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One Thank You at a Time.**

MMAF Continues To Say Thanks.

2013 Annual Report

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Mission Statement

Minnesotans' Military Appreciation Fund (MMAF) is a statewide fundraising initiative by the citizens of Minnesota, for Minnesota military personnel and their families. Launched in August of 2005, MMAF is a non-partisan, non-political, 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation. The mission of MMAF is to say "thanks" to Minnesota service members and their families who are making the sacrifices in defense of our freedoms in combat zones around the world.

MMAF provides cash grants to Minnesota service members who have served in a combat zone since September 11, 2001. Grant applications are available online at MMAF.org.

There are three levels of grant awards:

- \$5,000 to the families of those Minnesotans killed in combat
- \$2,000 - \$10,000 for those Minnesotans wounded in a combat zone, with the amount based on severity of injury
- \$500 to all Minnesotans who served in a combat zone

Since our inception, our volunteers and service partnerships have made it possible for 90 percent of donations to go directly to Minnesota service members in the form of grants.

MMAF shows our troops how much we appreciate and respect their service to our country. **The mission of MMAF will continue until all of our Minnesota troops come home.**

Thanks

MINNESOTANS' MILITARY APPRECIATION FUND



A special "Thanks" to MMAF service partners and printing vendors, who donated or greatly reduced their fees to produce this annual report at a low cost. It helps us continue to direct nearly 90 percent of donations to Minnesota service members.

**Founder: Eugene Sit
1938 – 2008**

MMAF's lead founder is Gene Sit, a remarkable man who passed away on June 24, 2008 at age 69. Gene was born in China but his American pride and commitment to giving back resulted in the creation of Minnesotans' Military Appreciation Fund. Gene's simple idea of saying "thanks" to Minnesota service members has had a tremendous impact and is a legacy that we at MMAF are committed to continuing.

Gene's incredible life story includes being kidnapped by Chinese gangsters and held for ransom for nine months at age seven, being sent to America at age 10, away from his mother and to a father who was ill and died soon thereafter. Relatives in Arkansas stepped in and agreed to care for Gene. He learned the language, finished 12 years of school in eight years, and earned a scholarship to college.

Gene's career began at Commonwealth Edison in Chicago, and then he spent 13 years at IDS (Investors Diversified Services) before launching his own investment firm, Sit Investment Associates (SIA), in 1981 at age 42. SIA remains one of Minnesota's largest investment management firms, managing more than \$13 billion in assets. Five of Gene's six children work for the firm, including son Roger Sit, who serves as chairman and CEO.

Gene's life experiences made him a true believer in the American dream. One of his final endeavors was launching MMAF, an endeavor that spoke directly to his love of country. MMAF is a reflection of Gene's patriotism and deep appreciation for the sacrifices made by our Minnesota service members.



*9th Annual Say Thanks Day
Fort Snelling
September 7, 2013*

A Message From The Chair

With each new year comes new reasons to work even harder to fulfill the mission this organization was founded on in 2005. It's a simple but profound goal – to thank Minnesota combat veterans who have served since 9/11 and honor the sacrifices they and their families have made.

What we've seen this year is that the need has never been greater to support our veterans and troops on active duty. In fact, it's a need growing in intensity. Why? Because as headlines shift from events abroad, what isn't getting enough attention is the reality our veterans are facing at home today.

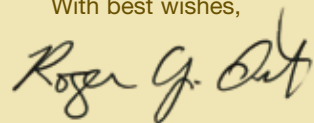
Some continue recovering from injuries. Many are returning to school or working hard to resume or start careers. All live in a culture with a short attention span and the well-documented trend of increasing numbers of people who don't have a personal connection to current or former U.S. service members.

And how can that be when nearly 30,000 Minnesotans have served our country since 9/11? These are our brothers, sisters, fathers, mothers, uncles, aunts, nieces and nephews. They're our neighbors or neighbors of neighbors. He's your co-worker's godchild. She's the daughter of the mechanic who keeps your car safe. He's the older brother of the high school athlete featured in the paper last week.

To know them is to know why we value each and every contribution to Minnesotans' Military Appreciation Fund (MMAF). You'll meet several veterans in the pages that follow, and you'll gain new insights from their stories. You'll also see on page 20 an audited financial report that shows our progress as of our fiscal year end on April 30, 2013. In total, we've raised over \$14 million since 2005 and have provided more than \$9 million dollars in grants to nearly 15,000 Minnesota recipients.

