



The Hearl Herald



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Post



2023 - 24

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COMMANDERS CORNER

I hope everyone had a good Easter. The Birthday/membership lunch went well. We had a good turnout, and thank you to everyone who attended.

If you have not sent in your membership renewal, please send it in and help us meet our goals. I am also reminding everyone that you can go online and renew your membership for the next three years at the current rate. Membership will increase by ten dollars next year. If you need help getting online to pay your three-year membership, please call Tim Haugen or myself to help you with it.

Please remember that if you want to attend the dinner for the National Commander, you must let Tim Haugen know how many in your group. The dinner will cost \$10.

Please check the activities calendar for all of the events happening at our Post. I will need volunteers on April 26th around 430 to help peel potatoes for the dumpling feed on Sunday. You must bring your own peeler.

If it weren't for our outstanding staff and volunteers, we would not be able to have all the events that happen at our Post. Thank you to everyone for making this happen.

Please take care and be safe.

Commander Paul Leeman

MANAGER'S CORNER

Hello Members!!

Mother Nature decided to dump on us one more time, hopefully the last time. Oh well, we've been pretty fortunate to have had the winter thus far. I am just looking forward to an early spring this year, something we haven't had in the last couple of years. March was a good month. We celebrated the Legion's Birthday and Membership Dinner, had a couple of pinochle tournaments, and just a lot of other stuff going on from day to day.

Before I move on, I would like to take a moment to talk about a legend—Steve Timmer. I only got to know Steve in the last few years, but by all accounts, he made a difference in many young baseball players' lives. He will be greatly missed.

April is going to be a very busy month for sure. We start with the last 2 breakfasts for the Legion Riders and Blues Baseball for the season, and the Legion Riders will start up again next fall. The AFJROTC will be having its spring breakfast on the 13th. On April 14th this will be a big day for Post 21 as we will be hosting the National Commander and his entourage for a special dinner and program. The 10th annual Balzum Wing Sling will kick off on the 20th of the month.

MANAGER'S CORNER

This is one of the biggest events that Post 21 hosts throughout the year, and hopefully, this year, we will have awesome weather to help us out. Two fundraising events are scheduled for the Veterans Honor Flight of ND/MN on the last weekend of the month. Saturday is the Masonic Lodge pancake or breakfast from 8 to 1 pm, and Sunday is the Potato Dumpling feed from 11 to 3 pm. So make sure to come down and support all these events in April. Until next time, please keep our troops and veterans in your prayers, and may God bless you and America.

Scott B. Moen, Post 21 Manager



AUXILIARY



2023 - 24

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

April Greetings!

While we did enjoy a brief relief of winter weather during our March Legion activities, it looks as though Minnesota will be up to its tricks this weekend!

A highlight of March is always the Membership dinner, and this year did not disappoint! Even though it happened to fall on St. Patrick's Day, our colors were Red, White, and Blue! The patriotic table runners made by Becky Olson and the patriotic centerpiece spray looked fantastic on the new black linen tablecloths Scott purchased. Every table was set with red napkins and silverware. It was also the 105th Birthday of the American Legion and our Post. The Auxiliary provided cake and cupcakes in honor of this occasion. The American Legion Baseball team members served the lunch and did a fantastic job! The NDSU Air Force ROTC Cadets posted the colors and did the POW-MIA table ceremony, which is always very emotional.

We were excited to have Paul Hassing, the Department of MN Commander, and Sharon Cross, the Department of MN Auxiliary President, as special guests. Each was awarded a \$250 check from the Post for their special projects. Their projects are truly meaningful, and we are proud that our Post Gaming was able to contribute to this cause.

Three of our Auxiliary members were awarded Certificates of Appreciation for Continuous Years of Service.

Pat Frazee - 50 Years of Service

Mavis Schobinger - 60 Years of Service

Jan Burnside - 65 Years of Service

We thank all the Auxiliary members who helped and the entire Legion Family that made this event a success!

