

The Hearl Herald



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Post



2023 - 24

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COMMANDERS CORNER

I hope everyone had a good Thanksgiving; here it is, December 1st, and many things are happening this month. First off, it's the official month of winter and, of course, everyone's favorite Christmas. I am hoping that everyone has a safe and joyous Christmas. This is a reminder that we are co-hosting the kid's Christmas party on December 3rd at Mid-Town Tavern in Moorhead with the Moorhead VFW.

Everyone should check the activity calendar for all events happening at the Post. I want to thank the Legion Riders and the SAL for their donations to the Post fund. We are halfway to my goal, and I am still looking for donations to help bring up the Post account.

Again, thank you to all the staff and volunteers for all the work you do to make this Post a great place to come to. There have been a lot of great comments about how nice the Post is kept up and how great the staff and volunteers treat everyone.

From all of us at Post 21,
Happy Holidays.

Paul Leeman, Commander

MANAGER'S CORNER

Hello Members!!

Happy Holidays to everyone!!! No snow yet; you have to love that. I hope Mother Nature doesn't make us pay for it, though. By the time you are reading this newsletter, your Post 21 will be all decorated for the Holidays. Stop in and take it all in; after all, this is a very special time of year.

November didn't disappoint us at all. We had a lot of activities going on, from the Auxiliaries Fall Craft Show, Halloween party, breakfast by the Legion Riders, and, of course, Veterans Day, for which the Post was packed all day and evening. We have had some good entertainment here at the club as well. The fabulous Red River Valley Veterans Concert Band performed for us on Veterans Day, and then the Big Band/Swing Band played here at the club on Saturday the 18th. The Swing Band will be back in December, I will get to that here soon. So all-in-all, November was busy.

So...here we go, on to December!! This is going to be fun as well. I just love decorating the Post for the Holiday Season!! It looks so spectacular.

MANAGER'S CORNER

A big thanks to all the staff and guests who showed up to make this happen. Does anyone like to play Pinochle? On December 2nd, there is a tournament with registration starting at 8:30. Call the club for details. The Legion Riders will be having one of their delicious breakfasts on the 3rd, so you don't want to miss that. On to December 20th, which is a Wednesday night and our steak night. We will be hosting a Holiday Party for the MBA (Moorhead Business Association). This will be from 4 to 7 PM. The Moorhead High School Christmas Carolers will be entertaining us from 6 - 6:30 PM, and the Big Band/Swing band will be playing from 7 - 9 PM. This is gearing up to be a festive and fabulous evening. So come on down and get into the Holiday Spirit.

Please see the flyers inside this newsletter for Christmas and New Year's events and times. Remember, we are closed on Christmas Day. I wish everyone a Blessed and Happy Holiday Season! Please keep our troops and veterans in your prayers, especially this time of the year. May God Bless You all, and May God Bless America!!

Scott B. Moen, Post 21
Manager



Auxiliary



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President's Corner

Happy Holidays!

Hoping you all had a blessed Thanksgiving with your friends and family and reflected on the many ways that you are thankful. The season of giving is upon us as we get closer to the holidays. In our area, there are many ways to give to others. We hear the bell ringers as we enter stores, we see the trees in many different lobbies decorated with special tags for you to choose a child or adult to give a needed item, there are online sites to help others with monetary gifts, and there are sites set up in the communities to drop off toys, socks, and coats. Our local communities are very generous in all forms of giving. In the spirit of giving we also can remember our Veterans. The Fargo VA has a need for many different items to help with the comfort and welfare of their Veteran patients. The list includes sewn items such as 60"x 80" blankets in masculine colors/prints, comfort items such as deodorant and shaving cream, new clothing such as sweatpants sizes small to 3x, and you can even donate gift cards such as Walmart, grocery and gas cards. The best way to find out what is needed and what you would like to donate is to call the Center for Development and Civic Engagement at 701-239-3700, extension 3395, to ask questions and schedule your donation drop-off. Let's remember our Veterans and give back to them as they have given themselves to us and our nation.

