

## James's Corner



### REMEMBER

YOUR  
EDUCATIONAL  
BENEFITS  
HOTLINE

1-888-442-4551

Students,

I want to thank the majority of you who remember to keep our office in the loop when you make enrollment changes. That information is critical in ensuring the VA pays you appropriately, and it reduces the risk of overpayment. There are still a handful of students not doing reporting their changes. I want to remind you that the Student Agreement you signed when you first began using your benefit states this as one of your 2 responsibilities each term (the other being the requirement to complete a semester worksheet to utilize your benefit each term).

Looking ahead, finals are around the corner, so stay focused! Also, start considering if you will be taking courses during the summer term as it is fast approaching.

Respectfully,

*James Tucci*  
*Veterans School Certifying Official*

Please email me at [james.tucci@minotstateu.edu](mailto:james.tucci@minotstateu.edu) if you make any changes to your class schedule — this includes adding or dropping classes or completely withdrawing. It is very important that I get this information to the VA as soon as possible.

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**OFFICE HOURS**  
**8 A.M. – 4:30 P.M.**

**Military Resource Center**  
**Minot State University**  
**500 University Ave W**  
**Minot, ND 58707**  
**701-858-4003 / 1-800-777-0750**

**[MinotStateU.edu](http://MinotStateU.edu)**

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Affairs (VA).**

**Be seen. Be heard. Belong.**



Governor's Challenge to  
Prevent Suicide Among SMVF  
**North Dakota**

# Understanding Veterans and the Military for Community Providers

**Free Professional Development**



Wednesday

**April 23, 2025**

8 A.M. TO 4:30 P.M.



**Raymond James Bohn Armory**  
4200 Miriam Avenue  
Bismarck, North Dakota

Click or  
scan to  
register

[www.ndcares.nd.gov](http://www.ndcares.nd.gov)  
[mgauvinpanos@nd.gov](mailto:mgauvinpanos@nd.gov)



## Agenda Covers:

- ☒ Military Culture
- ☒ Lethal Means Safety
- ☒ VA and Community Resources
- ☒ Justice Involved Veterans
- ☒ VA Benefits 101

## Free CEUs for:

- ☒ ND Board of Social Work
- ☒ ND Board of Counselors
- ☒ ND POST
- ☒ ND Peer Support





Legal Services of North Dakota's

## Free Legal Help for Veterans

*This particular program assists veterans of all branches of the United States Armed Forces who are homeless or in danger of homelessness with a wide variety of legal issues.*

### CASES WE SERVE

**VA Benefits**

**Divorce & Family Law**

**Employment Law**

**Consumer Law**

**Bankruptcy**

**Foreclosure**

**Housing**

**Landlord & Tenant**

**Expunction & Nondisclosure**

**Other Legal Issues**

### Who Do I Contact With Additional Questions?

Seniors 60 and over Call:

**1-866-621-9886**

Others Call:

**1-800-634-5263**

DISCLAIMER: This information is not legal advice. If you have a legal problem, you should talk to a lawyer and ask for advice about your options.

Legal Services of North Dakota does not accept new applications via e-mail, fax, or voice mail directly to a staff person.



*What are the eligibility requirements?*

To receive assistance, you must show proof of your veteran status with one of the following:

- DD-214
- Department of Veteran's Affairs ID
- Department of Defense Department ID
- Driver's license designating Veteran status

You must also have been discharged or released under conditions other than dishonorable.

There are no income or asset limits or thresholds to receive these services.

You may apply for legal services by completing our online website application.

Visit our website at **LSND.org**



## From the Director

I hope everyone enjoyed Spring Break. Please take your time and read through our newsletter to find out more about the latest events as well as summer and fall registration.

We would like to express our appreciation for our active duty, National Guard, Reserve, veteran, spouse, and dependent military service members.

The Military Resource Center continues to serve our military educational benefited students. Please continue to provide suggestions about how we can improve our current practices. We appreciate the feedback, as it allows us to better serve your needs as you work to accomplish your academic goals!

