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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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Chapter has Day of Service at Heavens Helpers

For the second time this year, the chapter and auxiliary volunteered at Heavens Helpers Soup Café in Bismarck. Volunteers prepared food, served customers, and kept the kitchen clean during our Day of Service on November 14th. Heavens Helpers Soup Café is a non-profit organization that feeds nutritious meals (at no charge) to hundreds of people each day in the Bismarck-Mandan community. We had 15 volunteers who reported for their shifts. The chapter also made a monetary donation to help cover the cost of groceries for the meal.



Wreaths to be placed at North Dakota Veterans Cemetery

Wreaths Across America, a national non-profit organization, will sponsor ceremonies across the country on Saturday, December 14th. Wreaths are placed at the grave sites of veterans at hundreds of cemeteries, including the North Dakota Veterans Cemetery. The ceremony will begin at 11 a.m. and is open to the public. People are encouraged to arrive early to get a parking spot. The organization was established in 2007 to pay tribute to fallen service members and veterans. They partner locally with the Bismarck Civil Air Patrol Squadron.

Hospitalized Veterans Receive Assistance from DAV



DAV Chapter #3 and Auxiliary teamed up to collect personal care items for veterans who are hospitalized at the Fargo VA Health Care System. Items included shampoo, soap, deodorant, toothpaste, etc. Several blankets were also donated. Some veterans have very limited resources and are in need of these items. We also donated gift cards so the VA can give them to veterans as they leave the hospital and they may purchase additional necessities. This is the second year we have collected items and delivered them to Fargo. Pictured are David Schall, Auxiliary members Connie Serhienko and Linda Thomsen, and VA Voluntary Service Coordinator Jaid Nelson.

Chaplain Chats

As we approach the holiday season, it's important to remember that it may be a blue Christmas for some, especially for our military personnel who are unable to be home with their loved ones. During Advent, Christians experience a time of waiting and reflection, anticipating the hope and joy that Christmas brings. Let us keep those serving far from home in our prayers, and may the season of advent remind us all that light and hope are on the horizon.

Leslie Ross, Chaplain



Message from the Commander



We at DAV Adam Klein Chapter #3 have much to be proud of. We served meals at the Lunch at First Lutheran (LAF) with great success. We also served a meal at Heavens Helpers Soup Café which was another great event. Thanks to all the volunteers who made these events special. Last week, I attended a great meeting at the North Dakota Veterans Cemetery. We are well aware that the roads at the cemetery are in need of repair. The project will be starting in June 2025. The projected cost is more than \$600,000. Donations will be matched by the North Dakota Veterans Cemetery Foundation. Please consider giving to this worthy project.

LaMar Kruckenberg, Commander

REMINDER

No chapter

business meetings

in December and January.

Enjoy the Holidays!

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