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Every year we look forward to gathering for the DAV Department of ND Convention. Given the continued uncertainty around COVID-19, we've made the difficult decision to cancel the 2021 DAV Department of ND Convention. I commend each of you for your efforts in making sure we continue with our mission of empowering veterans to lead high quality lives by making sure they had access to the resources they needed. We will keep you informed of DAV Department of ND Fall Conference

Although we will not meet for our annual convention, I ask all of you stay informed and take action to support federal legislation and policies affecting veterans, their families and survivors by joining the Commander's Action Network at DAVCAN.org.

**Exciting Department News:** 

- Fisher House North Dakota is a go with a goal for ground-breaking the Fall 2021. This 13,400 square foot building will provide 16 suites that will accommodate an estimated 23,000 family members per year.
- I have forwarded a Proclamation request to Governor Burgum regarding our upcoming November 5, 2021 centennial.
- Our adjutant is busy working on email addresses for each chapter as well as web designing for the department.

Remember, if you have a question or need assistance, do not hesitate to call any of our line officers. I look forward to seeing everyone in person, hopefully in time to celebrate our centennial birthday. Until then stay safe and healthy.

Sincerely,

Keli Berglund, Commander Department of North Dakota