Thank you for your continued support. We hope you will enjoy this recap of the past year, and we encourage you to share the report with family and friends. Please join us at community events in the coming year, and to get the latest news from MMAF, visit our website or follow us on Facebook and Twitter.

With best wishes,



Roger J. Sit
Chair



Statewide Awareness

**Tuesday, April 16, 2013:
Minnesotans' Military Appreciation Dinner**

Former U.S. Commander of Afghanistan, General (Ret.) Stanley McChrystal joined more than 600 guests for a memorable night of support for service members and their families on Tuesday, April 16. The event took place at the DoubleTree by Hilton in Bloomington and raised nearly \$600,000.

The evening began with a Q&A session between General McChrystal and General (Ret.) John W. Vessey, former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. MMAF Co-Founder General (Ret.) Dennis Schulstad served as moderator. This intimate session let some of MMAF's greatest supporters hear from two of the brightest military minds of our time as they spoke about current world affairs.

When the doors opened to the main ballroom, guests were escorted into the room by a group of energetic young Junior ROTC members. Event emcee Heidi Collins of Fox 9 News welcomed guests, and the Minnesota National Guard Honor Guard posted colors as choir members from Musical Portraits of America sang the *Star Spangled Banner* and *Armed Forces Medley*. Roger Sit, MMAF Chair, updated guests on the progress the organization has made since inception in 2005, noting that more than 14,500 cash grants have been awarded to Minnesotans, totaling over \$9 million. Retired Army Chaplain Glen Bloomstrom delivered the invocation.

During dinner, guests listened to local musician Kurt Orning and his song, *My Name is America*, which he wrote after 9/11. Heidi Collins then introduced MMAF grant recipient Staff Sergeant Patrick Nelson, of Eden Prairie, who served in Iraq and Afghanistan with the 173rd Airborne Brigade, U.S. Army and received Bronze Star and Purple Heart medals. Patrick spoke briefly about his time in Iraq and Afghanistan, and he captivated the room describing the struggles veterans face returning to society, focusing specifically on the growing need to hire veterans.

Heidi Collins then introduced Sonja Faust of Waconia, whose son Sergeant Colin Faust served in Afghanistan with the 3rd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment and received a Purple Heart. Sonja told the

story of her son joining the Marine Corps and the changes her family experienced helping Colin recover from serious injuries, including an amputated leg. She described how grants from MMAF helped pay for daily trips to the VA Hospital as well as remodeling to the home Colin needed to return to college. She concluded her remarks by quoting a verse from the Book of James, Chapter 1, verses 2 & 3: "When troubles come your way, consider it an opportunity for great joy. For you know that when your faith is tested, your endurance has a chance to grow."

Local vocalist Deja Gill performed *Wind Beneath My Wings*, and General Vessey introduced General McChrystal, who began by saying he was honored to speak as General Vessey was someone he had admired throughout his life. General McChrystal described how he had recently been in Pennsylvania and encountered the memorial to the 1st Minnesota Regiment. He talked about how

General McChrystal



Faust family with General McChrystal

Minnesotans have never shied away from battle and have always answered the call to arms when the nation has needed it. General McChrystal stressed the importance of honoring and thanking veterans. When he finished speaking, General McChrystal was joined by his wife Annie and Roger Sit, who awarded General McChrystal with a plaque of appreciation. Mrs. McChrystal received a bouquet of roses. Heidi Collins offered closing remarks and thanked everyone for attending. The evening closed with Musical Portraits of America singing *God Bless America* and *From Sea to Shining Sea*.

All individual and corporate sponsors are greatly appreciated. One hundred percent of the funds raised at the dinner went directly to MMAF, as event expenses were underwritten by the main sponsor, Sit Investment Associates.

**Saturday, September 7, 2013:
Say Thanks Day • 10K Run, 5K Run and Walk**

MMAF hosted the 2013 Say Thanks Day at the Boy Scout Base Camp at Fort Snelling. The ninth annual event included a 10K run, 5K run and a two-mile walk. This year, the event featured two new additions, a Kid's Carnival and the Marine RECON Challenge (running three miles in under 18 minutes).

