

The Minnesota Veterans Home Family Council – Minneapolis
5101 Minnehaha Avenue South
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55417

The Minneapolis Minnesota Veterans Home is a healthcare facility providing transitional housing, domiciliary, and nursing care for eligible Minnesota veterans, and surviving spouses of veterans. The home provides clean, comfortable living accommodations, nutritious food, medical attention, and activities to assist each resident to achieve the highest level of physical, social, and personal development.

WHAT IS A FAMILY COUNCIL?

The Minnesota Veterans Home Family Council – Minneapolis shall provide a formal vehicle for communication and information – sharing between administration, family members, staff, residents, and family friends. It shall provide a forum for these families and friends to discuss common concerns, share ideas, provide support, and impact both facility program and direction in a mutually supportive and beneficial manner for all members of the team.

WHAT DOES A FAMILY COUNCIL DO?

Share ideas, information, and concerns.

- Develop projects aimed at improving the quality of life, well being, and happiness of their loved one, as well as all residents of the nursing home.
- Provide input on nursing home decisions.
- Safeguard nursing home consumer and resident rights.
- Open channels of communication between families, residents, nursing home staff and administration, and the general public.
- To establish an orientation package about the Family Council for new residents.
- To provide information and support to families of past, current, and prospective residents.
- Promote goodwill and fellowship amongst the membership.

HOW CAN I JOIN?

The Family Council members meet on the second Saturday of each month at 12:30 p.m. The meetings are held in the Building 6 Recreation Room, which is located on the Ground Floor. There are neither dues nor financial obligations involved. For more information, watch the bulletin boards at the home for announcements about upcoming meetings, or email one of the Family Council Officers at: mvhfamcouncil@gmail.com.

Another option is to check the Family Council web page, which is located at www.mvh.state.mn.us. Once that page opens, in the left-hand column, click on [Family Council](#). Once that page opens, at the bottom, click on [Minneapolis](#), which opens an [About Us](#) page that includes links to other information at the top, one of which is titled [Meeting Dates & Speakers](#).

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This is your invitation to attend the next meeting. Please join with other family members and friends on the Family Council to participate in this ultimate partnership with the Veterans Home Administration. In fact, as your loved one's representative at the monthly meetings – your ideas, your concerns, and your successes – all of these are invaluable input about which the Family Council needs to be informed. Without a doubt, you are a vital link in the chain that delivers dignified and respectful care to your loved one, and by attending Family Council Meetings, that chain is strengthened. Please plan to join us at the next meeting.