## **Quarterly Issues Programs List**

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## October 1st, 2022 through December 31st, 2022

#### **SECTION I. ISSUES**

- **A) Politics** This was a big election year in Minnesota: the governor and all the other statewide constitutional offices were all up for election, along with each of Minnesota's U.S. House seats and all 201 members of the Minnesota Legislature.
- **B)** Mental Health –The mental health of Minnesotans continues to be a concern for health leaders. There were 723 suicide deaths in 2021. Tonya Carter from the State Health Department says more than 10,000 people are treated each year with suicide related injuries.
- **C) Substance Abuse** - Drug overdose deaths spiked 38% in Minnesota from April 2020 to 2021, according to data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.
- **D) Public Health** Topics covered include lung cancer, a nursing strike, diabetes, medical cannabis, respiratory illnesses, and abortion.
- **E) Public Education** Minnesota's Education Commissioner says students are still behind because of the pandemic lockdowns. Statewide reading and math scores have dropped over the last 2+ years.

#### <u>SECTION II – RESPONSIVE PROGRAMS</u>

**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 KOLM from 8:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.

September 4th, 2022 – Issues Discussed: Public Health, Politics, Public Education, Employment Issues This week the hosts give detailed info on the pending Minnesota Nurses' Association's upcoming strike – Union leaders gave notice this week and said 15,000 Minnesota nurses would go on strike later in the week unless an agreement is reached.

The program also dives deep into the Education plans of the two leading candidates for Governor.

# September 11th, 2022 – Issues Discussed: Public Health, Public Education, Mental Health, Politics, Public Safety

This week the hosts discuss the fresh school year with Minnesota Education Commission Heather Mueller. Mueller updates the new vaccination guidelines and talks about new boosters designed to keep students and teachers safe. The hosts also discuss school shootings and how Mueller works with her team on response plans for schools across the state. The commissioner also talks about statewide test

results being down and how the state is focusing on reading, math, and mental health to help students rebound after the COVID setback.

Bill Werner highlights the latest polls in the race for Governor and other high-profile contests in the upcoming election. Warner outlines the Governor Walz's and challenger Scott Jensen's positions on key issues like abortion and education.

## September 18th, 2022 – Issues Discussed: Public Health, Mental Health, Employment Issues

This week the hosts talk about Minnesota nurse's strike - 15,000 nurses went on strike for 3-days. Staffing shortage and wages are the primary issues behind the strike.

The most recent data shows 723 lost their lives to suicide. Dr. Dan Reidenberg from S.A.V.E joins the show to discuss suicide prevention month. He says the biggest goal of the month is to raise awareness. Reidenberg says suicide doesn't discriminate based on race or age. The doctor also shares resources for people dealing with mental health issues and talks about different treatment options.

## September 25th, 2022 – Issues Discussed: Mental Health, Suicide

This week, Tonya Carter from the State Health Department joins the program to discuss Suicide Prevention Awareness Month. Carter discusses the new 988 hotline and other mental health recourses available in Minnesota. Carter says more than 10,000 Minnesotans are treated each year for suicidal injuries.

## October 2nd, 2022 – Issues Discussed: Tourism, Economy, Sports

Topics: Minnesota Apple Season, Carlson School of Management's new curriculum, Gopher Football

## October 9th, 2022 – Issues Discussed: Public Health

This week the hosts discuss RSV. The Minnesota Department of Health says hospitals have reported a drastic rise in cases. The program explains symptoms and treatments along with ways to prevent illness.

## October 16th, 2022 - Issues Discussed: Winter Driving, Traffic Safety, Hunting Safety

Topics: MnDOT snowplow operator training, Pheasant Opener, Gopher women's golfer Mariana Mesones.

## October 23rd, 2022 – Issues Discussed: Public Health, Politics, Substance Abuse, Gun Control, Abortion, Women's Rights

The hosts discuss the upcoming election and talk about the recent debate between Governor Walz and his challenger Scott Jensen. Abortion, inflation, crime, gun control and the opioid epidemic were debated and both candidates' viewpoints were shared on this program.

## October 30th, 2022- Issued Discussed: Farm Economy, Agriculture, Politics

The Minnesota AgriGrowth Council is spotlighted on this program. They are a nonprofit, nonpartisan member organization representing the agriculture and food systems industry in Minnesota. Other topics included: Thanksgiving turkey costs, Gopher Women's Soccer, Final Push to Elections.

## November 6th, 2022 - Issues Discussed: Politics, Public Health

Bill Warner joins the program to discuss the election and the latest polls. Professor Scott Scheer from Carleton joins the program to discuss the issues that matter most to Minnesotans.

Mayo Clinic's new diabetes treatment could be a game changer. The hosts welcome Dr. Andrew Storm from the clinic to the program to discuss this potential lifesaving treatment. Storm starts by discussing diabetes and its symptoms. He encourages people to discuss diabetes and get checked out before the disease worsens. The Mayo doctor says this new treatment is one procedure that would eliminate daily medicines.

