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2020

New Year
e-Newsletter

Jesse Brown Scholarship

The Jesse Brown Memorial Youth Scholarship Program honors young volunteers who are dedicated to serving veterans. Each year, one outstanding applicant receives the top scholarship in the amount of \$20,000 to help fund their higher education. In addition, the top winner and parent receives an expense paid trip to DAV National Convention to receive the award and be recognized for their dedication and commitment to veterans. Additional scholarships are awarded in the amounts of \$15,000, \$10,000, \$7,500 & \$5,000.

The below link will guide you to more information regarding the Jesse Brown Scholarship and Application Form.

<https://www.dav.org/help-dav/volunteer/jesse-brown-scholarship/>



"It's never too late to become who you want to be. I hope you live a life that you're proud of, and if you find that you're not, I hope you have the strength to start over."

F. Scott Fitzgerald

Picture to the left taken by:
DAV Fargo, ND Office
Admin Assistant, Amy Mensah

DAV Honors Jesse Brown

He was a warrior. He was a Marine who fought in Vietnam. And after being wounded in combat, he came to know DAV, an organization that helped him discover a new purpose: being an advocate for those who served and sacrificed. Jesse Brown, one of DAV's most notable historic figures, enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps in 1963. Two years later, while on patrol in the Da Nang area of Vietnam, Brown sustained a serious gunshot wound while engaged in combat. While recovering in the hospital, he was introduced to DAV, and in 1967, he joined the organization's professional staff as a national service officer apprentice in Chicago. From there, he rose through the ranks, making helping veterans his singular focus. "Every day he walked the earth, Jesse was looking out for disabled veterans," said former National Adjutant Art Wilson, "It was his mission and focus. He lived, ate and slept veterans issues." In 1983, he was named deputy national service director, and ultimately became the first African American executive director at DAV's Washington headquarters, serving in that role from 1988 to 1993.

While there, his knowledge and passion caught the eye of then President-elect Bill Clinton. In January 1993, Brown was chosen to become the nation's second secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs. On his watch, despite a challenging scarcity of resources, Brown delivered on a number of far-sighted goals to innovate the department, including the expansion of VA services to female veterans, homeless veterans and those who became ill due to chemical exposures in Vietnam and the Gulf War. "No one has ever been placed at the helm of the VA who knew more about the programs he was asked to manage than Jesse Brown," said Wilson. "And no one has ever brought to the job a greater sense of compassion for the men and women who have served in our armed forces." Brown was only 58 years old when he died of ALS in 2002.

To read more about the above article you can find this on page 10 in the January/February DAV Magazine or by visiting our website DAV.ORG and click on "Learn More and DAV Magazine".

LATEST NEWS

Federal Veterans News (December 26, 2019)

President Donald Trump signed the [National Defense Authorization Act](#) (NDA) on December 20, 2019 which included the repeal of the "Widows Tax". The Widows Tax, as it is called, is due to [Concurrent Receipt](#) laws which state that one individual cannot receive two forms of federal funds for the same thing. For every dollar paid out via the Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC), one dollar is deducted from the SBP insurance benefit, essentially wiping out the payment entirely.

The Department of Defense's [Survivor Benefit Plan \(SBP\)](#), enacted in 1972, provides cash benefits in the form of a lifetime annuity to a surviving spouse or other eligible recipient(s) of a retiree or deceased member of the uniformed services. The original intent of the SBP (and its antecedents) was to "ensure that the surviving dependents of military personnel who die in retirement or after becoming eligible for retirement will continue to have a reasonable level of income." Coverage was later expanded to those who die while on active service. Under the SBP, a military retiree can elect to have a portion of his or her monthly retired pay withheld in order to provide a monthly survivor benefit to a designated beneficiary. The cost of this protection is shared by the retiree (in the form of reductions from monthly military retired pay after retirement), the government, and sometimes the beneficiary (under certain types of coverage). The amount of the SBP benefit is a percentage of retired pay. The percentage depends upon whether the member chooses full or reduced coverage at the time of election (generally at retirement or at 20-year qualification).

