



FRIDAY NIGHT SUPPERS!
call the club at 662-4117 for menu
6:00 pm
\$6.00 per person.



The VFW is open to the public, you do not have to be a member to come in and enjoy the quiet relaxing atmosphere.

They are open Monday through Saturday from 9 am until 10 pm.

POINTS OF CONTACT:

COMMANDER:
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ADDRESS CHANGES

NEW MEMBERS NEEDED TODAY!

IF YOUR ADDRESS CHANGES PLEASE CALL OR SEND AN ADDRESS CHANGE MEMO TO DAV CHAPTER 5:

**4639 Oram Road
Devils Lake, ND 58301-9221**



**Disabled American Veterans
REGAN McLEAN CHAPTER 5
DEVILS LAKE, ND**

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Greeting
- Meeting Dates
- Wounded Warrior Guide Service
- ND Game and Fish
- Holiday Observances
- Devils Lake Veterans Organizations
- Black Hills Cabin
- Property Tax Exemption
- Devils Lake CBOC
- DAV Van
- USDA Grant
- VFW Club
- Points of Contact

Greetings Chapter 5 DAV members.

This will be the first of a new quarterly newsletter that will be sent out to on behalf of the chapter. Hopefully you will find some useful information.

If there is anything that you would like to see changed. Please let the Adjutant know.

**JULY 25: 11:00 am
Informal Meeting at Ramsey
County Courthouse**

**AUGUST 22: 7:00 pm
Regular Meeting at VFW Club**

**SEPTEMBER 26: 11:00 am
Informal Meeting at Ramsey
County Courthouse**

**OCTOBER 24: 7:00 pm
Regular Meeting at VFW Club**

Regular Meetings held at the
**VFW Club
314 3rd Ave NE
Devils Lake, ND 58301**



WOUNDED WARRIORS GUIDE SERVICE

Wounded Warriors Guide Service is a FREE guide service founded by veterans for veterans.



They provide waterfowl hunting opportunities for veterans that have been wounded in service. Established in 2009, they began offering disabled veterans the opportunity to join them on their duck and goose hunts, and it has taken off from there. They provide everything from guns, ammo, and gear depending on the need. They have great connections and are able to offer lodging and can accommodate almost any situation. Their staff is very knowledgeable in the field, and very confident in their abilities to put veterans in the right place at the right time for successful hunts.

They also have a new TV show starting in April on FSN that highlights their trips. The show will be on Sundays at 8:30 CST. Marcus Theaters (West Acres Cinema) will be showing the premier show on Sun-

NORTH DAKOTA GAME AND FISH

GAME

A resident disabled veteran can get a combined general game, habitat stamp, small game, and fur-bearer license for \$3.00, with an additional \$1.00 fee to purchase the resident certificate.

Veterans must have a 100% service-connected disability or have an extra-schedular rating to bring the total ratio to 100%.



FISHING

\$5.00 (plus a \$1.00 fee to purchase the certificate) for a resident fishing license if a resident disabled veteran has a fifty percent service-connected disability as determined by the Department of Veterans' Affairs or has an extra-schedular rating to include individual unemployability that brings the veteran's total disability ratio to fifty percent.

USDA RURAL REPAIR AND REHABILITATION LOANS AND GRANTS



Purpose: The Very Low-Income Housing Repair program provides loans and grants to very low-income homeowners to repair, improve, or modernize their dwellings or to remove health and safety hazards.

Eligibility: To obtain a loan, homeowner-occupants must be unable to obtain affordable credit elsewhere and must have very low incomes, defined as below 50 percent of the area median income. They must need to make repairs and improvements to make the dwelling more safe and sanitary or to remove health and safety hazards. Grants are only available to homeowners who are 62 years old or older and cannot repay a Section 504 loan. For Income and Property Eligibility please see their eligibility site: <http://eligibility.sc.egov.usda.gov/eligibility/welcomeAction.do>

Terms: Loans of up to \$20,000 and grants of up to \$7,500 are available. Loans are for up to 20 years at 1 percent interest. A real estate mortgage and full title services are required for loans of \$7,500 or more. Grants may be recaptured if the property is sold in less than 3 years. Grant funds may be used only to pay for repairs and improvements resulting in the removal of health and safety hazards. A grant/loan combination is made if the applicant can repay part of the cost. Loans and grants can be combined for up to \$27,500 in assistance.

Standards: Repaired properties do not need to meet other HCFP code requirements, but the installation of water and waste systems and related fixtures must meet local health department requirements. Water supply and sewage disposal systems should normally meet HCFP requirements. Not all the health and safety hazards in a home must be removed with Section 504 funds, provided that major health and safety hazards are removed. All work must meet local codes and standards.

For more information about this program, or to file an application, contact the local Rural Development office in your area. Visit USDA Programs & Opportunities for more information on other services available. For veteran specific programs, please visit the USDA Information for Veterans page.

**DEVILS LAKE CBOC
COMMUNITY BASED OUTREACH CLINIC**



Hours (701) 662-5801
Monday - Friday
8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Excluding Federal Holidays

Primary care services for veterans in the Devils Lake area provided via telehealth and periodic on-site visits

Handicapped Accessible: full and easy access for all veterans.

Personal Care: Highly qualified primary care providers

Specialty care referrals to the Fargo VA Medical Center and on-site via Telehealth.

Specialty services and group appointments provided via Telehealth.

Laboratory: Blood drawing services available.

Prescriptions: Routine prescriptions processed through the mail, My HealthVet, or telephone.

DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS (DAV) VAN

Month	Tue-Wed	Wed-Thur	Thur-Fri	Mon-Tue
July:	5-6	13-14	21-22	25-26
August:	2-3	10-11	18-19	22-23
September:	6-7	14-15	22-23	26-27

At Cedar Inn
 Pickup 9:15 AM
 Return next day (approximately): 3:00 PM



Veterans riding this van will be staying overnight in Fargo. You will need \$10.00 for the motel room.

Be sure to call when you get your appointment. Seating is first come, first serve and limited.

Due to the new rules from the U.S. Department of Transportation Highway Traffic Safety Administration, the vans will be limited to 8 occupants (driver and 7 passengers).

To reserve your seat on the van please call:

- Stacy Twete, Ramsey Co. VSO (Mon-Fri 8 am-noon) 701-662-7048
- Kathy Holte, Minot DAV Van Coordinator 701-857-6492

UPCOMING HOLIDAYS AND OBSERVANCES

- July 27: National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day Observance
- August 4 : U.S. Coast Guard Birthday Observance
- August 7: Purple Heart Day Observance
- September 5: Labor Day Federal Holiday
- September 16: National POW/MIA Recognition Day Observance
- September 18: Air Force Birthday Observance
- September 25: Gold Star Mother's Day Observance



OTHER VETERAN ORGANIZATIONS IN DEVILS LAKE

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Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 756
 314 3rd Ave NE, Devils Lake, ND 58301 2nd Monday
7:00 pm
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American Legion Post 24
 314 3rd Ave NE, Devils Lake, ND 58301 1st Thursday
7:00 pm
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La Societe des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux Locale #457
 314 3rd Ave NE, Devils Lake, ND 58301 Not currently meeting
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Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 756 Auxiliary
 314 3rd Ave NE, Devils Lake, ND 58301 2nd Monday
7:00 pm
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North Dakota National Guard Retirees Region 3 — White House Café
 425 College Dr S, Suite 9, Devils Lake, ND 58301 3rd Monday
7:30 am

OPERATION BLACK HILLS CABIN

A non-profit organization whose mission is to provide a comfortable, peaceful, and supportive respite with exciting recreational activities to qualifying veterans and their families in a leisurely environment.



PO Box 855
Custer, SD 57730
605-517-1830
e-mail: operationblackhillscabin@gmail.com

Founded in 2011 by a retired military couple, OPERATION BLACK HILLS CABIN is located in the beautiful Black Hills. Its purpose is to offer a week long respite to qualifying wounded veterans and their families, from the Iraq/Afghanistan campaign, at little or no expense to them, except for transportation. They offer a variety of events throughout the year, like cookoffs, hikes, and fishing tournaments.

It provides a therapeutic environment to assist qualifying veterans who were combat injured in their rehabilitation from their traumatic and stressful experiences, while serving the interest of our Nation. It also provides a constructive opportunity to the disabled veterans to reacquaint themselves with their family in a quiet and leisurely environment.

Our one-week respite in our 1,200 square foot, 3-bedroom, 2 bathroom, fully furnished and fully handicap accessible cabin includes no television or computer; only board games, puzzles, playing cards and outdoor games that our families can enjoy together. In addition, they are provided with coupons for free meals, free admission to many popular Black Hills attractions and many other recreational opportunities due to the generosity of our many partners. They are able to enjoy as many, or as few, activities as they would like or as their injuries allow. These families can not bear the burden of all the planning or expense to put together an outing such as this. We offer them the opportunity to reconnect, have some "fun" and create priceless memories of their quality time together.

How do I qualify?

Military service in Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Enduring Freedom, or Operation New Dawn; Combat injured with a minimum of 30% (copies of award letter and DD Form 214 or current PCS orders are required with application). Medal of honor recipients from OEF, OIF, and OND. Warrior Transition Unit Members (with required documentation). To apply, visit their website for an application.

PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION

DISABLED VETERANS (VA RATING 50% OR MORE)

A disabled veteran of the United States armed forces with an armed forces service-connected disability of 50% or greater or a disabled veteran who has an extra-schedular rating to include individual unemployability that brings the veteran's total disability rating to 100% as determined by the Department of Veterans' Affairs, who was discharged under honorable conditions or who has been retired from the armed forces of the United States, or the unremarried surviving spouse if the disabled veteran is deceased, is eligible for a credit applied against the first \$6750 of taxable valuation (\$150,000 true value) of the fixtures, buildings, and improvements of the homestead owned and occupied by the disabled veteran or unremarried surviving spouse equal to the percentage of the disabled veteran's disability compensation rating for service-connected disabilities as certified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs for the purpose of applying for a property tax exemption. An unremarried surviving spouse who is receiving Department of Veterans' Affairs dependency and indemnity compensation receives a one hundred percent exemption. (NDCC 57-02-08.8)

Exemption should be at highest percentage veteran is compensated. If veteran is compensated higher than combined rating the exemption should be at the higher rate. Example: if combined rating is between 50 and 90 but the veteran is compensated at 100% due to Individual Un-employability. The Veteran's exemption should be at 100%. Attorney Generals opinion 2008-L12

How to apply:

1. Provide a copy of the DD Form 214 showing veteran's honorable discharge from active military service if claiming exemption for first time
2. Provide a certificate from the Department of Veterans Affairs certifying to the percentage of service-connected disability when claiming exemption for the first time, or if the veteran receives a change in the percentage of certified rated service-connected disability. Contact your Veteran Service Officer. You can also get a letter from the VA by calling 1-800-827-1000 and ask for a property tax letter. This letter will be sent directly to the Veteran.
3. Complete Application form. Can be completed online and printed.
4. Submit required documents to your Tax assessor/ Tax equalization office by February 1 when applying for first time, when your disability rating changes, and when requested to do so there after. Your County may or may not require annual applications be submitted.

