



**2024
Annual
Report**

MVA Minnreg Veterans 2024 Annual Report

Who We Are



Our business office is located at 12467 62nd St.N. Suite 103 in the Oaklefe Center, Largo, Florida 33773.

General inquiries should be addressed to info@minnregs.com.

The Minnreg Veterans Association, Inc. (MVA) is a Florida not-for profit corporation and a 501(c)4 IRS designation (named for Minneapolis Regulator Company – the original company that grew into Honeywell.)

The association was chartered in Florida in 1958 and has been operating continuously since.

We are made up of current and former Honeywell employees and family members whose purpose is to provide recreational activities for our members and to support the Tampa Bay community through cash donations, volunteering, in-kind contributions, school partnerships and student scholarships.

We welcome current or former Honeywell employees or family members to join us. Membership fee is \$20 per year. All member events are free for active (dues paid) members.

We meet on the third Wednesday of every month (except August) at the Banquet Masters facility, 13355 49th St N, Clearwater, FL 33762. We meet for lunch and a program at 11:30 am.

We also meet every first Wednesday of the month for a social – fellowship, fun, food and prizes at Quaker Steak & Lube, 10400 49th Street N., Clearwater, FL 33762

Minnreg Veterans Association, 12467 62nd St. N. Suite 103, Largo, Florida 33773

MVA Minnreg Veterans Association

2024 Annual Report

Community

'24 Budget \$49K



Dr. Gloria Hill, Vice President Community Service is responsible for all MVA contact with and support of our Tampa Bay Community. She has surrounded herself with a group of dedicated volunteers who assist in all aspects of community involvement.



Community involvement is one of the two cornerstones of the MVA charter. Since its inception in the early '60s, the MVA has been involved in projects aimed at making Tampa Bay a better place to live. The Minnreg Christmas Carnivals were held into the '90s and the Honeywell Retirees Senior Christmas Dinners were the hit of the holiday season for local nursing home residents. In 2024, the MVA cast a wide shadow across our area.

The association continues to sponsor a local high school senior with a \$10,000 college scholarship.

The MVA partnership with Morgan Fitzgerald Middle School is helping faculty, staff and students enjoy a more productive educational environment.

Cash awards were granted to a wide variety of community organizations.

MVA provided in-kind support in the form of diapers and other clothing items for foster children and the homeless.

Best of all, the MVA reached out to the special needs community and invited over 100 special needs adults and staff to a holiday party and dinner on December 7.

MVA is dedicated to vibrant and encompassing community service through financial aid, in-kind aid, scholarships, school partnerships and other outreaches. To qualify for our involvement, community organizations must have an outstanding non-profit rating, be small enough that our participation is significant, and provide boots-on-the-ground services to families, children, veterans and the elderly. A community agency grant application can be found on the minnregs.com website : <https://form.jotform.com/230034932173044>



The dance floor was packed right from the start as DJ Wiggles got everyone involved with lively dance tunes - from YMCA to the Electric Slide. Feedback from the API staff indicates that the guests had the time of their lives and haven't stopped talking about how great the party was. This was truly one of the best events ever held by the MVA.

MVA **Minnreg Veterans Association** **Community Agency Grants**

2024 Annual Report

A standing committee reviews all grant applications using a very thorough and comprehensive vetting process used to determine which community agencies to support



Pinellas Education Foundation
Inspired minds transform lives

\$2,500

The PEF acts as clearinghouse for scholarships in Pinellas County high schools. MVA awards a \$10,000 scholarship to a deserving high school senior each year through foundation using a very thorough vetting process.

<https://pinellaseducation.org/>

Angels
Against Abuse, Inc.
\$7,600

The Angels Against Abuse (“Angels”) was created by a small group of visionaries who saw a need to provide assistance to children beyond the scope of basic services covered by the foster care system. We support Angels with cash donations and supplies.

<https://www.angelsagainstabuse.org/>



Ready for Life
Changing Lives Beyond Foster Care

\$6,000

RFL is a solution-based skill center supporting former foster care youth in homelessness prevention, education & employment, and lifeline support networks. We support RFL with cash donations and supplies.

