

## Quarterly Issues Programs List

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Stations: KFNL, KFIL-FM, KFIL-AM

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### SECTION I. Issues

A) **COVID-19** – Minnesota’s COVID-19 peacetime emergency has been extended through April 14th as the number of people receiving the vaccine increases. The latest update from the Minnesota Department of Health shows 28.6 percent of Minnesotans have received at least one vaccine dose while 80.7 percent of Minnesotans 65 and older have received at least one vaccine dose. Every Minnesotan, 16 and older, is currently eligible for the shot. COVID restrictions were loosened on March 15th upping the capacity for bars and restaurants to 75%. New capacity limits for outdoor events took effect on April 1st.

B) **Food Crisis** – More Minnesotans visited food shelves in 2020 than any year on record. That demand hasn’t declined through the first quarter of 2021. Feedingamerica.org says, 461,200 people are struggling with hunger in Minnesota - and of them 161,880 are children.

C) **Mental Health** –The pandemic continues to take a toll on the emotional well-being of Minnesotans. Mental Health Minnesota says the number of people seeking mental health treatment jumped significantly in 2020 and the use of the Minnesota Mental Health Helpline, which provides information and referrals, has doubled since 2019.

D) **Speeding** – Department of Public Safety’s Director of Traffic Safety Mike Hanson said fatal crashes increased significantly in 2020 and that trend continued through the first quarter of 2021 – excessive speed is the leading cause. The Minnesota State Patrol says, troopers have given out 2,355 more speeding tickets this year than they did this time last year.

E) **Fire Prevention** - Minnesota public safety officials say fire deaths in 2020 were up 13% over the previous year and the leading cause of fatal fires in Minnesota is careless smoking.

### 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.

01/03/2021

**Issues Discussed:** COVID-19

**Program Description:** This week: The hosts recap the biggest stories of 2020. The panel discusses the impact that the COVID-19 pandemic had on Minnesotans and Minnesota businesses and discuss the latest COVID stats and share info on the vaccine.

01/10/2021

**Issues Discussed:** Politics

**Program Description:** This week: The hosts review the chaos at the U-S Capitol with Senator Smith, Representatives Craig, Omar, McCollum and Carleton College political expert Steven Schier.

01/17/2021

**Issues Discussed:** Politics

**Program Description:** This week: The hosts discuss the impeachment of Donald Trump and give a state legislative update.

01/24/2021

**Issues Discussed:** COVID-19

**Program Description:** This week: Hosts are joined by John Edman from Explore Minnesota to discuss the impact the pandemic has had on Minnesota businesses. Edman talked about a recent survey of Minnesota business owners that revealed two-thirds of these businesses have reported a sharp decline in revenue.

01/31/2021

**Issues Discussed:** COVID-19

**Program Description:** This week: The hosts talk to Kris Ehresmann from the Minnesota Department of health to discuss the latest vaccine information, the state's vaccine inventory, and how Minnesotan's can sign up for the shot.

02/07/2021

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

**Program Description:** This week: The hosts are joined by Cindy Doth from Hazelden Betty Ford and discuss how to spot the warning signs of teen depression/substance abuse caused by the pandemic and how parents can get help. They are also joined by Ryan Demler from the University of Minnesota to talk about a new COVID-19 study that will monitor the stress level of healthcare workers in the state.

02/14/2021

**Issues Discussed:** COVID-19

**Program Description:** This week: The hosts discuss Governor Walz's new plan to get all Minnesota students back in classrooms safely and discuss a republican sponsored bill that would strip the Governor of emergency powers.

02/21/2021

**Issues Discussed:** Politics, Crime, Gun Violence

**Program Description:** This week: the latest at the State Capitol, Buffalo MN's mayor with an update on the community after last week's deadly shooting, priorities of the MN Rural Electric Association, Gopher softball preview.

02/28/2021

**Issues Discussed:** COVID-19

**Program Description:** This week: The hosts are joined by David Schultz a political professor at Hamline University who gives an analysis of Gov Walz emergency powers during the pandemic.