Participants began arriving before 8:00 a.m. on a beautiful morning, with temperatures in the upper 70s and plenty of sunshine. As participants checked in, they were greeted with music from the Emerson Avenue Band and a host of volunteers from Target, the David Martin Agency, TDS Inc. and the Harding High School Junior ROTC program.

The event emcee, Tom Hauser of 5-Eyewitness News, kicked off the pre-race festivities, welcoming participants and thanking them for supporting Minnesota's service members. Following a moment of silence to honor those who have sacrificed their lives for our country, a military band played moving renditions of Taps and the Star Spangled Banner. A flyover of vintage T-6 Texan aircrafts in missing man formation signified that the race was about to start. More than 400 runners moved to the starting line to participate in the 10K run, 5K run and Marine RECON Challenge. A few minutes later, more than 250 walkers made their way to the starting line and began to walk the two-mile course, which was lined with American flags.

While the runners and walkers enjoyed the beautiful weather and scenic views, music from the Emerson Avenue Band filled the ears of those remaining at Base Camp. The rousing music provided a festive backdrop to the Kid's Carnival games, which included inflatables, giant Jenga and giant cup stacking. Thrill-seekers challenged themselves on the climbing walls at Base Camp.

When runners and walkers returned to Base Camp, Tom Hauser opened the post-race program with a brief history of the organization and event. MMAF grant recipient Doug Lodermeier also spoke and presented MMAF with a check from the St. Louis Park American Legion. MMAF Chair Roger Sit gave a brief recap on the current grant totals and important milestones from 2013. MMAF co-founders Michael Gorman and Skip Krawczyk awarded a grant check to Sergeant Trevor Friesen, who served in Afghanistan. Tom Hauser announced the names of those who had won the door prize drawings, as well as the winners of the men's and women's 5K and 10K events and the two winners of the Marine RECON Challenge.

Following the program, participants were invited inside Base Camp to watch the Kid's Carnival magic show from Alan Johnson. As the children left the magic show, they were presented with a tree sapling to be planted in honor of a service member. A special thank you goes to Andrew Sit for organizing the Kid's Carnival and the Boy Scouts of Troop 3124 for their assistance.

Event sponsors included Sit Investment Associates; Federated Insurance; Target; TCF Bank; The Wealth Enhancement Group; Nelson, Tietz and Hoye, Inc.; TDS, Inc, Cub Foods; and 7UP. MMAF extends a special thanks to the Northern Star Council Boy Scouts of America and Base Camp for hosting the event at their beautiful location.



*Say Thanks Day
Emcee, Tom Hauser*



*5K and 10K Marine
RECON winners*



**November 2012:
Minnesota Timberwolves Operation Heroes Month**

In conjunction with the Minnesota Timberwolves' Operation Minnesota Heroes program, MMAF presented grants to nine military service members during Timberwolves home games last November. Grant recipients were also presented with jerseys at center court. This show of appreciation, combined with the crowd's boisterous cheering and standing ovation, created a moving display of pride and emotion for our service members.

Grant recipients and their guests enjoyed games from Target Center suites generously provided by MMAF Board Members Roger and Nancy McCabe. Special thanks to the McCabes for their support and to Chris Wright, President of the Timberwolves, and his staff for providing this special opportunity to raise public awareness for MMAF. Not only did this event recognize some of our Minnesota heroes, but it raised awareness among basketball fans and allowed them to show their appreciation. Grant recipients at Timberwolves games last November included:

- Specialist Kyle Carlson of Corcoran
- Specialist Jonathan Dao of Maplewood
- Specialist Philip Dewey of Isanti
- Sergeant Mitchell Huston of Corcoran
- Specialist Nazaire Jean-Baptiste of South St. Paul
- Sergeant Annie Kneeland of St. Paul
- Staff Sergeant Joshua Markfort of Maplewood
- Private Daniel Mickelson of Hopkins
- Major Shaun Riffe of Shakopee

In addition to MMAF grant presentations during November games, the Timberwolves host an annual "Give-Thanks" event as part of The FastBreak Foundation's Operation Minnesota Heroes Month. This event was held downtown at SEVEN Steakhouse, where a Thanksgiving-style dinner was served by Timberwolves staff, coaches and team sponsors to 100 service members, including Purple Heart recipients from WWII, Vietnam, Iraq and Afghanistan. Timberwolves broadcaster, Alan Horton, hosted the event. Service members enjoyed a nice dinner and were able to have their photos taken with Timberwolves players, dancers and team mascot, Crunch. The special evening demonstrates the Timberwolves' continuing efforts give thanks to our troops.



