



Anoka County

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Veteran Services

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VETERANS ADVOCATE

Summer 2019

2019 NACVSO TRAINING CONFERENCE

****The Anoka County Veteran Services Office will be operating at reduced strength the week of June 3-7 while our Veteran Service Officers attend the National Association of County Veteran Service Officers Training Conference.**

This training ensures that our Veteran Service Officers have the most up-to-date information to best serve our Veterans, Survivors and Dependents.

During our absence, there will be a service officer on hand from the Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs/American Legion Claims Office to serve any urgent needs of our clients. Wait times may be longer than normal during that week. Our office will return to normal operations on Monday, June 10. We appreciate your patience during this time.

NEW ASSISTANT COUNTY VETERAN SERVICE OFFICER

On April 15, 2019, Anoka County Veteran Services hired Tyler Oestreich to fill the vacant Assistant County Veteran Services Officer (ACVSO) position.

Tyler previously worked in the Department of Veterans Affairs - Veterans Benefit Administration at the St. Paul Pension Management Center.

Tyler grew up near Little Falls before serving in the United States Army for 5 years from 2005-2010. He went on to graduate from Hamline

University. He currently lives in Otsego and enjoys spending time with his family and friends, watching sports, and completing projects around his house (especially woodworking).

We are excited to have Tyler on our team.

MACV DROP-IN LEGAL CLINIC FOR VETERANS

The Minnesota Assistance Council for Veterans (MACV) hosts free walk-in legal clinics staffed by legal services representatives and pro bono attorneys to assist with legal issues about housing, employment, benefits, expungement, debt collection, family law and more. Individuals should bring any and all relevant legal forms and documents to the clinic.

Remaining dates for legal clinics in Anoka for 2019 are:

Thursday, June 13 from 9 AM-3 PM
Thursday, September 5 from 9 AM-3 PM
Thursday, December 5 from 9 AM- 3PM

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ANOKA COUNTY FAIR FLAG RAISING

The 30th annual Veterans Flag Raising Ceremony at the Anoka County Fairgrounds Veterans Memorial Flagpole area will take place at Noon on Tuesday, July 23, 2019. Anoka American

Legion Post 102 will be the host post. As more information about this event becomes available it will be posted on the Anoka County Veteran Services Facebook page. We look forward to seeing you there.

ANOKA COUNTY VETERANS ADVISORY BOARD

The purpose of the Anoka County Veterans Advisory Board is to facilitate communication between Veteran Service Organizations, their members and the Anoka County Veteran Services Office.

We ask all Veteran Service Organizations to have at least 1 member in attendance at the quarterly Veterans Advisory Board Meetings, but having more than 1 member is welcomed.

Having an open line of communication between our office and local service organizations moving forward will ensure that Anoka County Veterans and their families will be served to the highest level possible.

The next meeting will be held:
****Monday, June 17, 2019 - 1:00 PM****
Anoka American Legion Post 102
400 W. Main Street
Anoka, MN 55303

If you have questions please contact the Anoka County Veteran Services Office at veterans@co.anoka.mn.us or 763-324-4500. We hope to see you at the next meeting.

2019 ANOKA COUNTY HOLIDAYS

The Anoka County Veteran Services Office will be closed on the following dates in observance of Federal Holidays:

July 4, 2019 (Independence Day)
September 2, 2019 (Labor Day)
November 11, 2019 (Veterans Day)
November 28, 29, 2019 (Thanksgiving)
December 24, 2019 NOON (Christmas Eve)
December 25, 2019 (Christmas)

ABOUT ANOKA COUNTY VETERAN SERVICES

Anoka County Veteran Services provides professional, caring and quality assistance to veterans and their dependents in obtaining benefits through county, state and federal programs. As advocates, we work with the US Department of Veterans Affairs, Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs and nationally chartered Veteran Service Organizations to ensure that our veterans and their dependents receive the benefits they have earned through military service.

When visiting the Anoka County Veteran Services Office you will be referred to a service officer for assistance. Our County Veteran Service Officers (CVSO's) are highly trained, professional advocates that share an understanding of the challenges our veterans and their dependents face. Our CVSO's attend the most current training on the extent, the meaning and the application of laws that have been passed by the U.S. Congress in the interests of veterans and their dependents. They also know the rules and regulations adopted by the Department of Veterans Affairs to clarify and implement those laws. Our CVSO's will apply specialized knowledge in the best way suited to the needs of every individual veteran or other beneficiary who visit our office for assistance. We are located in Downtown Anoka on the 2nd floor of the Anoka County Government Center in Room 216. We are a walk-in office and do not accept appointments.

Our hours of operation are:

Monday - 8:00am - 4:00pm
Tuesday - 8:00am - 4:00pm
Wednesday - 8:00am - 4:00pm
Thursday - 8:00am - 4:00pm
Friday - 8:00am - 3:00pm
Closed on all Federal Holidays

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Fax: (763) 324-1040
Email: veterans@co.anoka.mn.us
Website: www.anokacounty.us/veterans

VETERANS CRISIS LINE

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.



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