<https://www.readyforlifepinellas.org/>



**CHILDREN'S
CANCER CENTER**

\$6,000

The Children’s Cancer Center is a non-profit organization dedicated to serving children and their families who are battling pediatric cancer or blood disorders with emotional, financial, and educational support needed to cope with life-threatening illnesses.

<https://childrenscancercenter.org/>

MVA Minnreg Veterans Association

2024 Annual Report

Community Agency Grants



Our mission is to educate, empower and equip the Tampa Bay Area to prevent exploitation and human trafficking. Free in-person or virtual group training, self defense classes, street outreach, student internet safety presentations and participating in major public awareness events are just a few ways we are involved in Tampa Bay.

<https://www.stophthemovement.org/>



Family Enrichment Services (FES) focuses on enriching the lives of children, youth, and families. Our goal is to provide high quality services that are trauma-informed and family-focused. We provide in-home services throughout Pinellas County.

<https://www.familyenrichmentservices.org/>



Getting kids off the streets and into the great outdoors.

Wish to Fish was organized with a goal to get kids off the streets, out of the house, away from the TV and video games and into the great outdoors for a day of deep sea fishing with emphasis on the importance of conservation and exploration.

<https://wishtofishusa.org/>



The MVA maintains a partnership with Morgan Fitzgerald Middle School. The partnership includes equipment donations and faculty/staff support activities.

<https://www.pcsb.org/fitzgerald-ms>

MVA Minnreg Veterans Association

2024 Annual Report

Community In-Kind Support



Your MVA is constantly active in the local community, supporting organizations that offer boots-on-the-ground services to children, families, seniors and veterans. We recently awarded a \$6,000 grant to Ready for Life, a local agency whose mission is to provide support, resources, and guidance former foster care youth need to successfully transition to adulthood. Last month, Dr. Gloria Hill visited the RFL facility with a truckload of supplies to support their pantry and homelessness support services.



Kind Mouse CEO and Founder, Gina Wilkins, MVA Treasurer George Suther and President Thom Dupper gather the green after the collection plate was passed at the October Luncheon. A total of \$707 in cash was presented to Ms. Wilkins.

We recently discovered the Kind Mouse agency here in Pinellas County. Its mission is to provide assistance to the food insecure in our community with a special focus on providing nutritious meals for the 1 in 8 Pinellas County school children who are hungry or food insecure. This agency has “fed over 1 million tummies since 2012.” They feed over 83 thousand people annually.

We passed the hat at the October Social and Luncheon, and our members ponied up \$707 in folding money to support this very important local community agency.

Many thanks to our generous MVA members!



Minnreg Veterans Association, 12467 62nd St. N. Suite 103, Largo, Florida 33773

MVA Minnreg Veterans Association Community Partner School

2024 Annual Report

MVA's partnership with Morgan Fitzgerald Middle School continued with the donation of 400 calculators and other much-needed school supplies. The MVA has committed to purchasing a drone for the first student to earn drone certification. In addition, the MVA has provided supplies and goodies to reward student excellence.



MVA continues its partnership with a visit to Morgan Fitzgeralds Middle School to deliver much needed school supplies and serving coffee and Danish to the faculty and staff on the last day of school before the holiday break. Pictured above are Dr. Gloria Hill, MVA VP of Community Service, Lisa Ohlemanni, MTSS Coordinator and Dr. Ija Hawthorne, Principal.



MVA **Minnreg Veterans Association**

2024 Annual Report

Member Events

'24 Budget \$10K



Wendy Hugar, Vice President of Member Events is responsible for all special member events (aside from the monthly socials and luncheons.) Wendy leads a team of MVA volunteers who plan and facilitate these events.

In 2024, the MVA hosted a golf tournament, a visit to Hard Rock Casino, Tropicana Field for a Rays game, a theater outing about under-pants and a picnic.

These events are designed to provide unique and rewarding opportunities for members to fellowship while enjoying a fun and wholesome activity - at absolutely no cost to members!