SBP provides up to 55 percent of a service member's retired pay to an eligible beneficiary upon the death of the member. After the service member passes away, the SBP annuity is paid out monthly to the surviving spouse, or to the child or children of the member.

[Dependency and Indemnity Compensation \(DIC\)](#) is a tax-free monetary benefit generally payable to a surviving spouse, child, or parent of Service members who died while on active duty, active duty for training, or inactive duty training, or to survivors of Veterans who died from their service-connected disabilities. Parents DIC is an income-based benefit for parents who were financially dependent on of a Service member or Veteran who died from a service-related cause.

This new repeal will create a "phase-out" of the widows tax starting in 2021. DIC benefits will remain the same.
January 1, 2021: 1/3 of owed SBP
January 1, 2022: 2/3 of owed SBP
January 1, 2023: full benefits, child-only option phased out & those whose children "aged out" can start to receive benefits.

Learn more and keep up on the news as this is phased out at:

<https://www.dfas.mil/retiredmilitary/survivors/SBP-DIC-News>

DAV Membership Dues

(January 02, 2020)

As of January 01, 2020, the DAV Membership dues were changed to a flat rate of \$300.00, regardless of age. Membership will remain free for those 80 years of age or older.

<https://www.dav.org/membership/join-dav/>



01/20/2020
Martin Luther King Jr. Day

02/01/2020
National Freedom Day

02/02/2020
Groundhog Day

02/14/2020
Valentine's Day

02/17/2020
Presidents Day

02/22/2020
George Washington's
Birthday

03/17/2020
St. Patrick's Day

04/01/2020
April Fool's Day

04/07/2020
World Health Day

05/10/2020
Mother's Day



Legislative goals for the new year (January 30, 2020)

DAV has fought in Washington, D.C., to protect veterans' rights since its founding almost 100 years ago. No one knows better about issues veterans face than veterans themselves. Because of that, the organization's legislative and policy goals are based directly on resolutions submitted by DAV departments and chapters across the country, with DAV members serving as the driving force behind the organization's advocacy mission. At last year's national convention in Orlando, Fla., members adopted resolutions ranging from improvements to veterans benefits and access to VA health care to research into toxic exposure and alternative treatments for post-traumatic stress disorder.

"For nearly a century now, DAV has responded to the changing needs of veterans by ensuring that their voices are heard by Congress," said National Legislative Director Joy Ilem. "We fight every day in Washington to ensure Congress and the Department of Veterans Affairs hear the collective voice of DAV members. From the creation of the forerunner to the VA in the 1920s to the issues affecting veterans and their families today, our members are the driving force behind much-needed change in Washington."

The following is a partial list of key resolutions adopted at the 2019 convention.

To see the full list of resolutions, visit:

<https://www.dav.org/wp-content/uploads/ResolutionBook.pdf>

Disability compensation and other benefits

- Support legislation to provide for service connection for disabling conditions resulting from toxic and environmental exposures.
- Oppose reduction, taxation or elimination of veterans benefits.
- Support legislation to increase disability compensation.
- Support legislation to provide for realistic cost-of-living allowances.
- Support legislation that recognizes presumptive service connection for hypertension, bladder cancer, hypothyroidism and Parkinson-like tremors as related to exposure to Agent Orange and herbicides.
- Improve the care and benefits for veterans exposed to military toxic and environmental hazards.
- Support legislation to remove the prohibition against concurrent receipt of Survivor Benefit Plan payments and Dependency and Indemnity Compensation.
- Support legislation to remove the prohibition against concurrent receipt of military retired pay and veterans disability compensation for all longevity-retired veterans.
- Support oversight of the VA practices in evaluating disability claims for residuals of military sexual trauma.
- Support legislation for the VA to provide child care services and assistance to veterans attending VA health care, employment services and rehabilitation programs.

