



The Hearl Herald

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Post



2023 - 24

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COMMANDERS CORNER

I hope everyone is enjoying the mild winter we are having. It's hard to believe it's the first of February. According to the calendar, we only have two months until spring.

I am asking everyone to read this month's activities calendar. We have a very active schedule, starting with Freezing for a reason. There are lots of activities ending with breakfast on Sunday morning. Please stop by and support the Legions Riders.

Other events this month are Giving Hearts Day, the Blues & Gold's breakfast, and our annual Post Memorial service.

As always, I need to say thank you to all of the staff and volunteers for all of their hard work.

We are still working on the details for the arrival of the National Commander. We will keep everyone posted as we work out all of the details.

Just a reminder: if you have not sent your renewal in yet, please do so so we can put this year's membership in the books.

Paul Leeman, Commander

MANAGER'S CORNER

Hello Members!!

I hope everyone's New Year has started off pleasantly well. Mother Nature gave us a little bit of a cold snap, but nothing we can't handle. The future looks bright with the forecast and with activities here at the club. I would like to mention that we have new Crew neck sweatshirts and hoodies for sale. They come in two colors: black and charcoal grey. The price is \$30.00 for the Crew neck and \$36.00 for the hoodie. They are available at the club, and we have some in stock. If we run out of your size, we can order it, and it will be about a 10-day turnaround time.

January was busy with live entertainment, bingo, breakfasts, and a chili cookoff. We had 30 chili's at our 32nd annual chili cookoff this year. It was a very busy day, and everyone had a good time. As I am writing this, we are getting ready for the 3rd annual Hotdish Contest, with all proceeds going to the ND/MN Veterans Honor Flight. I do believe we had 21 hot dishes last year, so we should have a good showing this year.

February is already at the doorstep, and to kick it off, the FM Legion Riders are hosting the 4th annual "Freez'n for a Reason." This is always a jam-packed weekend, so check out the flyers in this newsletter. More events taking place this month are two breakfasts. One is by the Legion Riders on the 4th, and Blues/Golds Baseball is on the 11th. Valentine's Day is on a Wednesday this year, which is our steak night. We here at the club are going to do something a little special for the occasion. We will be decorating the club up really nicely for Valentine's Day. The staff will be dressed up to the nines, and possibly even a rose for all the ladies that come in for supper. It should be a good Valentine's Day!!

Our annual Post 21 Memorial Service will be held on the 18th at 2 pm. This is a pretty special remembrance service that we have to honor our members who have passed on in the last year. Well, that is all at this time. Pay special attention to this newsletter and all the flyers. Until next time, remember to keep all our troops and veterans in your prayers and May God Bless You and May God Bless America!

Scott B. Moen, Post 21 Manager

AUXILIARY



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President's Corner

Welcome to the month of Hearts and Giving!

Before anything else, I want to let you know our February 5th meeting time has been changed to 6:30 (not the usual 6:00). We will continue poppy making at 5:30 before the meeting.

The month of February is a month of hearts and giving, and for the Auxiliary, it is the month to promote Americanism. Of course, we all know that February 14th is Valentine's Day, a day to show family and friends how much we care for them. We send them cards, flowers, and candy to tell them how much we love them. As this is also Americanism month, we must not forget to show how much we care and love our country. Our hearts go out to all the service men and women and their families. We promote patriotism and responsible citizenship. We show our love for our country by flying the flag. Our hearts are full because we are proud to be living in the United States of America, having freedom, and being able to do things with that freedom. We volunteer and give from our heart to help others in need. Yes, February is a month of hearts and giving, and we can continue it year-round as we work alongside our Legion Family to show how much we care.

There are some dates to remember in February.

*February 8th is Giving Hearts Day, a day to remember nonprofit charities by donating money to the charities of your choice. Go to givingheartsday.org to find nonprofits that you want to help.

*February 18th is the Post 21 Memorial Service. We will need the help of Auxiliary members that day.

*Every Friday is "RED" Friday; wear red to remember everyone deployed overseas.

We still have some ceiling lights left. Design your own light and have a lasting memory displayed at your Legion. This is an Auxiliary fundraiser and is \$200 for each light. Hurry, there are only a few left!

"Whoever has a heart full of love always has something to give."

Pope John XX!!!

Barb Chamberlain, Unit 21 Auxiliary President

AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP

Moorhead Unit 21 is happy to welcome another new member – Ellen Johnson Bohmer. Let's keep those new members coming!

