

## Quarterly Issues Programs List

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**Stations: KFNL, KFIL-FM, KFIL-AM**

**October 1, 2020 through December 31st, 2020**

### **SECTION I. Issues**

A) **COVID-19** – Minnesota Gov. Tim Walz signed an executive order extending the COVID-19 peacetime emergency through January 13<sup>th</sup>. A rising number of cases prompted Walz to issue a new “Dial Back Minnesota” plan on November 18<sup>th</sup>. This closed all restaurants, bars, fitness centers, and entertainment venues and discouraged non-essential travel.

B) **Food Crisis** – Data from the U.S. Census Bureau and Feeding America suggests that COVID-19 has undone a decade’s worth of progress in the hunger fight, with a record number of Minnesotans now facing hunger. 1 in 8 Minnesotans are struggling to put food on their tables during the COVID pandemic.

C) **Mental Health** – Mental Health Minnesota says the number of people seeking mental health help has skyrocketed during the pandemic. More than 20,000 people completed their online mental health screenings in 2020 (half of those were completed in the last three months). Use of the Minnesota Mental Health Helpline, which provides information and referrals, has doubled since 2019.

D) **2020 General Election** - Minnesota was number 1 in the country for voter turnout, with nearly 80% of eligible voters participating. Secretary of State Steve Simon worked to educate the public on early voting and voting in person to ensure a fair and safe election. Simon said 79.96% of eligible voters in Minnesota voted in the 2020 election.

### **SECTION II – RESPONSIVE PROGRAMS**

**MINNESOTA MATTERS**, hosted by Scott Peterson, Tasha Redel, Bill Werner, and Mike Grim 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.

10/04/2020

**Issues Discussed:** 2020 General Election, Covid-19

**Program Description:** This week: A recap of the first presidential debate with Carleton College political expert Steven Schier. The hosts also highlighted Minnesotans helping fight fires out west and talked to JoHannah Orman, a certified child life specialist at the University of Minnesota, about helping kids wear masks.

10/11/2020

**Issues Discussed:** COVID-19, Winter Preparation

**Program Description:** This week: An extended conversation with Governor Walz on Covid-19 in MN. The hosts also share tips on prepping cabins/property for winter.

10/18/2020

**Issues Discussed:** COVID-19, Mental Health

**Program Description:** This week: The hosts are joined by Denise Specht from Education Minnesota to discuss a new survey that revealed many teachers are “stressed and overwhelmed” amid COVID. The hosts also share pandemic safety tips for Halloween and preview the Salvation Army Red Kettle campaign.

10/25/2020

**Issues Discussed:** 2020 General Election

**Program Description:** This week: The hosts recap the major political news of the week ahead of the general election and are joined by Minnesota Sec of State Steve Simon to discuss everything voters need to know for election day.

11/01/2020

**Issues Discussed:** COVID-19, Politics

**Program Description:** This week: The hosts recap the major political news of the week ahead of the general election. The program also goes into depth on a new state emergency hiring initiative spurred by the COVID pandemic.

11/08/2020

**Issues Discussed:** 2020 General Election

**Program Description:** This week: The hosts recap results of the local, state, and national elections. Information is also shared on Medicare plan selection.

11/15/2020

**Issues Discussed:** COVID-19

**Program Description:** This week: The hosts explain new COVID restrictions, discuss the Minnesota Legislature’s special session, and are joined by Marilyn J Peitso, president of the MN Medical Association, to discuss the impact of surging COVID cases on health workers.

11/22/2020

**Issues Discussed:** Mental Health

**Program Description:** This week: The hosts discuss new COVID restrictions and are joined by Sue Aberdholden the executive director of NAMI MN to discuss the Affordable Care Act’s impact on Minnesotans with mental illness. Abolishing this act would impact 300,000 Minnesotans.

11/29/2020

**Issues Discussed:** COVID-19, Local Economy

**Program Description:** This week: The hosts discuss the economic repercussions due to the latest round of COVID restrictions and share information on the Salvation Army Red Kettle campaign.

12/06/2020

**Issues Discussed:** COVID-19, Social Distancing, Unemployment

**Program Description:** This week: The hosts are joined by DEED Commish Steve Grove to discuss resources available to Minnesotans out of work due to COVID. DNR's Sue Hopper joins the program to discuss how Minnesotans can safely enjoy state parks during the pandemic.

12/13/2020

**Issues Discussed:** COVID-19, Parenting

**Program Description:** This week: The hosts discuss the state's COVID vaccine plan and explain which residents will get first priority. Dr. Andrea Sing joins the program to discuss parenting challenges amid COVID and offer tips.

12/20/2020

**Issues Discussed:** COVID-19, Local Economy

**Program Description:** This week: The hosts discuss the latest executive order from Governor Walz which extended restrictions on restaurants and bars but allowed fitness centers to reopen.

12/27/2020

**Program Description:** Minnesota holiday remembrances from MNN's Bill Werner and MN Star Tribune writer Jon Bream on holiday music.

#### **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 – 4rd QUARTER 2020**

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from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. on KFNL, and from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. on KROC-AM.