Medical and health care services

- Strengthen, reform and sustain the VA health care system for service-disabled veterans.
- Support legislation to provide comprehensive support services for caregivers of severely wounded, injured and ill veterans from all eras.
- Enhance medical services and benefits for women veterans.
- Improve service and enhance resources for VA mental health programs and suicide prevention.
- Support enhanced treatment for survivors of military sexual trauma.
- Support VA research into the efficacy of cannabis for treatment of service-connected veterans.
- Support humane, consistent pain management programs in the veterans health care system.
- Enhance long-term services and supports for service-connected disabled veterans.
- Ensure timely access to and quality of VA health care and medical services.
- Support VA medical and prosthetic research programs.
- Support sufficient funding for VA prosthetic and sensory aids and timely delivery of prosthetic items.

General issues

- Support sufficient, timely and predictable funding for all VA programs, benefits and services.
- Support veterans' preference for service-disabled veterans in public employment.
- Support elimination of employment licensure and certification barriers that impede the transfer of military occupations to the civilian labor market.
- Eliminate the requirement that VA vocational rehabilitation benefits must be requested within 12 years of discharge or initial disability determination.
- Create an Economic Opportunity Administration within the VA.
- Protect veterans from employment discrimination when receiving health care for service-connected conditions.
- Support the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency.
- Account for those still missing and the repatriation of the remains of those who died while serving our nation.
- Support legislation to strengthen and protect Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Businesses.
- Extend eligibility for mortgage protection life insurance to service-connected veterans rated permanently and totally disabled.
- Extend space-available air travel aboard military aircraft to dependents of service-connected disabled veterans having a permanent disability rated 100%.
- Support the continued growth of Veterans Treatment Courts for justice-involved veterans, particularly those with conditions related to service.

Veterans Memorial Park Grand Forks Receives Donation

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Gary Mathisen, Andy Nomland, Chapter 2 Commander Grand Forks recently presented a check for \$8,270.56 in support of the Veterans Memorial Park being built in Grand Forks, bringing their total donations to the Park of \$100,000.

Standing left to right: Bobby Beauchamp - Treasurer Veterans Memorial Park, Gary Mathisen and Tom Saddler - Vice Chair Veterans Memorial Park.

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September - June

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Bismarck, North Dakota

Meetings Held 1st Thursday
of each month at 6:30 pm
AmVets Club



You may know him as being a Vietnam Veteran or from movies such as; "Dances with Wolves," "Last of the Mohicans" and "Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee" among many others, longtime actor Wes Studi, Cherokee, has become the first Native American to be awarded an Oscar. Studi is one of four Honorary Award recipients chosen by the Board of Governors of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences. The Oscar statuette is given "to honor extraordinary distinction in lifetime achievement, exceptional contributions to the state of motion pictures arts and sciences, or for outstanding service to the Academy," the Academy said.

The award marks a milestone for indigenous peoples in Hollywood. There have been Native American acting nominees - Graham Greene for "Dances with Wolves," Chief Dan George for "Little Big Man" - and Buffy Sainte-Marie shared an Original Song Oscar for "Up Where We Belong" from "An Officer and a Gentleman," but other than that, no one has ever won, noted Deadline.com.

If you would like to read more into the article please click the link below:

https://www.military.com/off-duty/2019/06/07/vietnam-vet-first-native-american-receive-lifetime-achievement-oscar.html?fbclid=IwARorNPP1eUou6QKTO4aU9xg8RiOb2Duxl6WjUeRafYHnf_3rI6WrtYbVkbA

A 104-year-old Marine asked America for Valentine's Day cards. He'll probably get over 100,000



Stockton - Diane Wright opened the door of an apartment at The Oaks at Inglewood, the assisted care facility in Stockton where she is the executive director. Inside, three people busily went through postal trays crammed with envelopes near a table heaped with handmade gifts, military memorabilia, blankets, quilts, candy and the like.