*Andy Heitkamp*  
*Military Resource Center Director*

## Activities Attended

### March

- 4 DoD VolEd ICP training
- 4 SAA Veteran Affairs Military Advisory meeting
- 4 MSU Education Fair
- 5 MSU Career Expo
- 5 Safe Communities Meeting
- 5 DAV meeting
- 5 BIT meeting
- 6 MAC meeting
- 10 Student Affairs meeting
- 10-14 Spring break
- 11 Student Affairs meeting
- 20 Student Affairs meeting
- 21 Trauma Informed Care Symposium
- 24 Dr. Shaun Tyrance Mental Health presentation
- 25 Financial Future workshop
- 27 Economic Stability for Service Members workshop
- 29 Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans day program

## Video games relieve stress, foster fun and camaraderie for Veterans



[https://news.va.gov/116797/video-games-relieve-stress-foster-fun-veterans/?utm\\_source=feature&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=VetResources&utm\\_id=20MAR2024](https://news.va.gov/116797/video-games-relieve-stress-foster-fun-veterans/?utm_source=feature&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=VetResources&utm_id=20MAR2024)

### Live Esports tournaments for Veterans [Warrior GMR Foundation](#)

**24/7 Veteran gaming community**  
REGIMENT Gaming is a military gaming community that focuses on uniting military service members and Veterans through the power of gaming. REGIMENT has nearly 20,000 members and has raised over \$100,000 for Veteran non-profit organizations.

Click [here](#) to join the REGIMENT Gaming community and sign up for its Discord channel.



Check out the Minot State Veterans Service Center Facebook page and give it a thumbs up to stay current with events.

[www.facebook.com/MinotStateVeterans](https://www.facebook.com/MinotStateVeterans)



# Free Car Seat Checks

## hosted by the Minot Fire Department



### Is your car seat:

Right for your child?  
Properly installed?  
In safe condition?  
Recalled or expired?

#### Minot Car Seat Coalition:

First District Health Unit  
Minot Fire Department  
Trinity Health  
Community Partners

### 2025 Car Seat Check Schedule

January 7 2-5 p.m.	March 21 11 a.m.-2 p.m.	June 3 2-5 p.m.	August 22 11 a.m.-2 p.m.	November 4 2-5 p.m.
January 24 11 a.m.-2 p.m.	April 1 2-5 p.m.	June 20 11 a.m.-2 p.m.	September 2 2-5 p.m.	November 21 11 a.m.-2 p.m.
February 4 2-5 p.m.	April 25 11 a.m.-2 p.m.	July 1 2-5 p.m.	September 19 11 a.m.-2 p.m.	December 2 2-5 p.m.
February 21 11 a.m.-2 p.m.	May 6 2-5 p.m.	July 25 11 a.m.-2 p.m.	October 7 2-5 p.m.	December 19 11 a.m.-2 p.m.
March 4 2-5 p.m.	May 23 11 a.m.-2 p.m.	August 5 2-5 p.m.	October 24 11 a.m.-2 p.m.	

• Appointments preferred not required, to make an appointment call First District Health Unit at 701-837-5195.  
If leaving a message please leave the following information: number of seats to be checked, make and model of vehicle, ages of child(ren), brand and model of car seat and preferred time of check on scheduled date.

All car seat checks will be located at  
Minot Fire Station Number 1  
2111 10th St SW, Minot  
Enter in the north garage doors

Please allow 45 minutes/seat.  
Questions? Please call First District Health Unit at  
701-837-5195.  
Donations gratefully accepted.





## **Medora Musical 2025 - VETERAN APPRECIATION July 13<sup>th</sup> 2025**

Free admission for all current and former military members!

<https://medora.com/medoramusical/>



### **2025 Feb Minot State University Campus Resource Fair**



<https://bradyoberglegacyfoundation.org/events/>

We provide combat veterans with outdoor, recreational retreats that allow them to have fun while unburdening their hearts and minds as only they can do, together.

#### **Upcoming events and retreats**

April 5, 2025 - McCollum's Hunting Preserve (Bejou, MN) - 9:00 a.m.