**Saturday, June 15, 2013:
8th Annual Patriot Ride, Lions Park, Ham Lake, Minnesota**

The 8th Annual Patriot Ride took place on June 15th with more than 2,000 riders participating in the event. KQRS morning show host Brian Zepp kicked off the pre-race program, and afterwards General Rick Nash, Adjutant General of the Minnesota National Guard, gave a captivating speech about the continued need to support veterans and military-based causes. Gold Star families in attendance honored their loved ones with a ceremonial release of balloons. The conclusion of the program included the raffle of a 2013 Harley-Davidson Road Glide motorcycle. The inspiring event raised over \$45,000 dollars for MMAF.



*8th Annual Patriot Ride,
Ham Lake, Minnesota*

**Saturday, June 15, 2013:
7th Freedom Run, Minnesota Lake, Minnesota**

The 7th Annual Freedom Run in Minnesota Lake, MN took place on June 15. The event featured more than two hundred motorcycles and classic car drivers who braved rain to support Minnesota's service members and their families. The event began with remarks from General Rick Nash, Adjutant General of the Minnesota National Guard, who thanked everyone in attendance for their continued support of Minnesota's service members. Several service members were on hand to tell their stories, which helped illustrate the need to continue to say "Thanks" and raise funds for our returning veterans. The 7th annual Freedom Run raised over \$20,000 dollars for MMAF.



*Annual Freedom
Run, Minnesota Lake,
Minnesota*

**Sunday, June 30, 2013:
Minnesota Twins Military Appreciation Day, Target Field**

The Minnesota Twins and MMAF honored four Purple Heart recipients on Target Field prior to a game against the Kansas City Royals. MMAF Co-Founder General Dennis Schulstad presented \$2,000 grant checks to Corporal Gabriel Wakonado of Plymouth, Specialist Andrew Ellerbrock of Burnsville and Specialist Jason Probst of Winsted. A grant check for \$8,000 was presented to Corporal Daryl Baumann of East Bethel. In addition to the grant recipients, Gold Star families enjoyed the game from 16 donated suites. And thanks to tickets donated by members of the Champions Club, more than 50 Purple Heart grant recipients from the Vietnam-era and their families also enjoyed the game.

*Minnesota Twins
Military Day*



**Friday, August 9, 2013:
Minnesota Vikings versus Houston Texans, Metrodome**

The Minnesota Vikings made 1,000 tickets available to MMAF grant recipients for their preseason game against the Houston Texans. A special thanks to the Vikings for thinking about our Minnesota veterans and their families and providing a free special outing.



Twin Cities River Rats Water Ski Show Team

**Tuesday, August 13, 2013:
Twin Cities River Rats Water Ski Show Team**

On August 13, the Twin Cities River Rats Water Ski Show Team held its fifth annual benefit show for MMAF. The day began with the KARE-11 morning show team interviewing members of the ski club to help publicize the event. Thousands of people watched from the banks of the Mississippi and were wowed as the River Rats demonstrated bare-foot skiing, short skis, wakeboarding and the sit-down hydrofoil. During intermission, members of the River Rats did a “pass the hat” fundraiser which brought in over \$3,000 dollars for MMAF. As the second half of the show resumed, the jump team hit the ski jump for front and back flips, along with other aerial stunts as tandem skiers raced up and down the river. The evening concluded with a 20-foot high human pyramid.

**Saturday, August 24, 2013:
Leech Lake Area Ride For Vets - Walker Area American Legion Post 134**

On a sunny August morning in northern Minnesota, 90 motorcycle riders participated in a 130 mile ride to demonstrate their support for Minnesota service members and their families. The riders secured over 60 sponsors who donated door prizes or their services and helped raise \$7,500 for MMAF. Before the ride, MMAF Steering Committee member Cheri Ford awarded cash grants to Specialist Kristopher Kolkin and Specialist Conan Cunningham, both of Bemidji. A third grant check was presented to Brian and Arlene Frokjer, of Maplewood, whose son Sergeant Chad Frokjer gave his life while serving in Afghanistan.

