

Quarterly Issues Programs List

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July 1, 2020 through September 30, 2020

SECTION I. Issues

A) **COVID-19** –Minnesota Gov. Tim Walz signed an executive order extending the COVID-19 peacetime emergency through October 12th. On July 30, Governor Tim Walz signed Executive Order 20-82 to implement Minnesota's Safe Learning Plan for the 2020-21 School Year. The Minnesota State High School League postponed both the high school football and volleyball season to the spring on August 4th, but they reversed that decision in late September. The pandemic continues to negatively impact the state's economy with unemployment remaining high across the state.

B) **Police Reform**- George Floyd died as police tried to apprehend him earlier this year. The video of the incident showed one officer pressing his knee against Floyd's neck for nearly eight minutes. This video sparked demonstrations against police brutality and racial injustice across the state that continued through the summer months. Lawmakers in Minnesota passed a sweeping police reform package in late July.

C) **Mental Health** – Mental health experts have reported an increase in alcohol and drug use, and depression and anxiety issues during the pandemic. In Minnesota, the suicide rate increased by 48% compared to the national average of 37% from 2000-2018. This year Minnesota faced new concerns over the emotional and mental health of its residents due to the ongoing pandemic.

D) **2020 General Election** – More than 3.5 million Minnesotans have registered to vote this fall. Many Minnesotans are choosing to vote by mail in this pandemic-era presidential election. Secretary of State Steve Simon has worked to educate the public on early voting and ensure the election will be fair.

SECTION II – RESPONSIVE PROGRAMS

MINNESOTA MATTERS is a weekly locally produced public affairs program that discusses matters of importance to Minnesotans. Minnesota Matters runs every Sunday morning on KFNL between 7:00 a.m. and 7:30 a.m. and from 6:00 a.m. to 6:30 a.m. on KFIL-AM and KFIL-FM.

07/05/2020

Issues Discussed: Police Reform

Program Description: Hosts: Scott Peterson, Tasha Redel, Bill Werner, and Mike Grim discuss police accountability being a key issue at the State Capitol, firework safety, provide an update on area food shelves, and talk to University of Minnesota Golden Gopher Gable Steveson about social justice.

07/12/2020

Issues Discussed: Police Reform

Program Description: Hosts: Scott Peterson, Tasha Redel, Bill Werner, and Mike Grim discuss police accountability and preview the legislative special session, and the MN National Guard's response to Sexual Assault/Harassment report.

07/19/2020

Issues Discussed: COVID-19

Program Description: Hosts: Scott Peterson, Tasha Redel, Bill Werner, and Mike Grim give the latest news on Minnesota legislative special session, Education Minnesota's Denise Specht discusses going back to school during the pandemic and a plan to keep everyone safe, and the hosts provide a MN census update.

07/26/2020

Issues Discussed: COVID-19/Mental Health

Program Description: Hosts: Scott Peterson, Tasha Redel, Bill Werner, and Mike Grim recap the legislative special session, discuss the Governor's new mask mandate, and are joined by a researcher from the University of Minnesota who provides insight on the rise of suicide rates up in Minnesota.

08/02/2020

Issues Discussed: COVID-19

Program Description: Hosts: Scott Peterson, Tasha Redel, Bill Werner, and Mike Grim share back-to-school guidance from Governor Walz amid the COVID-19 pandemic. The legal age to buy tobacco was officially raised to 21 on Aug. 1st. Laura Smith with Minnesotans for a Smoke Free Generation joined the program to discuss a law that went into effect on Aug. 1st that made 21 the legal age to purchase tobacco.

08/09/2020

Issues Discussed: COVID-19

Program Description: Hosts: JW Cox, Tasha Redel, Bill Werner, and Mike Grim talk to Dr Andrea Sing to discuss health, safety, and learning ahead of a unique school season, the hosts also discuss the changes coming to high school sports this fall.

08/16/2020

Issues Discussed: COVID-19

Program Description: Hosts: JW Cox, Tasha Redel, Bill Werner, and Mike Grim are joined by Minnesota State Troopers to discuss the ongoing battle against distracted driving. Troopers share crash statistics and announce a a state-wide crackdown. The hosts also cover the Big Ten's decision to cancel fall sports.

08/23/2020

Issues Discussed: 2020 General Election

Program Description: Hosts: Scott Peterson, Tasha Redel, Bill Werner, and Mike Grim discuss presidential politics in MN, the State Fair going virtual, and provide updates on MNsure the state's health insurance marketplace.

