

There is always something going on at the VA Medical Center in Fargo. In August, there were two winners at the North Dakota Creative Arts Festival who will advance to the 2026 National Creative Arts Festival competition in South Carolina on September 17.

The “Giving Tree” was prominently located in the hospital’s lobby this Christmas season and the project was immensely successful, surpassing other years with a total of over \$20,000 in commonly requested emergent needs items for veterans.

Thank you to the 2026 Gift Shop Committee for their assistance in making this the most successful holiday giving season to date. On December 3, 2025, we served fifty-seven veteran/patients at this year’s Gift Shop. Holiday meals were served at the VAMC-Fargo, North Dakota Veterans Home-Lisbon, and Fargo’s VA Veterans Community Resource & Referral Center (CRRC). Activities for the year at the Fargo VAMC include: National Salute to Veterans Week from February 9-15, Patient Casino Night on March 24, Recognition Banquet on May 7 at the West Fargo VFW, and Vet Fest set for June 17 from 3-7PM.

The VA has a new program/project some might be interested in, or you might know someone who is. Please pass this info along to them. “Project Healing Waters” is a non-profit organization dedicated to the physical and emotional rehabilitation of disabled active military and veterans through fly fishing, rod building, and fly tying. Founded in 2005, the organization provides free, long-term therapeutic programs in 183 nationwide locations to foster recovery, camaraderie, and mental wellness. Classes are open to all VA-enrolled veterans twice a month. Recently, “Sisters on the Rise,” a female-only course is also being offered. To learn more about “Project Healing Waters,” contact the VA CDCE office at (701) 239-3700, extension 3396.

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