



Minneapolis Richfield American Legion Post 435

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Adam Seamans, Commander

My fellow Legionnaires and Post Family Units,

Here is a brief report of what has been happening at the Post:

I. Veterans Village: The Post's Veterans Village development team has successfully pitched a legislative bill for \$3.5 million toward construction costs. We have increasingly received early feedback as to the favorable prospects of our chances at securing this money.

- The Post's Veterans Village development team, led by Elwyn Tinklenberg, is progressing with our financial discussions with the City and the County that would assist the funding of the project, including recurrent County funding. Mr. Tinklenberg, former MnDOT Transportation Commissioner under the Ventura administration, has previously helped develop high-quality multi-housing units in Lakeville, Maple Grove, Shoreview, and Woodbury over the last 3 years. These developments are similar in size and scope and quality to what is being proposed for Veterans Village.

- It looks probable that full financing for Veterans Village will be identified by mid-summer 2022

- **A conceptual site plan for Veterans Village will be presented at the April 27th General Membership (GM) meeting by Mr. Tinklenberg.** The mixed-use portion of these plans call for space for the Post 435, banquet rooms for Post 435 use, and office space for our Legion family groups. *The GM meeting will be held by Zoom and in person at the Post Auditorium, 7pm.*

- Our development team was contacted by the MN Dept of Veteran Affairs (MDVA) to discuss MDVA's interest in our affordable housing for veteran's objectives.

II. Post Financials: Our current financial shape is sufficient to meet all our expenses and operating needs.

III. Other Activities: Elections are in progress; mail your ballot back by April 20th.

- The Post is forming a 501c3 nonprofit foundation with a mission to secure additional grants for veterans.

I will provide a more comprehensive report following the end of the Legislative Session.

Semper Fi,

Adam