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

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Auxiliary Provides Support to Service Dogs for America

DAV Auxiliary Unit #3 from Bismarck-Mandan recently made a \$1,500 donation to Service Dogs for America. The organization is based in Jud, ND. They provide professional training and certification for service dogs and place them with veterans and others with disabilities. Several North Dakota veterans have service dogs that were trained in Jud. The auxiliary recently had a very successful rummage sale, and decided to donate the proceeds to help with the cost of training service dogs. Pictured are Sharon Braun and Connie Serhienko from Unit #3, who traveled to Jud to present the donation.



Cost of Living Adjustment Announced for 2025

Veterans will see a 2.5% increase in VA compensation and pension payments, beginning in January 2025. The increase also applies to Social Security and military retirement monthly income. The Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) was announced in October. The COLA 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.



Chapter Serves Community Meals

Lunch at First Lutheran Church in Mandan was a successful event for our chapter and auxiliary. About 20 volunteers showed up to serve meals to local students and others in the community. The church sponsors a free meal to the public each Thursday during the school year. In November, we plan to serve again at Heaven's Helpers Soup Café in Bismarck. More details will be sent by email.

****Reminder: Turn Clocks Back One Hour on Sunday, November 3rd****

Chaplain Chats



Veterans Day and Thanksgiving, though distinct in their origins, share themes of gratitude and reflection. Veterans Day on November 11th honors the service and sacrifices of U.S. military veterans, while Thanksgiving on the fourth Thursday of November is a time for giving thanks for the year's blessings. The close proximity of these holidays allows Americans to express gratitude for both the freedoms protected by veterans and the abundance in their lives, fostering a deeper sense of community and shared history.

Leslie Ross, Chaplain

Message from the Commander

November is a great time to be a veteran. On Veterans Day, we honor those who have served our great country. There are many local restaurants that offer free meals to veterans. As we enjoy that free meal, please remember to tip the servers, as many are single parents that rely on tips to take care of their families.

November is also the time for Thanksgiving, a favorite time to be with families and friends while we celebrate the many blessings we all have. Please give thanks for all the blessings we enjoy.

LaMar Kruckenberg, Commander



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