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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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Central Dakota Stand Down Returns in August

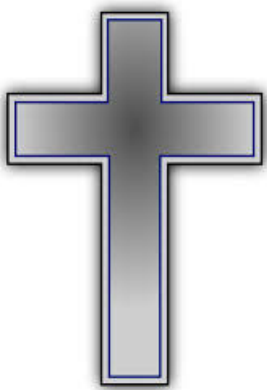
A Stand Down is an event where services and supplies are provided to veterans who are homeless, at risk of becoming homeless, or are otherwise in need of assistance. The name is derived from a military term for a combat unit's time for rest and recovery. Stand Down events have provided help to veterans throughout the country for many years. The next Stand Down in Bismarck will be conducted at the AMVETS Club, 2402 Railroad Avenue, on Thursday, August 24th from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Dozens of agencies will be represented, providing a variety of services. Lunch will also be provided. There is no cost to veterans. If you know some veterans who may need some help, please encourage them to attend the Stand Down.



*** VA Updates ***

- The Community Living Center (CLC) at the Fargo VA is resuming normal activities after the COVID pandemic. The CLC provides skilled care, and is near full capacity.
- Construction continues on the Whole Health Building, with an estimated completion date of July 2025.
- Travel pay processing time has been considerably reduced, especially for electronic claims. The goal is to have an average processing time of six days.
- The VA has submitted a list of potential properties to build a Fisher House in Fargo. The Fisher House Foundation recently had representatives in Fargo to survey the locations. It appears that an offer to purchase real estate is imminent. A Fisher House provides families a place to stay while veterans are hospitalized at the VA. The project is funded with private donations and some public money. During the most recent legislative session, the North Dakota Legislature authorized \$500,000 for the Fisher House.

Chaplain Chats



Participating from a biblical perspective emphasizes active involvement and engagement in various aspects of life. In the scriptures, believers are encouraged to be diligent and faithful stewards of their God-given talents and resources. Participation extends beyond mere observation, calling for dedicated action in serving others, building strong communities, and spreading love and compassion. Overall, biblical participation reflects a commitment to living a purposeful and impactful life, guided by faith, obedience, and a desire to make a positive difference in the world. As followers of biblical principles, participating wholeheartedly contributes to the fulfillment of God's purpose and the well-being of humanity.

Yours in Christ, Leslie Ross, Chaplain

Message from the Commander



We are at the height of summer. I am amazed as we celebrated our nations Independence Day. The courage of our founding fathers is amazing. They risked their livelihood and their very lives for this experiment in democracy. We all owe them a huge debt for our country and the freedoms we all enjoy. Let us give thanks for our freedoms.

LaMar Kruckenberg, Commander

*** August Meeting Menu ***

Smoked Packer Brisket w/Jacked Up Mac & Cheese

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