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We cordially invite you to celebrate

MILITARY FAMILY VEHICLE DONATION

In appreciation of the service of our military, we will be donating a 2023 Toyota RAV4 LE AWD to a valued member of the United States Marine Corps.

Together with AAA-The Auto Club Group*, and our vendor partners, LaMettry's collaborates to repair and donate a vehicle to a military member and/or military family in need. This is the 15th vehicle LaMettry's has repaired and donated to a member of our community.

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TUESDAY, MAY 20, 2025

LaMettry's Minnetonka
13600 Cty Rd 62
Minnetonka, MN 55345

11:00 AM — Social Hour
12:00 PM — Event Begins



WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE

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In appreciation of our military members and their sacrifices, we are proud to donate a repaired vehicle to Dane Lewis, a member of the US Marine Corps.

DANE'S STORY

Some people are simply called to serve. For Dane, that calling became clear after volunteering with Habitat for Humanity, where he witnessed firsthand the dedication of military service members. Seeing their selflessness and teamwork left a lasting impression on him. It was not just about building homes—it was about serving something greater than himself.

Born in St. Cloud, Minnesota, Dane moved to a small farm outside of Litchfield. His leadership skills flourished in Future Farmers of America (FFA), where his team placed 4th in the nation for Conduct of Chapter Meetings. In 2018, he traveled to Guatemala with Habitat for Humanity, helping build essential structures for families in need. By 2019, he was representing Minnesota FFA in Washington, D.C., further developing his passion for service.

That same passion led him to enlist in the United States Marine Corps in 2020 as a Landing Support Specialist. In 2022, he deployed on the USS Gunston Hall, managing logistics across seven countries and overseeing the movement of 472 Marines and over 1.7 million pounds of equipment.

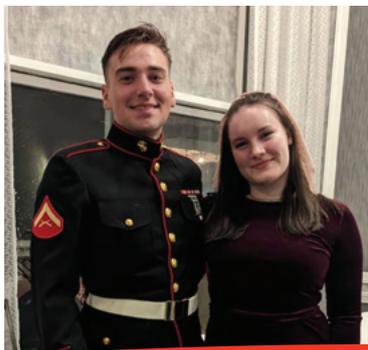
After his honorable discharge in August 2024, Dane returned to Minnesota with his wife, Marlaina, and their young son. They moved to a rural area near Willmar where finding stable employment proved difficult. A prospective job promised he would work within 30 miles of home, but he learned very soon after joining that it required travel over 200 miles away. With only one unreliable vehicle, the job became impossible to maintain. Determined to provide, he found work at a local Sanitation company, but their transportation struggles continued. With a two year-old at home, the lack of a reliable vehicle made everyday life extremely challenging.

Trisha Appeldorn of the Kandiyohi County Veterans Office nominated Dane sharing that he never asked for help—only opportunities. Dane also volunteers his handy man skills to help out local veterans in need. On March 22, 2025, Dane and Marlaina welcomed their second son. Days later, he reenlisted in the Minnesota National Guard, ensuring his commitment to service continues.

Today, we honor Dane's sacrifice, dedication, and commitment by donating a vehicle to his family. It is our sincerest hope that this gift will provide the reliable transportation the Lewis family needs for work, emergencies, and everyday life.

Dane's journey reminds us that *true service* does not end when the uniform comes off—it is a lifelong commitment to making the world a better place.

Thank you, Dane, for your service, your heart, and your dedication to both our country and community.



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