We will be having our Auxiliary meeting on December 4th. We will meet at 5:00 to continue making poppies, and then we will have a potluck supper at 6:00, with a meeting after that. Bring whatever you like to the potluck. I'm sure we will have a variety of good dishes and desserts! The Legion/VFW Military Childrens Christmas Party will be held at the VFW's new headquarters located in the Midtown Taven in Moorhead. Remember to check your calendars to see when you signed up to help. Helpers signed up for 1:00 and 2:30, and the event starts at 4:00. This is a highlight of the holiday season for our two Auxiliaries, and everyone has a great time! Santa and Mrs. Claus will be there to hand out gifts! Combining the Auxiliaries to coordinate this event is rewarding as we continue to help Veterans through our volunteering. Thank you again to our Auxiliary for donating yummy baked desserts for sale at supper on Thursday and Friday nights. You can check the schedule at our next meeting to see when you signed up and to sign up for other dates.

December 13th is the National Guards birthday, and December 16th is National Wreaths Across America Day (<https://www.wreathscrossamerica.org/>). This is A reminder that we will not have a January meeting. Stay home and keep warm! Check out the Post calendar for all the upcoming fun activities offered in December and January! Great bands, bingo, social activities, cards, good food so you don't have to cook, and just a great place to get together and socialize "At your friendly American Legion"!

Enjoy the holidays with your family and friends, and best wishes as we head into the New Year!

Barb Chamberlain, Unit 21 Auxiliary President



The Auxiliary is again taking orders for quarter zip sweatshirts. Sizes S-XL are \$40 and sizes 2X and 3X are \$42. Please contact Barb Chamberlain or Aubrey Ketterling for more information or to place an order.

Thanks, Aubrey

AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP

As always, we are very happy to add more new members this month – Roxee Jones, Jannette Wenshau, and Tyann Schlenker, a long-time Auxiliary member who transferred to Moorhead Unit 21 from North Dakota. Welcome, ladies!

Thank you to all who have sent in renewals. Membership is an important part of this organization. Your dues money supports numerous projects that help our veterans on the local, district, state, and national levels. If you have not yet paid your 2024 dues, please do so soon - \$35.00 for senior members – 18 and older - and \$10.00 for junior members - birth through 17 years of age. It's also important that we work to increase our membership. Our local Post has a much larger membership than the Auxiliary. For nearly every Post member, there is at least one or more people (wife, daughter, granddaughter, mother, or male spouse) who are eligible for membership in the Auxiliary. So for anyone reading this newsletter who wonders if they are eligible for Auxiliary membership – YES – do we want you as a member – ABSOLUTELY! Do you have to attend every meeting and volunteer for every project – only if you want to? Just paying membership dues goes a long way to help our veterans. Any further involvement is totally up to you. Feel free to flood my mailbox with applications this month. I'll be happy to give my mail carrier an extra nice Christmas gift.

Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year to all!

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

Auxiliary Fundraiser

THANK YOU – THANK YOU!

Once again, our November Craft-Vendor Show and Silent Auction was a big success. Thanks to all who participated - whether you helped set up, donated, or purchased silent auction items, purchased a space to sell your crafts or vendor items, shopped at the many vendor/craft tables (so they will come back next time), or spread the word through social media, we couldn't do it without you. A special thanks to Scott Moen, who arrived in the wee hours of the morning to help us set up. Keep us in mind for the next one – Saturday, March 23, 2024. It's a fun way to raise money for our many Auxiliary projects.

Kristi Perez
Craft-Vendor Fundraiser Chairperson

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

YOUR MEMBERSHIP EXPIRES DEC 31st!



Thanksgiving has passed, Christmas is on the way and the end of the year will be here before you know it. Your membership expires **Dec 31**. If you haven't done so already, renew your dues today.

If you know someone who may need help renewing their dues, membership in the American Legion Family makes a great Christmas Gift!



We hope you all had a blessed Thanksgiving. We have been blessed with some bonus riding days. It has been a beautiful November! Let's hope this helps shorten our winter! The Riders, in conjunction with the SAL, had a fun Halloween party. The front fenders played, which is always a blast! We raised a little over \$2000.00 (Picture 1) for our Post while enjoying a very spooky evening. Congratulations to Wayne Casebeer (A USMC Veteran), who won the \$1,100.00 from our 50/50 raffle.

Some other highlights: Wayne and Myron presented a check at the Koby Hunsicker benefit. He was injured in a motorcycle accident (Picture 2). We were invited to the Brady Oberg Veterans Day ceremony at the Air Museum. We presented this great organization with a donation to help them with all they do to raise awareness for Veteran suicide prevention (Picture 3).

A group of your Riders attended the Fall Convention in St. Cloud, representing the 9th District Legion Riders. Pictured with Steve NaSalle, our 9th District commander and director for the 9th District Legion Riders (Picture 4).