June 17-19, 2025 - Sportsman's Lodge, Lake of the Woods

June 20, 2025 Brady Oberg Legacy Annual Golf Tournament

- Forest Hills Golf Course - 9:00 a.m.

## Important Dates

### Academic

#### April

- 1 FAFSA for 2025-26 year available
- 8 FAFSA priority deadline
- 11 Last day to drop a 16-week course
- 18 Good Friday — University closed
- 21 Easter Break — no classes
- 15 FAFSA priority deadline
- 24 Last day to drop second eight-week courses
- 25-26 Spring Honor Dance and Powwow

### US Armed Forces Dates

#### April

- 1 US Air Force Academy Day
- 5 Gold Star Spouses Day
- 14 Air Force Reserve Birthday
- 15 Purple Up! For Military Kids Day
- 20 Easter Sunday
- 21 Patriot's Day
- 23 Army Reserve Birthday
- 30 National Military Brats Day

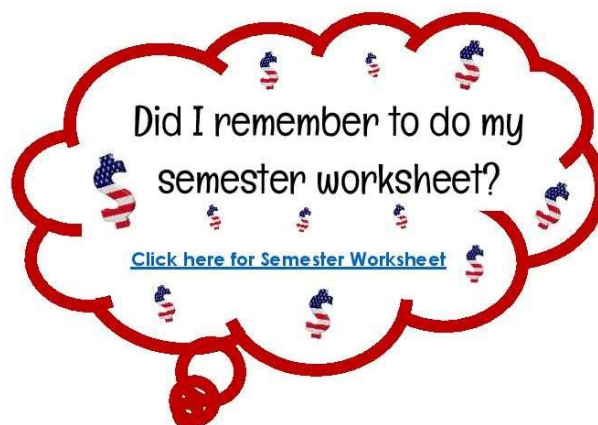
#### April is...

Month of Military Child

Distracted Driving Awareness Month

Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM)

National Public Health Week 7-13 April



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#### Free Educational and Career Counseling

If you're eligible for VA education benefits, then you're also eligible for Personalized Career Planning and Guidance, a free benefit that provides:

- Career counseling to help you decide which civilian or military jobs you want
- Educational counseling to help you find a training program or field of study
- Academic and adjustment counseling to help you address issues or barriers that get in the way of your success
- Resume support and goal planning

You can use this benefit more than once. Visit our website link below to apply!

[\(https://www.va.gov/careers-employment/education-and-career-counseling/\)](https://www.va.gov/careers-employment/education-and-career-counseling/)

**Tuesday, April 15 2025**

## **Purple Up Day at Minot State University**

Purple signifies support for all branches of the U.S. Armed Force through the combination of their colors.



PAST PHOTO of PURPLE-UP SHOW OF SUPPORT at Minot State University!



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### **Understanding Your Award Letter**


#### **What Does My Award Letter Mean?**

Not sure how to read your award letter? Below is a link to the step-by-step guide to help you understand each section.


<https://benefits.va.gov/gibill/understandingyourawardletter.asp>





## 4 April - PROCLAMATION DAY 2025



PROCLAMATION DAY  
AT THE CAPITOL



Register  
Today:



Friday APR. 4th  
Time: 12:00pm

**HONORING  
OUR MILITARY  
YOUTH**

Program Includes:  
Capitol & Museum  
tours, Proclamation  
Signing, Military  
Child Recognition,  
& more!

Heritage Center: 701-328-2666  
For more info contact: [megan.r.leach3.ctr@army.mil](mailto:megan.r.leach3.ctr@army.mil)  
[randy.j.mangum.ctr@army.mil](mailto:randy.j.mangum.ctr@army.mil) 701-333-3816

### PRIORITY FINANCIAL AID DEADLINE - FAFSA Priority deadline April 15

The FAFSA Priority deadline for Minot State is April 15. The 2025-2026 FAFSA, Free Application for Federal Student Aid is available at [studentaid.gov](https://studentaid.gov). The FAFSA is a free application that must be completed each academic year and is used to determine what federal aid you are eligible to receive. The 2025-2026 FAFSA is for the Fall 2025, Spring 2026, and Summer 2026 semesters. To complete the application, you will need:

