

MEMBER EXPECTATIONS

1. MEMBER TIME COMMITMENT

- Monthly Meetings:** We host a monthly meeting on or near the 2nd Thursday of the month at 4pm at a location that is announced. Then the 4th week of the month we come together for a service or social event. Gatherings are in restaurants around the Metro (set up by members) and at vet service organization locations. We attempt to have a Zoom meeting option so as many can participate as possible.
- Attendance:** Club Members are asked to attend a minimum of 50% of activities (meetings, service projects, or social events) in order to maintain their membership. Make ups may be made at other clubs or any Rotary activity or committee meetings, etc. Be sure to email/text the Club Administrator when you have a makeup so you receive credit.
- Committees:** Volunteer for involvement throughout the year (commitment varies)
- Club Events:** Participation in club special events and fundraisers
- Rotary Events:** You will be invited to participate in Rotary District training & conferences which are helpful to learn more about Rotary and to network with other individuals and area clubs.

2. COMMUNICATION

Members are expected to stay informed about club activities and meetings. You will receive regular email newsletters that will keep you updated on club news, schedules, and responsibilities. You are encouraged to link to our club social media channels as well to stay informed.

Please familiarize yourself with various tools and resources to help you serve.

CLUB WEBSITE: rotarymnveterans.org (includes a member only section)

DISTRICT WEBSITE: Rotary5950.org

R.I.: Rotary.org (includes a member only “myRotary” section)

Look for us and like us / follow us on various social media:

FACEBOOK group: Members-Rotary Club of Minnesota Veterans

LinkedIN group: Minnesota Club of Minnesota Veterans

3. FINANCIAL

CLUB MEETINGS

- *There is no cost to attend meetings.*
- *Friends and other Rotarians are invited to attend our regular meetings free of charge.*
- *We will ask for members to volunteer to provide refreshments for service events and will assign that responsibility on a rotating basis – this is a great opportunity for your company/ employer to sponsor a meeting by picking up that cost.*

MILITARY SWEAR JAR – in fun Rotary spirit, members are “required” to throw in a buck (or more) when you use “military language.” Donations honoring other special life occasions can be added (promotions, births, new home, relative enlistments, etc.) All donations support our Foundation.

CLUB DUES

- *Rotary Club of Minnesota Veterans quarterly dues are \$25 a month. This includes Club expenses, District & Rotary International fees.*
- *Each member will receive an emailed invoice. You may submit this amount personally or ask your company to cover this cost if you are representing them.*
- *Those applying for membership must submit a \$75 payment for the first quarter before being accepted as a member of the club.*
- *Other Expenses that are covered with your dues: District training events, participation in most service events (unless the organization we are serving sets some sort of cost sharing).*
- *Other Expenses that are not covered: Participation in club social events, dinners, drinks at happy hours, Rotary District Conferences that charge for registration, etc.*

ROTARY CLUB OF MINNESOTA VETERANS FOUNDATION

This is the 501(c)3 charitable arm of the Rotary Club of Minnesota Veterans with separate bylaws and Foundation Board of Directors. The Foundation receives tax deductible donations from members and companies used in our club’s charitable service projects.

The club members hosts fundraisers that support our Foundation which support the following:

- Rotary Club Service Projects (Haven for Heroes and other service projects)
- Local Grants to partner non-profit organizations serving vets
- Partnerships with other local Rotary clubs to support International Rotary Projects (clean water, health in third world countries)

Club members are expected to approve grants, volunteer, participate, invite others, and hopefully be generous!

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION

The Rotary International Foundation transforms your gifts into projects that change lives both close to home and around the world. As the charitable arm of Rotary, we tap into a global network of Rotarians who invest their time, money, and expertise into our priorities, such as eradicating polio and promoting peace.

Foundation grants empower Rotarians to approach challenges such as poverty, illiteracy, and malnutrition with sustainable solutions that leave a lasting impact.

Our club hosts an annual contribution campaign with a giving goal of \$365 avg. per member. When a member’s cumulative gifts total \$1000 (one time or multiple years) the individual is awarded a Paul Harris Fellow. Members of the Paul Harris Society commit to giving \$1000 a year for as long as you are able. More information and online giving is available at Rotary.org