



Minnesota Veterans Homes



Silver Bay

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Located on the scenic North Shore overlooking Lake Superior, the Silver Bay Veterans Home provides skilled nursing care for 85 residents in a small town environment. Converted from a school, the home now has a town center and 4 neighborhoods using a north woods theme. One of the neighborhoods incorporates a specialized 25 bed secure dementia care unit. Trained staff emphasize building on the resident's remaining strengths, while maintaining a safe environment. Staff follow a person-centered social model for care for all residents. The needs of the residents are met by caring, professional, interdisciplinary staff to provide 24 hour health care. The staff works together to provide residents with programs individually designed to meet their physical, psychosocial and spiritual needs.

Special Features

Director of Nursing, Patricia Smedstad, DON; RN, C; WCC recently became certified in skin and wound management. This will provide residents with the best standards of practice in wound care. Certification is from the National Alliance of Wound Care® which provides the WCC® exam (Wound Care Certified).

We are also proud to announce that 25 of our staff recently attended a Certified Dementia Practitioner course. The National Council of Certified Dementia Practitioners (NCCDP) organization ensures the highest standards in Alzheimer's and Dementia education through the Certified Dementia Practitioner certification process. The CDP certification demonstrates the achievement of specialized training in the areas of Alzheimer's and Dementia care. Certification applications have been sent in for all staff that attended.

Services provided include:

- Medical Director
- Attending Physician
- Skilled Nursing
- Pharmacy
- Social Work Services
- Mental Health
- Dental
- Podiatry
- Chiropractic
- Transportation to appointments
- Specialized Rehabilitation
- Physical Therapy
- Occupational Therapy
- Dietary
- Recreation Therapy
- Chaplain
- Housekeeping
- Laundry
- Assistance to apply for VA Benefits

Services made available include:

- Diagnostic Services (i.e.
- Optometry Services

For more information, please contact:

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Driving Directions

From Duluth:

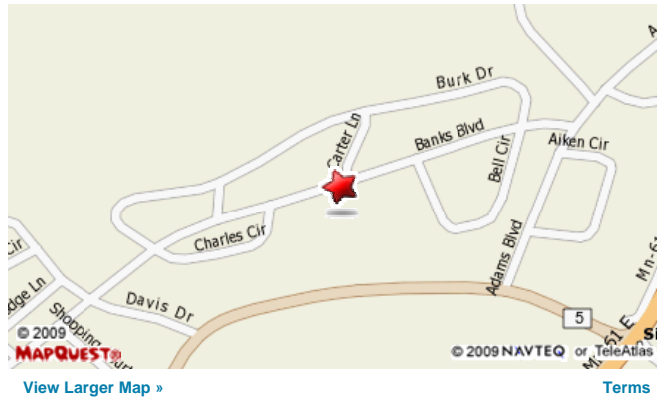
- Follow Hwy 61 north to Silver Bay (approximately 55 miles)
- Turn left at the stop light, go approximately 3 blocks
- Turn right in to the Veterans Home driveway

From Grand Marias:

- Follow Hwy 61 south to Silver Bay
- Turn right at the stop light, follow street for approximately 3 blocks
- Turn right in to the Veterans Home driveway

From Virginia:

- Follow Hwy 53 south approximately 12 miles south of Virginia
- Turn left onto CR-16 (CR-16 becomes NF-11 after 23 miles)
- Continue on NF-11 for approximately 25 miles
- Go through Silver Bay; continue 1 block past the Information Center
- Turn left in to the Veterans Home driveway



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