**Tuesday, August 27, 2013:
Military Appreciation Day at the Minnesota State Fair**

On Tuesday, August 27, the Minnesota State Fair held its third annual Military Appreciation Day. MMAF and more than 40 other groups benefitting Minnesota veterans participated and shared with fairgoers the many different ways of supporting veterans through donations, volunteer activities and other initiatives. Veterans who served since 2001 learned about applying for grants from MMAF, and many grant recipients stopped by to show their appreciation. Fairgoers picked up thousands of “Thanks” pins and signed postcards to send to deployed Minnesota service members.

**Tuesday, October 1 - Friday, October 4, 2013:
myTalk107 Project Down and Dirty with Colleen and Bradley**

myTalk107 hosts Colleen Lindstrom and Bradley Traynor spent three days and three nights embedded with the Minnesota National Guard at Camp Ripley as part of the radio station’s annual Project Down and Dirty. Colleen and Bradley, along with three other radio teams from myTalk107, competed against each other to raise funds for MMAF and three other military charities while taking part in various activities with National Guard members. Colleen and Bradley interviewed MMAF Steering Committee members and grant recipients during the campaign, and helped raise awareness and funds for MMAF. Project Down and Dirty concluded with a reunion show at Camp Ripley on Friday afternoon to announce the winners of the competition and to announce final fundraising totals. With great support from myTalk107 listeners, Colleen and Bradley raised over \$17,500 dollars for MMAF!



3rd Annual Leech Lake Ride for Vets



MMAF at the Minnesota State Fair

Grant Recipient Profiles

Staff Sergeant Ashley Chilson

On October 7, 2009, Staff Sergeant Ashley Chilson was riding through the desert in Helmand, Afghanistan when her vehicle was struck by an Improvised Explosive Device (IED). She sustained injuries to her left leg along with a concussion and mild traumatic brain injury. MMAF was honored to award Ashley with a \$2,000 grant check, which she used to make renovations in her home. Ashley said, "Receiving the grant from MMAF was an amazing feeling. It's wonderful knowing there is so much support out there! MMAF had done so much for me." Ashley has been in the military since September 2001, when she was only 17. She graduated from Bemidji High School in 2003 and was initially deployed to Tikrit, Iraq with Bravo 434th BSB in 2004. Today, she is a member of Field Artillery Support Unit Golf Company 134th BSB in St. Peter, MN. She's finishing up a nursing program in Rochester.



Staff Sergeant Ashley Chilson,
3rd from left

Technical Sergeant Nathaniel (Nate) George

Technical Sergeant Nathaniel (Nate) George's family has been serving in the military since the Revolutionary War. A Hazardous Materials and Joint Airlift Inspector, Nate graduated from Park High School in Cottage Grove. After enlisting in the U.S. Air Force, Nate was deployed to the Balad Air Base in Iraq for six months in 2009. He is currently preparing for an upcoming deployment to Afghanistan in the fall of 2013, and MMAF was honored to award Nate with a \$500 grant. "Receiving my grant made me feel appreciated, that my time in Iraq did not go unnoticed," said Nate. Currently a reservist stationed in Minneapolis-St. Paul Air Reserve Station, 934th Airlift Wing, Nate used his grant to pay off some debt and take his kids to Valley Fair. He has an eight-year-old daughter and a five-year-old son. "I was able to make memories with my kids after being away for so long."