- your StudentAid.gov username and password
  - 2023 income tax information
- current balances of your assets and investments
  - records of child support received
  - your contributor information
  - MSU School Code: 002994

A contributor refers to anyone (you, your spouse, biological parents or adoptive parents, or your parent's spouse) who is required to provide information on the FAFSA form. A contributor is invited to the student's

FAFSA by email. You will need the contributor's:

- first and last name
- social security number
  - date of birth
- email address

To maximize your financial aid eligibility, submit your FAFSA by April 8 to meet the MSU April 15 priority deadline. FAFSA's filed after April 15 will still be accepted, but your eligibility may be limited to the Federal Pell Grant and Federal Student Loans. For questions, contact the MSU Financial Aid Office by EMAIL ("[financialaid@minotstateu.edu](mailto:financialaid@minotstateu.edu)" [financialaid@minotstateu.edu](mailto:financialaid@minotstateu.edu)) or 701-858-3375. They are available from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Monday – Friday, to assist you with any financial aid questions. Their office is located on the second floor of the MSU Administrative building and no appointment is needed.



# **PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE**

## **ASSISTED LIVING AND NURSING HOME CARE OPTIONS**

Join the Fargo VA Social Workers to learn more about the types of Senior Housing available, how to identify when more assistance is needed and how to prepare for these changes.

### **Other topics included:**

- Resources for Aging in Place
- State Veterans Homes and eligibility
- Different Levels of Care
- VA programs
- Finding the appropriate facility
- Documents to have on hand

### **ALL ATTENDEES MUST REGISTER**

To register call or email Vickie Ness  
701-239-3700 ext 3561  
[vickie.ness@va.gov](mailto:vickie.ness@va.gov)

### **LOCATED AT FARGO VA**

**FEBURARY 19, 2025**

TIME: 1:30-3:30

1D-42

(PRIMARY CARE CHECK IN)

**MARCH 19, 2025**

TIME: 1:30-3:30

1D-42

(PRIMARY CARE CHECK IN)

**APRIL 23, 2025**

TIME: 1:30-3:30

1D-42

(PRIMARY CARE CHECK IN)

### **ALL ATTENDEES MUST REGISTER**

To register call or email Vickie Ness  
701-239-3700 ext 3561  
[vickie.ness@va.gov](mailto:vickie.ness@va.gov)

# NORTH CENTRAL SPRING JOB FAIR APRIL 10TH, 2025

## JOIN US!

Job Service North Dakota and Hometown Radio Group are hosting the North Central Spring Job Fair! Wednesday, April 10th from 4 pm to 6 pm at the Minot Municipal Auditorium.

**TIME:**

4:00 PM - 6:00 PM

**WHEN:**

THURSDAY, APRIL 10, 2025

**WHERE:**

MINOT MUNICIPAL AUDITORIUM  
420 3RD AVE SW



Free Admission



Networking Opportunities



Face-to-Face Interaction

[JOBSND.COM/JOBFAIR](https://JOBSND.COM/JOBFAIR)

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**Dakota** | Job Service  
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**SUNDAY**  
[www.HometownRadioGroup.com](http://www.HometownRadioGroup.com)





# Student Loans, Forgiveness

US Department of Education site  
<https://www2.ed.gov/fund/grants-college.html?src=image>

**For Members of the U.S. Armed Forces**

★

What you need to know about your federal student loan benefits

**Federal Student Aid**  
AN OFFICE OF THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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## Thank you for your service

As America's servicemen and servicewomen, you've always been there for us when we needed you. The Department of Education and your student loan servicers appreciate the sacrifices you make for our country and we want to be there for you, too. Our teams of dedicated customer-care representatives can help you access benefits available on your loans, review repayment options, and help you create a plan to manage your student loans while you are far from home.

## Student Loan Benefits for Members of the Armed Forces

In acknowledgement of your service to our country, there are special student loan benefits and repayment options available from the U.S. Department of Education (ED) and the U.S. Department of Defense (DOD). This brochure provides an overview of these benefits and options. Contact your student loan servicer for additional information, including eligibility information and required documentation.