03/07/2021

**Issues Discussed:** Speeding, Food Crisis, COVID-19

**Program Description:** "This week: The hosts talk to the Mike Hansen from the Department of Public safety about Minnesota's speeding epidemic and an extended speeding crackdown across the state. The hosts also talk about Minnesota's food crisis and explain how people can help those in need by supporting the Salvation Army's food drive. The latest COVID stats and information about the vaccine is also included in this program.

03/14/2021

**Issues Discussed:** COVID-19

**Program Description:** This week: The hosts recap Governor Tim Walz's emergency powers, update everyone on who is now available for the COVID vaccine, and explain PPP income tax exemption. The program also discusses gambling addiction awareness month and the hosts share recourses for those seeking help.

03/21/2021

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

**Program Description:** This week: The hosts are joined by Dr. Miriam Cameron from the University of Minnesota to discuss mental health issues caused by the pandemic and ways to decrease stress and increase happiness. The show also covers the latest in the Derek Chauvin trial. State Fire Marshal Jim Smith appeared on the program to discuss fire safety and smoking being the leading cause in fire fatalities.

03/28/2021

**Issues Discussed:** COVID-19

**Program Description:** This week: The hosts discuss Minnesota's capacity limits for large events and talk to Matt Hodson, communications manager for the Minnesota Twins, to discuss what the team is doing to create a safe fan experience including social distancing and contactless ticketing and concessions. Former U-S Attorney Thomas Heffelfinger joined the program to preview the Derek Chauvin trial.

### **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 – 1st QUARTER 2021**

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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.**

#### **01/03/2021**

This week we look back on 2020 and forward to 2021 with the Minnesota National Guard and Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs. Guests include:

Maj. Gen. Shawn Manke – Minnesota National Guard

Commissioner Larry Herke – Minnesota Department of Veteran Affairs

CSM Brian Soper – Minnesota National Guard

#### **01/10/2021**

This week we host our annual VA Year in Review, co-hosted with the Director of the Minneapolis VA Health Care System. We meet with a Veterans Benefits Administration Executive Director, the administrator at Fort Snelling National Cemetery and get an update from the Minnesota Association of County Veterans Service Officers. Guests include:

Director Patrick Kelly – Minneapolis VA Health Care System

Executive Director Kim Graves – Veterans Benefits Administration, St. Paul Regional Office

John Knapp – Fort Snelling National Cemetery

Greg Peterson – Minnesota Association of County Veteran Service Officers

#### **01/17/2021**

This week we meet with the director of Minnesota Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HSEM) and look back on 2020 and forward to 2021 with Governor Tim Walz. Guests include:

Director Joe Kelly – Minnesota Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HSEM)

Governor Tim Walz – State of Minnesota

### **01/24/2020**

This week we are recorded live from Wild Wings of Oneka. We meet with Beyond the Yellow Ribbon Network, Hugo, MN, discuss a recent deployment homecoming with the 34th Expeditionary Combat Aviation Brigade and get an update from the MN Patriot Guard. Guests include:

Chuck Haas – The Hugo Yellow Ribbon Network

Command Sgt. Maj. Mitch Hellkamp – The 34th Expeditionary Combat Aviation Brigade

Jeff Hughes – Wild Wings of Oneka

Doug Bley – Minnesota Patriot Guard

### **01/31/2020**

This week we discuss Structural Heart Disease Treatment with cardiologists from the Minneapolis VA Health Care System, meet with Northern Dakota County Beyond the Yellow Ribbon and get an update from our Senior Enlisted Advisor. Guests include:

Dr. Alok Sharma – Minneapolis VA Health Care System

Dr. Stefan Bertog – Minneapolis VA Health Care System

Neil Garlock – Northern Dakota County Yellow Ribbon

Ed Lago – Northern Dakota County Yellow Ribbon

Command Sgt. Maj. Brian Soper – Minnesota National Guard

### **02/07/2021**

This week we get an update from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers St. Paul District, discuss legislative issues with the American Legion Department of Minnesota and check in with the Minnesota Association of County Veterans Service Officers. Guests include:

Col. Karl Jansen – U.S. Army Corps of Engineers St. Paul District

Bob Hart – American Legion Department of Minnesota

Greg Peterson – Minnesota Association of County Veteran Service Officers

**02/14/2021**

This week we meet with the national office of the DAV (Disabled American Veterans) and discuss Healthcare, Covid, Veteran Toxic Exposure, Women and Minority Veterans, Mental Health and Suicide Prevention. We also get an update from the Minneapolis VA Health Care System. Guests include:

Butch Whitehead – National Commander of the DAV

Joy Ilem – National Legislative Director at DAV

Shane Liermann – Deputy National Legislative Director at DAV

Ashleigh Byrnes – Deputy National Communications Director at DAV

Marquis Barefield – Assistant Legislative Director at DAV

Director Patrick Kelly – Minneapolis VA Health Care System

**02/21/2021**

This week we meet with the Commander of the 1st Brigade, 34th Infantry Division, learn about Vet Centers from a Veterans Outreach Specialist, and get an update from the MN Patriot Guard. Guests include:

Col. Tim Kemp – 1st Brigade, 34th Red Bull Infantry Division

Lina Knox – U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

Tim Leonhardt – Minnesota Patriot Guard

**02/28/2021**

This week we discuss Tele-Dermatology with the Minneapolis VA Health Care System, learn about Grand Casino MN becoming a Beyond the Yellow Ribbon Company and get an update about the 1st Brigade, 34th Infantry Division from CSM Brian Soper. Guests include:

Dr. Rebecca Chusid – Minneapolis VA Health Care System

Michael Ruhland – Minneapolis VA Health Care System

Andrea Allie – Grand Casino Minnesota

Sharon Hauwiller – Grand Casino Minnesota

Command Sgt. Maj. Brian Soper – Minnesota National Guard

### **03/07/2021**

This week we meet with the Commander of the 34th Red Bull Infantry Division, learn about the Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs SOAR Program and get an update from the Minnesota Association of County Veterans Service Officers. Recorded live from the 34th Red Bull Infantry Division Headquarters. Guests include:

Maj. Gen. Mike Wickman – 34th Red Bull Infantry Division

Command Sgt. Maj. Stephen Whitehead – 34th Red Bull Infantry Division

Michael Snellings – Minnesota Department of Veteran Affairs

Scott Heffelbower – Minnesota Department of Veteran Affairs

Greg Peterson – Minnesota Association of County Veteran Service Officers

### **03/14/2021**

This week we host our annual Minnesota Homeland Security and Emergency Management show with guests from the Minnesota National Guard, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers St. Paul District and Minneapolis VA Health Care System. Guests include:

Director Joe Kelly – Minnesota Homeland Security and Emergency Management

Sgt. Maj. Jason Rost – Minnesota National Guard

Phil White – St. Paul District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Director Patrick Kelly – Minneapolis VA Health Care System

### **03/21/2021**

This week we meet with leadership from the 133rd Airlift Wing & 148th Fighter Wing to learn about their Flight of Honor Program, talk with the Sons of the American Legion Detachment of Minnesota and get an update from the MN Patriot Guard. Guests include:

Maj. Gen.(ret) Dave Hamlar – Minnesota Air National Guard

Brig. Gen. Sandy Best – Minnesota Air National Guard

Command Chief Master Sgt.(ret) Dave Himmer – Minnesota Air National Guard

Dave Vulcan – Sons of the American Legion Detachment of Minnesota

Tim Leonhardt – Minnesota Patriot Guard

**03/28/2021**

This week we meet the Minneapolis VA's team responsible for academic affiliations, we'll hear about Minnesota's newest Yellow Ribbon company, the Travelers Companies, and we get an update from the Minnesota National Guard. Guests include:

Dr. Ezgi Tiryaki, M.D, and Dr. April Prunty, PhD, RN from the Minneapolis VA

Cory Johnson from The Travelers Companies

Command Sgt. Maj. Brian Soper of the Minnesota National Guard