We were given a very substantial increase in our membership goal this year, so it's more important than ever to take the time to renew your 2024 membership and contact friends and family who may be eligible to join our organization. There are applications available at the Legion. Or give me a call, and I will be happy to provide one.

Eligibility for American Legion Auxiliary membership includes female veterans, a spouse (female or male), mother, grandmother, daughter, granddaughter, or sister of a veteran who served in WWI, WWII, Korea, Vietnam, Panama, Lebanon/Grenada, Gulf War or Global War on Terror. With the exception of female veterans who are eligible for Auxiliary membership through their own service, if living, the veteran under whom a prospective member is eligible must be a member of an American Legion Post.

We need your support to keep our organization growing and continue to support the programs that help our veterans, children, and community activities. Whether you attend monthly meetings, serve as an officer or committee chairperson, participate in numerous projects, or simply pay your annual dues, your continued membership makes a difference. There is something of interest for everyone.

Please take a moment to send in your 2024 dues and invite a friend or two to join us - \$35.00 for senior members and \$10.00 for junior members (birth to age 17).

Judy Carpenter, Membership Chairperson, 701-367-6173,



Hello all:

Happy Freezin 4 A Reason and Giving Hearts Day month! This is a huge month for the Riders! Our Frostival event is the highlight of our winters every year. And Giving Hearts Day is the single most rewarding day of the year for the Riders! We get to support so many veterans and children's charities in our community! It's so awesome to see the fruits of our hard work come together with all of your support. Spending the day going from one worthy cause to another, spreading the much-needed donations!

I would like to touch on something very dear to us, Riders. That is, our breakfast fundraisers are held on the first Sunday of every month. Not only are we able to raise funds to help our community, but they have become a family-friendly function that warms our hearts. Below is a picture of a young man being honored on his birthday by our phenomenal Sheriff and Deputies. Not only was it something the young man will remember for a lifetime, but it also reminded us how important getting together for a meal and fellowship is to our community. Thank You all for your support!

Pictured below are your Riders helping to remove wreaths at the National Cemetery. It was as cold and windy as it was rewarding to honor our Veterans!

A group of your Riders also spent time at Fargo Packs helping bag meals for Feed Our Starving Children. What a fun and rewarding time this was. With almost 10,000,000 meals packed, it was a great testimony for the community in which we are blessed to be a part of!

We hope to see you all at our 4th annual Freezin 4 A Reason event!

As always, thank you to all of the Post-21 members for your endless support! We couldn't do it without you!

Doug Dietrich
FM Legion Riders Director



Valentine's Day

Post 21 Gaming Donations

The Following Donations were approved by the Gaming Committee:

Churches United	\$500.00
Brady Oberg Legacy	\$500.00
Fargo Memorial Honor	\$2,400.00
American Heroes Outdoors	\$200.00
Red River Valley Vets Band	\$1,000.00
Northern Lights Coiuncil	\$500.00
Cullens Children	\$300.00
Hope Inc.	\$150.00
Hospice	\$250.00
RRVYMCA Cass / Clay	\$100.00
Fargo Air Museum	\$100.00
Veterans Honor Flight	\$1,000.00
GiGis	\$500.00
Mhd. Girls Hockey	\$250.00
American Legion ROTC	\$250.00
Military & Vets. Museum	\$250.00
9th District Band	\$500.00
FM Legion Riders Donations	
GiGi's	\$500.00
ND Center for Autism	\$500.00
CCRI	\$500.00
Rape & Abuse Center	\$475.00
Post 21 Donation to Frostival	
Golden Drive Kids	\$500.00
Veterans Honor Flight	\$500.88
Color Guard	\$1,751.88
Total	\$13,476.88

The Donations in Red were Given on



Giving Hearts Day

MOORHEAD BLUES/GOLDS LEGION BASEBALL
SAVE THE DATES - PANCAKE BREAKFASTS



January 15, February 11, March 10 & April 14

Served from 9 AM to Noon

Proceeds benefit the Moorhead Legion Blues & Golds Baseball

Post 21 Gaming

Moorhead American Legion

Gaming Tidbits

January 20th, 2024

SUPPORT MN CHARITIES
 SAVE OUR ETABS

As a reminder, charitable gaming profits are donated to many Veterans and local charities. These charities rely on this money, so please contact your representative, as these funds are very much needed. Thank You

DO YOU ENJOY PLAYING ETABS?



