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City of Fargo is First Donor for New NDDFS Military Scholarship Fund

BISMARCK – **December 30, 2010** - The city of Fargo recently honored its military members by donating to a new scholarship fund created for military families. The city donated \$1,000 to the North Dakota Dollars for Scholars (NDDFS) Military Scholarship Fund, with funds being reserved for full-time students who are dependents of ND military members.

"In recent years North Dakota military members have been activated at one of the highest rates per capita in the nation," said retired Col. Tom Kenville of West Fargo. "These members and their families have made significant sacrifices for the good of our state and country, and this fund has been developed to honor our dedicated servicemen and women and their families."

"The city of Fargo appreciates and values the distinguished efforts of our military families," said Pat Zavoral on behalf of the City of Fargo. "Contributing now to the NDDFS Military Scholarship Fund is one way for us to give back to them."

For 2011, the fund will provide a minimum of ten \$1,000 scholarships. More will be provided as donations are received. The criteria for selection for the award include:

- Applicant must have a 2.5 GPA or higher and be a full time student
- Applicant must be the dependent of a member of a North Dakota military unit/installation
- Applicant must be a graduate of or currently live in a Dollars for Scholars community

General military awards will be given in 2011 and additional awards will be created as donations allow for special preference to be given to those dependents who have parents that have been deployed overseas, injured or killed in action.

By working through NDDFS, every dollar contributed to the Military Scholarship Fund will become a scholarship dollar. Donors receive a tax benefit as well because NDDFS is a 501(c)(3) organization.

"Bank of North Dakota supports the administration of NDDFS efforts in conjunction with the NDDFS Governing Board who are all volunteers," explained Chuck Stroup, NDDFS Board Chair. "Because of this arrangement, all dollars donated to this and other scholarship funds are strictly reserved for scholarships, meaning more awards to more North Dakota students. We are proud to honor our military families in this new partnership with the North Dakota military units and leaders."

To learn more about or to donate to the Military Scholarship Fund visit www.nddfs.org, or contact NDDFS State Director Lori Sayler at 1-888-592-8540

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