08/30/2020

Issues Discussed: 2020 General Election

Program Description: Hosts: Scott Peterson, Tasha Redel, Bill Werner, and Mike Grim are joined by Minnesota's Secretary of State Steve Simon discuss the scrutiny that the Postal Service is facing ahead of the 2020 election in which a record number of Minnesotans will choose to vote by mail. Simon also explains the special postmark rules created this year and how to check mnvotes.org to check the status of their mail-in ballot.

09/06/2020

Issues Discussed: COVID-19, Education

Program Description: Hosts: Scott Peterson, Tasha Redel, Bill Werner, and Mike Grim discuss the new school year and are joined by Mary Cathryn Ricker, Minnesota's Commissioner of Education, to discuss the challenges of keeping everyone this school year, distance learning, and closing the achievement gap. The hosts also provide an update on Minnesota's travel and tourism industry.

09/13/2020

Issues Discussed: Mental Health

Program Description: Hosts: Scott Peterson, Tasha Redel, Bill Werner, and Mike Grim are joined by Kay King from the Minnesota Chapter of the National Alliance Mental Illness Support Network to talk about a program that is free for residents and provides stress and mental health support. The hosts also talk to Pat McKone with the American Lung Association to discuss the epidemic of teen vaping and an aggressive plan to curb the use of e-cigarettes in teens.

09/20/2020

Issues Discussed: 2020 General Election

Program Description: Hosts: Scott Peterson, Tasha Redel, Bill Werner, and Mike Grim talk with Minnesota Secretary of State, Steve Simon, about absentee balloting. Simon cleared up misinformation about the safety and accuracy of mail-in voting. The hosts also talk about how NAMI walks will be different because of the pandemic and explain how people can get involved to help the non-profit that offers mental health support.

09/27/2020

Issues Discussed: COVID-19, Racial Injustice

Program Description: Hosts: Scott Peterson, Tasha Redel, Bill Werner, and Mike Grim. A state house subcommittee met for the first time this week to discuss racial justice. The co-chair, Rena L. Moran, appeared on this program to discuss the subcommittee and racial issues in Minnesota. Liz Rammer, CEO of Hospitality MN, was also on this program talking about how bars and restaurants that rely on patio dining will struggle as the weather turns colder.

MINNESOTA MILITARY RADIO

In addition to the programs listed Minnesota Military Radio, a Veterans Affairs program, airs each Sunday from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 a.m. on KFIL-AM and KFIL-FM, and from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. on KFNL. See attached program log.



MINNESOTA MILITARY RADIO

PROGRAM LOG – 3rd QUARTER 2020

Airing Each Sunday from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 a.m. on KFIL-AM and KFIL-FM
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With nearly 370,000 veterans and tens of thousands of guard and reserve troops, Minnesota is a state committed to supporting our friends and neighbors who serve in the military.

07/05 -This week we meet with the Chairman and Vice President of the Minnesota Military Family Foundation, talk with the Minnesota National Guard liaison officer to the Minnesota Military Family Foundation, receive a donation from the Commander of the DAV and a matching donation from the MN Patriot Guard and get an update from the Minneapolis VA Health Care System. Guests include:

Bill Popp – Minnesota Military Family Foundation

Lt. Col. Jess Ulrick – Minnesota National Guard

MG(ret) Jon Trost – Minnesota Military Family Foundation

Commander Stephen Whitehead – Disabled American Veterans

Doug Bley – Minnesota Patriot Guard

Director Patrick Kelly – Minneapolis VA Health Care System

07/12- This week we meet with the Commander of the 2nd Battalion 135th Infantry Regiment and discuss their mission to the Horn of Africa, learn about the American Legion Riders Minnesota and get an update from the MN Patriot Guard. Guests include:

Lt. Col. Chip Rankin – Commander of the 2nd Battalion, 135th Infantry Regiment

Paul Hassing – American Legion Riders

Tim Leonhardt – Minnesota Patriot Guard

07/19- This week we talk with a surgeon from the Minneapolis VA Medical Center and learn about Trans-carotid Artery Revascularization, meet with a new Beyond the Yellow Ribbon Company Medtronic and get an update from our Senior Enlisted Advisor. Guests include:

Dr. Dan Ihnat – Minneapolis VA Health Care System

Rob Clark – Medtronic

Justin Furlong – Medtronic

CSM Brian Soper – Minnesota National Guard

07/26 -This week we check in with the command team of the 34th Red Bull Infantry Division, learn how the American Legion Department of Minnesota is going virtual and get an update from the Minnesota Association of County Veterans Service Officers. Guests include:

Brig. Gen. Mike Wickman – Commander, 34th Red Bull Infantry Division

Command Sgt. Maj. Stephen Whitehead – Senior Enlisted Advisor, 34th Red Bull Infantry Division

Adjutant Mike Maxa – American Legion Department of Minnesota

Greg Peterson – Minnesota Association of Country Veteran Service Officers

Audio Player

08/02 -This week we discuss the current state of the Minnesota National Guard with Minnesota’s First Female General, meet with leadership from The Minnesota National Guard Recruiting and Retention Battalion and get an update from the Minneapolis VA Health Care System. Guests include:

Brig. Gen. Sandy Best – Minnesota National Guard

Maj. Christopher Bingham – Minnesota National Guard Recruiting

Lt. Paul Ostby – Minnesota National Guard Recruiting

Director Patrick Kelly – Minneapolis VA Health Care System

08/09 - This week we meet with Gold Star Son Rep. Dean Phillips and discuss Veterans Legislation, learn about the Commanders Task Force with Disabled American Veterans, Department of Minnesota and get an update from the MN Patriot Guard. Guests include:

Rep. Dean Phillips – US House of Representatives

Trent Dilks – Disabled American Veterans, Department of Minnesota

Tim Leonhardt – Minnesota Patriot Guard

08/16 - This week we discuss Suicide Prevention with the Minneapolis VA Health Care System, meet with the Minnesota Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve and get an update from our Senior Enlisted Advisor. Guests include:

Eric Wittenberg – Minneapolis VA Health Care System

Jessi Faue – Minneapolis VA Health Care System

Tom Simonet – ESGR (Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve)

Bob Boone – ESGR (Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve)

CSM Brian Soper – Minnesota National Guard

08/23 – This week we talk about the Diversity & Inclusion Initiative at the Minnesota National Guard, meet with the Claims & Outreach Director at the Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs and get a update from the Minnesota Association of County Veterans Service Officers. Guests include:

Lt. Col. Eduardo Suarez – Minnesota National Guard

Capt. Ashlee Morgan – Minnesota National Guard

1st Lt. Taryn Unterschuetz – Minnesota National Guard

Ron Quade – Minnesota Department of Veteran Affairs

Greg Peterson – Minnesota Association of County Veteran Service Officers

08/30 – This week we meet the Minnesota National Guard's new Adjutant General, discuss Combating Veteran Homelessness with Minnesota Assistance Council for Veterans and get an update from the Minneapolis VA Health Care System. Guests include:

Brig. Gen. Shawn Manke – Minnesota National Guard

Shannon Gregory – Minnesota Assistance Council for Veterans

Director Patrick Kelly – Minneapolis VA Health Care System

09/06 - This week we learn how the Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs is working to prevent Veteran Homelessness, meet with the Minnesota National Guard's Junior Enlisted TAG Advisory Council (JOETAC) and get an update from the MN Patriot Guard. Guests include:

CSM Brian Soper – Minnesota National Guard

1st Lt. Motunrayo Fakuwajo – Minnesota National Guard

Sr. Airman Jordan Hopwood – Minnesota National Guard

Paul Williams – Minnesota Department of Veteran Affairs

Sloan Kessler – Minnesota Department of Veteran Affairs

Doug Bley – Minnesota Patriot Guard

09/13 - This week we host our annual Minnesota Association of County Veterans Service Officers Show and discuss Veterans Issues with County Veteran Service Officers from around the state. Guests include:

President Greg Peterson – Minnesota Association of Country Veteran Service Officers

George Fiedler – Benton County Veteran Service Officer

Michael McLaughlin – Blue Earth County Veteran Service Officer

Steve Stone – Pennington County Veteran Service Officer

Kathy Marshik – Morrison County Veteran Service Officer

09/20 - This week we learn about the Minneapolis VA Health Care Systems Adaptive Design and Engineering (MADE) Program and meet with Grant County on becoming a Beyond the Yellow Ribbon County. Guests include:

Dr. Christine Oleny – Minneapolis VA Health Care System

Rob Larsen – Grant County

Sue Kulbeik – Grant County

Annette Kuyper – Minnesota Department of Military Affairs

09/27 - This week we learn about an upcoming deployment of the 1st Brigade, 34th Infantry Division, discuss Veteran Suicide Prevention with the Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs and get an update from the Minneapolis VA Health Care System. Guests include:

Col. Tim Kemp – 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 34th Infantry Division

Paula Newinski – Minnesota Department of Veteran Affairs

Director Patrick Kelly – Minneapolis VA Health Care System