Operation Valentine has generated a remarkable outpouring of support from around the world for retired United States Marine, Maj. Bill White. Earlier this month, a resident at The Oaks, Tony Walker, posted a request on social media to send Valentine's Day cards to the 104-year-old World War II veteran and recipient of the Purple Heart.

Walker believed Maj. White would enjoy adding the cards to his collection of memorabilia. The response has been greater than anyone ever through possible. "Up until about a week or two ago, I was leading a quiet life ... now all of a sudden all Hell has broken loose."

The goal of Operation Valentine was 10,000 cards. On Tuesday alone, 28 trays with some 400 to 500 cards in each, about 14,000 total pieces of mail, were delivered by the United States Postal Service to The Oaks, where a vacant apartment near White's has been turned into a makeshift mail room. In little more than a week, more than 20,000 cards and easily 200 packages have arrived, and more are delivered every day.

Pegasus Senior Living, which manages The Oaks, has joined in by asking each of its 37 communities to send cards to The Oaks or its corporate office in Dallas, Texas.

"A lot of these letters are mentioning I have a father or a brother or a son in the military," White's daughter, Mary Huston, said as she went through a tray of mail, along with Walker and White's granddaughter, Leah Schroeder, who was holding her 8-month-old daughter, one of White's three great-granddaughters, Eloise. "It's kind of a way to thank maybe those that have passed already. They can't thank them personally, so they're doing it through him." People of all ages have responded, including a 16-year-old.

"You probably won't pick me," said Huston, recalling what the teenager's letter said. "So, I pulled that one out because I wanted to answer that one. I wish I could answer all of them, but it's just not realistic." Huston said she and her family will do their best to express their appreciation by mail or social media. "It's overwhelming, to say the least," Huston said.

Inside White's immaculate apartment are reminders of his military service and his travels around the world. White, who is believed to be the oldest living Marine, served on active duty for 30 years and has been retired from the Marines 55 years. He received the Purple Heart for injuries sustained from a grenade blast during the Battle of Iwo Jima.

"The force just picked me up and slammed me back against a wall," White said.

Above his bed draped with a U.S. Marines blanket hangs the iconic photograph of five U.S. Marines and a Navy corpsman raising the second American Flag atop Mount Suribachi on the tiny island of Iwo Jima, an enduring image of World War II.

"There was a 500-foot cliff there that it was on top of," White said. "At that time, I didn't know they were taking the picture a second time. I was directly underneath 500 feet down when that picture was taken."

White has led a colorful life, Huston said. When he got out of high school, he wasn't sure what he wanted to do. He loved trains and decided to travel by rail and find jobs along the way. White enlisted in the Marines but was not accepted. He worked on the Hoover Dam in south Nevada then tried to enlist with the Marines again. This time he was accepted. Huston said her father went through paratrooper school, crossed the equator on the U.S.S. Colorado, became a shell back and fought in World War II and served during the Korean War.

After he retired from the Marine Corps, White worked for the Huntington Beach Police Department as a reserve officer then as a full-fledged officer and eventually became a jailer. White volunteered 30 years with the Boys Scouts Explorer Post 563 that became Huntington Beach Search and Rescue.

White moved to Stockton for health reasons 15 years ago and has been a resident at The Oaks for about four years, he said.

"This shows how much love and appreciation people have for our military and for our country and it's heartwarming to see that," Huston said.

"I've been a Marine for 85 years now — 30 years active, 55 years retired," White said. "So, if they feel like it, they could call me back on active duty anytime. I'm still on the list."

Cards for Maj. White can be sent to:

Operation Valentine, ATTN: Hold for Maj Bill White, USMC (Ret), The Oaks at Inglewood, 6725 Inglewood Ave., Stockton, CA 95207



Veterans Have a Secret Weapon to Deal with Homelessness: Land

Arlington, VA. - When Bob Romano was installed as commander of American Legion Post 139 in 2014, his family attended the ceremony. Walking out of the veterans facility in Virginia Square, his wife turned to him and said, "I'm never going back in that building."

