

I am committed to the health and wellbeing of our veterans. If you are a veteran encountering issues with your military benefits, an existing VA claim, awards and commendations earned but not received, or other service or separation related issues, my Rochester staff may be able to help you.

**General information about veteran's issues:** Visit the Department of Veteran's Affairs [website](#).

**21st Century GI Bill:** information can be found [here](#).

**Request a copy of your military records:** you must fill out the form SF-180. This form can be downloaded by clicking [here](#). If you have completed the SF-180 and have not received a timely response, my office can check on the status of your request.

**File a claim:** If you have not yet filed a claim for benefits you may have earned as a result of your military service, your County Veterans Service Office can help you file your claim. To locate your CVSO, click [here](#). If your claim has been incorrectly processed by the VA, lost or delayed in the review process, my office may be able to help rectify the situation. Please call my Rochester office at 507-206-0643 and ask to speak with the Veterans Affairs Constituent Advocate.

For assistance with the VA, you must complete a [Privacy Act Release](#) form, as well as a [Medical Information Release](#) form if the claim requires the review of confidential health information. In order to start the process, you must return these forms to my Rochester office by mail or fax.

**The following are examples of assistance I've provided to southern Minnesota veterans:**

Patricia Borowski called my office regarding her late husband, Staff Sgt. Robert Borowski. Robert served our country valiantly during WWII, earning two Purple Hearts and a Bronze Star Medal for his service. Robert, however, never received his Bronze Star. After Patricia's call, my office worked with the United States Army to break the logjam and was able to award the medal, along with a certificate, so that Patricia Borowski could have them in her possession for Memorial Day.





Congressman Walz and David Manike pose with his new license plate.