April brings more activities, starting with our Auxiliary meeting on April 1st. (not a joke!) Let's finish those poppies, so come early at 5:30! The regular meeting will start at 6:00 pm. The Executive Board recently met and will go over updates from that meeting. Preparations are being made for our big event on April 14th, as the National Commander will be our honored guest. A meal will be served along with a program and music by the 9th District Legion Band. Set your calendars for this special event!! Be sure to check the Legion calendar for all the other events happening this month, including Lowell's retirement party!!!

It's exciting to say that we only have ONE light panel left to sell! What a fantastic fundraiser for our Auxiliary! A big thank you goes out to Marlys Tandsater for her great ideas and guidance in this project! The lights look fantastic, and Super Frog did a superb job with the personalized designs. We hope to have a "Come See Your Light" party as soon as the last one goes up!

Spring has sprung, and so have the Legion Families April events!

Barb Chamberlain Unit 21 Auxiliary President

AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP

We are happy to have another new member this month. Moorhead Unit 21 welcomes Hallie Schobinger as a junior and youngest member of our Unit.

We currently have 12 junior members ranging in age from 2 to 17 and would love to see that number grow. In the past, juniors have participated in numerous projects such as distributing poppies, making valentines to send to our troops overseas and our veterans here at home, making tray favors for patients at the Fargo VAMC and nursing homes, serving at membership dinners and much more. As with everything else, these activities came to a screeching halt during COVID-19, but it would be nice to see our juniors get involved again. Through the years, many have transitioned from junior to senior members and continue to work on projects to support our veterans today.

Annual membership dues for juniors (birth through age 17) are \$10.00. Please consider membership for your daughters and granddaughters today. They are the future of our organization.

Even though it's only April, the end of the Auxiliary year is not far away. Rather than following the calendar year, the Auxiliary year runs from July to July. If your membership card doesn't say 2024, please consider paying your dues soon.

Judy Carpenter, Membership Chairperson, 701-367-6173, jucarpenter@earthlink.net

Spring has sprung





Hello all:

It looks like spring is about to be upon us.

Our last breakfast for the season is April 7, 2024. We would love to see you all and help us raise funds for our area Veterans and kids. Thank you all for the support you have shown throughout the winter months.

We are all excited to get out on the motorcycles and raise money for our Veterans. We got to participate in the Individuals MC motorcycle show in Jamestown. Wayne Hogenson entered his new Harley.

We also participated in the Crusaders MC bike show and won a trophy for club participation. Everyone had a great time.

We are getting close to our spring raffle. Please see a Rider, Kristi, at the gaming window, or, of course, ticket, Jim, to acquire your ticket. You could win a hot tub, motorcycle, and other prizes, while helping your Riders help area Veterans.

As always, Thank you to Post 21 and all your members for helping us achieve our fundraising goals.

Doug Dietrich
FM Legion Rider Director



"GOING TO THE DOGS" RAFFLE
more K-9's for police work

TICKETS		DRAWING
COST \$10		MONDAY
WIN 1 OF 5		JULY 1
GUNS		6:00pm

BALZUM WINGS

SATURDAY - APRIL 20
12pm to 5pm

50/50 RAFFLES
SPORTSMAN RAFFLE
MEAT RAFFLES
SILENT AUCTION

FREE WILL DONATION
SAMPLE WINGS & VOTE

PROCEEDS BENEFIT VETERANS
WARRIOR FOUNDATION

Post 21 Gaming Donations

Post 21 Gaming

The Following Donations were approved by the Gaming Committee:

Columbus Day Meal @ VA	\$440.00
Hawley Post Prom	\$250.00
Support The Troops	\$100.00
DGF Rebels Parent Assn	\$250.00
Dept on MN Legion Baseball	\$500.00
Homes for the Troops	\$500.00
FM Youth Rugby	\$250.00
Mhd Post Prom	\$250.00
Color Guard	\$1,674.00
Total	\$4,214.00

Moorhead American Legion
Gaming Tidbits

March 20th, 2024

The month of April is known to many as the tax month. It's no difference here at the Moorhead American Legion. Did you know that last year, we paid \$14,664.00 in Real Estate Taxes and \$133,383.00 in Gaming taxes? Just think, if we didn't have these amounts, how much more could we do for the community and the Veterans?

Dennis Beckerleg, Gaming Manager

Squadron 21 News

From your burger-burning brothers (cooked to perfection, but that doesn't flow as well).