Scan the QR Code to tell lawmakers you support MN Charities.

The legislation goes back in session in February.

Dennis Beckerleg, Gaming Manager

Squadron 21 News

Here is what is happening in the world of the Sons at your Friendly Moorhead American Legion. Monday's Burgers are going well as usual. Please stop in for a Burger, Brat, or Hot Dog by itself or as a basket. It is also Chili season (not just outside).

We thank everyone who purchased and sold 50/50 raffle tickets for the Veterans Honor Flight of ND/MN. "A special thank you to the Legion Riders," said SAL Commander Dale Jensen.

Our next SAL Meeting is scheduled for March 4, 2024.

Please keep our service men and women in your thoughts and prayers.

Dale Jenson-SAL Commander



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 31 DECEMBER 2023.

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN FROGS PARK ILLEGALLY?

There are 210 urns in the Columbarium, 467rns in the ground, 25 caskets in the private vaults, 202 caskets in the Government vaults, and 2 plaques on the Memorial Wall, FOR A TOTAL OF 906 INTERNMENTS/BURIALS AT THE FARGO NATIONAL CEMETERY. THIS INCLUDES 717 VETERANS AND 189 SPOUSES FOR A TOTAL OF 906. AND, THERE ARE 94 COUPLES INTERRED/BURIED AT THE FARGO NATIONAL CEMETERY.

THE breakdown per branch of service is: Army – 381, Navy – 148, US Marine Corps – 50, US Air Force -134, ARMYAF – 4, Spouses – 189 for a total of 906 internments/burial.

Our yearly volunteer hours are – 2019 = 966, 2020 = 2,072, 2021 = 3,373, 2022 = 2,798, 2023 = 2,557. Since 13 October 2019 thru 31 December 2023, we have accumulated 11,766 donated volunteer hours.

WHAT STARTED OUT TO BE AN UNCLAIMED VETERAN'S BURIAL HAD A HAPPY ENDING.

UNCLAIMED VETERAN – VERNON GUNTENKUNST – 11 DECEMBER 2023

One thing is that while volunteering as a member of the Fargo Memorial Honor Guard, it is always hard when we get word of another unclaimed veteran. Well, we are honored to provide services for all Veterans. When we have a Veteran who is “unclaimed,” it holds a dear spot in all veterans' hearts.

We do our best to find the Families of these Veterans. One main thing that we've found is that some veterans have a friend or next of kin, or the phone number of that family member is no longer working. And then others, sometimes, just lose contact with family for their own reasons. Whatever the reason, we, as Veterans, will not let our brothers and sisters in arms get laid to rest without their Military/Veterans families.

Our last unclaimed veteran, Veron Gutenkunst, had an outdated next-of-kin number for his brother, who lived in Minneapolis. With what information we had, we located his brother and sister. Unfortunately, his brother is in a health rehab hospital dealing with his own health complications and only was able to communicate through his nurse, and his sister is in Washington State and is elderly and unable to attend. She was grateful that we had located her and informed her about Vernon. She wanted his flag and empty shell casings to go to a local veteran's organization close to his hometown. Mott, ND, does not have a veteran's club.

While his biological family could not attend, we had many veterans, police, community members, and two people from his hometown in Mott. One was his childhood friend and neighbor, Leo Greff, who was

able to attend and help with the pallbearers, along with members of the Fargo Memorial honor guard.

Word was put out to Facebook, etc., and from there, it went viral. Also, we had support from the local radio and TV channels about the unclaimed veteran. We received over sixty phone calls from all over North Dakota and Minnesota, asking if we still needed Pallbearers. We received a phone call from Omaha, Neb., and one caller said he was from “Deep South” Texas. Both had seen the notice on a Web Page.

The Fargo-Moorhead and surrounding areas have always been big supporters of attending unclaimed veterans' internments/burials.



THEY GET TOAD

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

The Fargo Memorial Honor Guard has performed the 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 always seek 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



In Service to America

Join Now!

Vietnam Veterans of America



In Service to America

Send to Larry Nicholson, 918 14th Street S. Moorhead, MN 56560

Name _____ Male Female Date of Birth _____

Address _____ Apt. _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone () _____ Work Phone () _____ Email Address _____

Chapter No. _____ Sponsor _____ Sponsor's ID No. _____

*Eligibility: Vietnam and Vietnam-era veterans who served on active duty in the U.S. Military (for other than training purposes) between February 28, 1961 and May 7, 1975 (in country Vietnam), or between August 5, 1964 and May 7, 1975 for Vietnam-era veterans.

