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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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Honor Guard Supports Event at Driscoll Sibley Park

A time capsule was opened on Flag Day, June 14th at Driscoll Sibley Park. The Chapter Honor Guard presented colors during the ceremony. The time capsule contained several items from the 1970s and 1980s, including newspapers, books, a video tape, pins, buttons, a belt buckle, and other assorted items. The most recent artifacts commemorated the North Dakota Centennial in 1989. Volunteers from our chapter have been mowing and doing light cleanup at the park since 2019 as a community service project. The two acre park is owned by Burleigh County and is located five miles east of Sterling along Highway 10.



Annual Chapter Picnic Will Honor DAV Volunteers

Mark your calendars for the chapter picnic on July 17th at Sertoma Park in Bismarck. We will be in a familiar spot at Shelter #9. Social hour begins at 5 p.m. We will have some brief remarks and a catered meal at 6 p.m. There is no charge for DAV members, Auxiliary members, and guests. Water and soda will also be provided. It's a time to enjoy some camaraderie with old and new acquaintances. It also gives us an opportunity to show appreciation for the great work our volunteers are doing throughout the year.

Chapter Was Represented at ND Veterans Home Picnic



Summer is picnic season, and eight members of Chapter #3 and Auxiliary attended the annual picnic at the North Dakota Veterans Home, sponsored by the DAV Department of North Dakota. Several other chapters in the state were also represented. DAV members visited with residents, and helped prepare and serve the meal. Lunch was followed by several games of Bingo. Pictured is Chapter #3 member Dale Thomsen (right), working the grill and demonstrating his outdoor culinary skills. We have several photos but unfortunately have room for only one in the newsletter!

July 4th Meditation

Author: Maureen Killoran

Spirit of Life and Love, I come before you
black and brown and red and yellow and alabaster,
I come longing for the simpler days that truly never were our lot.
And I am an American.

Hear these voices, as in the complexity of our days,
I am Humanist and Christian, Muslim and Jew,
Pagan and Atheist and Buddhist and UU
And I am an American.

I am one who fought for my country
and I am at the same time one who protested war
And I am an American.

Amongst the divisions of our days,
I've struggled in poverty
and I've accepted the profits of wealth
And I am an American.

I am an owner of weapons, and
I am one who would control our nation's guns,
by limiting the who's and what's and how's
And I am an American.

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Message from the Commander

Independence Day is upon us, the day for celebration of our freedoms. 56 members of the Second Continental Congress signed the Declaration of Independence in Philadelphia. Five signers were captured by the British as traitors, and tortured before they died. Twelve had their homes ransacked and burned. Two lost their sons in the Revolutionary Army, another had two sons captured. Nine of the 56 fought and died from wounds or hardships during the Revolutionary War.



I marvel at the courage of these brave individuals. I don't think that 248 years later our founding fathers could have imagined what this country has developed. Please reflect on our founding members for their courage and determination.

LaMar Kruckenberg, Commander

*****REMINDER*****

No chapter business meeting in July. The next meeting will be August 1st. We hope to see you at the picnic this month!

Visit us at <https://www.aklein3dav.org>

Keeping Our Promise to America's Veterans

July 4th Meditation

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As light is shone on our divisions,
I live with often-unacknowledged privilege
and I am moved to rage at
the complexity of intersecting oppressions
And I am an American.

In the challenge of our days
I am one who supports my country, right or wrong,
and I am one claims the traditions of dissent
And I am an American.

In this polarized season,
I am Democrat and I am Republican,
I am Libertarian and I am Independent,
I am Green and I am confused.
And I am an American.

Spirit of hope, sit with us in our diversities.
Help us hear one another in our divisions.
Grant that, beginning in this community,
we may honor one another's Truths,
and know that a just and faithful tomorrow
begins here, in our hearts.
For with all our problems, with all our pain,
with all our limitations and mistakes,
We are Americans.