

## Department of Minnesota December 2025 Unit Mailing Veteran Affairs & Rehabilitation, Chairman Linda Kelly

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The Fisher House is another project under the VA&R. Minnesota is lucky to have a Fisher House in our state. There are 100 fisher houses in operation. From the map on the website it looks like there are houses in 35 states plus in a couple of countries. According to their website, these 100 houses have provided services to 534,000 veteran families for 12.5 million days of lodging, resulting in savings for our veteran families of \$650 million. Another WOW (Wonderful for our Warriors) like I used in my VA&R presentation at Fall Conference. I think all aspects of VA&R are a WOW!

Families of veterans receiving care for a VA Medical Center can stay at a Fisher House – free of charge. If that situation arises with your family, check with the VAMC and see if there is a facility near and how you sign up. The local hospitals make those arrangements.

There is a lot of information on their website, and I encourage you to take the time to visit it. They have several programs available to veteran families including scholarships and other help for veteran families. I have not visited a Fisher House but hope to soon. Donations to the Fisher House are always welcome. Please send them to the Department Office and earmark for the Fisher House. Donations sent to the Department of Minnesota will be forwarded to the Fisher House in Minnesota for the benefit of veterans visiting one of our Medical Centers.