Become a valuable member of the Minneapolis VA Health Care System and Disabled American Veterans Volunteer Transportation Team!

Because so many sick and disabled Veterans lack transportation to and from VA medical facilities for needed treatment, the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) operates a nationwide transportation network to meet this need.

The DAV purchases the vans either through donations or grants and donates them to a VA hospital. The hospital, in turn, works with DAV to coordinate the Volunteer Transportation Network which provides rides for Veterans from their hometown to their medical appointments at the VA.

All DAV drivers are required to be registered Minneapolis VA Volunteer Drivers. Volunteer drivers must have a state driver’s license, a clean driving record, personal auto insurance, no current health or mental issues and must be able to complete a physical and a background check.

Drivers do not need to be Veterans or DAV members to volunteer. Volunteer drivers can drive once a week, once a month or once a year. They can choose to be backup drivers who fill in when other drivers are unable to make a trip. Some volunteers are snowbirds, meaning they leave Wisconsin in the winters, but come back in nicer weather and drive when they are needed.
In addition to the pleasure of serving Veterans, DAV volunteers report that it’s a great way to enjoy conversations with Veterans and make new friends. Drivers are also eligible for volunteer hour awards from both the DAV and the Minneapolis VA Health Care System.

If you’re interested in being a volunteer driver and would like to receive further information on the volunteer driver program, please contact: Eau Claire County Veteran Services at (715) 839-4744 or veterans@co.eau-claire.wi.us.