November 13th, 2022 – Issues Discussed: Minnesota Non-Profits, Veterans Affairs, Politics Topics: Give to the Max Day, Harvest Wrap-Up, New Book Aimed at Veterans, Election Day Results

November 20th, 2022 – Issues Discussed: Politics, Public Health, Abortion, Women's Rights
Carleton College Professor Scott Scheer and Hamline University Professor David Schultz join the program to discuss post-election results.

The hosts discuss the key items that will be a focus during the 2023 legislative session including abortion rights and recreational marijuana.

November 27th, 2022 – Issues Discussed: Substance Abuse, Traffic Safety, Food Insecurity
Topics: Law enforcement targeting impaired drivers, State Fair GM Retiring, Gopher/Badger Border
Battle, Salvation Army Holiday Efforts

## December 4th, 2022 - Issues Discussed: Mental Health, Public Health

This week the hosts discuss the psychological impact of the pandemic with Dr. Kaz Nelson from the University of Minnesota. They cover several topics including existing effects of pandemic stress, repeat infections, and long-covid. Nelson says the virus impacts a person's brain which can exacerbate mental health issues. COVID-Fatigue is also wearing on people and causing more stress.

Pat McKone from the MN American Lung Association joins the program to discuss lung cancer stats from 2021 – She says it's the leading cause of cancer deaths in men and women in Minnesota. She discusses prevention and treatment. McKone outlines the high-risk group and encourages screening to achieve better outcomes.

December 11th, 2022 – Issues Discussed: Public Health, Mental Health, Substance Abuse Thousands of nurses have authorized union leaders to set a strike deadline of 12/11. Bill Werner says these nurses' contracts expired 6-months ago. Wages and Staffing Shortages continue to be the key issue.

The hosts discuss new qualifying conditions from the Minnesota Department of Health for medical cannabis. Irritable bowel syndrome and obsessive-compulsive disorder have been added as qualifying conditions.

Dr Abe Jacob from M-Health Fairview joins the show to talk about how to avoid illnesses during holiday get togethers. Jacob says the state is seeing a rise in viral infections including RSV and influenzas.

Dr. Alta DeRoo from Hazleton Betty Ford Clinic joins the program to talk about substance abuse recovery and how that can be challenging through the holidays. She shares advice and recourses. She encourages people to reconsider holiday parties where alcohol may be present and suggests people that will go should have an escape route to use if they feel the pressure to drink. Alta DeRoo says a first good step

for someone seeking help is to reach out to Alcoholics Anonymous or to talk to their primary care physician.

## December 18th, 2022 – Issues Discussed: Public Health, Wildlife Management

This week the show provides tips on staying healthy during the busy holiday season. State Health Officials worry holiday gatherings could fuel another rise in respiratory viruses. State Health Commissioner joined the program to warn people to not let their guard down because COVID is still a real concern. Other Topics: Increasing the state's moose population, Annual Army/Navy Football game, Nurses Ratify new Contracts

## December 25th, 2022 – a year in review

This week the hosts discuss the biggest new stories of 2022.

## **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 and KDOC-FM. See attached program log.



#### MINNESOTA MILITARY RADIO

## PROGRAM LOG – 4th QUARTER 2022

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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.

## October 2, 2022

3rd Annual Military Appreciation Day at Sutton Ridge Farm

This week we are recorded live from the 3rd Annual Military Appreciation Day at Sutton Ridge Farm. We meet with the Commander and past Commander of the Disabled American Veterans, Department of Minnesota, learn about the 36 years of the World War II History Round Table and discuss Vietnam and Minnesota Warriors Hockey with a Vietnam Veteran. Guests include:

Mark Jensen – Sutton Ridge Farm

Jennifer Jensen – Sutton Ridge Farm

Mic Aguierre - DAV of Minnesota

Ron Haugen – DAV of Minnesota

Don Patton – WWII History Round Table

Jerry Miron – Warrior Hockey

## October 9, 2022

HSEM Fall Update and Think Great Foundation

This week we meet with the Director of Minnesota Homeland Security and Emergency Management, learn how the Think GREAT Foundation enriches the lives of Veterans and get an update from the MN Patriot Guard. Guests include:

Director Joe Kelly – Minnesota Homeland Security and Emergency Management

Erik Therwanger – Think Great Foundation

Doug Bley - Minnesota Patriot Guard

#### Posted on October 16, 2022

Intimate Partner Violence and Yellow Ribbon Company Tokyo Electron

This week we learn about the Intimate Partner Violence Assistance Program at the Minneapolis VA Health Care System, meet with Beyond the Yellow Ribbon company Tokyo Electron US and get an update from our Senior Enlisted Advisor. Guests include:

Lisa Kielty – VA Intimate Partner Violence Assistance Program

Mark Dougherty - Tokyo Electron

Josh Sandbo - Tokyo Electron

CSM Brian Soper - Minnesota National Guard

#### October 23, 2022

34th DIVARTY and Magnus Veterans Foundation

This week we meet with the 34th Infantry Division Artillery – Divarty, learn how the Magnus Veterans Foundation is impacting Veterans and their families and get an update from the Minnesota Association of County Veterans Service Officers. Guests include:

LTC Ryan Kelly – Minnesota National Guard's 34th Division Artillery Brigade

CSM Anthony Centola – Minnesota National Guard's 34th Division Artillery Brigade

Jay Calhoun – Magnus Veterans Foundation

Randy Tesdahl – Magnus Veterans Foundation

Marty Howes – Minnesota Association of County Veteran Service Officers

## October 30, 2022

This weeks show marks our 12 year Anniversary and 650th show. This week we meet with the new Commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Department of Minnesota, learn about Minnesota Building and Construction Trades Council becoming a Beyond the Yellow Ribbon organization and get an update from the Minneapolis VA Health Care System. Guests include:

Commander Dale Hoovegeen – Department of Minnesota Veterans of Foreign Wars

Joe Fowler – Minnesota Building and Construction Trades Council

Director Patrick Kelly – Minneapolis VA Health Care System

#### November 6, 2022

This week we learn about Veterans Day Events with the Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs and meet the outgoing and incoming Senior Enlisted Leader of the Minnesota National Guard. Guests include:

Anne Sonnee – Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs

Beth Barstow - Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs

CCMSgt Lisa Erikson - Minnesota National Guard

CSM Brian Soper – Minnesota National Guard

## November 13, 2022

Caregiver Support Program and Deluxe Corporation

This week we discuss the Caregiver Support Program at the Minneapolis VA Health Care System, learn about Deluxe Corporation becoming a Beyond the Yellow Ribbon Company and get an update from the MN Patriot Guard. Guests include:

Jill Vinge – Minneapolis VA Health Care System

Mark Chapman – Deluxe Corporation

Tim Leonhardt - Minnesota Patriot Guard

## November 20, 2022

MNNG's Newest Chaplain and Working for MDVA

This week we meet the newest member of the Minnesota National Guard Chaplaincy, learn about job opportunities and what it's like to work for the Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs and get an update from the Minnesota Association of County Veterans Service Officers. Guests include:

Chaplin Capt. Ricky Kamil – Minnesota National Guard

Chaplin Col. Buddy Winn - Minnesota National Guard

Valerie Klitzke – Minnesota Department of Veteran Affairs

Greg Peterson – Minnesota Association of County Veteran Service Officers

## November 27, 2022

This week we celebrate the 52nd Anniversary of the Armed Forces Service Center, meet the new Commander of the American Legion Department of Minnesota and get an update from the Minneapolis VA Health Care System. Guests include:

Debra Cain - Armed Forces Service Center

Rick Dale – Armed Forces Service Center

Commander Jennifer Havlick – American Legion Department of Minnesota

Brad Doboszenski – Minneapolis VA Health Care System

## **December 2, 2022**

Serving our Troops Plates and Veterans Mental Health

This week we learn about the Supporting our Troops License Plates program from the Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs and Minnesota Department of Military Affairs, discuss Veterans Mental Health with a clinical psychologist from the Primary Behavioral Health Clinic, Inc. and get an update from the MN Patriot Guard. Guests include:

Brad Lindsay – Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs

Don Kerr – Minnesota Department of Military Affairs

Dr. Patrick Cronin – Primary Behavioral Health Clinic, Inc.

Tim Leonhardt - Minnesota Patriot Guard

## December 11, 2022

Veterans Benefits Administration and MNNG Family Programs

This week we discuss the PACT Act with the Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA), U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, learn about Holiday Support from Minnesota Family Programs and get an update from the Minnesota Association of County Veterans Service Officers. Guests include:

Charles Martin – Veterans Benefits Administration

Adam Vanderwal - Minnesota National Guard Family Programs

Sandra Johnson – Minnesota National Guard Family Programs

Marty Howes - Minnesota Association of County Veteran Service Officers

## December 18, 2022

Commanders Task Force Holiday Show

This week we host our annual Commanders' Task Force Holiday Show with Commanders from Minnesota Paralyzed Veterans of America, American Legion Department of Minnesota, Disabled American Veterans, Department of Minnesota and Veterans of Foreign Wars Department of Minnesota. Guests include:

Todd Kemery – Minnesota Paralyzed Veterans of America

Jennifer Havlick – American Legion Department of Minnesota

Mic Aguirre – Disabled American Veterans Department of Minnesota

Dale Hoogeveen – Veterans of Foreign Wars Department of Minnesota

#### December 25, 2022

The Annual Chaplains Christmas Show

This week we have our Annual Chaplin's Christmas Show with three Chaplin's from the Minnesota National Guard Chaplaincy to discuss ministering to our troops and their families as well as a special Christmas Message/Prayer. Guests include:

Ch. (Maj.) Keith Beckwith – Minnesota National Guard Chaplaincy

Ch. (Col.) David Pulju – Minnesota National Guard Chaplaincy

Ch. (Capt.) Kevin Coder – Minnesota National Guard Chaplaincy