

*abilities, high moral character, excellent adherence to military discipline and patriotic understanding of the importance of the Reserve Officer Training Corps.*



**Pictured Left to Right: Mike Dobmeier - National DAV Judge Advocate, Diane Krejci, Mike Krejci, Cadet Aho, Arnold Phillips - Past DAV Chapter 2 Commander Grand Forks, Jim Groven - Past Department Commander ND DAV, and Roy Fillion - Past Department Commander ND DAV.**

**Certificate of Excellence, Medal and Scholarship was presented by Andy Nomland Chapter 2 during Award Ceremonies for UND Army ROTC May 2, 2019 UND ROTC Armory.**



National DAV Judge Advocate Mike Dobmeier presented Cadet Blake Hollingsworth a Medal and framed Certificate of Academic Excellence for his dependability, good character, and adherence to military discipline, and a patriotic understanding of the importance of the Reserve Officer Training Corps during award ceremonies.







Past Department Commander Jim Groven presented Cadet Cody Wren a Medal and framed Certificate of Academic Excellence for his dependability, good character, and adherence to military discipline, and a patriotic understanding of the importance of the Reserve Officer Training Corps during award ceremonies.

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#### Calendar Events/Holidays:

- 09/18/2019 U.S. Air Force Birthday
- 09/20/2019 POW-MIA Recognition Day
- 09/25/2019 Gold Star Mother's Day
- 10/10/2019 World Mental Health Day
- 10/13/2019 U.S. Navy Birthday
- 10/14/2019 Columbus Day (observed)
- 11/10/2019 U.S. Marine Corps Birthday
- 11/11/2019 Veterans Day
- 11/28/2019 Thanksgiving Day
- 12/07/2019 Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
- 12/13/2019 U.S. National Guard Birthday
- 12/24/2019 Christmas Eve



12/25/2019 Christmas Day

12/31/2019 New Year's Eve

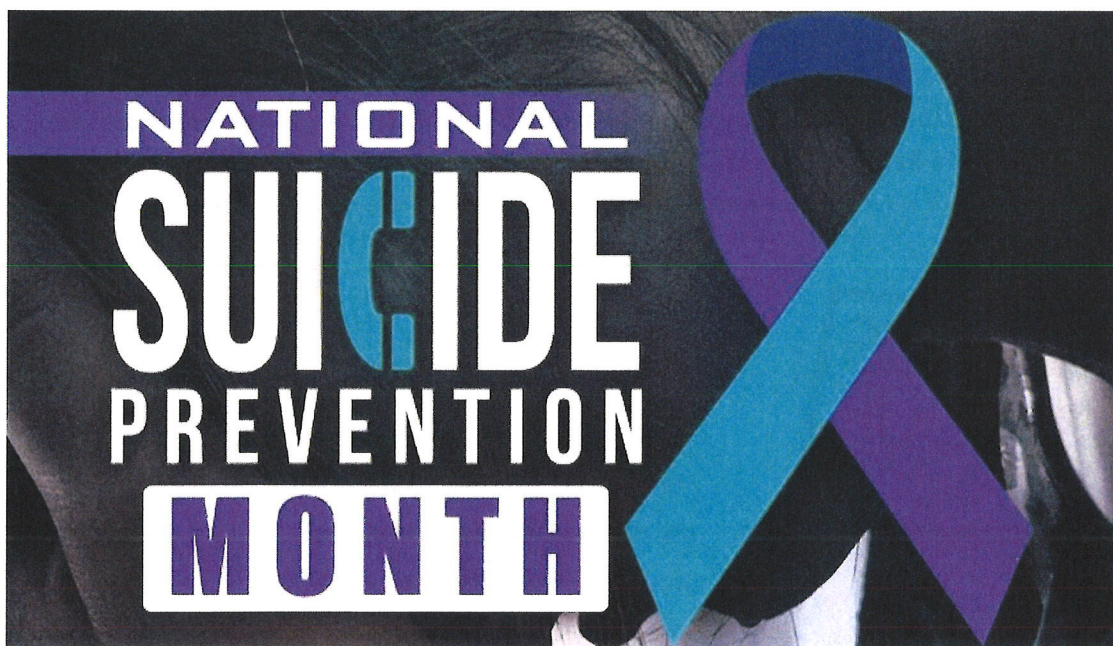
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## A Veteran is Alive Today Because He Chose VA

It's not often that we talk about suicide in terms of lives saved, but yesterday, our VA team at the VA Northeast Ohio Healthcare System saved a Veteran. He presented to his medical appointment for treatment just like any other day and during a casual conversation with a VA team member, he started to share his plan for ending his life. He had lost hope and didn't feel he had anything more to offer.

Please read more from the article by clicking the following link: <https://vaww.insider.va.gov/a-veteran-is-alive-today-because-he-chose-va/>



### **Resources:**

[https://www.mentalhealth.va.gov/suicide\\_prevention/index.asp](https://www.mentalhealth.va.gov/suicide_prevention/index.asp)

[https://www.mentalhealth.va.gov/suicide\\_prevention/resources.asp](https://www.mentalhealth.va.gov/suicide_prevention/resources.asp)

<https://www.veteranscrisisline.net/get-help/chat>



**Grant available for ND Veterans with PTSD**

North Dakota Veterans suffering from [Post Traumatic Stress Disorder \(PTSD\)](#) may now apply for a grant which may provide them with a specially trained Service Dog. These service dogs are trained right here in North Dakota to assist Veterans who suffer from PTSD. The dogs provide the special needs of the veteran they are to serve whether it is calming anxiety attacks, providing comfort and assurance in public settings or waking a veteran from a nightmare. PTSD service dogs have proven to greatly assist Veterans in returning to a more normal life and reintegrating back into their community. Service Dogs for America has several of these highly trained service dogs ready to be placed with a veteran in need.

To meet the minimum qualifications for a PTSD service dog the Veteran must be a North Dakota resident, have a diagnosis of PTSD, be engaged in counseling or therapy and have a doctor's recommendation for a PTSD Service Dog. All qualified Veterans are urged to apply. The grant is made possible by the 63rd ND Legislative Assembly and private donors.

To learn more or to submit an application, visit [Service Dogs for America](#), download the [Preliminary Application](#), [view the brochure](#), or contact our offices at 701-685-2242 or [info@servicedogsforamerica.org](mailto:info@servicedogsforamerica.org)

<http://nd.gov/veterans/>

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Minot DAV Chapter 4 Members and Friends at Commander John Lyon's Funeral.

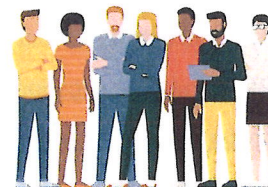
Pictured from left to right: Gene Potter, Dave Holliday, Dale Braun, Isaac Carter, Ron Garcia, Joe Hall, Paul Engeldinger, Keli Berglund, Rod Druse, Jim Davenport, Doug Benjamin, Richard Reuer, Paul Simonson, Dave Van Lith and Mike Nelson. In attendance but not in photo are John's friends and fellow DAV members, Frank Bice and Skip Gjerde. John will be missed. May he rest in peace.

A video of the Flag Folding Ceremony portion of the funeral has been placed on You Tube.

Query: John Lyon Funeral.



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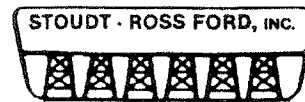
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