Return this application along with a copy of your DD Form 214.

*Term Life Membership \$50.00

*Payment Option Check Money Order Credit Card (Visa, MC, Amex)

Credit Card No. _____ Exp. Date ____/____

I am a spouse/friend or a Vietnam vet and would like to join Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America (AVVA)

Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 941

Larry Nicholson, President
larrynicholson02@gmail.com (701) 412-7992

Terri Schwartz, Treasurer
ladytnd1@gmail.com (701) 361-5437

Auxiliary Fundraiser

Save the date - it's that time again – our spring fundraiser – Craft-Vendor Show and Silent Auction, is set for Saturday, March 23, 2024, from 10:00 – 3:00 at the Legion. In addition to popular vendors and crafters, we will again have some very nice silent auction items donated by local businesses. We always appreciate members contributing new or gently used items as well. If you have items you would like to donate, please call Judy. The regular Saturday burger baskets will be available, so put us on your calendar - invite a friend or two for a fun day out - enjoy lunch, and check out some fantastic craft-vendor and silent auction items for your Easter shopping. For more information, call Kristi – at 218-790-7498 - or Judy - at 701-367-6173.

Kristi Perez
Craft-Vendor Fundraiser Chairperson



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

New Members

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

Jonathan Bair, USAF Vet

FM Legion Riders Breakfast

At The Moorhead Legion
8am - Noon

FREE WILL DONATION



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

All Proceeds Go
Toward Sponsoring
Veteran and
Children Programs

BAKE SALE



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

WEDNESDAY STEAKS



SAL MEMBERS COOKING BURGERS & BRATS



MONDAYS - 5:30PM to 8PM

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!!!!



**VALENTINE'S DAY
DINNER SPECIAL**



**STEAK
SALAD BAR**

\$17.00

6:00 - 8 PM



HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY

**COMPLEMENTARY WINE OR
BEVERAGE (UP TO \$5 VALUE)
WITH DINNER**

**FROM
YOUR FRIENDLY MOORHEAD
AMERICAN LEGION™**



Budweiser

**DART TOURNAMENT
BLIND DRAW**

MOORHEAD AMERICAN LEGION

FEBRUARY 11TH

**\$15 EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION
BY FEB. 4TH.**

\$20 AFTER FEB. 4TH OR DAY OF

12PM CHECK IN - PLAY STARTS AT 1PM

CASH PRIZES



**Please Join us on
Friday**

29 *Veterans Day*
MARCH 
VIETNAM WAR
Thank you for your service



In Service to America
VVA Chapter 941

**A complimentary Lunch for any
Vietnam Era Veterans and their Families
Lunch provided by**

**Melvin E. Hearl
Moorhead Post #21**

Scalloped Potatoes, Ham & Dinner Roll

Lunch served 11 AM till 2 PM

**Guest Speaker, Jason Hicks from the
Fargo Memorial Honor Guard**

**Vietnam members are welcome to
display any Memorabilia**

**Thank you for your Service from
"Your Friendly Moorhead American Legion"**



**AMERICAN
LEGION**



You are Invited

To the American Legion's

105th Birthday/Membership Dinner

Moorhead American Legion Post #21

Sunday, March 17, 2024

Social at 2 PM

Dinner at 3 PM with program to follow

Special Guests:

**Paul Hassing – Department of MN Commander
Sharon Cross – Department of MN, Auxiliary President**

**Special Membership Recognition of Post, Unit
& SAL Members**

Complimentary Meal:

**For all paid up American Legion Family members
& all other guests \$12.00 at the door**

**Roast Beef, w/Mashed Potatoes and Gravy,
Green Beans, & Dinner Roll**

RSVP on or before March 10

Call the Post and leave your name and number attending – 218-233-1297

Sorry there will be no takeout orders

Color/Honor Guard

The Honor Guard had a nice break over the holidays. No funeral honors were performed between Dec 18th and January 6th, 2024. Since then, there have been two Honor Funerals: Forrest Elder, Navy, and Marvin Weispensing, 1946 to 1949 Army, serving in the Philippines, Korea, and Japan.

The Color Guard had no activities that it was involved in. The final count for 2023 was 50 Funeral Honors performed and 10 Color Guard events completed.