Please see Mr. Ticket Jim Aasness or any Rider to purchase your raffle ticket for a chance to win a hot tub while helping your Riders help area Veterans and Children charities.

As always, thank you to Post 21 and all your members for helping your Legion Riders support so many amazing charities in our community!

Doug Dietrich, FM Legion Rider Director



L to R - Doug Dietrich, Riders Director, Paul Leeman, Post Commander, Tim Haugen, Post Adjutant and Dale Jenson, SAL Squadron Commander

Picture 2



Picture 3



Picture 4



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.

What do you get when you cross an insect with the Easter Bunny?

It is hard to believe that it has been four years since we started doing internment/burials at the Fargo National Cemetery. The figures for this month's newsletter are from 13 October 2019 through 31 October 2023.

There are 207 urns in the Columbarium, 451 urns in the ground, 25 caskets in the private vaults, 197 caskets in the Government vaults, and 2 plaques on the Memorial Wall, FOR A TOTAL OF 882 INTERNMENTS/BURIALS AT THE FARGO NATIONAL CEMETERY. THIS INCLUDES 696 VETERANS AND 186 SPOUSES, FOR A TOTAL OF 882. AND THERE ARE 92 COUPLES INTERRED/BURIED AT THE FARGO NATIONAL CEMETERY.

Bugs Bunny

THE breakdown per branch of service is: Army – 371, Navy – 144, US Marine Corps – 49, US Air Force -128, ARMY/AF – 4, Spouses – 186, for a total of 882 internments/burial.

Our yearly volunteer hours are – 2019 = 966, 2020 = 2,072, 2021 = 3,373, 2022 = 2,798, 2023 = 2,355. Since 13 October 2019 thru 31 October 2023, we have accumulated 12,161 donated volunteer hours.

What do you get when you cross an elephant and a kangaroo?

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

The FMHG participated in the Veterans Day program at the Center for the Arts at MSUM and the Fargo Air Museum.

Big holes all over Australia.

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.

A GREAT BIG 'thank you' to - District Five Vice Commander Andru Peters for donating 17 pairs of ceremonial white gloves to the Fargo Memorial Honor Guard.

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



Vikings Schedule



Dec 10th - Away	Raiders @ 3:05
Dec 17th - Away	Bengals @ TBA
Dec 24th - Home	Lions @ 12:00
Dec 31st - Home	Packers @ 7:20

1st Bloody Mary prior to kickoff compliments of Post, still in memory of Lefty. (Noon Games Only)

DASH for CASH \$\$ RACES \$\$

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

LUNCH SERVED

MONDAY - FRIDAY

11am to 2pm

\$9.99 DAILY SPECIALS

Christmas Eve Schedule

Sunday Dec 24th



Doors Open at 11 AM



Tom & Jerry's
at Noon -

Served by Jay Nelson

(1st one Complimentary)

Snacks 2:00 PM, till gone

LIONS vs @ Noon

Last Call 5:00 PM

Doors Close - @ 5:30 PM

Monday Dec 25th - Club Closed

Merry
Christmas



Right Here at Your "Friendly"
Moorhead American Legion



The Red River Valley Veterans Swing Band

Sponsored by POst 21,
Moorhead, MN



December 20th, 7:00 - 9:00, At The
Moorhead Legion - Steak Fry Night

Saturdays Burger Baskets



from 11:30am to 2:00pm

Plain or with
cheese, fries,

onions (fried or raw)...

SAL MEMBERS COOKING BURGERS & BRATS



MONDAYS - 5:30PM to 8PM



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

- James Stobbie, USA Vet**
- Dustin Halle, USA Vet**
- Jennifer Dilbeck, USA Vet**
- Tristan Gentry, USA Vet**
- Heather Johnson, USA Vet**

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



January 14, February 11, March 10 & April 14

Served from 9 AM to Noon

Proceeds benefit the Moorhead Legion Blues & Golds Baseball



TAPS



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

Waldron Littlefield, , USAF, Korea Era

Our thoughts and prayers are with the Family of these Veterans.

BEAT THE PHANTOM



PICK MORE WINNERS THAN THE PHANTOM
WIN A FREE DRINK!

NFL FOOTBALL WEEKLY PICKS

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

***** - Currently Deployed**

Thank You for your Service!!!!



Post 21 Gaming

Moorhead American Legion
Gaming Tidbits

November 20th, 2023

Here at the Moorhead American Legion, we had net receipts of \$609,585.00 last year. Out of this, we donated \$108,817.00 (18%) to charities and paid taxes in the amount of \$134,537.00 (22%). Just think what we could have done with our money if the taxes were lower.

