

## Quarterly Issues Programs List

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**July 1st, 2021 through September 30th, 2021**

### **SECTION I. Issues**

**A) COVID-19** – Minnesota Public Health Officials continued to educate the public on the importance and safety of the COVID-19 vaccine. Minnesota saw a surge in COVID cases. According to the Mayo Clinic, COVID-19 hospitalizations tripled across Minnesota from July to August because of the delta variant.

**B) Drug & Alcohol Abuse** - Newly released data from the Minnesota Department of Health shows that more than 14,000 Minnesotans were treated for an overdose and nearly 1,000 Minnesotans died from alcohol in 2020.

**C) Police Reform**– - Earlier this summer, Governor Tim Walz announced executive action on community safety and police reform with the goal to increase transparency and accountability among local and state law enforcement agencies. Minnesota lawmakers continue having the conversations on police reform and public safety with some progress being made.

**D) Mental Health** – The COVID-19 pandemic caused a tremendous amount of stress, fear and anxiety for many people. The Minnesota Department of Health has made it a priority to make sure Minnesotans have access to the mental health care resources they need to stay well. The MDH and other state agencies have been collaborating to raise awareness and ensure support is available to all.

**E) Minnesota Economy/Workforce Shortage** –The percentage of Minnesotans, 16 and older, who are working is 67.9% which is higher than the national rate but lower than the 70.2% Minnesota had before the pandemic. This means there are 87,050 Minnesotans who are no longer working or looking for work.

### **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.

#### **July 4, 2021 - Issues Discussed: COVID-19 & Police Reform**

Program Description: This week the program hosts review a special session held by Minnesota legislatures. Lawmakers addressed the Governor’s COVID-19 emergency powers, police reform and public safety.

Hosts: Scott Peterson, Bill Werner, Tasha Redel, Mike Grimm and Mark Dorenkamp

**July 11, 2021- Issues Discussed: Police Reform, Minnesota Economy/Workforce Shortage**

Program Description: Carlton College Political Science Professor Steven Schier joins the program to explain how police reform will shape the political landscape in Minnesota for the next year or two.

Benjamin Wogsland with Hospitality Minnesota provides an update on the hospitality industry. He discusses the challenges these businesses are still facing including a labor shortage, but provides a positive outlook for the future.

Hosts: Scott Peterson, Bill Werner, Tasha Redel, Mike Grimm and Mark Dorenkamp

**July 18, 2021- Issues Discussed: Mental Health**

Topics: The hosts breakdown anxiety and depression rates in the state and offer information about recourses that are available for people seeking Mental Health help.

Hosts: JW Cox, Bill Werner, Tasha Redel, Mike Grimm

**July 25, 2021 - Issues Discussed: COVID-19**

Topics: Kris Ehresmann from the Minnesota Department of Pubic Health provides an update on COVID-19 as new cases surge with the Delta variant. Ehresmann also breaks down the vaccination rate across the state and explains how and where residents can get the shot.

Hosts: Scott Peterson, Bill Werner, Tasha Redel, Mike Grimm

**August 1, 2021-Issues Discussed: COVID-19**

Topics: This week the hosts recap Minnesota native, Suni Lee's, gold medal win at the Olympics.

The program also covered the latest COVID news: Governor Walz said there will be no state wide mask mandate even as cases rise and Minnesota Health Commissioner Jan Malcolm stresses the importance and safety of the vaccine.

Hosts: Scott Peterson, Bill Werner, JW Cox, Mike Grimm

**August 8, 2021-Issues Discussed: COVID-19**

Topics: The MN Education Commissioner, Heather Mueller, joins the program to preview the school year as COVID cases continue to spike. Mueller explains how safety will continue to be the top priority for students, families, and faculty. Mueller explains the latest CDC guidelines and talks about how the state is offering support to local districts.

Hosts: Scott Peterson, Bill Werner, JW Cox, Mike Grimm

**August 15, 2021-Issues Discussed: COVID-19**

Topics: Minnesota reached the vaccination milestone of 70% this week, but cases continue to climb with the Delta variant. Governor Walz spoke about the importance of getting the COVID-19 vaccine and rolled out a mandate for state employees. The hosts explained which state employees are and aren't required to get the shot.

Hosts: Scott Peterson, Bill Werner, Tasha Redel, Mike Grimm

**August 22, 2021-Issues Discussed: COVID-19**

Topics: The hosts discuss the state's response as COVID-19 cases continue to rise. Minnesota Health Commissioner Jan Malcolm talks about COVID booster shots and explains who is and isn't eligible to receive one at this time.

Minnesota State Fair officials urge visitors to get vaccinated and wear masks. Jerry Hammer, the General Manager of the State Fair, joined the program to explain the fair's plan to keep everyone safe.