Benefit	Description	Loan and Service Eligibility	Documentation Requirements
<b>Servicemembers Civil Relief Act (SCRA) Interest Rate Cap</b>	Interest on student loans originated prior to your military service is capped at 6% during periods of active duty.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Federal and private loans.</li><li>Loans disbursed prior to active duty start date.</li><li>For federal loans, the earliest benefit effective date is August 14, 2006, and active duty periods that fall on or after that date may qualify.</li><li>If you consolidate your federal loans after your active duty start date, your consolidation loan may not be eligible for the benefit.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Your student loan servicer will proactively check an authorized military database*, and if you are listed as being in active duty status the servicer will automatically apply the benefit to eligible loans. If your military orders indicate a different active duty start date, you may submit a copy, and the benefit start date will reflect the earlier active duty start date.</li><li>You also may initiate the benefit by submitting a copy of your orders.</li></ul>
<b>Military Service Deferment</b>	You can postpone loan repayment during certain periods of active duty and immediately following active duty.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Federal and some private loans.</li><li>Generally offered for active duty military service during a war, other military operation, or national emergency.</li><li>Assigned to a duty station other than your normal station.</li><li>Generally, periods of training or attending service school are not eligible for deferment.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Completed Military Service and Post-Active Duty Student Deferment Request form, or</li><li>Written statement from commanding/ personnel officer along with completed borrower section of deferment form; or</li><li>Copy of military orders along with completed borrower section of deferment form; or</li><li>Verbal request from you or your representative if documentation cannot be submitted, for the initial twelve-month period for federal loans.</li></ul>
<b>Deferments After Active Duty</b>	You can postpone repayment while you prepare to return to school following your active duty.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Federal and some private loans.</li><li>Following service during a war, other military operation, or national emergency.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Military Service and Post-Active Duty Student Deferment Request form; or</li><li>Written statement from commanding/ personnel officer along with completed borrower section of deferment form; or</li><li>Copy of military orders.</li></ul>
<b>Public Service Loan Forgiveness</b>	You may qualify for forgiveness of the remaining balance of your Federal Direct Loans.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Federal Direct Loans only.</li><li>Employed full-time at a qualifying government or nonprofit public service organization, including military service.</li><li>Make 120 on-time qualifying payments after October 1, 2007 while in a qualifying income-driven or 10 year standard repayment plan.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Submit an Employment Certification Form to determine eligibility.</li></ul>

\*Federal loan servicers and many private loan servicers complete this proactive match. Contact your loan servicer for eligibility questions or for more information.

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Benefit	Description	Loan and Service Eligibility	Documentation Requirements
<b>0% Interest</b>	While you are serving in a hostile area that qualifies you for special pay, you do not have to pay interest for up to 60 months.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Federal Direct Loans made on or after October 1, 2008.</li><li>The portion of a Direct Consolidation Loan that represents loans made on or after October 1, 2008.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Proof of deployment in a hostile area, including:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A certifying official's statement and signature; or</li><li>Military orders showing you're serving in a hostile area; or</li><li>A Leave and Earnings Statement showing you're receiving hostile or imminent danger pay.</li></ul></li></ul>
<b>Income-Driven Repayment Plans</b>	Repayment plans that base your monthly payment on your income are available for federal student loans. Under these plans, you may qualify for a low or zero payment amount with the possibility of forgiveness of the remaining balance in 20-25 years.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Eligibility is based on your income and varies with the loan type and date the loan was made. Contact your student loan servicer to determine your eligibility.</li><li>Private loans are not eligible for these plans; contact your loan servicer for available options.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Income-Driven Repayment Plan Request form and documentation of income.</li></ul>
<b>HEROES Act Waiver</b>	While you are on active duty, ED waives many of the documentation requirements attached to federal student loan benefits. For example, if you are on an income-driven repayment plan and military service prevents you from providing updated information on your family size and income, you can request to have your monthly payment amount maintained.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Federal loans.</li><li>Active duty military service during a war, other military operation, or national emergency.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Military orders.</li><li>Your student loan servicer will proactively apply a waiver if they have information that you are actively serving in the military and qualify for the waiver.</li></ul>
<b>Department of Defense (DOD) Repayment of Your Loans</b>	In certain circumstances, as determined by the DOD, all or a portion of your student loans may be repaid by the DOD.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Varies based on branch of military.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Contact your designated Military Personnel Officer or representative for application process details.</li></ul>
<b>Veterans Total and Permanent Disability Discharge</b>	If you have a service-connected disability, you may qualify for discharge of your student loans.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Federal and some private loans.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Documentation from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs verifying that you have a service-connected disability; and</li><li>Total and Permanent Disability Request form.</li></ul>