The Honor/Color Guard still needs new members. Will Fisher celebrated his 92nd birthday recently and asked me if he could retire from the Honor/Color Guard. I advised him that I would keep him on for when the weather improves. He has been a go-to member for me since he lives so close to me, and he is honored to attend events. FM Legion Riders and Sons of the American Legion members are eligible to join us in this important duty of honoring our fellow veterans and comforting their survivors. At a full honors ceremony, the rifle detail has M1 Garand rifles that we use to fire three shots each before taps are played and the flag is folded and provided to the veteran's family.

The Post provides the uniforms we wear and a stipend of \$30 per event you participate in.

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, 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

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.

Shooting Sports

Our second Shooting Sport is the MN " State High School Clay Target League." Through this sport, we support the Glyndon Rod and Gun Club. Three area Schools have shooting teams that shoot at the GRG facility. They are Moorhead, Dilworth/Felton, and Park Christian schools. Approximately 100 CO/ED youth shoot the Spring and Fall sessions.

Your POST-21 support goes to support the School League shooting area and equipment. It could be one or all of the following: Shooting grounds, parts for the clay pigeon throwing machine, or shooting station speakers. It may be the upkeep of the CO/ED youth shooting area. Your Post-21 support is able to affect all three schools and their CO/ED youth shooting teams.

As in Archery shooting, SAFETY is a top priority. There has never been a serious injury in either shooting sport we support. Safety issues begin with safety education. In MN, all shooters must pass the MN Hunter Safety course before they can shoot in the MN High School League. All instructors are MN State Certified to teach the Hunter Safety Course.

The State of MN supports this shooting sport. The league is committed to the safety and protection of all participating youth. The head coaches and instructors are required to complete the CLASS CERTIFICATION class. The coaches and instructors always say there are three things to remember, SAFETY, SAFETY, SAFETY.

Gary L. Schulz

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

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



from 11:30am to 2:00pm

❄️ F R ❄️ S T I V A L ❄️

Events at the Moorhead American Legion

❄️ **Silent Auction Goes All Weekend!** ❄️

Friday, February 2nd

Flag Raising & Kitchen Opens: 5pm

Front Fenders Playing 7-10pm

Saturday, February 3rd

Soup Cookoff Prizes 1st - 2nd - 3rd Place

Registration: 10am - 11am

Celebrity Judging: 11am - 12pm

Soup Available to Public: 12pm

Pizza, Puzzles & Beer Preregister: Text 218-234-9522

Registration: 12pm - 1pm ~ Starts 1pm

10 Team Limit \$80/4 Person Team Prizes 1st & 2nd Place

Cornhole Tournament Prizes 1st & 2nd Place

Registration 1pm ~ Starts 2pm

\$20/Person (Bring your Partner)

Adios Pantalones Playing 7-11pm

Stay warm by the fire!

Smores - \$2.00

*All proceeds go to
Golden Drive &
Veterans Honor Flight*

FREEZING FOR A GOOD REASON

The FM Legion Riders are braving the cold and sleeping outside for 44 hours again!

The FM Legion Riders and local celebrities will be sleeping outside in the dead of winter for 44 hours. The 44 hours signifies the 22 vets per day that die from suicide. Sleeping outside represents the numbing truth of homelessness within the community. Along with raising awareness, we will also be raising money for our local Vets & charities.



Please Consider Donating Online!



Sunday, February 4th

Riders Breakfast 8:30am-12pm

Silent Auction Ends 11am

Ice Cube Bingo 2pm

Wine & Cheese Pull All Weekend or Until Gone

Sponsored By:



Enjoy an Ice Cold
BUD LIGHT



Veterans Service Officer

Greetings,

As the cold continues, let's try to remember our less fortunate. There are many drop-off points for hats, gloves, and cold-weather gear to be donated to veterans in need. Please contact Curt or me for more information. See attached. Have a safe rest of the month.

The Fargo Air Museum unveiled a new exhibit featuring the early years of the North Dakota Air National Guard. The exhibit features guard operations between 1947 and 1954. "While many around the world love the P-51 Mustang, many don't know that its service with the United States carried on after World War II, well into the 1950s, in fact. The Fargo Air Museum's newest exhibit explores a chapter of local history that many today don't know much about, and that is the presence of these iconic warbirds being based right here in Fargo," said Fargo Air Museum Collections Manager Max Sabin. "We would love to see the community come out to the Fargo Air Museum to learn more about the early days of the North Dakota Air National Guard and the men that made up that first group of airmen after World War II." You can see uniforms, artifacts, pictures, and stories from the first seven years of the North Dakota Air National Guard through the Korean War era and up to the unit's transition to jet fighter interceptors in 1954. Located on 19th Avenue North, just east of Interstate-29, the Fargo Air Museum is home to aircraft of all eras. Learn more at fargoairmuseum.org

Fargo Air Museum

Veterans Story Preservation Day is coming up on Monday, February 5. Preservation is one of the key elements of our mission. We're passionate about keeping artifacts, aircraft, and, most importantly, your account of history intact and available for generations to come.

