# VFW SPORTS CENTER EXPANSION & RENOVATION PROJECT

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## VFW Sports Center, 1200 N. Washington St.

Owned and managed by Bismarck Parks and Recreation District





#### **FACILITY ENHANCEMENTS**

- New First International Bank & Trust Arena with fan seating for 310
- Renovated H.A. Thompson & Sons Arena
- New second lobby and concession area
- Additional larger locker rooms for entire facility, 15 in total
- New multipurpose space for training, meetings and parties
- New rooms for sports medicine and officials
- Additional restrooms
- New office and storage space
- More parking

#### **PROJECT COSTS**

- Expanded and renovated facility: \$16,600,000
- Partner contributions and Raise the Rink campaign donations: \$6,173,500

### **VFW SPORTS CENTER HISTORY**

Built in 1986, Rink #1 opened in the VFW All Seasons Arena. It remains Bismarck's premier hockey competition rink with almost 1,300 seats and is home to the Bismarck Bobcats junior hockey team, along with high school and youth hockey and figure skating. The curling rink opened the same year.

Rink #2 with seating for 305 was added to the facility in 1999, along with ice and golf enhancements. The facility was renamed the VFW Sports Center.

The VFW Sports Center is part of the greater Tom O'Leary Complex, which includes the Tom O'Leary Tennis Courts, Tom O'Leary Golf Course, Sam McQuade Sr. Softball Complex, Municipal Country Club, Bismarck Rotary Arboretum, and 2.4-mile multi-use trail.