We would like to thank the members who helped on the St. Patty's Day corn beef dinner. Now, we can all put away our Irish accent till we celebrate Cinco De Mayo.

Also, a big THANK YOU to the SAL members who helped on the three Saturday Burger nights we held.

If you are interested, our next SAL meeting will be on Monday, May 6th.

Dale Jensen, Squadron 21 Commander

CONGRATULATIONS SGT TRISTAN C. GENTRY



U.S. Army NCO Academy
Fort McCoy

To all who shall see these presents, greetings
Let it be known that the

Distinguished Leadership Award
is presented to

SGT TRISTAN C. GENTRY

While attending the Basic Leader Course, you displayed the values, skills, and actions required of all Army Leaders. You are hereby presented this award for providing purpose, direction, and motivation to accomplish the mission and for contributing to the quality of the Noncommissioned Officer Corps and this graduating class.

Class 003-24

8 February 2024 – 01 March 2024

In testimony thereof and by the authority vested in the
Commandant, we do confer this award.

Given on this day 01 March 2024

Deanna L. Czarneski
DEANNA L. CZARNESKI
CSM, USA
Commandant

Congratulations to one of our own employees Tristan Gentry who is also a SGT with the 34th Military Police Company in Stillwater, MN on receiving the Distinguished Leadership Award at her recent Military school.



FARGO MEMORIAL HONOR GUARD

FARGO VA NATIONAL CEMETERY



THE FARGO MEMORIAL HONOR GUARD HAS BEEN SERVING THE FARGO VETERANS NATIONAL CEMETERY SINCE ITS DEDICATION ON 7 SEPTEMBER 2019.

It is hard to believe that it has been four years since we started doing internments/burials at the Fargo National Cemetery. The figures for this month's newsletter are from 13 October 2019 thru 29 February 2024.

WHAT DO YOU GET WHEN YOU CROSS AN INSECT WITH AN EASTER BUNNY?

There are 213 urns in the Columbarium, 476 urns in the ground, 25 caskets in the private vaults, 210 caskets in the Government vaults, and 2 plaques on the Memorial Wall, FOR A TOTAL OF 926 INTERNMENTS/BURIALS AT THE FARGO NATIONAL CEMETERY. THIS INCLUDES 734 VETERANS AND 192 SPOUSES FOR A TOTAL OF 926. AND THERE ARE 98 COUPLES INTERRED/BURIED AT THE FARGO NATIONAL CEMETERIES. WE HAD 11 INTERNMENTS/BURIALS FOR JANUARY AND 9 INTERNMENTS/BURIALS FOR FEBRUARY 2024.

THE breakdown per branch of service is: Army – 384, Navy – 151, 1 US Marine Corps – 51, US Air Force -144, ARMY/AF – 4, Spouses – 192, for a total of 926 internments/burials.

Our yearly volunteer hours are – 2019 - 966, 2020 - 2,072, 2021- 3,373, 2022 - 2,798, 2023 - 2,557 – 2024 - 252. From 13 October 2019 to 29 February 2024, we have accumulated 12,018 donated volunteer hours.

BUGS BUNNY!!!!

GARY WOODWARD (“MR. LEGION”)

MR. GARY WOODWARD, A 60 YEAR MEMBER OF POST 21, PASSED AWAY IN FEBRUARY 2024. HE WAS INTERRED IN THE COLUMBARIUM AT THE FARGO NATIONAL CEMETERY ON 23 FEBRUARY 2024.

GARY HELD EVERY OFFICER'S POSITION AT POST 21 AND AT THE 9TH DISTRICT LEVEL. AFTER TWENTY YEARS AS ADJUTANT FOR POST 21, GARY RETIRED IN 2017. HE WAS KNOWN AS “MR. LEGION” THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT 9 AND BEYOND. HE WAS A LIGHT BULB, “ALWAYS “ON” THE GO AND WILLING TO HELP ANYONE ASKED FOR HELP. GARY LEAVES A VOID AT POST 21, AS THE “LIGHT” HAS BEEN TURNED OFF.