If you're willing to share with us a part of your service, we're here to listen. Please call 701-293-8043 to schedule an interview with our Collections Manager, Max.

The Fargo Airsho is returning for the first time in three years. The last time spectators were able to watch the high-flying show was in 2021, and organizers confirm with Valley News Live they'll be back in the summer of 2024. The Airsho is happening on Saturday, July 27, from noon to 3:00 p.m. Organizers say they are currently in the process of planning the 2024 show, but the US Navy Blue Angels will be back, as well as the F-22 Raptor Demo team. Airsho organizers say more information will be released soon, and a news conference is planned for January 18. Please look for the Cass County Veteran Service Office out there volunteering for the show.

Fix It Forward has donated another car to a Veteran in need within the community. Car #453 has been donated! This nice Durango went to a Veteran working with Cass County Veterans Services Office, and he shared in his words: "Receiving a vehicle donation would have a huge impact on my life. I just started a new job and it would take a bit to properly save the money to be able to afford a newer vehicle.

I am currently having to either catch rides back in forth to work or spend extra money on a taxi. My goal is to return the vehicle back to the Ministry for another deserving member of our community once I have enough money to purchase another vehicle. Thank you for your continued support to Veterans." If you would like to apply or donate a vehicle to someone in need, please contact Curt or me for more information, and we would be happy to help.

Christopher J. Deery, MSW

Veteran Service Officer

Cass County Veteran Service

211 9th Street South, Fargo, ND 58108

Phone: 701-241-5746, Fax: 701-239-6751

Veterans FUNDRAISER

Hi, my name is Carson. I am 12 years old and live in Fargo, ND and I know the importance of our military veterans and the sacrifices they made for our country. I know that many veterans in our community are homeless and in need of an extra helping hand.

Because of that I have decided to do a

FUNDRAISER FOR GLOVES AND MITTENS FOR OUR VETERANS

If you would like to donate please contact Carson at 701-781-4090. We also accept donations by Venmo or we can pick them up. Venmo is @Mandy-Bernardy.

**MOORHEAD AMERICAN LEGION
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3 - \$500 GAMES
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VETERANS HONOR Flight of ND/MN

Upcoming Events

www.veteranshonorflightofndmn.org



Veterans Honor Flight of ND/MN will be at the following events. We have been blessed to have our products to sell at the following events. Some of the events are hosted by Veterans Honor Flight of ND/MN, others are from generous sponsors of the events.

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>
1/22/24 - 5:30 - 6:45	Meat Raffle (6 rounds)	Specks Bar, Fargo ND
1/24/24 - 5:30-7 pm	Meat Raffle	Wild Rice Bar and Grill
1/28/24 - 12:30	Hot Dish Contest/Silent Auction	American Legion Moorhead
1/29/24 - 5:30 - 6:45	Meat Raffle (6 rounds)	Specks Bar, Fargo ND
2/2-2/4, 2024	Frostival	Moorhead American Legion
2/5/24 - 5:30 - 6:45	Meat Raffle (6 rounds)	Specks Bar, Fargo ND
2/7/24 - 5:30 - 7 pm	Meat Raffle	Wild Rice Bar and Grill
2/8/24 - 8:00 am	Giving Hearts Day	Moorhead American Legion
2/12/24 - 5:30 - 6:45	Meat Raffle (6 rounds)	Specks Bar, Fargo ND
2/19/24 - 5:30 - 6:45	Meat Raffle (6 rounds)	Specks Bar, Fargo ND
2/21/24 - 5:30 - 7 pm	Meat Raffle	Wild Rice Bar and Grill
2/26/24 - 5:30 - 6:45	Meat Raffle (6 rounds)	Specks Bar, Fargo ND
3/4/24 - 5:30 - 6:45	Meat Raffle (6 rounds)	Specks Bar, Fargo ND
3/6/24 - 5:30 - 7 pm	Meat Raffle	Wild Rice Bar and Grill
3/6 - 3/10, 2024	ND Winter Show (HF will have a table)	Valley City, ND
3/11/24 - 5:30 - 6:45	Meat Raffle (6 rounds)	Specks Bar, Fargo ND
3/17/24	FM Crusaders Bike show (HF will have A table)	Veterans Memorial Arena, WF
3/18/24 - 5:30 - 6:45	Meat Raffle (6 rounds)	Specks Bar, Fargo ND
3/20/24 - 5:30 - 7 pm	Meat Raffle	Wild Rice Bar and Grill
3/23/2024	Chili Feed Wild Rice	Wild Rice Bar and Grill

