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# LAKEVILLE BEYOND THE YELLOW RIBBON

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## ★ *Honoring Our Veterans*

**C**oming home from war is not easy. When combat veterans return to their communities, they and their families will face the challenges of putting their lives back together.

Veterans will be confronted by reconnecting with their peers and re-entering the workforce. Their children will have grown and changed, spouses will have become more independent, and communities will not seem the same.



Lakeville currently has more than 100 active duty service members from the National Guard, Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marines. Many are deployed overseas. The struggles of re-integrating into life at home can be eased by having a community that acknowledges and supports veterans as they return. Each veteran has family members who should also be recognized and honored for their commitment.

**J**oin us. The Lakeville Beyond the Yellow Ribbon campaign is a community grass roots effort to honor Lakeville area returning veterans. The goals of our campaign are:

- To recognize and honor local veterans and their families.
- To create a city pathway to veteran and family support resources.
- To build partnerships with and offer opportunities for those who want to assist veterans and their families.
- To provide resources and awareness of veteran issues to the community.

**Y**ou can help. Lakeville residents, businesses, schools, and churches are invited to join the Beyond the Yellow Ribbon Campaign by finding opportunities to pay tribute to and support our veterans. You are challenged to think creatively about how you can help. If you have programs you are interested in implementing, please let us know.

**H**onor our returning veterans.

If you have a family member or friend who is currently deployed, has recently returned, or is preparing for deployment, please let them know that Yellow Ribbon is here for them and for their families. We can help support them and provide assistance at home while they are gone.

**V**olunteer.

One of the best ways to help our troops is to help their families. Some military families have few resources and limited family assistance. Lakeville Beyond the Yellow Ribbon wants to make sure our deployed heroes know that while they protect us over there, we will help look out for their families here at home. If you are willing to lift, tote, shovel, mow, babysit, etc., you can provide needed assistance to a spouse or family.

**F**or more information...

Go to our website at [www.LakevilleVeterans.com](http://www.LakevilleVeterans.com) or call 952-985-4407.



# Beyond the Yellow Ribbon Volunteer Opportunities

I would like to volunteer to help with the following:

Helping families of deployed service people.

I can help with \_\_\_\_\_

I have trade skills that I can donate to help families of our veterans.

My trade is \_\_\_\_\_

I have trade skills I can donate to help rebuild the VFW.

My trade is \_\_\_\_\_

My business can donate/discount the following services to veterans:

I know a veteran that I would like to include in the Wall of Honor.

I can provide a photo and information.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail to: Beyond the Yellow Ribbon, 20195 Holyoke Ave., Lakeville, MN, 55044. Checks can be made out to Lakeville BYR. Donations are tax deductible. For more information on the Yellow Ribbon campaign, call 952-985-4407.