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Construction Continues on New VA Clinic in Bismarck



The new clinic in north Bismarck will be a bit larger than previously reported, with nearly 35,000 square feet of space, according to Fargo VA Health Care System Director Harold "Brent" Pharis. He delivered that message during the recent DAV 14th District Conference in Mandan. The current clinic in the Gateway Mall has slightly less than 10,000 square feet. With the additional space, the VA plans to offer more specialty care and have advanced medical equipment that will allow them to provide higher levels of on site care. Pharis also indicated the new CBOC will be a referral hub for western North Dakota. The VA clinics in Dickinson, Minot, and Williston will continue to operate.

Veterans Day Ceremony Honors All Who Have Served

One of the most important days of the year is coming up very soon. The annual Veterans Day Ceremony is planned on Wednesday, November 11th at the North Dakota Heritage Center. The doors will open at 9:00 a.m. and the ceremony begins at 9:45 a.m. in the Russell Reid Auditorium. Refreshments will be served. Our chapter Honor Guard and Auxiliary Unit will be there to support the event, which is free and open to the public.

Honor military veterans of the United States Armed Forces and remember the anniversary of the end of World War I on Veterans Day. Major hostilities of the war ended on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918 when the Armistice with Germany went into effect. Armistice Day was first observed one year later in 1919 and became an official federal holiday in 1938. Congress amended the law in 1954 and changed the name to Veterans Day in honor American veterans of all wars. Since 1978, Veterans Day continues to be observed on November 11th, regardless of the day of the week on which it falls. This preserves the historical and patriotic significance of the date.

Chaplain Chats

Gratitude and Service in Action



November brings Veterans Day, Thanksgiving, and the beginning of the holiday season. It is a time to reflect on service, appreciate the blessings of friendship and community, and remember that gratitude is most meaningful when expressed through action. Within the DAV, our strength is found not simply in our membership, but in our willingness to communicate, participate, and reach beyond our familiar circles. As we gather with family and friends this season, let us remember the importance of including others and making them feel valued. Hebrews 13:16 reminds us, "And do not forget to do good and to share with others." It is a simple message that speaks to the heart of our DAV mission. This month, I challenge each of us to take three meaningful actions: Contact two veterans you have not spoken with recently. Personally invite someone to a DAV meeting or community event.
And take one action to support our mission, whether through volunteering, civic participation, or advocating for veterans and their families.

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Message from the Commander

I can't believe where the time has gone. Only two months left for this year. This month is the beginning of the great holiday season. We will be celebrating Veterans Day. A time we celebrate all those who have served in our military. We will also be celebrating the Thanksgiving holiday. It seems fitting that we give thanks for all who have served in the same month as Thanksgiving. We are so grateful to those who have answered the call of duty to defend the freedoms we all enjoy. Our Chapter Honor Guard will post colors at the Bismarck Age Well Center. This is a great time to see the smiles of all our veterans at the center.

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A Special Prayer of Remembrance

As we enter the season of Thanksgiving, we pause to remember Technical Sergeant Ian Patterson, United States Air Force, who lost his life on October 17, 2026 following a military rappelling demonstration.

May his family, friends, and fellow Airmen find comfort, strength, and peace. We also remember all those who have lost their lives in service to our nation and the families who carry their memory forward. May our gratitude be expressed not only through words of remembrance, but through our continued commitment to care for those who have served.

As we give thanks for our many blessings, let us remember that each of us can make a difference, one conversation, one invitation, and one act of service at a time.

Gratitude is what we feel. Service is how we show it.

Leslie Ross, Chaplain