## Helpful tips for active duty or if you are deployed

- Consider granting power of attorney to an individual you trust to allow him or her to manage your financial matters, including your student loans. The person to whom you give power of attorney can sign documents and act on your behalf. The legal assistance office on your military base can assist with establishing a power of attorney. As an alternative, you can provide your servicer with the name of the person you approve to receive information about your loan.
- Establish an account on your servicer's website, which will allow you to view information about your student loan and make payments online.
- Provide your servicer with your current contact information, including an e-mail address, to ease communication.
- Make interest payments, even if you have military deferment available to you. This will keep your balance from increasing and could save you money in the long run.
- Review your repayment options. Repayment plans based on your income may provide a better outcome for federal student loans, as you may qualify for a loan payment and loan forgiveness.
- Sign up for automatic payments to help keep your loan in good standing.
- Place an active duty alert on your credit report to reduce the risk that you'll become a victim of identity theft. When a business sees an active duty alert on your credit report, it must verify your identity before issuing credit. You may designate a personal representative (a spouse or another trusted person) who can act on your behalf to verify your identity or remove your active duty alert, if needed.

## Useful student loan resources

Resource	Description
<b>Federal Student Aid</b> <a href="http://StudentAid.gov/military">StudentAid.gov/military</a> <a href="http://StudentAid.gov">StudentAid.gov</a> 1-800-4-FED-AID	Learn more about government and nonprofit organizations that offer money for college to veterans, future military personnel, active duty personnel, or those related to veterans or active duty personnel. If you have federal student loans, you can learn about repayment plans, deferment and forbearance, and other options to help you repay your loans.
<b>National Student Loan Data System (NSLDS)</b> <a href="http://NSLDS.ed.gov">NSLDS.ed.gov</a>	Find out who is servicing your federal loans with NSLDS's comprehensive database.
<b>DOD and VA Military Information Programs</b> <a href="http://MilitaryOneSource.mil/">MilitaryOneSource.mil/</a> <a href="http://TodayMilitary.com/living/paying-for-college">TodayMilitary.com/living/paying-for-college</a> <a href="http://Benefits.va.gov/benefits">Benefits.va.gov/benefits</a>	Information and resources for servicemembers and their families including information on veterans benefits and paying for college.
<b>Servicemembers Civil Relief Act (SCRA)</b> <a href="http://DMDC.osd.mil/appscra/">DMDC.osd.mil/appscra/</a>	Get more information about the benefits available through SCRA.
<b>Equifax</b> • <a href="http://Equifax.com">Equifax.com</a> <b>Experian</b> • <a href="http://Experian.com">Experian.com</a> <b>TransUnion</b> • <a href="http://TransUnion.com">TransUnion.com</a>	These are nationwide consumer reporting agencies where you can place an active duty alert on your credit report. Simply enter "active duty alert" in the website search box for forms and contact information.
<b>Veterans Disability Discharge Program</b> <a href="http://DisabilityDischarge.com">DisabilityDischarge.com</a>	Get more information on loan discharge for disabled veterans.

US Armed Forces members and federal student loan benefits  
<https://studentaid.gov/sites/default/files/military-student-loan-benefits.pdf>

# 38<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL PRAIRIE WARRIOR AUCTION



## DONATIONS

NOW ACCEPTING  
DONATIONS! CONTACT  
THE MACEDC OFFICE FOR  
DETAILS ON HOW YOU  
CAN HELP OUT.



