



# NEWSLETTER

March, 2026

The AV BTYR continues to do what we have a passion for – assisting military personnel who are currently serving, Veterans, and their families. Your help and support have made this possible – making a difference for many Military connected folks.

## Latest News

### OUR APOLOGIES

We sincerely apologize for the difficulties some of you encountered when trying to make reservations last month. The issue with our answering machine has been resolved. If you have any trouble reaching us by phone, please feel free to contact us via email instead. Thank you for your understanding and patience!

### SAVE THE DATES

- March 29** Welcome back *Viet Nam Vets* at the American Legion.
- April 4** Sensory-friendly, indoor *Easter Egg Hunt* for children on the Autistic Spectrum. This event is sponsored by the Apple Valley Police Department.
- April 9** Our Board will present our Annual Review to the Apple Valley City Council.
- April 11** Join us at the *Home and Garden Show* at East View High School.
- July 4** We hope to see you at the *Fun Fest Parade*. We'll be there passing out free US Flags.
- August 1** We will be supporting the *934<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing Family Day*.



### 50 YEARS LATER - State Task Force Addresses Special Guerrilla Unit



The Vietnam War ended more than 50 years ago. But before the fall of Saigon in 1975, the United States recruited tens of thousands of Southeast Asians to fight in Special Guerrilla Units (SGU) in what became known as the Secret War in Laos. The war's end displaced hundreds of thousands-and many who served in the SGUs found their way to Minnesota.

Fast forward to 2025, when the Minnesota Legislature passed the Veterans and Military Affairs Omnibus bill. Sections of the new law established the definition of a Veteran of the Secret War in Laos and made these Veterans eligible for specific State Veterans benefits.

Full Story: [mn.gov/mdva/blog/?id=1066-724631](https://mn.gov/mdva/blog/?id=1066-724631)

## Upcoming Events

- **Thu., March 5, 6:00 p.m. - Monthly Board / Member Meeting** at the Apple Valley American Legion
- **Thu., March 19, 5:30 p.m. - Military Appreciation Dinner**  
Join us for a delicious 'FREE' dinner of Chicken Wild Rice soup, salad, & breadsticks.

Doors open at 5:15 p.m.

If you plan to attend the dinner, please RSVP the total number in your group by **FRIDAY, March 13.**

## Contact Us

To get needed services such as groceries, yard work, house repairs, snow removal, etc., we want to help. We have resources to connect you to the assistance you need.

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