

FULFILLING OUR PROMISES  
TO THE MEN AND WOMEN WHO SERVED



## Its That Time of Year Again!



### ***VA's VITAL program supports student Veterans across the U.S.***

Many Veterans who transition back into civilian life choose to do so by pursuing undergraduate or advanced degrees. Some Veterans who enter a college or university may need assistance with adjusting to the new culture or managing physical or mental health challenges. Going from a familiar military life to something new and different — like school — can be difficult. VA provides counseling and resources that can help ease the transition.

To read more click on the following link: <https://www.blogs.va.gov/VAntage/65193/vas-vital-program-supports-student-veterans-across-us/>



## A Message from ND Department Commander Keli

### Berglund

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Greetings DAV Comrades,

What a lovely time of year this is...will it snow, will it rain or do we take our shorts out for another week? Due to an early winter storm, the Fall Conference has been **RESCHEDULED** for Saturday, October 26th in Valley City. It will still be held at the Eagles Club this with the annual auction Friday, October 25<sup>th</sup> – and I'd encourage anyone who can to attend.

October 18 and 19<sup>th</sup> was spent in Sioux Falls, SD for the 14<sup>th</sup> District Fall Conference. It was a pleasure meeting with such an amazing group of veterans. I was able to share information on North Dakota's first national cemetery which was dedicated in Fargo on September 7, 2019. The Fargo National Cemetery will serve the burial needs of more than 30,000 Veterans, their spouses and eligible family members over the next 10 years. I also shared chapter activities to include the dignified transfer and return of the remains of Floyd Arthur Wells, WWII Navy Veteran, by Chapter #1; Chapter #5's transit ticket program; and the successful Forget Me Not weekend in September bringing in over \$3000 for Chapter #31. It was a pleasure to share our successes with the District.

Veterans Day is a perfect time for us to show what the DAV is all about, and to make ourselves a visible and active part of the community. There are many events the DAV Department of North Dakota is involved in and I would encourage each chapter to share area events so no matter where we are in the state we can show our support.



Have a blessed day!

Commander Keli Berglund



*Pictured above: New Chapter 1 Commander John Estes (left) and recent past Chapter Commander Larry Reed (right).*

***\* UPCOMING EVENTS:***

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**FLU SHOTS** - Free for enrolled Veterans & all employees

Thursday, October 3 - 9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Wednesday, October 9 - 9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Wednesday, October 16 - 9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Thursday, October 24 - 9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Tuesday, October 29 - 9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

After-hours Flu Shots - Tuesday, October 15 & 22 from 4:00 p.m. - 6:00p.m. Primary Care

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**2019 Department of North Dakota Fall Conference**

**DATE:** October 26, 2019

**LOCATION:** Valley City, ND - Eagles Club, 345 12th Ave NE, Valley City, ND 58072

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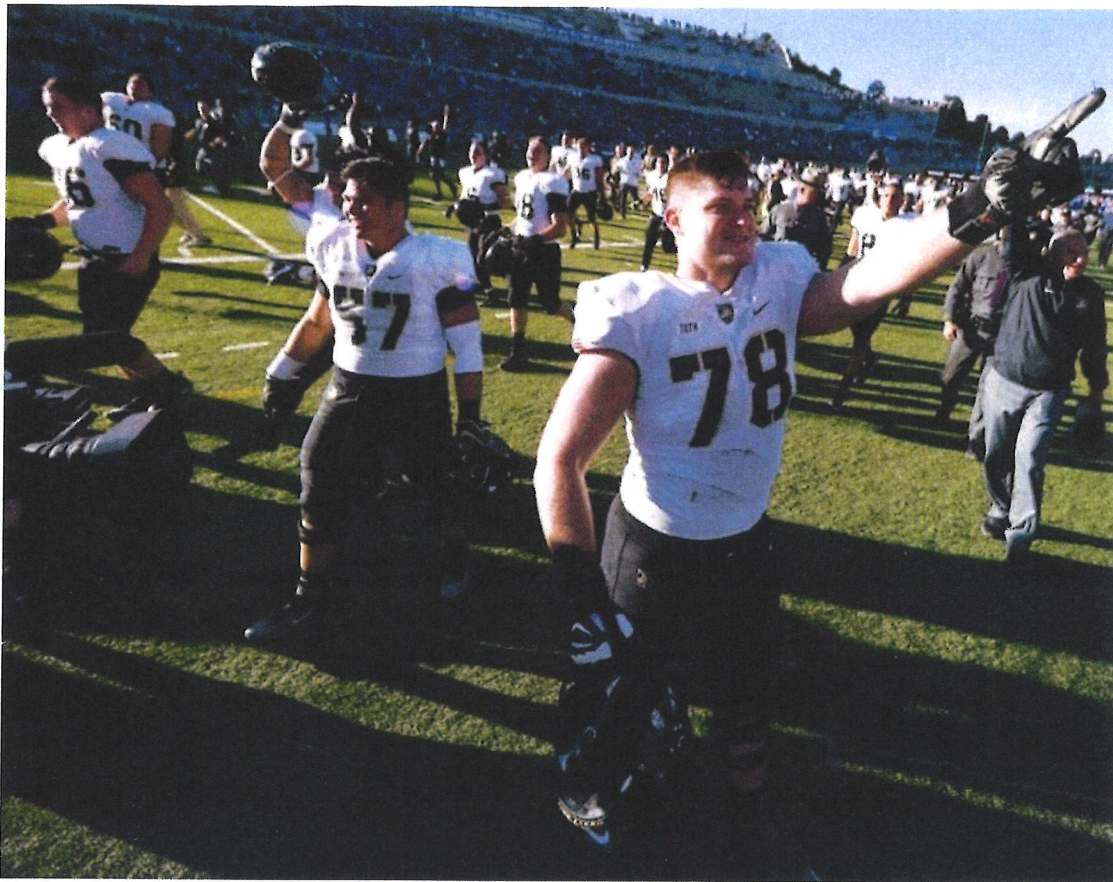