THERE HAVE BEEN A NUMBER OF VETERAN INTERNMENTS/BURIALS IN THE AREA - LOCAL CHURCHES AND COMMUNITY CEMETERIES.

The Fargo Memorial Honor Guard has performed Military Honors in all types of weather. The FM Honor Guard WILL NEVER cancel an Internment of a Veteran because of bad weather. The family has to make that decision.

We are always looking for new members to join the Fargo Memorial Honor Guard. If you are interested or have questions, please call Marvin J. Nicklay at 701 - 371 - 0604 or email me at mjnicklayupb@gmail.com.

Be Careful- Be Safe - Wear Your Mask! Take care, and GOD BLESS. Marvin J. Nicklay Rifle Squad Commander



Veteran's Honor Flight

Congratulations to the following Post 21 Members who were selected to be on the upcoming Veteran's Honor Flight (May 19 - 21) to Washington, DC.



Richard Bannerman, USN, Korea Era
Roger Christopherson, USA, Korea Era
Roger Fossum, USA, Vietnam Era
David Gill, USAF, Vietnam Era
Richard Krabbenhoft, USA, Korea Era
Michael McCarthy, USN, Korea Era
James Olson, USAF, Korea Era



Thank you for your Service!!!!!!

LUNCH SERVED
MONDAY - FRIDAY
11am to 2pm
\$9.99 DAILY SPECIALS

DASH for CASH
\$\$\$ RACES \$\$\$
CASH PRIZES of \$100 to \$250!
EVERY SATURDAY at 4pm

Join National Commander Daniel Seehafer For Dinner at Post 21 On April 14



National American Legion Commander Daniel J. Seehafer will be present for dinner in his honor on Sunday, April 14, 2024. Social is at 5 PM and Dinner is at 6 PM. This event is hosted by Melvin E. Hearl Post 21, Moorhead, MN.

All American Legion Family members are invited to join us in welcoming National Commander Daniel Seehafer and his team for dinner. The cost for the dinner will be \$10.00 per person. You must RSVP to Tim Haugen at either 701-261-6973 (leave a message, and I'll get back to you to confirm) or e-mail timhaugen74@gmail.com.

Commander Seehafer is an ordained minister from Wisconsin; he earned his eligibility through his service in the U.S. Navy & U.S. Navy Reserve, where he served as a military chaplain. He is a member of AL Post 157 in Horicon, WI; Seehafer has served in a number of AL offices at every level, including National Chaplain and Commander of the Dept of WI.

New Members

Melvin E. Hearl, Post 21 would like to welcome the following American Legion Family Member to our Post Home!!

Shawn Davis, USAF Vet
Timothy Schwartz, USMC Vet
Max Bess, USAF VET

FM Legion Riders Breakfast

At The Moorhead Legion
 8am - Noon

FREE WILL DONATION



All Proceeds Go
 Toward Sponsoring
 Veteran and
 Children Programs

November 5th
December 3rd
January 7th
February 4th
March 3rd
April 7th

BAKE SALE

Menu

Biscuits & Gravy
 Pancakes & Eggs
 Fried Potatoes
 Sausage
 Orange Juice & Coffee
 Bloody Marys &
 Mimosas available
 for purchase



TAPS



Post 21 offers its sincere condolences to the family and friends of their loved one who recently passed away.

Merle Johnson, USN, Korea Era Vet

Our thoughts and prayers are with the Family of this Veteran.

Current Post 21 members serving on Active Duty/ Reserve Component

If you're currently in the service Active or Reserve Component and not listed below, please send me your information. I'd like to add your name to this list!!!