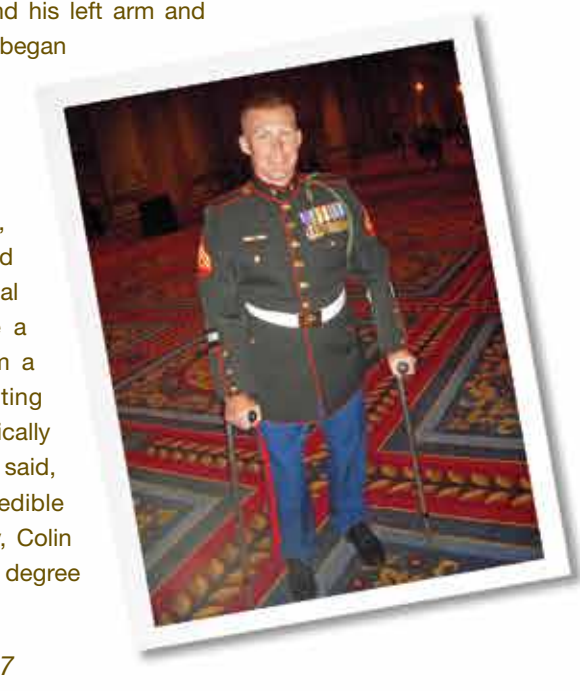
Specialist Timothy Brown

Specialist Timothy Brown was deployed to Helmand, Afghanistan for 400 days starting in 2010. During this tour, Timothy experienced 12 attacks by Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs), one of which caused a severe traumatic brain injury. Originally from Seattle, Washington, Timothy moved to Minnesota in 2009 and graduated from Warroad High School. He joined the military that same spring. "I wanted to do something with my life that mattered," said Timothy. After receiving a Purple Heart for injuries sustained in Afghanistan, Timothy went on reserve status. Like many veterans, he was unemployed when he returned home, and MMAF was honored to award Timothy a \$2,000 grant. He was able to use the money to help pay bills and expenses while looking for work. "I was very honored to receive the grant." Today, Timothy works in the construction business and lives in Warroad with his wife and daughter. A son is on the way.



Sergeant Colin Faust

Sergeant Colin Faust joined the U.S. Marine Corps in 2009 and was deployed in 2010 with USMC 3rd Battalion, 5th Regiment to Sangin, Afghanistan. On October 15, he stepped on an Improvised Explosive Device (IED) and suffered life-threatening injuries. His left leg was amputated, his pelvis was broken, and his left arm and right leg were severely injured. Medical treatment began in Afghanistan and Germany, and further care followed in Maryland, Minnesota and Texas. MMAF was honored to award a \$10,000 grant to Colin, which he used to remodel his home. "I use a wheelchair 90% of the time when inside my house, and having the proper modifications meant the world to me. My life is a lot more difficult than the normal person and the bathroom remodel made my life a whole lot easier," said Colin. He continued, "I am a humbled and appreciative recipient. Accepting something like this grant is tough for me, as I typically do not like help in any way from anyone. That being said, the MMAF grant was one of the most incredible things anyone has done for me in my life." Today, Colin is working toward his business administration degree at the Crown College in St. Bonifacius.



Saying "Thanks" Makes A Difference.

MMAF is deeply touched by the countless heartfelt emails, voicemails, letters and face-to-face interactions from our Minnesota military personnel and their families. MMAF is making a difference.

Within three months of its inception, MMAF raised enough money to begin awarding grants to Minnesota service members. We have heard many stories of how the grants helped meet a financial need.

The majority of the feedback we receive, however, is about how good it feels to be thanked by the citizens of Minnesota. We cannot underestimate the power of saying "thanks." The following are just a few of the hundreds of messages we've received by MMAF:

“ I am writing to thank you for the grant I recently received and to thank all the citizens of the state of Minnesota, including business, community and political leaders who are involved with your great organization...It is an honor to receive this grant and to be recognized by the generous citizens of Minnesota. I have lived in Minnesota my entire life, and truly believe there is no better place to live.”

SSG Mark Roiger,
Granite Falls

“ As a mother of a son from Minnesota and who served in Middle East, I write you. My son just received a check from you and of course he appreciated it and the feelings it stirred in me were overwhelming . . . It is such a blessing to have people like you care and show it. You will never how grateful it makes me feel.”

Pat Nelson, Albert Lea

“ Thank you for the grant and the great job you are doing to support us. It makes us feel like we are appreciated for what we do. Many of us have multiple deployments and MMAF helps make it feel like it is all worthwhile.”

SPC Kory Wiech,
Wanamingo

“I just wanted to send a quick note to thank you for the \$500 grant that MMAF recently sent me. I was deployed from April – July of last year and I am so proud of your organization and the recognition that you bestow upon all deployed military members. Thank you very much!”

Chris Eng, Stacy

“ Thank you so much for your support and the 2nd grant. It is greatly appreciated. It's good to know that the citizens of MN still support our troops. Thank you also to all the organizers of such a wonderful support network. You all do such an excellent job and we love your website.”

SGT Scott Hirsch, Gilbert

“ I just wanted to express my gratitude for the gift you have given me and many of my military comrades. It is totally unexpected. Your understanding of the hardships and loneliness that many have endured is greatly appreciated.”

