



**Department of Minnesota**  
**February 2026 Unit Mailing**  
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We are halfway through our year, but the VA&R program is still working to help our veterans. Our volunteers are still planning events and looking to the needs of our veterans.

The VA&R program is very dependent on donations, so for the past couple of years we have had a silent auction at our convention in July for the benefit of our VA&R program. Minnesota's American Legion Family loves silent auction – so many choices: baskets, home décor, crafted items, jewelry, Legion items. Baskets of all kinds are welcome – cooking, wine, lottery, entertainment and many other options. I ask you to mention it at an upcoming unit meeting for members that wish to donate or maybe your unit would sponsor a basket. All donations are greatly appreciated.

We will also have a bake sale and grab bags, so consider a donation for that, too.

We will also have a “guessing game”. It will be a Legion Family related question – not announced until convention. We will ask for a donation for every guess. The winner will receive a tray of “goodies”, and you know how much our family likes goodies. I am looking for donations of your famous baking items – cookies, buns, cake, donuts, candy, etc. Please let me know if you will be bringing something for the prize. I purchased a couple of big trays for the treats. We will have an extra tray in case two people guess correctly or if not, we will award the top two winners.

Our quilters are busy making quilts of valor. I received an e-mail from Hutchinson with this picture. Naomi Polzin made the quilt, and it was awarded to Steve Timm, Army Vet. Naomi's name will be entered in the drawing for the Quilts of Valor book. I know that there are other quilters out there (*because I saw pictures in the Legionnaire magazine*) that have awarded quilts since July – get those pictures sent in so I can show them off in our unit mailing and enter the seamstress in the drawing.