GySgt Chad Beckerleg - USMC	MSgt Betsy Miller - ND ANG
MSgt Samuel Dibble - ND ANG	1LT Jacob Schobinger - USAR
TSgt Collin Denny - ND ANG	Capt Skyler Muller - USAF
MSgt Jason Meyers - ND ANG	Lt Col Adam Erlandson - USAF
SMSgt Jeffrey Dahl - ND ANG	Maj Tara Erlandson - USAF
MSgt Brandon Grund - ND ANG	Holger Loor - ND ARNG
MAJ Mathew Hoff - US ARMY	Monte DeBoer - US Navy
1LT Shelby Moderow - USAR	SFC Seth Goehring - MN ARNG
SFC Nicholas Romie - MN ARNG	SSG David McCleary - MN ARNG
CMSgt Shane Amundson - ND ANG	CPT Jordan Dibich - MN ARNG
1LT Lukas Ziegler - USA	MSgt Mason Krebsbach - ND ANG
SPC Gavin Bakke, MN ARNG	TSgt Jacob Dibble - ND ANG
MSgt Kyle Rosenfeldt, ND ANG	CMSgt Richard Hayes - ND ANG
CMSgt Rich Duysen - ND ANG	SPC Mason Hughes - ND ARNG
Gary Bush, SSGT, USMCR	AB Gracie Schroeder - ND ANG

***** - Currently Deployed**

Thank You for your Service!!!!





Friends Of The Range Annual Banquet

April 19th, 2024
Ramada Conference Center
3333 13th Ave S, Fargo
5pm Social 7pm Dinner

Games – Prizes – Silent Auction – Raffles

Single Dinner Tickets \$35
Couples Dinner Tickets \$60
Sponsor Tables Available

Tickets Purchased Before April 5th Receive \$25 worth of Raffle Tickets

Over 20 Guns To Be Won!

Fostering generations of shooting sports traditions through safety and education.



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Date: **Saturday, April 20**

Time: **7 - 10 PM**

Moorhead AMERICAN LEGION



MEAT RAFFLES

1ST & 3RD
FRIDAYS
OF EACH
MONTH



5:30PM
BEFORE
\$1199
BINGO

AIR FORCE JROTC

PARENT
SATURDAY



GROUP
APRIL 13

PANCAKE BREAKFAST
& EGGS-SAUSAGE-HASHBROWNS-OJ-COFFEE



**Wednesday Night
Dinner Special**

**Volunteer Steak/Shrimp Fry
6 - 8 PM for Only \$14.00**



8oz Steak



**(with Mushrooms and
Sauteed Onions)
Baked Potato and Salad Bar**



Or



**Shrimp Dinner
(6 Fan Tail Shrimp)
Baked Potato and Salad Bar
\$14.00**

**"Right Here At Your Friendly
Moorhead American Legion"
303 30th St N, Moorhead**

Color/Honor Guard

The Honor Guard has attended four Honor Funerals since my last report. They are for Merle Johnson, a Navy veteran who served on USS Monterey, 52 to 55; Fred Johnson, a Navy veteran; Eleanor Jacobs, Navy Electronics tech; and Melroy Clark, a Navy veteran 57 to 60.

The Color Guard had no activities in March.

As the Honor/Color Guard Commander, I coordinate with the Honor Guard/Color Guard members to determine who is available for any single event, which normally occurs between 10 AM and 4 PM with an occasional evening event.

If you are interested in joining the Honor/Color Guard, please contact me by phone or text at 701-261-7012. .

Peter Larson, Honor Guard Commander, Melvin E. Hearl Post 21, Email: phlarson@midco.net.

Post 21 Memorial Donations

Want to recognize your favorite Veteran? Consider purchasing a Paver and remembering them. The cost is \$75.00 per paver. For more information, contact the Post Home at 218-233-1297.



Saturdays
Burger Baskets
Plain or with cheese, fries, onions (fried or raw)...

from 11:30am to 2:00pm

“RRR Fundraising Update”

(Restore, Refresh and Replace)

We are still raising money for the RRR Fund.

Thank you, Marvin Nicklay, for your donation to the RRR fund. The RRR Fund is an ongoing fundraiser for repairs at your Post Home. If you have questions on this fund, please give Scott Moen, Club Manager, a call @ 218-233-1297.

Also, a very heartfelt thank you to all our previous donors for your dollars and for volunteering to make this Post-Home look great.

Shooting Sports

This month, it's on the Post 21 support of the USA Clay Target League. The kids have been getting ready and waiting for the Spring season, weather permitting. It looks like it won't be very long before the clay targets will be flying.

At this time, the Head coach will be getting his shooters registered. This will involve such things as the required age, whether a guardian or parent registers the Shooter, and whether they have the League-approved Firearm Safety Certifications and agree to the League's rules, policies, and procedures. The coach will then register his School team with the League.