Dennis Beckerleg, Gaming Manager



Post 21 Gaming Donations

The Following Donations were approved by the Gaming Committee:

Mike Eslinger Benefit	\$250.00
Moorhead DARE	\$250.00
Veterans Camp Ground	\$250.00
JR AFOTC (2 Payments of \$250)	\$500.00
Legion Pheasant Dinner	\$100.00
Legion Boys State	\$100.00
Mhd Spuds Weightlifting (SYSCO)	\$500.00
National Guard Christmas	\$250.00
Legion/VFW Kids Christmas Party	\$250.00
Wreaths for the Fallen	\$100.00
Color Guard	\$1,179.16
Total	\$3,729.16



“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. Have questions on this fund, please give Scott Moen, Club Manager, a call @ 218-233-1297. Next Project: Tile the liquor room floor.

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



Post 21 Management & Officers

Squadron 21 News

I would like to thank everyone who purchased tickets from the SAL 50/50 raffle. We were able to donate a thousand dollars to worthy causes. We continue to cook burgers, brats, and hot dogs on Monday nights. And it is now Chili season!!! Come in for a bowl.

Squadron 21 welcomes Michael Johnson & Conner Halsa to the Legion Family.

Our Next SAL meeting is Monday, Dec 4 at 6:00 PM at the Post Home.



Respectfully Submitted,

Dale Jenson-SAL Commander



L to R - Doug Dietrich, Riders Director, Paul Leeman, Post Commander, Tim Haugen, Post Adjutant and Dale Jenson, SAL Squadron Commander

Veterans Service Officer

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year,

As the holidays approach us, let's not forget about all of those soldiers deployed or overseas who cannot come home at this time. Please keep them in your thoughts. Also, please check on your battle buddies, as the holidays sometimes bring sadness and depression, too. If you know anyone that is hurting, please bring them to the Fargo VA or dial 988.

Veterans Day 2023 Overview

On Veterans Day, we were honored to spend it with 300 of our friends and Medal of Honor Recipient Dakota Meyer. Dakota delivered a powerful message by telling his story and how we can all be a part of the change to end Veteran Suicide. "Our ask today is to call someone who has served and tell them you love and appreciate them. Write a note of gratitude to someone you know who has been a part of the military community. Send a text message to an individual who has a loved one serving. Or grab a coffee with someone and ask how they are doing. We ask you to give the gift of curiosity, care and love to our veterans, not only today but every day," said Tracy Dunham, Executive Director of the Brady Oberg Legacy Foundation. Special thanks to event sponsors Scheels, Gate City Bank, Sanford Health, Tharaldson Hospitality Management, Lunde Auto Center, Bryan Viau, and the Brady Oberg Legacy Foundation. Pictures by Urban Toad Media.



Fargo VA Stand Down Report

This is a yearly event striving to engage with new and known homeless Veterans in our area to connect them with various shelter and housing options, services, and resources within the VA as well as the community. Date/Time: 11/15/2023 from 10 am-2 pm Location: Fargo, VA CRRC. Overall, a successful event, with many providers working together to help get our homelessness numbers down on both sides of the river. It truly takes all community service providers and teamwork to end homelessness. These efforts will continue to flourish as the numbers are going down to the end result of no more homeless veterans in our community.

Number of Fargo VA staff working the event: 38

14 VA Homeless Program staff, 2 HPACT, 1 VA staff from SATP, 3 Whole Health, 3 VA Regional office, 1 VA Voc. Rehab, & 14 community providers to include staff from ND Job Service, Cass County VSO, Clay County VSO, MAC-V, SSVF, Veterans Inc., Community Options, Red Cross, Lalu Lash & Beauty, & ND Legal Services

Event coordinator: Fargo VA HCHV staff

Total number of Veterans attending the event:

Total Veterans: 45

Minority Veterans: 12

Female Veterans: 4

Total number of people attending the event: 83

Lalu Lash & Beauty provided 20 free haircuts to our Veterans during the event. Fargo Mat Bus provided free rides to the clinic for Veterans to attend the Stand Down. The CRRC HPACT team met with Veterans during the event to administer 1 flu and 1 COVID vaccination. 3 Blood Pressure checks were administered by HPACT nursing. 6

Veterans received Battlefield acupuncture at the event. Veterans received various giveaways at the event to include med trays and other Suicide Prevention items, and outdoor/winter gear to include hats, gloves, long underwear, tops, pants, and socks. The Red Cross donated hygiene and first aid bags as well as blankets at the event.