## 2019 DAV National Convention

The DAV National Convention was held this year in Orlando, FL, August 3-6. North Dakota was well represented this year. National Judge Advocate Michael Dobmeier and his wife, Sandy who is Past National Auxiliary Commander were in attendance. Along with National 14th District NEC Warren Tobin; National 14th District Alternate NEC and Department of ND Adjutant/Treasurer Joe Hall; ND Department Commander Keli Berglund; Past National Auxiliary Commander and current Department of ND Auxiliary Adjutant Judy Steinhouse; Past ND Department Commander Joe Litzinger from Grand Forks, Chapter #2; Apprentice National Service Officer Shelby Moen; and not pictured is National Service Officer and HSC Matt Herrud. We had a lot of fun and great learning experience. Please ask anyone of us about the experience we would love to share it with you!! Hope to see more of our Comrades in Dallas, TX August 1-4, 2020 to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Disabled American Veterans!





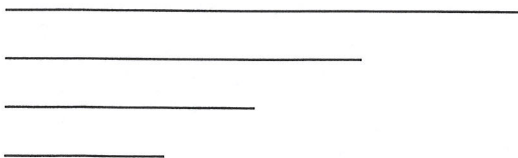
## From the Military to Football Fields

### *Former Army lineman gets waiver to play in the NFL*

Former Army football standout Brett Toth will have a chance to go pro after Army officials signed a waiver allowing him to bypass the remainder of his military commitment and instead sign with an NFL team.

Click on the link below to continue reading more.

<https://www.militarytimes.com/news/pentagon-congress/2019/08/16/former-army-lineman-gets-waiver-to-play-in-the-nfl/>



On August 15, 2019 the Annual DAV Chapter 1 Picnic kicked



off which was held at the Oak Grove Park in Fargo, ND and was well attended.



**Tom Saddler**  
Past ND Department  
Commander

*Thank you for helping fulfill  
DAV's promises to the men and  
women who served.*



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## Marine Corps' first female F-35 pilot makes history

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The Marine Corps' first female F-35 pilot will soon join her squadron in Japan, Corps officials have announced.

Capt. Anneliese Satz, 29 completed her F-35B training in June, according to a Marine Corps press release, which came out the day after a news story about [a female Marine who will soon begin training to fly the F-35C](#).

Satz held a commercial license to fly a Robinson R44 helicopter before joining the Marine Corps and has spent the past four years learning how to fly the F-35B, which will eventually replace the Marine Corps' fleet of AV-8B II Harriers and other aircraft.

After arriving at Marine Corps Air Station Beaufort, South Carolina in July 2018, she flew the F-35B for the first time that October.

"The first flight in an F-35 is by yourself," Satz said in the news release. "The syllabus thoroughly prepares you for that first time you take off and for every flight after that, it's an exhilarating experience."

Satz is now headed to Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 121 in Iwakuni, Japan.

"I'm very grateful for the instructors, the maintainers, and countless others at [Marine Fighter Attack Training Squadron 501] who lent me their expertise and time while I was going through the syllabus," Satz said.

"This is a phenomenal program made possible by all of their hard work. I am thankful to have had the opportunity to learn from all of them. I am incredibly excited to get to VMFA-121 and look forward to the opportunity to serve in the Fleet Marine Forces."





## *Jerome Krejci DAV Chapter 2 Memorial Scholarship*

**Jerome Krejci was indeed a special human being. Jerome was raised on the family farm outside of East Grand Forks, Minnesota and was a graduate of Sacred Heart High School. Jerome joined the North Dakota National Guard at age 17 and served as a Sergeant in M Company of the 164 Infantry.**

**He was activated and served in the United States Army during the Korean War.**

**After training in the US, Jerome went to Korea and saw action with the 24<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division.**

**Jerome was awarded the Bronze Star and was also awarded a Purple Heart with Oak Leaf Clusters.**

**Jerome was proud of his service to his country while also saying throughout his life that war was, "No way for countries to solve their differences".**

**Jerome was a life member of the Andy Nomland Chapter 2 Grand Forks, ND.**

**He was a member for six decades. Jerome held many offices at the local, state and national level.**

**He was a much loved man and will be missed by everyone that knew him and his memory of all the lives he touched will always be with us.**



*Standing left to right Diane Krejci - Daughter of Jerome Krejci, Cadet Aho, and Mike Krejci - Son of Jerome Krejci.*

*UND Army ROTC Cadet Tanner Aho received the fourth annual Jerome Krejci DAV Chapter 2 Memorial Scholarship from Diane and Mike Krejci during Award Ceremonies May 2, 2019 at the ROTC Armory UND Campus.*

*Cadet Aho received a scholarship for \$ 1,000.00 and a Certificate of Excellence and Medal from the Andy Nomland Chapter 2 Grand Forks for his high academics of a GPA of 3.5 or higher, proven leadership*