Hosts: Scott Peterson, Bill Werner, Tasha Redel, Mike Grimm

**August 29, 2021-Issues Discussed: COVID-19, Minnesota Economy/Workforce Shortage**

Topics: The Minnesota State Fair began this week. On this program, the hosts talk to Fair officials about how to be safe and enjoy the fair. Safety protocols were explained.

Explore Minnesota's Leanne Kisper joined the program to discuss the summer tourism season and explained the challenges that the hospitality industry continues to face.

Hosts: Scott Peterson, Bill Werner, Tasha Redel, Mike Grimm

**September 5, 2021-Issues Discussed: COVID-19, Minnesota Economy/Workforce Shortage**

Topics: Governor Walz appeared on the program to give an update on COVID-19. Walz explained how he thinks we will live with COVID for years and said we need to learn how to live with it by being smart and protecting the most vulnerable.

Hamse Warfa, Deputy Commissioner of Minnesota Workforce Development, also joined the program to talk about how the COVID-19 impacted the state's unemployment rate and explained the state's labor force participation rate. Warfa explained what the state is doing to connect employers and job-seekers.

Hosts: Scott Peterson, Bill Werner, Tasha Redel, Mike Grimm

**September 12, 2021-Issues Discussed: COVID-19**

Topics: The hosts discuss the latest on COVID including, Governor Walz's push to get more Minnesotan's vaccinated, Walz passing on a mask-mandate in schools, and lawmakers working to decide which essential workers would qualify for a COVID bonus payment.

Hosts: Scott Peterson, Bill Werner, Tasha Redel, Mike Grimm

**September 19, 2021-Issues Discussed: COVID-19**

Topics: Education MN's Denise Specht joins the programs to discuss the challenges of new school year.

Hosts: Scott Peterson, Bill Werner, Tasha Redel, Mike Grimm

**September 26, 2021-Issues Discussed: COVID-19, Drug & Alcohol Abuse**

Topics: Dr. Marilyn Peitso from the Minnesota Medical Association talks about a Pfizer vaccine for younger kids and how this will help make sure Minnesota kids can continue with in-person learning this year.

The hosts also outline a month-long virtual seminar series about addiction and substance abuse being put on by the Hazelden Betty Ford Foundation – The goal is to raise awareness about addiction and recovery recourses throughout the state.

Hosts: Scott Peterson, Bill Werner, Tasha Redel, Mike Grimm

**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 2021

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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.**

07/04/2021

This week we have a special 4th of July show where we learn about different perspectives of Federal Deployments with a Soldier from the 2nd Battalion 135th Infantry Regiment, his Spouse, his Employer and his Commander. Guests include:

- Capt. Charles Hartwig – 2nd Battalion 135th Infantry Regiment
- Michelle Hartwig – Spouse
- Eric Hansen – Rosemount Middle School
- Lt. Col. Chip Rankin – 2nd Battalion 135th Infantry Regiment

07/11/2021

This week we meet with the 133rd Airlift Wing, learn about upcoming events at the United Heroes League, and get an update from the MN Patriot Guard. Guests include:

- Col. Andrew Burda – Minnesota's 133rd Airlift Wing
- Guy Sing – United Heroes League
- Doug Bley – Minnesota Patriot Guard

07/18/2021

This week we discuss Mental Health and Suicide Prevention with the Minneapolis VA Health Care System. learn about the State of Minnesota's Strategic Outreach Team and get an update from our Senior Enlisted Advisor. Guests include:

- Andrea Sandberg – Minneapolis VA Health Care System

- Eric Wittenberg – Minneapolis VA Health Care System
- Tiffany Kovaleski – Building Healthy Military Communities State Coordinator
- Annette Kuyper – Director of Military Outreach
- Rachel Johnson – Yellow Ribbon Regional Outreach Coordinator
- Command Sgt. Maj. Brian Soper – Minnesota National Guard

07/25/2021

This week we meet with the Operations Commander of the 148th Fighter Wing, learn about a Veteran from Transcend Employee Engagement and get an update from the Minnesota Association of County Veterans Service Officers. Guests include:

- Col. Nathan “Shaggy” Aysta – 148th Fighter Wing
- Aaron Meyers – Transcend Employee Engagement
- Greg Peterson – Minnesota Association of County Veteran Service Officers

08/01/2021

This week we’re recorded live from the DAV National Headquarters in Washington DC to get an update on their activities to support our Disabled Veterans. Guests include:

- Randy Reese – DAV Executive Director
- Jim Marszalek – DAV National Service Director
- Shane Liermann – DAV Deputy Legislative Director
- Stephen “Butch” Whitehead – DAV National Commander

08/08/2021

This week we learn about the Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs 9/11 and Global War on Terrorism Remembrance Task Force, discuss the relationship between the 133rd Airlift Wing and the MSP Airport and get an update from the MN Patriot Guard. Guests include:

- Randal Dietrich – Minnesota Military Museum and Library
- Com. Larry Herke – Minnesota Department of Veteran Affairs
- Col. Jamie Lindman – 133rd Airlift Wing
- Roy Fuhrmann – Metropolitan Airports Commission
- Tim Leonhardt – Minnesota Patriot Guard

08/15/2021

This week we are recorded live from the 12th Annual Minnesota Military Family Foundation Golf Classic our guests include the Chairman, a former Governor, Bunker Hills Golf Club (Coon Rapids, MN) and Beyond the Yellow Ribbon Network, Hugo, MN. We also learn about our newest MMFF event and get an update from our Senior Enlisted advisor. Guests include:

- Chairman Bill Popp – Minnesota Military Family Foundation
- Gov. Tim Pawlenty – Former State of Minnesota Governor
- Tim Anderson – Bunker Hills Golf Club
- Callie Kiepke – Bunker Hills Golf Club
- Chuck Haas – Beyond the Yellow Ribbon, Hugo MN
- MG(ret) Jon Trost – Minnesota Military Family Foundation
- Jason Burley – Minnesota Military Family Foundation
- Command Sgt. Maj. Brian Soper – Minnesota National Guard

08/22/2021

This week we discuss Afghanistan with a former member of the Minnesota National Guard who is also the DAV's 2021 Outstanding Disabled Veteran of the Year, and we learn about Minnesota's newest Beyond the Yellow Ribbon Company and get an update from the Minnesota Association of County Veterans Service Officers. Guests include:

- Mike McElhiney – Minnesota Department of Veteran Affairs
- Annette Kuyper – Minnesota Department of Military Affairs
- Dana Kleman – Donaldson Company
- Col. Brian Mandt – Donaldson Company
- Marty Howes – Minnesota Association of County Veteran Service Officers

08/29/2021

This week we learn about a Minnesota Soldier's story of service in the Minnesota National Guard and Minneapolis Police Department, meet with the Chairman of the Commanders' Task Force and get an update from the Minneapolis VA Health Care System. Guests include:

- Command Sgt. Maj. Katie Blackwell – Minnesota National Guard, Minneapolis Police Department
- Sgt. Keia Boyd – Minneapolis Police Department
- Todd Kemery – Minnesota Commanders' Task Force
- Brad Dovozenki – Minneapolis VA Health Care System

09/05/2021

This week we are recorded live from the Minnesota State Fair with special co-host, the Commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs. We meet with the Minneapolis VA Health Care System's

Post 9/11 Transition Team, learn what USAA is doing to help Veterans and get an update from the MN Patriot Guard. Guests include:

- Commissioner Larry Herke – Minnesota Department of Veteran Affairs
- Amy Navrestad – Minneapolis VA Health Care System
- Brad Sargent – USAA
- Tim Leonhardt – Minnesota Patriot Guard

09/12/2021

This week we air a Special 9/11, 20th Anniversary Show, recorded live from the The Pentagon and get reflections on how 9/11 has changed our country over the last 20 years. Our special guests include the Adjutant General for the Minnesota National Guard, the Director of the Army National Guard, the Deputy Director of the Air National Guard and the Chief of the National Guard Bureau. Guests include:

- Maj. Gen. Shawn Manke – Adjutant General for the Minnesota National Guard
- Maj. Gen. Dawne Deskins – Deputy Director, Air National Guard
- Lt. Gen. Jon Jensen – Director, Army National Guard
- Gen. Daniel Hokanson – 29th Chief of the National Guard Bureau

09/19/2021

This week we are recorded live from Military Appreciation Day at the Minnesota State Fair with Special Co-Host Maj. Gen. Shawn Manke. We discuss the Minnesota National Guard with Governor Tim Walz, get an update from Beyond The-Yellow Ribbon and meet with the General Manager of the Minnesota State Fair. Guests include:

- Maj. Gen. Shawn Manke – Minnesota National Guard
- Governor Tim Walz – State of Minnesota
- Annette Kuyper – Beyond the Yellow Ribbon
- Jerry Hammer – Minnesota State Fair 09/26/2021

This week our special co-host is the Director of the Minneapolis VA Health Care System where we talk about everything going on at the VA. We meet with the Chief Engineer and discuss construction of the Mental Health Facility, get an update about the Readiness and Resilience in National Guard Soldiers (RINGS) Project and learn about the 75th Anniversary of VA's Academic Mission with the University of Minnesota Twin Cities. Guests include:

- Director Patrick Kelly – Minneapolis VA Health Care System
- Steve Challeen – Minneapolis VA Health Care System
- Dr. Melissa Polusny – Minneapolis VA Health Care System
- Teresa Tungseth – Minneapolis VA Health Care System