Veterans in attendance were provided with lunch as well by the VFW Aux Post 7564 of West Fargo. 1 Veteran was newly assigned to HPACT and 1 consult was placed for mental health therapy. 1 Veteran was applied for and was accepted to grant and per diem program.



Armstrong Announces Service Academy Nominations

WASHINGTON – Last week, Congressman Kelly Armstrong (R-ND) announced that he has nominated three North Dakotans to the US service academies: Nicolas Armendariz-Lotito of Grand Forks to the US Air Force Academy; Ryaan Alshami of Grand Forks to the U.S. Naval Academy; and Marc Steinberg of Fargo to the US Military Academy.

"Nicolas, Ryaan, and Marc have answered the call to serve our country. I'm proud to nominate them to the service academies," said Congress Armstrong. "As their journey to become future leaders of our armed services begins, I join their family, friends, neighbors, and all North Dakotans in thanking them and wishing them the best.

Veterans Service Officer - Continued

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Nicolas Armendariz-Lotito, Grand Forks – US Air Force Academy - Nicolas is a 2023 graduate of Grand Forks Central High School and is currently attending the US Air Force Academy Preparatory School in Colorado. His high school extracurricular activities included wrestling, football, track and field, and Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps. He is a member of the National Honors Society and holds black belts in karate and kickboxing.

Ryaan Alshami, Grand Forks – U.S. Naval Academy - Ryaan is a senior at Grand Forks Central High School. His high school extracurricular activities include soccer, track and field, and captain of the swim team. He is a member of the National Honors Society. He served as a volunteer for Meals on Wheels, the Alzheimer's Walk Association, and the United Way Foundation.

Marc Steinberg, Fargo – US Military Academy - Marc is a senior at the Liberty University Online Academy and is a member of the Fargo South Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps, where he serves as a squadron support officer. He has participated in competitive cheer at North Dakota Elite for 10 years. He has volunteered at his church teaching children for eight years. The service academies other than the US Coast Guard Academy require a nomination from their US Representative, one of their US Senators, or the Vice President of the United States to attend. Armstrong has nominated these three individuals to the respective academies, and each academy admission board will determine final appointments.

PACTACT Updates

Since last August there have been over 1.2 million claims submitted in the US, totaling \$3.02 billion in benefits paid out to our veterans, dependents, and widows. North Dakota has paid out roughly \$9 million in benefits during this time with over 3000 Pact Act claims. Currently, ND has 1365 claims left to be decided for pact act claims. Special thanks to Clay County for their assistance and for assisting numerous veterans in meeting the deadline for Pact Act claims. We definitely cannot do this alone. We have a great partnership and that will continue into 2024 and beyond, helping veterans in need.

Have a safe and Happy Holidays! Chris Deery, Cass County VSO, deeryc@casscountynod.gov, 701-241-5746

VA SAVE - Training

SAVE TRAINING TO BE HELD AT MOORHEAD POST 21 ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16

By Gary H. Olson

SAVE Training by the Fargo VA will be held at Moorhead American Legion Post 21 on Saturday, December 16, starting at 2:15 PM and ending at 3:45 PM. S.A.V.E. training will help you act with care and compassion if you encounter a Veteran who is in crisis or experiencing suicidal thoughts. The acronym S.A.V.E. helps you remember the important steps involved in suicide prevention:

- S: Signs of suicidal thinking should be recognized
- A: Ask the most important question of all – "Are you thinking of killing yourself?"
- V: Validate the Veteran's experience
- E: Encourage treatment and Expedite getting help



The Veteran Crisis Line is 1-800-273-8255 and press 0. Can call 988 and press #1. Plan to attend the SAVE training session on Saturday, December 16 at Moorhead Post 21 at 2:15 PM. If you have any questions, contact Gary H. Olson at 218-790-5130 or garyholson@702com.net. Spread the word. Thank you!

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VETERANS HONOR Flight of ND/MN **Announces HUGE Fall Flight** **www.veteranshonorflightofndmn.org**



Fargo, ND 11/26/2023- The Veterans Honor Flight of ND/MN is pleased to announce that there will be a Spring flight departing Hector International Airport May 19-21, 2024. The flight will have approximately 90 Veterans on board from WWII, Korean and Vietnam Conflicts.