Romano has known for some time that the 60-year-old building, its walls reeking of more than half a century of cigarette smoke and needing a laundry list of expensive repairs, would no longer sustain its 300 members. Membership was dwindling, particularly among young veterans.

"We were going broke," he said. "We realized that in five years, Post 139 wasn't going to be there."

They received offers from developers eager to convert the property near George Mason University. But American Legion officials decided to do something that would be unique in the nation" create a partnership with a local housing nonprofit. In 2016, the Arlington Partnership for Affordable Housing (APAH) bought the 1.4 -acre parcel in Arlington for approximately \$9 million.

"We were in a very unique situation where the land was worth a great investment," Romano said. "And we invested it back into the veterans."

The current building will be torn down in early 2020. In its place, APAH will build 160 units of affordable housing, half of which will go to homeless veterans. Post 139 will have its own space on the first floor of the quarters with modernized facilities, Wi-Fi access, projector screens and multi-use halls. The plan is to open the residential units - APAH's 17th property in Arlington - to applicants on a first-come basis in summer 2022.

"What's really interesting to me is that here we are in Arlington, home of the Pentagon, Arlington Cemetery, Joint Base Henderson Hall-Fort Myer, and we have no active military presence really in the community," said APAH CEO and President Nina Janopaul. "I'm old enough to remember when we didn't celebrate our returning Vietnam veterans, and I think that as a nation, we really have pivoted on that. If we're not happy with a conflict, we don't blame it on the young men and women who served our nation."

Over the past two years, homelessness has increased steadily in the United States, and while the number of homeless veterans has seen a slight decline, veterans still made up about 7 percent of the roughly 550,000 people who were counted as homeless in January 2018 during a U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development census.

With new facilities and funds, Post 139 will have a chance to expand its services. A high-priority issue is suicide prevention among veterans, Romano said. About 20 veterans and active duty service members commit suicide every day, according to the Department of Veterans Affairs' 2018 National Suicide Data Report. Post 139 will also partner with the George Mason Law School to hire two on-site attorneys who can provide legal advice to veterans.

Post 139 and APAH's partnership should serve as an example for addressing the issue of homeless veterans, said Darryl Vincent, chief operating officer of nonprofit U.S.VETS, which provides services to homeless and at-risk veterans, and a veteran himself. In 2018, there were 12,806 American Legion posts across the country, a huge inventory of property that could be re-purposed as affordable housing

"Anytime you can partner with the political community, city, state, federal nonprofits, housing developers, the private community with their foundations and donating money, businesses here in the neighborhood, community and private citizens, any partnerships that you can make, it definitely could be a model for the future of how we as a community solve this problem," Vincent said. "We're not going to solve this problem simply by having nonprofits attack it, or political people attack it, or just housing developers attack it. It's a community problem with community solutions, and everyone plays their part."

Veterans to see 1.6% benefits increase in 2020

In September, President Donald Trump signed into law the Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA) Act of 2019, which means veterans can expect to see a cost -of-living increase to their VA disability compensation for 2020. Veterans will receive a 1.6% increase in their monthly compensation, equal to the amount of the adjustment given to Social Security recipients. The increase also applies to Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC) and pensions for 2020.

"DAV has been fighting for an increase in overall compensation rates, along with ensuring rounding down of COLA does not take place," said National Legislative Director Joy Ilem. "Any increase in benefits is welcome, but we want to ensure they are meaningful and address the challenges veterans face.

