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DAV DISPATCH

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

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1st Thursday, 7 p.m.

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Area Veterans Receive Assistance at Stand Down Event

The Central Dakota Veterans Stand Down in Bismarck drew another large crowd. Nearly 200 veterans received services from more than 45 vendors. Assistance included veterans benefits, employment, health screening, housing, legal aid, social welfare, and many more. The Bismarck AMVETS Club hosted the event and provided lunch. Local communities began hosting Stand Down events across the U.S. in 1988. The first Stand Down in Bismarck was about 20 years ago. Since then, the event has continued to grow. The concept is based on a military term, when troops were allowed a period of respite during combat operations.



Membership Update

Membership Appreciation! We have reached a record high of more than 640 chapter members! Our chapter will award DAV polo shirts to three chapter members during our volunteer recognition banquet in January 2025. If you have received credit for sponsoring a new member during calendar year 2024, you have an opportunity to have your name drawn for this token of appreciation. In addition, you also have the opportunity to be drawn for a round-trip ticket for two to attend the 2025 DAV National Convention in Las Vegas, NV as part of the DAV's Recruiter Rally mentioned on page 37 of the recent DAV magazine (July/August).

David Schall, Jr. Vice Commander

VA Flu Shot Schedule

- ◆ Wednesday, September 25th
- ◆ Thursday, October 3rd
- ◆ Thursday, October 10th
- ◆ 9 a.m.-2 p.m. each day
- ◆ Gateway Mall Parking Lot
- ◆ Bring VA ID card
- ◆ Wear short sleeve shirt
- ◆ Must be enrolled
- ◆ May also receive shot during scheduled appointment

Chaplain Chats



Positive Mindset

The idea of intentional positive thinking is especially timely when so much negativity, criticism, and complaints dominate the news, the Internet, and so much of our social and political conversation. What if – instead of slinging more mud and feeding the negativity – we became known as beacons of light and positivity, recognized as sources of encouragement, grace, and promise? To get the ball rolling, and to intentionally inject some hope into the weeks leading up to November's elections, understand the following principles that facilitate positive thinking for today.

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Message from the Commander

Where did the summer go? It seems like yesterday we were celebrating the beginning of summer, and now the fall season is upon us. As a reminder on October 10th, we will be hosting lunch at First Lutheran Church in Mandan. We will need volunteers to help serve the meal. We did this last spring and had a great time, serving local high school students. We also made a donation to help cover the cost of the meal. Please donate some time to this worthy cause.

On the menu for the September meeting: Pulled pork sandwiches with cowboy beans We look forward to the time we spend together during monthly meetings..

LaMar Kruckenberg, Commander



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Keeping Our Promise to America's Veterans

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All things are possible

When we live from a positive frame of reference we are more likely to overcome obstacles.

Peace generates power

When we are at peace, we have more ability to focus and to utilize our resources.

Prayer changes things

Irrespective of our belief system, prayer can be an effective practice that adds strength, confidence, and peace to any experience.

Happiness depends on you

You are responsible for your own happiness.

Expect the best

Regardless of the circumstance, we tend to get what we expect.

Worry is a waste of effort

Worry is counterproductive and is not worth our time and energy.

Believing is seeing

Once we make the choice to believe, then we can move forward in confidence and our belief is quickly affirmed.

Leslie Ross, Chaplain