

# Program for 2024 Salute the Troops

9:30am gates open

10:00am - 3:00pm Event

**Location: Flag pole 11am – 11:45am (all vendors close)**

11:00am – 11:40am

1. Introduction – Jennifer & Mark Jensen of Sutton Ridge Farm
2. Invocation/opening prayer - Fort Snelling Chaplain- Ken Beale
3. Raising the American flag – US Marine Corp
4. Present Colors - Patriotic Heritage Allegiant Honor Guard
5. National Anthem- John Stephens (NPCBC)
6. Pledge of Allegiance
7. Three-volley rifle salute - US Marine Corp
8. Taps - Johnny Holliday
9. Welcome – Mark & Jennifer Jensen
10. Welcome – Ron Hocevar- Scott County Atty, Ret. Navy
11. Exit song “God Bless the USA” by Lee Greenwood- sung by John Stephens (NPCBC)

11:45am Grill Star Catering opens for lunch

**Location: Speakers Tent**

11:45 – Band starts

12:15 – Announcements and intros- Jennifer

12:20 – Tom McKenna – ETS

12:30 – Butch Whitehead- DAV of MN

12:30 – North of Dodge country western band

1:15 – Fly-over by T-6 Thunder

2:00 – Testimonials by ETS

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3:00 – Event ends

**Afternoon activities**

- Live radio remote -KCHK Radio (9am – 11am)
- Live music by country western band “North of Dodge” (11:45 – 2:45pm)
- Vietnam Era Huey helicopter on display
- 40’ model submarine by Minneapolis Base of the United States Submarine Veterans
- Veteran Resource tables
- Veteran Owned Businesses
- Military Memorial display by PHHG
- WWII History Roundtable, including book signing by author Lee Burtman
- WWII airplane fly-over by T-6 Thunder
- Silent auction- 12:30 – 3pm
- Lunch by Grill Star Catering
- Scoops for the Troops – free ice cream by New Prague Community Baptist Church
- Rick’s Coffee
- Products of the Hive booth
- Food Concessions (popcorn, chips, brownies, cotton candy, bottled water)
- Kids Boot camp (16' climbing wall and 60' obstacle course)

- 25 ft square jousting ring
- Slushies and ice cream by Pure Country Kool Sweets n' Treats
- Self-guided farm animal tours
- Woodturning demonstrations
- Corn shelling demonstrations
- Sheep shearing demonstrations
- WW II re-enactment camp. Representing the US Army 105th Combat Engineers of the 30th Infantry Division in the European Theater of Operations
- POW/MIA table ceremony
- Hay wagon rides- 12:00Noon - 3:00pm
- Military Jeep rides – all day
- Free doggie treats at the Service Dog tent
- Fort Snelling Chapel
- Best Wishes, by Adelaide