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DAV DISPATCH

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

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Ground Breaking Begins for New VA Clinic in Bismarck

The new VA Community Based Outpatient Clinic (CBOC) is one step closer to becoming reality. Crews are working at the site, breaking ground for the 30,000 square foot facility in north Bismarck. After a lengthy planning and site selection process, the VA is moving forward with building a modern facility to provide primary and specialty care for veterans. The new facility will have approximately three times the floor space compared to the current clinic. The VA plans to expand specialty care available at the Bismarck CBOC. Additional services help not only Bismarck-Mandan area veterans, but also those throughout western North Dakota. The new clinic is scheduled to open in 2027.



Membership Update

I enjoy a life membership instead of an annual membership. Why? Because a life membership keeps me associated with a great veterans service organization for the rest of my life. I'll never need to be concerned about annual payments or fees going up as the years go by, nor do I need to think about continuing membership. New members are fortunate to have an extremely reasonable life membership fee. It gets better because a large portion of the fee is covered by our chapter and by the DAV Department of North Dakota. A life membership is ultimately best for veterans who are 80 years or older, because their membership is absolutely free! We all know that many veterans have experienced injuries, illnesses, or disabilities (documented and undocumented) as a result of military service. Never tell veterans they are not eligible. Each of us knows a fellow veteran, or several, and we can help that veteran become a member. Our current membership application and membership poster are attached with this newsletter. These documents are also available on the chapter website.

David Schall, Jr. Vice Commander

Chaplain Chats

As May arrives, we are reminded of the quiet renewal that comes with the season, longer days, fresh growth, and a sense that even small steps forward matter. These are not easy times for many veterans and their families. The challenges that we see in the world show up in real ways in the lives of those we serve. But even in that, there is steady hope. The mission of the Disabled American Veterans continues to guide us. Each conversation, each act of support, each claim we help move forward are meaningful moments that truly make a difference.

As we approach Memorial Day, we pause to reflect with gratitude and respect for those who gave their lives in service. Their sacrifice reminds us why our work matters and why we must continue to advocate for those who have served. We also look ahead with purpose, continuing to support and advance pro-veteran legislation both locally and nationally, ensuring that veterans and their families receive the care, benefits, and recognition they have earned. This month, may we stay grounded in compassion, patient in our work, and encouraged by the impact we have together.

Leslie Ross, Chaplain



Message from the Commander

May is here and we have many things happening. We will be hosting the 105th Convention of the DAV Department of North Dakota. It's a fun time. We do some good work attending to the needs of disabled veterans as well as veterans around the State of North Dakota. We will also participate in local Memorial Day activities including the Veterans Memorial Bridge, Sunset Memorial Gardens, and Saint Mary's Cemetery.

Please consider attending our next chapter meeting on Thursday, May 7th. Although we do not have business meetings in June or July, we will be having our annual chapter picnic. That's also a great time with great food.

LaMar Kruckenberg, Commander

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