## SAVE THE DATE

THURSDAY, APRIL 24  
DOORS OPEN 4:30PM  
EVENT STARTS 5:30PM  
THE ND STATE FAIR  
CENTER!



## JOIN US!

THIS EVENT IS OPEN TO  
THE PUBLIC FEATURING A  
LIVE & SILENT AUCTION,  
BUFFET, DRINKS, GAMES  
AND MORE!



SCAN HERE OR VISIT THE CALENDAR  
AT [MINOTCHAMBEREDC.COM](http://MINOTCHAMBEREDC.COM) FOR  
MORE INFORMATION!

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CHAMBER EDC

**HELP SUPPORT TEAM MINOT  
AT MINOT AIR FORCE BASE!**



The North Dakota National Guard Child & Youth Program supports the social, emotional, and academic needs of military children and youth through events, resources, and training.



 **child & youth program**  
north dakota national guard

# MILITARY FISH CAMP

**JUNE 8-12**  
**Camp of the Cross**  
**Garrison, ND**  
**Ages 8-15**


Accepting applications until 04/19/25



**For more information, contact your CYS Team:**  
**Megan Leach - 701-333-3822**  
**megan.r.leach3.ctr@army.mil**  
**Randy Mangum - 701-333-3816**  
**randy.j.mangum.ctr@army.mil**

**Message us on our Facebook Page - North Dakota National Guard Youth**

**ND Army National Guard kids ages 8-15**  
**10 spots for Retired, Air Guard, & Gold Star kids**

Camp sign up is open.

North Dakota National Guard's Military Fish camp is June 8-12 for ages 8-15. If you have a 16-17 year old interested in helping as a Jr. Squad Leader, please reach out!



**April 7 to 13**

**National Public Health Week 2025**

The theme for NPHW 2025 is "It Starts Here," and it aims to bring together public health workers, students, organizations, and leaders for a weeklong celebration of public health.





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## WELCOME HOME!!



Vietnam Veterans Day 2025 March at Minot Auditorium

### Program

#### Vietnam Veterans Day Celebration *The Parade that Never Happened*

11:50 a.m. Call To Seats

**Welcome.....**Jim Davenport, Air Force, Nha Trang

**Posting of the Colors (Please Stand)**

**Pledge of Allegiance (Please Stand)**

**National Anthem.....**Larry Schoenwald  
Marble Mountain Army Air Field, Da Nang

**Missing Man Table Arrangement**

#### Introduction of Guests

Vice Admiral Mike Miller, Ret, USN  
Deputy Commander: 5th Bomb Wing Minot AFB Col. Dan Jensen  
Commander: 91st Missile Wing, Minot AFB, Col. James (Jimmy) Schlabach  
Mayor of Minot, Tom Ross

#### Special Thank you

Disabled American Veterans, Minot Chapter 4  
Veterans of Foreign Wars, Minot Post 753  
Kenmare Veterans Club, Kenmare  
Ryan Automotive Group, Minot  
Dakota Agronomy Partners

**Invocation.....**Louis McCleod, Air Force, Phan Rang

**Meal Served**

#### Order of Serving

Vice Admiral Miller and Special Guests  
Gold Star Families  
Purple Heart Recipients  
All Others

**Acknowledgement of Gold Star Families.....**Paul Simonson, Army, Saigon  
Family of Allan Korum, KIA, Mary 1966, Quang Nam  
Family of Wesley Brenno, KIA, March 1967, Quang Nam  
Family of David Kline, KIA, July 1967, Binh Dinh  
Family of Leon Lochthowe, KIA, September 22, 1967, Quang Tri Valley  
Family of George Walker, KIA, August 1968, Thua Thien  
Family of John Joyce, KIA, April 1968, Quang Nam  
Family of Alan Hinzpeter, KIA, September 1971, Thua Thien  
Family of David Berdahl, KIA, January 1972, Quang Tri  
Family of Greg Jacobson, KIA, 1970, Ba Xuyen  
Family of Robert Schmitz, KIA, 1969, Pleiku

**Acknowledgement of Locals Killed In Action (No living family)**  
Moment of Silence for Mia's (1576 still unaccounted for)