Send Donations to: - Honor Flight - PO Box 644 - West Fargo, ND



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Moorhead
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Friday, February 2
7 - 11 PM

Breakfast Fundraiser



Pancakes, Eggs, Sausage, Milk, OJ, & Coffee
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Proceeds benefit the Moorhead Legion Blues & Golds Baseball teams



Sunday, February 11th
9:00 AM - 12:00 Noon
 Moorhead American Legion
 303 30th St N



CRAFT-VENDOR SHOW and SILENT AUCTION

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
 303 30th Street North
 Moorhead, MN

Saturday, March 23, 2024
10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Regular Saturday Burger Baskets Available

Proceeds from the event will be used for Auxiliary projects (Troops, Veterans, Children & Youth, Community Service, etc.)

For more information call
 Kristi – 218-790-7498 - or Judy – 701-367-6173

February 8 Giving Hearts Day

VETERANS HONOR FLIGHT of ND/MN

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

AMERICAN LEGION POST #21 MOORHEAD, MN

- 0800 Jamie & Bill Cassavant from Crookston will be making homemade donuts
- 1100-1400 It Takes 2 with Amy & JJ from KFGO live show and interviews
- 1300 Making "Giving Hearts" sugar cookies with Karen Haugen

Join us for a fun day of events 8:00 am - 7:00pm raising money for a once-in-a-lifetime trip to Washington, D.C. for our Veterans
www.veteranshonorflightofndmn.org or use our qr code







