expenditures of \$25,000 in FY2020 and the remaining \$25,000 in FY2021.*

\$1,000 – Middle River Veterans Outdoors – “Tracked Wheelchair” Provide differently-abled veterans (and/or family members) fishing and hunting outdoor experiences with the aid of a “tracked wheelchair”. *Grant was executed in FY2019 for \$20,000 with grant expenditures occurring in FY2019 of \$19,000 and \$1,000 in FY20.*

\$69,913– Nightware – “VA Clinical Trial” – Conduct VA Clinical Trial of digital -therapeutic program (iWatches) designed to interrupt nightmares and other disrupted sleep disorders. *Grant was executed in FY2019 for \$100,000 with \$30,087 of grant expenditures occurring in FY2019 and \$69,993 in FY2020.*

\$94,527 – NW Technical College “LinkVet” - to support MDVA service contract with NW Technical College, which provides staff and support services for LinkVet (1-888-LinkVet or <https://linkvet.custhelp.com>) the veteran’s resource and referral system.

\$35,000 – Paralyzed Veterans of America “Wheelchair Games III” – Enabled PVA to transport veteran members to Louisville Kentucky to participate in wheelchair game competitions. *Grant was executed in FY2019 for \$35,000 and expended in FY2020.*

\$100,000 – Pain Free Patriots – “Veteran Pain Program” – Conduct Veteran Pain Program by providing innovative pain treatment to veterans experiencing chronic pain. *Grant was executed in FY2020 for \$100,000 with \$100,000 in FY2020.*

\$58,836 – Region Five – Development Commission – "VetCSA Program" Enabled food insecure veterans living in the 5-County area including Cass, Crow Wing, Morrison, Todd and Wadena to receive locally grown healthy food shares twice monthly. *\$92,420 grant was executed in FY2019 with grant expenditures of \$58,836 occurring in FY2020 and \$33,564 in FY2021.*

\$1,135 – Statewide Systems Costs – Expenditure to support statewide systems costs for SWIFT, SEMA4 and other systems managed by MMB.

\$3,565 – SOT Advertising – Advertising in the Minnesota Legionnaire to encourage Veterans and their families to purchase SOT license plates and to purchase of SOT token pens to hand out at the State fair and other events.

\$20,000 – Support The Troops – “Rapid Veteran Assistance Program” – Conduct Veteran Assistance Program by providing Veterans with financial assistance and clothing donations through the VA Medial Hospital. *Grant was executed in FY2020 for \$20,000 and expended in FY2020.*

\$70,000 – Twin Cities Public Television – Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, MDVA was unable to host its traditional Memorial Day programs at our State Veterans Cemeteries and State Veterans Homes, MDVA partnered with Twin Cities Public Television (TPT) to produce and broadcast a virtual 30-minute Memorial Day program that was viewed by thousands of Minnesotans both on Memorial Day (May 25, 2020) during subsequent re-broadcasts on TPT stations and on the [TPT](#) and [MDVA websites](#). The program won an Emmy Award from the Upper Midwest Chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences in fall 2020.

\$19,800 – 23rd Veteran “23V Recon” – Enabled veterans to experience a 14-week transition course designed to retrain veteran’s brains to associate negative triggers with positive events. *\$89,920 grant was executed in FY2019 with \$19,800 in expenditures occurring in FY2020 and \$70,120 in FY2021.*

\$4,303 – Veterans of Foreign Wars – “Office Equipment” – Purchase new office equipment (e.g. printers, graphics computer). *\$4,500 Grant was executed in FY2019 with \$4,303 of grant expenditures occurring in FY2020 with \$197 balance returned to MDVA.*

\$26,879 – YMCA of the Greater Twin Cities – “Veterans Rendezvous Program” - YMCA will expand Veterans Rendezvous Program from one YMCA location to four additional locations. *\$82,775 grant was executed in FY2019 with \$25,240 of grant expenditures occurring in FY2019, \$26,879 in FY2020 and \$30,655 in FY2021.*