**Introduction of Dr. Mark Hildahl**

**Guest Speaker.....**Vice Admiral, Michael Miller, US Navy Retired

**Personal Accounts, "From the Jungle".....**Lt. Foor, 9th Marine Division, I Corp  
Warren Anderson: Tay Ninh  
Mrs. Berdahl, Mother of KIA, David Berdahl

Vicki Soltis, Gold Star Sister of George Walker III, Killed In Action In Vietnam  
Speaking On Behalf Of The Gold Star Families Present Today

**Red, White and Blue.....**Edison Elementary, Do Re Me Choir

**Quilts of Valor.....**Lynn Heald  
Loren Headrick, Army, Bein Hoa  
Wilson Headrick, Army, Di Au/Lai Khe  
Patrick Headrick, Army, Ben Luc/Tan An

**Battlefield Cross.....**Paul Simonson, Army, Saigon  
Jim Davenport, Nha Trang  
Dave Smith, Air Force, Utao, Thailand  
Dave Snyder, Vietnam Era  
Frank Senn, Air Force, Phan Rang

**Taps.....**Wayne Schempp  
Patrick Schwan

#### Special Thanks:

Dakota Agronomy Partners ~ Challenge Coins

#### Veterans:

Bill Dunkel, Army, Del Tang, Vietnam  
Mike Benjamin, Marines, Ras Al Mishab, Desert Storm



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Navy Nurse Candidate Program (NCP)	
PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NCP is a financial assistance program for full-time students enrolled in a CCNE or ACEN-accredited baccalaureate nursing program. Students are commissioned as nurse corps (NC) officers upon completing degree requirements.</li> </ul>
BENEFITS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If accepted to NCP, receive financial incentives during your last two years of nursing school.</li> <li><u>Receive a monthly continuing bonus of \$1,000</u></li> <li>Receive an accession bonus of up to \$20,000</li> <li><u>Receive active duty entitlements and benefits upon accession to the Navy, including</u> job security, competitive pay, housing and food allowance, free medical and dental insurance coverage, paid time-off, training/education opportunities, leadership/advancement opportunities, travel opportunities, and more.</li> </ul>
BASIC ELIGIBILITY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Must be a U.S. citizen</li> <li>Must receive degree and commission before 42<sup>nd</sup> birthday</li> <li>Must be in good physical condition and pass a full medical exam</li> <li>Must have a cumulative GPA of 3.00 or higher</li> <li>Must be enrolled/accepted to a BSN program accredited by ACEN or CCNE</li> <li>Don't wait. Apply early!</li> </ul>
SERVICE OBLIGATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Agree to serve at least 4 years on active duty (full-time) as a commissioned Naval officer and Navy nurse after graduation and NCLEX licensure.</li> <li>NO military obligation while in nursing school</li> </ul>
CONTACT DETAILS	<p>To apply or inquire for more information, contact:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>HMC Victor Peña   📞 (701) 954-9785 (voice/text)   ✉️ <a href="mailto:victor.j.pena4.mil@us.navy.mil">victor.j.pena4.mil@us.navy.mil</a></li> </ul>



HEALTH PROFESSIONS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM (HPSP)	
PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Health Professions Scholarship Program (HPSP) covers 100 percent off your tuition and fees for up to four years of Medical School. Additionally, you will receive a monthly stipend directly from the Navy. The program also reimburses you for all the required books and equipment for your studies. The total value of this program can exceed \$300,000 over a four-year period. Upon graduation, you will join the Navy as a commissioned officer on active duty.</li> </ul>
BENEFITS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>100% Tuition to any accredited (LCME, AOA, or ADA) medical/dental school</li> <li>Books are reimbursable</li> <li>School Expenses such as lab supplies, stethoscope, etc., are reimbursable</li> <li>Health insurance is reimbursable</li> <li>\$20,000 Bonus upon your acceptance</li> <li>Monthly Stipend of \$2,870 to spend as you please</li> <li>Two Match Periods for Residency: 97% receive their first or second pick.</li> </ul> <p>***\$140K+ in your bank account + we pay for tuition, 100%***</p>
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