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Farewell to CVSO Brad Lindsay



The Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs is pleased to announce the selection of Brad Lindsay as the Senior Director of Programs and Services.

Brad will officially begin his new duties May 11. In this position, Brad will be responsible for oversight of MDVA programs and services, including claims, outreach, benefits, veterans preference, the State Veterans Cemetery, the Minnesota Veterans Higher Education Program, the State Approving Agency and the Minnesota C.O.R.E. Program.

Brad served in the U.S. Army between 1988-1992, and the Army Reserve from 1995-2004. In addition to his military career, Brad's background includes work as Veterans Assistance Coordinator, Financial Guardianship Advisor and Veterans Claims Representative for the Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs between 1999 and 2005. He most recently served as a County Veteran Service Officer in Olmsted County.

Reggie Worlds
Deputy Commissioner of Program & Services
Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs

I'd like to thank all the veterans in Olmsted County and the county administration for the support I've had over the last nearly six years. I'd like to think I'm leaving Veterans Services better than when I got here and that we really do make a difference in the lives of the people we serve. Hopefully, I can do the same for the veterans in the whole state now with this new position. Thank you!

Brad Lindsay

Minnesota Air National Guard 90th Anniversary



Your help is needed! The Minnesota Air Guard Museum and Historical Foundation is trying to reach all former Minnesota Air National Guard members in preparation for this summer's 90th Anniversary Reunion Celebration.

Since there is no database of all former members, would you please consider sending this information to your e-mail distribution lists and posting it in your newsletters and message boards?

In 1921, the 109th Observation Squadron became the first federally recognized National Guard flying squadron. The visionary leaders behind this historic feat paved the way for Minnesotans to continue making history while serving our state and nation.

The Minnesota Air Guard Museum and Historical Foundation invites *all* former MNANG members from *all* units to the Twin Cities on July 15th and 16th to commemorate and celebrate *90 years of service*.

This very special milestone is a call to re-connect and remember the extraordinary impact of the Minnesota Air National Guard. Activities throughout the weekend will make this an event to remember for veterans, families and the public at large.

A detailed schedule of events and information about hotel options, room rates and more will be sent to everyone in the *Reunion Register*. Please register now at <http://www.mnangmuseum.org/reunion.html> or call (612) 713-2523.

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State Bronze Star Grave Marker Program Reinstated



The Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs is pleased to announce an extension of the Bronze Star Marker program.

As you know, our Department notified County Veterans Service Officers (CVSO'S) last fall that MDVA would be discontinuing this program based on budget and availability of the new medallion through the United States Department of Veterans Affairs.

However, based on feedback from CVSOs and the community, we are extending the program. We have identified funds to purchase a stock of Bronze Star Markers. Based on historical data and projected burials we expect this supply will last approximately two years.

An Open Market Requisition has already been sent to the Department of Administration, and we will be able to purchase the markers approximately April 5, 2011. The markers usually take several months to deliver after placement of the order.

Markers for the period ending 5/31/2010 were distributed during the fall of 2010 so everyone should already have the markers to place for Memorial Day 2011. Once the markers are actually received, we will send out specific ordering instructions to all CVSOs for future orders.



State Bronze Star Marker



VA Bronze Medallion

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Make the experience even better by joining the Reunion Team. Volunteers are needed for a variety of roles, including reunion hosts for each unit. Please check the volunteer box when you register, and you'll receive a menu of volunteer opportunities.

All who answered the call to serve deserve our thanks. Please answer this call to celebrate!