SSG Sebastian Blahnik,
Farmington

“ We are very grateful to all the citizens of Minnesota for opening up their hearts with such kindness, by standing behind our troops and supporting our soldiers serving in combat. As a mother and father of a soldier, we cannot begin to express how very proud we are of our son for his dedication to our country. Thank you to all contributors by helping support the Minnesota Appreciation Fund... you have made this possible.”

Parents of SPC Travis Quinlan,
Mark and Laurie Quinlan, Faribault

“ Thank you for the fund check. It is very thoughtful of you and we greatly appreciated it. With a spouse being away, and the income down as we have our own business that had to be on hold, your check came at a good time. Thank you again, the troops thank you just for the acknowledgement that they are working for our safety.”

Judy & Wayne Stierlen, Ashby

**Our efforts,
our donations matter.
We are making
a difference.**



Statement of Activities

	Year Ended April 30, 2013 (audited)	Year Ended April 30, 2012 (audited)
Support and revenue:		
Contributions of cash and investments	\$1,427,890	\$1,482,417
Contributions of goods and services (1)	35,000	48,665
Investment income	54,099	66,424
Net realized and unrealized gains on investments	168,622	(74,100)
Total support and revenue	1,685,611	1,523,406
Grants and expenses:		
Grants (2)	758,000	1,175,500
General administration (1)	87,507	77,577
Publicity/awareness and promotion (1)	108,958	81,509
Fundraising (1)	81,878	95,328
Total grants and expenses	1,036,343	1,429,914
Increase in net assets	649,268	93,492
Net assets at beginning of year	4,234,442	4,140,950
Net assets at end of year	\$4,883,710	\$4,234,442

(1) The Statement of Financial Accounting Standards Number 116 requires nonprofit organizations to recognize the value of volunteer services if any one of the following conditions are met:

- a) The volunteer service creates or enhances non-financial assets, or
- b) The volunteer service requires specialized skills, and would typically need to be purchased by the organization if volunteers were not available.

Since inception, these contributed services and materials totaled \$601,708 and are also included in "Grants and expenses" as shown below:

General administration	\$63,555
Publicity/awareness and promotion	505,896
Fundraising	32,257
	\$601,708

	Cumulative since inception:
Total expenses	\$11,239,738
Less contributions of services	(571,853)
Less grants paid	(8,916,500)
Adjusted net expenses	\$1,751,385
Adjusted net expenses / revenue (net of contributed services)	10.9%

(2) Since the inception of the Fund, 18,258 grants have been paid. There have been 61 grants totaling \$305,000 to families of soldiers killed in combat, 426 grants totaling \$852,000 to Purple Heart wounded soldiers. There have also been 19 grants totaling \$38,000 to wounded soldiers that received multiple Purple Heart awards, and 17,635 grants totaling \$7,056,000 to soldiers who served in a combat zone. Additionally, pursuant to grant policy, upon medical documentation, a second grant of up to \$9,000 was awarded to 117 wounded soldiers totaling \$665,500.

Statement of Financial Position

	April 30, 2013 (audited)	April 30, 2012 (audited)
Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$1,596,043	\$1,207,592
Other receivable	-	1,000
Prepaid expenses and other assets	6,439	2,597
Donated investments, at fair value (cost: \$904,398 and \$803,802 for 2013 and 2012, respectively)	1,509,719	1,193,117
Other investments, at fair value (cost: \$1,869,314 and \$1,832,947 for 2013 and 2012, respectively)	1,856,345	1,867,377
Total assets	\$4,968,546	\$4,271,683
Liabilities and Net Assets		
Accounts payable	\$84,836	\$37,241
Total liabilities	84,836	37,241
Net assets:		
Unrestricted	\$4,883,710	3,468,984
Temporarily restricted	-	765,458
Total net assets	4,883,710	4,234,442
Total liabilities and net assets	\$4,968,546	\$4,271,683

KPMG LLP has served as MMAF's registered public accounting firm since inception. KPMG LLP audited the financial statements of MMAF as of fiscal year end and issued an Independent Auditors' Report which found that the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of MMAF, and are in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

Leadership Group

The Leadership Group of MMAF is comprised of Minnesota business and community leaders and former public officials. To ensure the integrity of MMAF's non-partisan, non-political mission, members of the leadership group range the entire political spectrum and are not current office-holders. We are grateful for the guidance and support of these talented and dedicated individuals.

Visionary Lead Founder

Eugene C. Sit
(1938 – 2008)

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Dennis Schulstad

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Roger Sit
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