"We know that rates of compensation have not been adjusted other than COLA, which can vary from year to year," Ilem added. "We also know that many service disabled veterans are reliant on this compensation, and when rates of COLA increases are low, it's a challenge for them to meet their basic needs. So, we'll have to continue to fight."

https://www.benefits.va.gov/compensation/resources_comp01.asp



DAV Minot, ND Chapter 4 Event: Elmcroft by Eclipse Senior Living DAV Veterans Day Program

DAV Website Resources

DAV Auxiliary

✓ <https://auxiliary.dav.org/>

American Veterans Disabled for Life Memorial

✓ <https://avdlm.org/>

just b kids

✓ <https://justbkids.org/>

DAV Charitable Service Trust

✓ <https://cst.dav.org/>

To view a clip of the DAV Charitable Service Trust, please see the link below:

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Historical Events that Happened During the Month of February:

February 10

- 1942 [Glenn Miller](#) awarded 1st ever gold record for selling 1 million copies of "Chattanooga Choo Choo"

February 14

- 1929 St Valentin's Day Massacre in Chicago, 7 gangsters killed, allegedly on Al Capone's orders
- 1876 Alexander G. Bell & Elisha Gray apply separately for telephone patents Supreme Court eventually rules Bell rightful inventor
- 1931 The original "Dracula" film starring Bela Lugosi as the titular vampire, is released
- 2010 Alexandre Bilodeau wins the Gold Medal in the freestyle skiing men's moguls event, becoming the first Canadian to win a Gold Medal during a Canadian-hosted Olympics

February 20

- 1792 US postal service created, postage 6-12 cents depending on distance

February 29

- 1940 [Hattie McDonald](#) becomes 1st African American woman to win an Oscar for "Gone with the Wind"

Fargo VA to offer Hyperbaric Therapy for Veterans as part of Pilot Program

The Fargo VA Health Care System has been given the green light to offer hyperbaric oxygen therapy to veterans dealing with PTSD and traumatic brain injuries, a therapy many veterans say has given them relief when nothing else would.

Sen. John Hoeven, R-N.D., announced at a roundtable discussion with veterans on Friday, Sept. 6, that the Fargo VA has been added to a short list of VA systems around the country where the Department of Veterans Affairs is studying the impact of hyperbarics. North Dakota joins locations in California, Texas, Oklahoma and Florida, Hoeven said.

Dr. Robert Bathurst of Fargo's Healing with Hyperbarics says he has seen veterans turn their lives around with the treatment, and for him, it is personal.

"I have two boys and they are both Navy Seals," he explained. "They have both been banged up, both with TBIs and I am so appreciative of the VA to give them a chance to heal."

Afghanistan veteran Sam Floberg has struggled with trauma from war for years. While serving with the North Dakota National Guard, an RPG from enemy forces critically injured Floberg and killed one of his fellow soldiers.

"I bled out and laid there unconscious for a half hour or so," he remembers. "For the last 13 years, I was overstimulated, I would just shut down."

Floberg lost his leg and for years has been dealing with post-traumatic stress disorder and a traumatic brain injury. He used prescription pills to mask the pain, and counseling didn't help.

"I tried talk therapy and group therapy and it just did not work," he said.

Now Floberg says he has found incredible relief from hyperbaric oxygen therapy available in Fargo.

"After the first treatment ... I felt more mentally clear. I wanted to participate in life again," he said.

Other veterans from around the region shared stories about how hyperbarics helped them get past traumatic experiences.

"I was wounded and had to lay there six hours with a collapsed lung," Moorhead resident and Purple Heart recipient Tyler Einarson remembers, explaining that he is now getting relief he never dreamed of.

"This is probably the best thing that has happened to veterans in God knows how long," he said.

For a brief video in relation to the article please click below:

<https://www.inforum.com/business/healthcare/4650463-Fargo-VA-to-offer-hyperbaric-therapy-for-vets-as-part-of-pilot-program>

Click the link below for more information regarding Healing with Hyperbarics, Fargo, ND location.

<http://www.healingwithhyperbarics.com/>



This Veteran Is Fighting For A Culture Of Change, In The Military And Herself

When Capt. Rachelle Thomas came back from war, a new battle for gender equality and wellness began.

