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Armed Forces Service Center

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Many of our members know what the Armed Forces Service Center, but many do not know just how much work is involved to make sure everything is running smoothly, from having enough staff on hand, food, refreshments, sleeping quarters availability and of course the safety of our Servicemen and women. Representatives of many organizations are volunteering their time to make the Center as comfortable as possible. The Board, which I am a member of, meets bi-monthly and we listen to the officer's reports, such as a financial report, fund raising, recruiting volunteers and training and policies.

New volunteers are required to attend orientation sessions and training sessions and there is a great need, especially for the overnight shifts.

Many changes are coming in 2019 and talks are underway with the architects for Minneapolis Airport changes. The gold skyway will be closed until 2019, a reduction of 140 valet parking spaces will run from May through August.

The Armed Forces Servicemen Center will move inside Security in the Fall of 2019. The space will be on the 2nd floor overlooking the Rotunda between Concourse C and A, this is just on the other side where the new Hotel Skyway comes to meet the C & A Concourse.

This will make it so much easier for troops that are arriving, but to visit the center as an individual you now must either go through security or have someone get you a pass, so dropping off items will not be that easy anymore.

There will be 30 bunks for men and 10 bunks for women, 2 bathrooms, each with multiple stalls, kids play area, lounge and business computer area and so much more.

Several Units have donated items to the Center and the 10th District Juniors made up backpacks filled with items for children, everything was greatly appreciated.

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