In addition, the Head Coach will gather his team staff. He must have a minimum of one assistant Coach for every ten team shooters. These coaches will also supervise five shooters on the shooting line. There must also be a Range Safety Officer (RSO) who will supervise safe shooting activities and range operations.

A Range Officer must be present at no more than two adjoining shooting pits at all times. The head coach will also have volunteers to help out, usually a parent or Grandparent. As you can see, the head coach is a very busy person and a volunteer.

When the season starts, come out and watch these kids participate in the Shooting Sports.

SAFETY, SAFETY, SAFETY.

Gary L. Schulz

Breaking: 3-year American Legion Membership Now Available, even if You already Renewed for 2024!

Breaking:



3-year American Legion Membership is now available, even if you have already renewed for 2024! This is exciting and GREAT news and can be a big money saver...

Dues will be increasing (if you haven't heard, \$5 for National, \$3 for Department, and \$1 for the 9th District for the 2025 year, and if you get on to this NOW, you could see savings of \$9.00 a year (or a total of \$27.00 for the 3 years).

If you renewed for the 2024 American Legion membership year prior to the new multiyear membership rollout on Dec. 4, you can now take advantage of a three-year membership starting with the 2025 membership year.

Visit legion.org/renew for the multiyear membership for 2025, 2026, and 2027.

Legionnaires still needing to renew for 2024 or veterans joining the organization for the first time can also lock in a three-year membership (2024, 2025, and 2026) by visiting legion.org/renew or legion.org/join.

Here is what you need to know about the three-year membership:

- Multiyear membership sign-up is only available on the National American Legion website (legion.org/renew and legion.org/join). Current or potential members cannot renew or join for a three-year membership at the post level or through MyLegion.org.
- Payment for the three-year membership will be upfront.
- There is not a discounted rate with the three-year membership.
- Membership cards will still be sent annually by Legion posts.
- Those who sign up for a multiyear membership will not receive a renewal notice during the time they have signed up for the multiyear membership.

If you have any questions, contact either Commander Paul Leeman or Tim Haugen

Respectfully,
Tim Haugen

Veterans Service Officer

Happy Easter,

I hope everyone had a safe and happy Easter. There's a couple of items that I would like to bring to your attention. One is for Minnesota veterans called the Post 9/11 Veteran Service Bonus. The other is opening VA healthcare to over one million veterans nationwide that were exposed to toxins and air pollutants. Please call myself or Curt for any eligibility questions. We also want to thank all Vietnam veterans for their service, as March 29th is National Vietnam War Veterans Day.

The Post-9/11 Veteran Service Bonus

The Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs (MDVA) has a long history of awarding service bonuses to Minnesota Veterans who served in America's wars. Starting in 1919 after World War I, through World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, the Persian Gulf War, and now the Global War on Terrorism. MDVA recognizes the sacrifices and courage Minnesotans took to defend our country.

The 2022 Legislature passed, and Governor Walz signed the first-ever Veterans Omnibus Bill that included funding for a service bonus payable to eligible Veterans who served from 9/11/01 to 8/30/21. MDVA is honored to facilitate this program for eligible Veterans currently serving service members or Veterans' beneficiaries.

The 2023 Legislative Session resulted in several changes that expanded Minnesota Veteran eligibility for the Post-9/11 Service Bonus. Newly eligible Veterans now include:

Veterans who did not enlist/begin their service in Minnesota. Recipients of the Inherent Resolve Campaign Medal may now receive the full bonus allotment. Veterans who were previously denied the bonus or are now eligible for a larger bonus can reapply based on the changes that were made this session.

MDVA began processing payments the week of July 25th, 2022. Applicants can expect their mailed check approximately 12 weeks after approval.

The application opened July 7th, 2022, and will run until June 30th, 2024, or until funds have been exhausted.

March 29th was National Vietnam War Veterans Day because on March 29th, 1973, Military Assistance Command, Vietnam (MACV) was disbanded, and the last U.S. combat troops departed the Republic of Vietnam. President Barack Obama signed a presidential proclamation in 2012, designating March 29th as the annual observance of Vietnam War Veterans Day. The Vietnam War Veterans Recognition Act, signed into law in 2017, also designates March 29th of each year as National Vietnam War Veterans Day.