**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.**

#### **10/04/2020**

This week we talk with the Mayo Clinic about care for our Veterans, get an update from Fort Snelling National Cemetery and check in with the Minnesota Patriot Guard. Guests include:

Dr. Pierre Noel – Mayo Clinic

Maria Baer – Mayo Clinic

John Knapp – Fort Snelling National Cemetery

Tim Leonhardt – Minnesota Patriot Guard

#### **10/11/2020**

This week we focus on the Minneapolis VA Health Care System covering caregiver support and the future of the hospital and clinics all over the state. Guests include:

Director Patrick Kelly- Minneapolis VA Health Care System

Michael Reckard – Minneapolis VA Health Care System

Jill Vinge – Minneapolis VA Health Care System

Jessica Behrends – St. Cloud VA Health Care System

Steve Challeen – Facilities Engineering at Department of Veterans Affairs

## **10/18/2020**

This week we learn about the new Minnesota Military Museum, meet with the commander of Camp Ripley and get an update from the Minnesota Association of County Veterans Service Officers. Guests include:

Mark Ritchie – Global Minnesota

Randal Dietrich – Minnesota Military Museum

Brig. Gen. Lowell Kruse – Camp Ripley

Marty Howes – Minnesota Association of County Veteran Service Officers

## **10/25/2020**

This week we celebrate American Legion Day Minnesota by hosting leadership from The American Legion Department of Minnesota and The American Legion National Headquarters. Guests include:

Department Commander Mark Dvorak – American Legion Department of Minnesota

Paul Hassing – American Legion Riders

National Vice Commander Bruce Feuerback – The American Legion

National President Nicole Clapp – American Legion Auxiliary

Dennis Henkemeyer – Sons of the American Legion

Director Patrick Kelly – Minneapolis VA Health Care System

## **11/01/2020**

This week we look back at 10 years of stories, interviews and messages from Veterans and Veteran organizations around the state. Topics include Pearl Harbor, NOREX, Beyond the Yellow Ribbon, Veterans Homes, Women Serving in WWII, Veteran Homelessness, VA Research and find out how the show got its start. We also get messages from leadership who have been involved in the show since its inception.

## **11/08/2020**

This week we learn about Digital Dentistry from the Minneapolis VA Health Care System, learn about the Toys for Military Children program from the General John W. Vessey Jr. Chapter, AUSA, get an update from our Senior Enlisted Advisor and get a special proclamation from the State of Minnesota. Guests include:

Dr. Daniel Bates – Minneapolis VA Health Care System

Mike Clark – Vessey Chapter of the AUSA

Jocelyn Cookson – Vessey Chapter of the AUSA

CSM Brian Soper – Minnesota National Guard

**11/15/2020**

This week we talk with the recently deployed 34th Expeditionary Combat Aviation Brigade, meet with the National Commander of the DAV and get an update from the Minnesota Association of County Veterans Service Officers. Guests include:

Col. Greg Fix – 34th Expeditionary Combat Aviation Brigade

Stephen “Butch” Whitehead – Disabled American Veterans

Greg Peterson – Minnesota Association of County Veteran Service Officers

**11/22/2020**

This week we meet with a Minnesota Tribal Service Officer, get an update from the USS Minneapolis Saint Paul Commissioning Team and check in with the Minnesota Military Family Foundation and Minneapolis VA Health Care System. Guests include:

Galyn Minkel – Tribal Veteran Service Officer

Brian Skon – Minnesota Navy League Council

Jason Burley – Minnesota Military Family Foundation

Director Patrick Kelly – Minneapolis VA Health Care System

**11/29/2020**

This week we discuss the Minnesota National Guard’s Covid 19 training and response, learn about the Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs Covid 19 Relief and get an update from the Minnesota Patriot Guard. Guests include:

Col. Scott Rohweder – Minnesota National Guard

Eric Meline – Minnesota Department of Veteran Affairs

Doug Bley – Minnesota Patriot Guard

## **12/06/2020**

This week we discuss Covid-19 and Civil Unrest with a recently retired Minnesota National Guard General Officer, learn about Soldier and Family Readiness Programs in the state and get an update from our Senior Enlisted Advisor. Guests include:

(brevet) (ret) Maj. Gen. David Hamlar – Minnesota National Guard

Maj. Marion Belinski – State Family Programs Director

Jackie Rossen – Lead Soldier and Family Readiness Specialist

CSM Brian Soper – Minnesota National Guard

## **12/13/2020**

This week we meet U.S. Navy Veteran and musician Sailor Jerri, learn about NightWare and how it works to treat PTSD, meet with our County Veteran Service Officer and present our engineer an award from the DotComm Awards. Guests include:

Sailor Jerri – Sailor Jerri Music

Grady Hannah – NightWare

Greg Peterson – Minnesota Association of County Veteran Service Officers

Zack Halverson – KFAN

Jeff Tyler – iHeartMedia

## **12/20/2020**

This week we host our annual Commanders' Task Force Holiday Show. We discuss the new Covid Vaccine with the Minneapolis VA Health Care System, meet with commanders of the Minnesota Paralyzed Veterans of America, American Legion Department of Minnesota, Marine Corps League – Department of Minnesota and Disabled American Veterans, Department of Minnesota. The Commanders' Task force launched their new website this week: <https://mnctf.org/> Guests include:

Brad Doboinski – The Minneapolis VA Health Care System

Todd Kemery – Minnesota Paralyzed Veterans of America

Tim Engstrom – American Legion Department of Minnesota

Doug Anderson – Marine Corps League Department of Minnesota

Stephen Whitehead – Disabled American Veterans Department of Minnesota

**12/27/2020**

This week we host our Annual Chaplains Show with members of the Minnesota National Guard Chaplaincy. We discuss Covid, Deployments, Support for Military Families and talk with a Chaplain deployed to the Horn of Africa with the 2nd Battalion 135th Infantry Regiment. Guests include:

Chaplain (Col) Buddy Winn – Minnesota National Guard

Chaplain (Maj) Keith Beckwith – Minnesota National Guard

Chaplain (Maj) Daniel Pulju – Minnesota National Guard

Chaplain (Capt) Hickory Smith – Minnesota National Guard

Tim Leonhardt – Minnesota Patriot Guard