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News from Adam Klein Chapter #3, Bismarck, North Dakota

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1st Thursday, 7 p.m.

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Traditional Veterans Day Ceremony Returns to Capitol

After a weather-related cancellation last year, the local veterans service organizations are planning to bring a formal ceremony to the North Dakota Heritage Center to honor our veterans on Veterans Day. The event will begin at 9:45 a.m. in the Russell Reid Auditorium. The keynote speaker will be State Senator Richard Dever, a U.S. Army Veteran and a champion for veterans benefits in the state legislature. At 11 a.m., guests are invited to gather at the All Veterans Memorial on the capitol grounds. Light shines through an aperture in the roof and illuminates North Dakota on the globe. The origin of Veterans Day dates back to November 11, 1918 when the armistice signaled the end of World War One. Originally called Armistice Day, the name was changed to Veterans Day in 1954.



Cost of Living Pay Adjustment Announced for 2024

Veterans receiving VA monetary benefits, including compensation or pension, will receive a 3.2% increase in 2024. The COLA also applies to military retired pay, civil service retirement, and Social Security income. The increase is based on the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) for the 12-month period that ended in September. It is different (lower) than overall annual inflation rates, with focus on goods and services that are usually purchased by retirees and blue collar workers. New rates take effect on December 1st, payable in January.



*****Reminder*****

**Daylight Saving Time Ends on Sunday,
November 5th. Turn Clocks Back One Hour.**

Chaplain Chats

A prayer for resilience. Just as a mighty oak bends but does not break in the face of tempests, I pray we have the resilience to weather life's storms. May our challenges be transformed into stepping stones of growth, and setbacks be the fuel that propels us forward, helping all of humanity endure and persevere. With unwavering determination, let us stand tall and unyielding, a testament to the strength that resides within us all.

Yours in Christ, Leslie Ross, Chaplain



Message from the Commander

Veterans Day honors former members of the U.S. Armed Forces who were discharged under conditions other than dishonorable. It was originally known as Armistice Day, commemorating the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month in 1918, when the Armistice with Germany went into effect. We are so grateful for the sacrifice of our brothers and sisters who made the commitment to serve this great nation.

On the November menu: In keeping with the tradition of serving beef stew on Veterans Day at many veterans clubs, we will be serving beef stew prior to the November chapter meeting. Thank you to Jo Lynn Newton for providing the stew meat for this meal.

LaMar Kruckenberg, Commander



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