



Memorial Day  
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# DAV DISPATCH

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

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### MEETINGS

1st Thursday, 7 p.m.

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## Honor Guard Will Represent Chapter on Memorial Day

Local veterans organizations join forces each year on Memorial Day to pay tribute to military personnel who died in the service of our nation. Our chapter honor guard will participate in a ceremony on the Veterans Memorial Bridge. After the ceremony, they will render honors at the grave site of Adam Klein at Sunset Memorial Gardens in Bismarck, with an additional presentation at Saint Mary's Cemetery. Mr. Klein, the namesake of our chapter, was a highly decorated World War One veteran and a charter member of the chapter. He passed away in 1987. There will be a separate ceremony at the North Dakota Veterans Cemetery. The ceremony will be open to the public.



## Central Dakota Stand Down Scheduled in August

Even in a country with great wealth, there are people who are struggling to make a living or simply survive. Tragically, some of those people are veterans. The Central Dakota Stand Down has been serving those veterans for almost 20 years. Community providers come together to assist with employment, housing, VA benefits, and a multitude of other services. A planning committee has had two meetings, with another meeting scheduled in May. This year's Stand Down event will be at the Bismarck AMVETS Club on August 24th.

## Chapter #3 Will Host Annual Department Convention

The Baymont by Wyndham (formerly Seven Seas) in Mandan will be the site of the 102nd Annual Convention of the DAV Department of North Dakota from May 5-7, 2023. Preparations have been going smoothly. We have just recently learned that National Commander Joe Parsetich will be in attendance. It is highly unusual to have a national commander attend our department convention. However, Mr. Parsetich is from Montana and previously represented the 14th District on the National Executive Committee. He has attended several of our conventions while representing the district and knows North Dakota quite well. We look forward to welcoming him back as the national commander.

## Chaplain Chats

"Oh give thanks unto the Lord for He is good and His mercy endures forever." Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. It's been a pleasure serving this organization because the people in this organization have given so much of themselves. And their families cannot be forgotten since it is family and friends that help all of us to give this service and continue to serve our country in many ways. Over the years, many of our comrades have gone on to be with the Lord. Those of us who are still here have an obligation to embrace others who are coming home from time to time. I pray for this organization's well-being and I trust that you will also remember me in your prayers. Jesus did say, "Love one another as I have loved you." We are our brother's keepers.

I am looking forward to seeing all of you at our state convention in Mandan.

Yours in Christ, Chaplain Leslie Ross



## Message from the Commander



Finally the snow is gone and we greet Spring season. As we roll into May, our chapter is hosting our department convention at the Baymont by Wyndham in Mandan. It's always a great experience and an excellent opportunity to network with other DAV members. I will also return to cooking some great BBQ for our May chapter meeting. We have also delayed our meeting by one week to May 11th at 7 p.m. Please come early and enjoy a meal of BBQ pork with beans. It will be a fantastic meal.

LaMar Kruckenberg, Commander

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