When people think about battles soldiers fight, they often envision faraway deserts obscured by dust storms and sand, rumbling explosions and staccato gunfire, physical injuries and sudden loss.

Although Captain Rachelle Thomas certainly experienced all of that throughout her deployment with the U.S. Army from 2012 to 2013, she was surprised to confront one of her greatest battles at home, inside sterile office buildings in Missouri. Specifically, the international and external battle of how women are perceived, and perceive themselves, in the military.

Working in human resources in the Army, Air Force and now the Department of Veterans Affairs in Philadelphia as a civilian, Thomas has actively fought to change the face of the armed services. She's helmed initiatives to pivot away from the military's stereotypical image of a male-dominated and male-led organization, confronting issues surrounding gender disparity and challenging ideologies that favor machismo over mental health.

"As a woman in the military, you have to work harder to prove your capabilities," says Thomas. But creating an impenetrably thick skin can lead to ignoring internal needs that can only heal if they're acknowledged and addressed. "I feel like we sometimes think we have to hid ourselves because we don't want to show ourselves as weak."

Thomas never thought she'd become a warrior for gender equality.

In face, Thomas never imagined she would be a warrior, period.

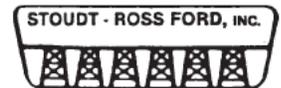
Click on the following link to continue reading about Capt. Rachelle Thomas's journey.

https://www.huffpost.com/entry/this-veteran-is-fighting-for-a-culture-of-change-in-the-military-and-herself_1_5db85c11e4b00d83f71ddafo?fbclid=IwAR2v55w_U9byne1EN16O3pWfWpypEr1FYfAZr_c5EG1ebcIR5mysRhTfRzP4

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Volunteer Opportunities



No matter who you are, or what your level of experience, you can stand by our nation's veterans.

Drive a Van:

Our nation's heroes travel around the globe to protect our freedoms—it's only right that we return their dedication. Volunteering to drive a vet ensures that even those living remotely from VA hospitals can make their appointments and never go without the treatment they need.

It's all part of the DAV Transportation Network, administered by our Hospital Service Coordinators at the VA's 213 medical facilities. For more information on volunteering, please [contact us](#).

Volunteer for Veterans:

America's veterans could use your help. The opportunities below are available for volunteer sign up. Click "view" to learn more, to log in, or to create an account. Learn more about [Volunteer for Veterans](#). To volunteer you can be a Veteran (who needs help or wants to help others), Caregiver (who may need help with a veteran), Volunteer (who may not be a Veteran), or someone on behalf of a Veteran. Click the below link to search by state for volunteer opportunities.

<https://dav.force.com/volunteerforveterans/s/volunteer-job-all>

For More Volunteer Opportunities Please Visit:

<https://www.dav.org/help-dav/volunteer/>

Upcoming DAV Chapter Meetings:

DAV Chapter 24 - February 12, 2020 7:00pm-8:00pm

** VFW Valley City - 138 Main St E, Valley City, ND 58072

DAV Chapter 2 - February 12, 2020 7:30pm-8:30pm

** Grand Forks County Office Building Vets Conference Room - 151 South 4th St, Grand Forks, ND 58206

DAV Chapter 4 - February 13, 2020 7:00pm-8:30pm

** Ward Co Admin Building - 225 3rd St SE, Room 105, Minot, ND 58703

DAV Chapter 1 - February 13, 2020 7:00pm-8:00pm

** Super Buffet, Fargo - 1000 45th St S, Fargo, ND 58104

DAV Chapter 5 - February 17, 2020 7:00pm-8:00pm

** VFW - Post 756 Devils Lake - 314 3rd Ave NE, Devils Lake, ND 58301

DAV Chapter 9 - February 20, 2020 7:00pm-8:00pm

** 10 Main St, Williston, ND 58801

North Dakota Chapters Link:

<http://www.davmembersportal.org/chapters/nd/default.aspx>

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