VA Health Care Enrollment

In one of the largest-ever expansions of Veteran health care, all Veterans exposed to toxins and other hazards during military service – at home or abroad – will be eligible for VA health care beginning March 5th, 2024.

At the direction of President Biden, the VA is expanding health care eligibility to millions of Veterans – including all Veterans who served in the Vietnam War, the Gulf War, Iraq, Afghanistan, or any other combat zone after 9/11 – years earlier than called for by the PACT Act. Veterans who were exposed to toxins and other hazards while serving in the military – at home or abroad – will be eligible to enroll directly in VA health care beginning March 5th, 2024. This means that all Veterans who served in the Vietnam War, the Gulf War, Iraq, Afghanistan, the Global War on Terror, or any other combat zone after 9/11 will be eligible to enroll directly in VA health care without first applying for VA benefits. Additionally, Veterans who never deployed but were exposed to toxins or hazards while training or on active duty in the United States will also be eligible to enroll. Additionally, VA health care is often more affordable than non-VA health care for Veterans.

VA encourages all eligible Veterans to visit [VA.gov/PACT](https://va.gov/PACT) or call 1-800-MYVA411 to learn more and apply for VA health care beginning March 5th. Since President Biden signed the PACT Act into law on August 10th, 2022, more than 500,000 Veterans have enrolled in VA health care.

“If you're a Veteran who may have been exposed to toxins or hazards while serving our country, at home or abroad, we want you to come to us for the health care you deserve,” said VA Secretary Denis McDonough. “VA is proven to be the best, most affordable health care in America for Veterans – and once you're in, you have access for life. So don't wait; enroll starting March 5th.”

“Beginning March 5th, we're making millions of Veterans eligible for VA health care years earlier than called for by the PACT Act,” said VA Under Secretary for Health Shereef Elnahal, M.D. “With this expansion, the VA can care for all Veterans who served in the Vietnam War, the Gulf War, Iraq, Afghanistan, the Global War on Terror, or any other combat zone after 9/11. We can also care for Veterans who never deployed but were exposed to toxins or hazards while training or on active duty here at home – by working with chemicals, pesticides, lead, asbestos, certain paints, nuclear weapons, x-rays, and more. We want to bring all of these Veterans to VA for the care they've earned and deserve.”

This expansion of care covers Vietnam Veterans, Gulf War Veterans, Iraq War Veterans, Afghanistan War Veterans, and Veterans who deployed in support of contingency operations for the Global War on Terror (Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Freedom's Sentinel, Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation New Dawn, Operation Inherent Resolve, and Resolute Support Mission), and more.

For more information about how the PACT Act is helping Veterans and their survivors, visit the VA's PACT Act Dashboard. To apply for care or benefits today, visit [VA.gov/PACT](https://va.gov/PACT) or call 1-800-MYVA411. More information on eligibility can be found at [VA.gov/PACT](https://va.gov/PACT).

Also, March 19th marked the 21st anniversary of the start of Operation Iraqi Freedom — when so many brave men and women stood at the precipice of peace and war, ready to sacrifice their lives for our country's safety and freedom.

· Shared from DAV email on March 19th, 2024.

Let's keep all of those soldiers in our thoughts.

Thank you,

Christopher J Deery, MSW, 211 9th St S, Fargo, ND 58103, 701-241-5746

Fargo AirSho 2024



FARGO AIRSHO VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Fargo AirSho featuring the U. S. Navy Blue Angels aerial demonstration team will be on Saturday/Sunday, July 27-28. Volunteers are needed to do concessions. Volunteers will get free parking, free admission, and free food. A saving of over \$50 per person as parking is \$5, admission is \$25, and food is not cheap. Volunteers must be age 13 or older.

To volunteer, please contact Gary H. Olson at garyholson@702com.net. His cell number is 218-790-5130. Contact your friends, neighbors and relatives for them to have this great opportunity. Families or groups will be placed at the same work tent.