MVA members wait for transportation to the Hard Rock Resort and Casino in Tampa for a day of gaming and lunching



Golf tournaments have been part of Minnreg events for many decades. 7 teams of 4 golfers participated in the 2024 edition and enjoyed a great day of golf, fellowship, prizes and a nice dinner.



The 30 members who attended the September 5 game (Rays vs. Twins) at the Trop in St. Pete were treated to an exciting (but disappointing) baseball game - (the Rays lost in extras to the Twins) and some terrific seats as well.

Board member Gerry Sturm does a great job every year in organizing these events. These are great opportunities to get to know your fellow MVA members in a relaxing environment.

MVA Minnreg Veterans Association

2024 Annual Report

Monthly Socials

'24 Budget \$22K



Executive Vice President Al Shields plans and emcees the monthly socials every first Wednesday at Quaker Steak & Lube in Pinellas Park.



With no program or entertainment - except Al Shields' wonderful sense of humor - the monthly socials harken back to the Friday night gatherings at the old Minnreg Hall.

Crowds range from 80 to 95 MVA members and guests. The evening is filled with boisterous conversation, a varied menu, sparkling beverages, lots of door prizes and a 50/50 drawing.



Minnreg Veterans Association, 12467 62nd St. N. Suite 103, Largo, Florida 33773

MVA Minnreg Veterans Association

Monthly Luncheons

2024 Annual Report '24 Budget \$34K



Party Planner Deb Dupper is responsible for planning and managing the monthly events. These luncheons serve as the official association meetings and usually feature a guest speaker, a terrific lunch, door prizes and fun & games.

Between 85 and 100 MVA members and guests attend these events at the Banquet Masters facility in Clearwater.



It was a great afternoon for the 92 members and guests who attended the July luncheon on July 17. We heard from Michelle Walag from *Ready for Life* about their continuing dedication to foster children aging out of the foster system. We were able to fill two large tables with cereal and shelf-stable milk to help stock their food pantry. We also presented them with a big check for \$6,000. We also heard from Stetson College of law professor, Louis Virelli concerning the two major amendments on the Florida ballot this November.



Two tables full!



Professor Louis Virelli



Michewlle Walag, Ready for Life



MVA Minnreg Veterans Association

2024 Annual Report

MVA Office

'24 Budget \$26K



Dave Hewitt, the MVA office manager, is responsible for the care and maintenance of the corporate office.



2024 was a challenging year for Dave. The bathroom ceiling was destroyed by an A/C leak, then hurricane Milton rushed about 6 inches of water into the facility. Dave's quick action minimized the damage and prevented any future complications.

Our office is located at 12467 62nd St. N. Suite #103 in the Oaklefe Center, Largo, Florida 33773. The office phone number is **(727) 499-8271.**

General inquiries should be sent to **info@minnregs.com**.

The MVA treasurer and office manager share an office at the location. Dave keeps the office well-stocked with refreshments. All MVA members are encouraged to use the facility for games, crafts, and other group activities. In 2024, the office hosted a bridge group, a ham radio club and Monday night Mexican train dominoes.



Supported Agencies

Stop the Movement	\$5K
Angels Against Abuse	\$7.6K
Ready for Life	\$6K
Family Enrichment Services	\$6K
Wish to Fish	\$2K
Morgan Fitzgerald Middle School	\$10.8K
Children’s Cancer Center	\$6K
Pinellas Education Foundation	\$2.5K
Special Holiday Party	\$3K

Members Served

Luncheons	1012
Socials	1028

Luncheon Guest Speakers

Sara LaChance	Stop the Movement (Human Trafficking in Tampa Bay)
Richard Moss	Department of Transportation (Road Improvement Update)
Julie Marcus	Pinellas County Supervisor of Elections (Election Process)
Louis Virelli	Stetson College of Law (Ballot Amendments)
Sandy Kearney	Angels Against Abuse (Foster Children)
Michelle Walag	Ready For Life (Aging out of the foster care system)
Hannah Hayes	Heritage Village (Virtual Tour)
Anita Myers	Guardian ad Litem Program (Volunteer Opportunities)