

# HONOR FLIGHT

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Da Nang, South Vietnam, where he flew supplies out to the field. He was a volunteer for tunnel-clearing missions, which were one of the more dangerous missions during the war.

One of the memories Reiner shared was that upon his return home, after landing at the Bismarck Airport, he went out to buy some "street clothes" at J.C. Penney. He chose the latest style for the times, which were plaid pants and a yellow shirt to wear home to Beach. Robert "Bob" Schmeling enlisted in the US Army in 1962, taking his basic training at Fort Leonard Wood in Missouri. He then moved to Fort Rucker in Alabama and received additional training in aircraft mechanics. One of his more demanding assignments was serving as a Military Pallbearer. Schmeling

stated, "Being a Military Pallbearer was one of the things I remember most about my years in the military."

He was later stationed at Tinker Air Force Base in Oklahoma.

When asked what they each would take away from the Honor Flight, here is how they each responded:

Reiner said, "It's hard to put into words. It was a whirlwind affair. I can say I have never had any better experience in my life. The visit to Arlington National Cemetery was very sobering."

Schmeling's response was much the same. He also described the trip as very fast-paced. One thing that will stay with him is the visit to the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. "That was also a very solemn moment in our tour."

**The Volunteers**



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**TESSA PORTER** is a volunteer mental health counselor for Honor Flights.

One of the volunteer services provided on the Honor Flights is mental health counseling. On this particular flight, Teresa Porter of Bismarck provided that service. She has an extensive background in mental health counseling as a clinical therapist and she was able to help the honor flight veterans

cope with what can be a traumatic experience for some - reawakening long-buried memories, dealing with PTSD and other issues.

Porter spoke about how she became involved in the Honor Flight program. "I have two sons. One is a Captain in the Army, who graduated from West Point. The other is a Lieutenant in the Marine Corps. So, I was already familiar with the military. When they asked, I said, 'Okay, I can do that.'

"Most of the Veterans on the list were from the Vietnam War. Their situation was very different from, for example, the WWII Vets, because of how they were treated when they returned home from the conflict. They were subjected to many forms of abuse, called 'baby killers' by some, and rejected by society. This led to many dif-

ferent issues with their mental health.

"Many of these men feel guilty about surviving the war when many of their friends didn't come home. It is a struggle for them to return to a sense of normalcy in their civilian lives. Some of the more serious issues came about because of serving in high-conflict areas.

"It is very emotional for many of them. While we were at the Vietnam Memorial, a man, who turned out to be from England, asked, 'Is it always like this?' It is very moving to watch them."

Porter shared how important it is for these veterans to get the help they deserve, both professionally and from their families, friends and community. "They have earned this and so much more for their service."

**The Program**

It should be noted that Western North Dakota Honor Flight is a non-profit organization. Board members and volunteers raise funds to sponsor the flights through grants, private donations and fundraising events.

Their mission states: To transport America's Veterans to Washington, DC to visit those memorials dedicated to honor the service and sacrifices of themselves and their friends.

For more information on upcoming Honor Flights, please contact them by one of these methods:

Website:

westernndhf.org

Email:

info@westernndhf.org

Donations to the organization may also be made on the website or mailed to them at:

Western North Dakota Honor Flight  
PO Box 265  
Bismarck, ND 58501.

## FBLA to host Mouse House A Christmas shopping experience for children

By Carol Bartz  
FBLA Advisor

On Saturday, Dec. 6 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., the Beach Community Center will become a festive shopping destination for the annual Mouse House event. Organized by the Beach High School Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA), this event allows local children to start the holiday season with style.

FBLA members will help children choose thoughtful presents for their family, friends and teachers, promoting the joy of giving. This

cherished community event not only enhances the holiday spirit but also encourages young shoppers to experience the pleasure of giving, with the guidance of supportive high school mentors. Once shopping is done, gifts will be wrapped and labeled, ready for children to take home and place under the tree, ensuring a delightful surprise for their loved ones.

Flyers will be handed out to students at Lincoln, Golva, Medora and Wibaux Elementary Schools, inviting children from

preschool through eighth grade to join the festive shopping event at the Mouse House. The available gifts are donated by the community, neatly arranged in rows, with prices ranging from 50¢ to \$5.00. Upon arrival, parents will register their children, and FBLA students will help with the shopping process while parents relax in a designated waiting area. Once the gifts are wrapped and paid for, families can leave with their surprises!

The FBLA members extend their sincere appreciation for the community's generous donations and the volunteers who have dedicated their time to assist with gift-wrapping, setup and cleanup. Proceeds from the Mouse House will aid the BHS FBLA Chapter, supporting various chapter expenses, including attendance at the Fall, State and

National Leadership Conferences.

We are continually seeking additional donated items to support Mouse House. We welcome new or gently used items such as candles, purses, tote bags, perfume, coffee mugs, knickknacks, hats, gloves, tools and more. We accept a wide range of contributions, excluding clothing. Drop-off boxes are located at City Hall and Beach High School until December 5.

For inquiries or to set up a donation, reach out to Carol Bartz at Beach High School by phone at 701-872-4161 or email carol.bartz@k12.nd.us. We deeply appreciate your support, as each contribution has a meaningful impact!

Join us at the Beach Community Center for a delightful day of holiday shopping and community bonding!

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the following real estate has been forfeited to the County of Golden Valley, State of North Dakota, for delinquent taxes; that said County has taken tax deed to such property and will offer it for sale at public auction at the County Commissioners Room in the Golden Valley County Courthouse on Tuesday, **November 18, 2025**, beginning at **10:00 a.m., MST**.

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