You need to volunteer for the full day. Report time is 0730-0800 at the southeast side of the Fargo Air Museum outside. We are all done after the Blue Angels are done flying around 3:30 PM. Free parking is available to you and details on location to park will be given. No tank tops or flip flops. Bring a lawn chair in a sack for your break time.

Bring sunglasses. Ear protection will be provided. Need to know if you will volunteer for one or both days. Need names and cell phone numbers of volunteers. Thank you.

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Upcoming Events

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Follow our Face Book Page for more detailed information Veterans Honor Flight of ND/MN

Here are a few fundraisers that are coming up

<u>Date/Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
4/1/24 5:30-6:45	Meat Raffle (6 rounds)	Specks Bar, Fargo ND
4/3/2024 5:30-7pm	Meat Raffle	Wild Rice Bar and Grill
4/6/2024 1:00	Designer Purse Bingo	Tak Music Venue Dilworth
4/6-7, 2024	Toppers Car Show (HF will have a table)	Veterans Memorial Arena, WF.
4/8/24 5:30-6:45	Meat Raffle (6 rounds)	Specks Bar, Fargo ND
4/15/24 5:30-6:45	Meat Raffle (6 rounds)	Specks Bar, Fargo ND
4/17/2024 5:30-7pm	Meat Raffle	Wild Rice Bar and Grill
4/21/24	Valley Vintage Car Show (HF will have a table)	Veterans Memorial Arena, WF
4/22/24 5:30-6:45	Meat Raffle (6 rounds)	Specks Bar, Fargo ND
4/27/24	Masonic Lodge Pancake Feed	Moorhead American Legion
4/28/2024	Potato Dumpling Feed	American Legion Moorhead
4/29/22 5:30-6:45	Meat Raffle (6 rounds)	Specks Bar, Fargo ND
5/1/2024 5:30-7pm	Meat Raffle	Wild Rice Bar and Grill
5/4/2024	Pelican Rapids VFW fundraiser	Pelican Rapids VFW
5/6/24 5:30-6:45	Meat Raffle (6 rounds)	Specks Bar, Fargo ND
5/13/24 5:30-6:45	Meat Raffle (6 rounds)	Specks Bar, Fargo ND
5/15/2024 5:30-7pm	Meat Raffle	Wild Rice Bar and Grill
5/19-21/2024	HF Trip to Washington, DC	Washington, DC
5/20/24 5:30-6:45	Meat Raffle (6 rounds)	Specks Bar, Fargo ND
5/29/2024 5:30-7pm	Meat Raffle	Wild Rice Bar and Grill
July 26-27,2024	Summerfest-parking lot dance Friday & Saturday, silent auction, food trucks	Moorhead American Legion
8/10/24	Detroit Lakes American Legion Fundraiser	American Legion, DL
8/25/2024	RedHawks Honor Flight Jersey Game	RedHawks field, Fargo
9/22-24, 2024	HF Trip to Washington, DC	Washington, DC

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7 Open 11 AM - 11 PM FM Legion Riders Breakfast See Flyer for Details	8 SAL Burgers, Dogs & Brats 5:30 - 8 PM House Committee Meeting - 6 PM Post Meeting - 7 PM Pinochle - 7:30 PM Lunch 11 AM - 2 PM	 9 10 AM - 2 PM Kitchen 5:00 PM Bingo - 6:30 PM Lunch 11 AM - 2 PM	10 Mhd Business Assn Meeting @ Noon BNI Meeting 1:30 - 3:30 PM Steak Fry - \$14.00 6 - 8 PM Lunch 11 AM - 2 PM	 11 10 AM - 2 PM Kitchen 5:00 PM Bingo - 6:30 PM Lunch 11 AM - 2 PM	 12 Kitchen 5:00 PM Bingo - 6:30 PM 2 - \$500 Blackouts Karaoke w/Brad Rivers Right after Bingo Lunch 11 AM - 2 PM	13 Burger Baskets 11:30 - 2 PM - \$6.00 JR AFROTC Pancake Breakfast 8 - 11 AM "Dash For Cash" - 4 - 5:30 Kitchen 5:00 PM Bingo - 6:30 PM Late Night Bingo - 8:30 PM
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