

LOYD SPETZ POST 1 2400 Railroad Avenue, Bismarck, ND 58501 701-258-3101

Post meetings held the 2nd Monday of each month in the Veterans Hall at 7:00 p.m.

AMERICAN LEGION EVENT REMINDERS

April 2024

CALENDAR OF EVENTS		
April 8	Post 1 Meeting	7:00 p.m.
April 15	Western ND Honor Flight – Bismarck Airport Return Event	7:15 p.m.
April 19	Quilt of Valor Awards - Amvets	
April 20	District 5 Spring Meeting in Hazelton	11:30 a.m.
April 23	Honor Guard Training	6:30 p.m.
April 30	Pact Act Stand Down – Amvets	9:00-7:00 pm
May 27	Memorial Day Program – Veterans Cemetery	12:00 Noon
May 29	Poppy Day	

District 5 Meeting:

Date: 20 April 2024

Time: Registration at 11:30 a.m.

Registration Fee: \$5.00 (Paid by Post 1) Lunch: 12:00 p.m. - \$10.00 (cost on your own)

Joint Meeting: 1:00 p.m.

Location: 360 Main Street, Hazelton Hosted by: Post 126 Hazelton

Membership:

Post 1 2024 membership goal: 593

Current % of goal: 87.69%

To renew your membership, click the link below. Make

sure you have your Legion Member ID Number.

https://mylegion.org/PersonifyEbusiness/Membership

/Renew#legion-org

3-year membership option video:

https://f.io/YzhrUbf0

Quilt of Valor: (Facebook: Missouri River Quilts of

Valor)





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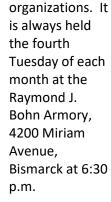
Western ND Honor Flight:

Western ND Honor Flight will be taking 110 veterans to Washington D.C. on 14-15 April 2024. The flight returns on 15 April 2024 at 7:15 p.m. Come and join the community in welcoming our veterans back home!!

Honor Guard Training:

Honor Guard training is open to all veteran







VA Updates:

Portions of the PACT act that were scheduled for implementation by 2032 have been accelerated and are effective immediately. Specifically, veterans who experienced toxic exposure in service, regardless of era or location, may be eligible to enroll in VA health care and be assigned to Priority Group 6. If exposure is not presumptive, the VA will research records and make a determination. The VA has sent letters to two million veterans nationwide who were previously denied enrollment due to income guidelines. The VA wants veterans to not only enroll, but also choose VA for their health care.

There are two positions open in the Medical Eligibility office in Fargo.

New contracts have been awarded for the VA clinics in Dickinson and Williston, effective July 1, 2024.

The Fargo VA has recently hired two new psychiatrists and some other specialty care providers.

Nurse recruiting and retention has been very stable within the Fargo VA Health Care System.

Acquisition of land for the Fisher House in Fargo is back to square one. The property previously under consideration did not work out.

There are slightly more than 200 beneficiary travel claims pending in Fargo. The goal is to process claims within five business days.

A new parking ramp is in the design phase. The ramp will be on the south side of the Fargo VA hospital, resulting in a net gain of 100 parking spaces.

The Whole Health Addition project was stalled but progress has resumed.

Updates are planned for the interior of the hospital, including new carpet, paint, and wallpaper.

Average processing time for disability compensation claims is 149 days, and 1.4 million claims have been processed nationwide during the current fiscal year. Fargo Veterans Service Center Manager Paula Heitmann will retire on May 31st after 33 years of service in the VA.

There will be a PACT Act informational event at the Bismarck AMVETS on April 30th.

This newsletter is emailed to Legionnaires that have given Post 1 their email address and it is also posted on the Loyd Spetz American Legion website under the "about us" tab.

Post 1 website: www.americanlegionbismarck.org Post 1 facebook: @NDAmericanlegionbismarck.org Post 1 Email: info@americanlegionbismarck.org

Post 1 Phone Number: 701-258-3101

AUXILIARY UNIT 1

Unit 1 Meeting:

Monday, 15 April, 7p.m. The Unit meets the third Monday of each month in the Golden Room at the Bismarck AMVETS, 2400 Railroad Avenue.

Celebrating April Birthdays:

Melisssa McCabe, 6 April Sharon Lawler, 6 April Marlene Frei, 8 April Ruth McCabe, 10 April Patrice Thomas 23 April Sherley Grenz 27 April Adicin Grenz 29 April

Poppy Day:

Interested volunteers are welcome to join us Saturday, 25 May, when we will be distributing Poppies. If you would like to join us that day please call or text Unit President, Latoya Carpenter at 701-833-8224

April – Month of the Military Child:

There are many ways to show support to Military Children. This Month we will have a drop-off box at the Family Fare at 1190 W. Turnpike Ave. where donations can be dropped off for the Fargo VA Health Care System Children's Activity Bags. Children that accompany their Veteran caregivers to VA clinic appointments need to keep busy. Items looking to be donated are:

small children's books stickers dot-to-dot puzzles foam puzzles blank drawing notebooks

lacing cards

small stuffed animals word search pages self-adhesive foam shapes coloring books non-toxic crayons mini felt board and shapes

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or face parts

Youth Hero/Good Deed Award:

Created in 2002 by the National Children & Youth Committee, these awards are presented annually throughout the year to recognize the heroism and helpfulness of youths under age 18. Nominations are accepted by local ALA units. If you know of someone deserving of one of these awards, submit a nomination. The form can be found on the North Dakota ALA website, ndala.org and search for "good deed award". Or, if you need assistance, contact Latoya Carpenter. She will set up a time to help you fill out the form.







APRIL 30TH 2024

O900-1900 AMVETS CLUB 2402 RAILROAD AVE



WITH SPECIAL PRESENTATION REGARDING SECTION 103 HEALTHCARE ELIGIBILITY AT 1700 BY DR. BRETON WEINTRAUB FARGO VA **HEALTH CARE SYSTEM DIRECTOR**

INFORMATION & ASSISTANCE PROVIDED ON:

- **VETERANS BENEFITS ADMINISTRATION**
- NATIONAL CEMETERY ADMINISTRATION
- **BISMARCK VET CENTER**
- HEALTHCARE ENROLLMENT
- **VETERAN ID CARD PHOTOS**
- TRAVEL BENEFITS
- TOXIC EXPOSURE SCREENING
- REVENUE (MEDICAL BILLING)
- TELEHEALTH SERVICES
- CARE IN THE COMMUNITY
- CAREGIVER SUPPORT PROGRAM

- HOMELESS VETERAN PROGRAMS
- MYHEALTHEVET
- POST 9/11 MILITARY2VA (M2VA)
- OTHER BISMARCK SERVICES
- HOME BASED PRIMARY CARE
- NUTRITION
- AUDIOLOGY
- PHYSICAL THERAPY
- PHARMACY



DON'T MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY TO APPLY FOR VA HEALTHCARE. LEARN MORE ABOUT OTHER BENEFITS. AND ASK QUESTIONS WITH SUBJECT **MATTER EXPERTS**