FEBRUARY 2024



SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
<p>GIVING HEARTS DAY - COME JOIN US FOR FRESH HOMEMADE DONUTS IN AM</p> <p>FRESH VALENTINE SUGAR COOKIES AFTER LUNCH AND MEET AND GREET WITH</p> <p>Honor Flight Board Members - KFGO Live from 11 AM - 2 PM</p> <p>Save the Date - SUNDAY April 14 National Commander</p> <p>Coming to Post 21 - More details in March's newsletter</p>				<p>1</p>  <p>10 AM - 2 PM Kitchen 5:00 PM Bingo - 6:30 PM Lunch 11 AM - 2 PM</p>	<p>2</p>  <p>No Bingo Frostival Starts - See Flyer Kitchen 5:00 PM Meat Raffles - 5:30 PM Front Fenders 7 - 11 PM Lunch 11 AM - 2 PM</p>	<p>3 No Bingo</p> <p>Burger Baskets 11:30 - 2 PM - \$6.00 Frostival - See Flyer Kitchen 5:00 PM Adios Pantalones Live 7 - 11 PM "Dash For Cash" - 4 - 5:30</p>
<p>4 Open 11 AM - 11 PM</p> <p>Riders Breakfast - See Flyer Ice Cube Bingo - See Flyer</p>	<p>5 SAL Burgers, Dogs & Brats 5:30 - 8 PM</p> <p>Auxiliary Mtg 6:30 PM</p> <p>Pinochle - 7:30 PM Lunch 11 AM - 2 PM</p>	<p>6</p>  <p>10 AM - 2 PM Kitchen 5:00 PM Bingo - 6:30 PM Lunch 11 AM - 2 PM</p>	<p>7 Mhd Business Assn Meeting @ Noon</p> <p>BNI Meeting 1:30 - 3:30 PM</p> <p>Steak Fry - \$14.00 6 - 8 PM Lunch 11 AM - 2 PM</p>	<p>8</p>  <p>KFGO Live w/ Amy & JJ See Flyer for Details</p> <p>Kitchen 5:00 PM Bingo - 6:30 PM Lunch 11 AM - 2 PM</p>	<p>9</p>  <p>Kitchen 5:00 PM Bingo - 6:30 PM</p> <p>2 - \$500 Blackouts Karaoke w/Brad Rivers Right after Bingo Lunch 11 AM - 2 PM</p>	<p>10 Burger Baskets 11:30 - 2 PM - \$6.00</p> <p>Pinochle Tournament See Flyer</p> <p>"Dash For Cash" - 4 - 5:30 Kitchen 5:00 PM Bingo - 6:30 PM Late Night Bingo - 8:30 PM</p>
<p>11 Open 11 AM - 11 PM</p> <p>Legion Baseball Breakfast See Flyer for Details</p> <p>Dart Tournament See Insert</p>	<p>12 SAL Burgers, Dogs & Brats 5:30 - 8 PM</p> <p>House Committee Meeting - 6 PM Post Meeting - 7 PM</p> <p>Pinochle - 7:30 PM Lunch 11 AM - 2 PM</p>	<p>13</p>  <p>10 AM - 2 PM Kitchen 5:00 PM Bingo - 6:30 PM Lunch 11 AM - 2 PM</p>	<p>14 Mhd Business Assn Meeting @ Noon</p> <p>BNI Meeting 1:30 - 3:30 PM</p> <p>Valentines Day Steak Fry - \$17.00 6 - 8 PM See Flyer for Details Lunch 11 AM - 2 PM</p>	<p>15</p>  <p>10 AM - 2 PM Kitchen 5:00 PM Bingo - 6:30 PM Lunch 11 AM - 2 PM</p>	<p>16</p>  <p>Kitchen 5:00 PM Bingo - 6:30 PM</p> <p>\$1,199 Blackout Meat Raffles - 5:30 PM Karaoke w/Pepper Right after Bingo Lunch 11 AM - 2 PM</p>	<p>17 No Bingo Burger Baskets 11:30 - 2 PM - \$6.00</p>  <p>10 AM - 3 PM Rick Fielder - 6 - 9 PM "Dash For Cash" - 4 - 5:30</p>
<p>18 11 AM - 11 PM Open</p> <p>Post 21 Memorial Service - 2 PM</p>	<p>19 SAL Burgers, Dogs & Brats 5:30 - 8 PM</p> <p>Pinochle - 7:30 PM Valley Vintage Car Club Mtg - 7:30 PM</p>	<p>20</p>  <p>10 AM - 2 PM</p> <p>Crystal Sugar Retirees Luncheon Kitchen 5:00 PM Bingo - 6:30 PM Lunch 11 AM - 2 PM</p>	<p>21 Mhd Business Assn Meeting @ Noon</p> <p>BNI Meeting 1:30 - 3:30 PM</p> <p>Steak Fry - \$14.00 6 - 8 PM Lunch 11 AM - 2 PM</p>	<p>22</p>  <p>10 AM - 2 PM Kitchen 5:00 PM Bingo - 6:30 PM Lunch 11 AM - 2 PM</p>	<p>23</p>  <p>Kitchen 5:00 PM Bingo - 6:30 PM</p> <p>2 - \$500 Blackouts Karaoke w/Brad Rivers Right after Bingo Lunch 11 AM - 2 PM</p>	<p>24 Burger Baskets 11:30 - 2 PM - \$6.00</p> <p>Pinochle Tournament See Flyer</p> <p>"Dash For Cash" - 4 - 5:30 Kitchen 5:00 PM Bingo - 6:30 PM Late Night Bingo - 8:30 PM</p>
<p>25 Open 11 AM - 11 PM</p>	<p>26 SAL Burgers, Dogs & Brats 5:30 - 8 PM</p> <p>Memory Cafe Dine to Dance 11:30 - 1:30 Pinochle - 7:30 PM Moorhead Lions Meeting - 6 PM Lunch 11 AM - 2 PM</p>	<p>27</p>  <p>10 AM - 2 PM Kitchen 5:00 PM Bingo - 6:30 PM Lunch 11 AM - 2 PM</p>	<p>28 Mhd Business Assn Meeting @ Noon</p> <p>BNI Meeting 1:30 - 3:30 PM</p> <p>Steak Fry - \$14.00 6 - 8 PM Lunch 11 AM - 2 PM</p>	<p>29</p>  <p>10 AM - 2 PM Kitchen 5:00 PM Bingo - 6:30 PM Lunch 11 AM - 2 PM</p>	<p>"R E D" - Friday</p>  <p>Remember Everyone Deployed Also known as RED or RED Friday is a concept of honoring US service members currently deployed overseas.</p>	



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