Currently, we have almost 700 veterans on the waiting list. The Veterans Honor Flight of ND/MN is excited and pleased to announce that this Fall, we will be taking TWO airplanes together for the first time ever, which will let us take up to 200 veterans. We will fly out of Fargo September 22-24, 2024!

Here are a few fundraisers that are coming up

<u>Date/Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
12/9/2023	Hankinson Bingo Event	Hankinson Community Center
12/13/2023 5:30-7pm	Meat Raffle	Wild Rice Bar and Grill
12/27/2023 5:30-7pm	Meat Raffle	Wild Rice Bar and Grill
1/10/2024 5:30-7pm	Meat Raffle	Wild Rice Bar and Grill
1/24/2024 5:30-7pm	Meat Raffle	Wild Rice Bar and Grill
1/28/2024	Hot Dish Contest/Silent Auction	American Legion Moorhead
2/7/2024 5:30-7pm	Meat Raffle	Wild Rice Bar and Grill
2/8/2024	Giving Hearts Day	Moorhead American Legion
2/21/2024 5:30-7pm	Meat Raffle	Wild Rice Bar and Grill
3/6/2024 5:30-7pm	Meat Raffle	Wild Rice Bar and Grill
3/20/2024 5:30-7pm	Meat Raffle	Wild Rice Bar and Grill
4/3/2024 5:30-7pm	Meat Raffle	Wild Rice Bar and Grill
4/17/2024 5:30-7pm	Meat Raffle	Wild Rice Bar and Grill
4/28/2024	Potato Dumpling Feed	American Legion Moorhead
5/1/2024 5:30-7pm	Meat Raffle	Wild Rice Bar and Grill
5/4/2024	Pelican Rapids VFW fundraiser	Pelican Rapids VFW
5/15/2024 5:30-7pm	Meat Raffle	Wild Rice Bar and Grill
5/19-21/2024	HF Trip to Washington, DC	Washington, DC

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


MOORHEAD AMERICAN LEGION HALL OF FAME BANQUET

TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW

- 📍 Moorhead American Legion
- 📅 Saturday, Dec. 16th, 6 - 9PM
- ❤️ Proceeds to reduce player fees.

Tickets:

Moorhead American Legion
OR

Online: Moorhead Home Run Club 



- Social Hour
- Hall of Fame
- Auction & Entertainment
- Entertainment
- Ice Cream
- Silent Auction
- Party Program
- Live Entertainment
- Speeches
- Proceeds to Tom Hawkins



MOORHEAD VFW POST 1223 AND MOORHEAD AMERICAN LEGION POST 21 CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY



Santa Claus will be there with all his Helpers



**Children and Grandchildren
of VFW and Legion Members,
Veterans, Active Duty Military
and Guard and Reserve Units**

Duane's Pizza, Treats & Activities for the Kids!

**SUNDAY December 3rd from 4 to 6 PM at the
Moorhead Midtown Tavern**

New Years Eve Activities

HAPPY NEW YEAR
2024!

**Sunday Dec 31st
Open at 11 AM**



**Happy Hour Prices All Day
Bingo 3 PM**

3 - \$500 Blackouts

Sloppy Joe's & Chips @ 6 PM

Freewill Donation

Packers vs Vikings 7:20 PM

New Years Day Activities

Monday Jan 1st

Doors open @ 11 AM



Lasagna @ Noon

Meat Raffles 1:00 PM

Bingo @ 2:00 PM

(\$1000.00 Must Go) and MORE!!

**Right Here at Your "Friendly"
Moorhead American Legion**



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**560 Connect
at the**



**Tom & Jerry's
Until Gone!**

Moorhead HS Carolers @ 6 PM



**Ugly Sweater
Contest**

**Door Prizes
and more!!**

**Hors d'oeuvres & Treats @ 4 PM until gone
RRV Veterans Swing Band 7 - 9 PM**



Wednesday, December 20th - 4 - 7 PM



Color/Honor Guard

In late October and November, the Honor Guard presented military honors for nine veterans: Leroy "Sam" Dauner, USAF Combat Medic Korea; Albert Knapper, Army in Germany and recalled in 1961 for the Cuban missile crisis; Charles Green, Army 1955 to 57; Clinton Sorenson, Army 1950s; Ralph Nordick, Army MP in Austria; David Flaten, Army mechanic, drove a tank and was a sharpshooter during the Korea war; Eugene Huber, USAF 1953 to 57; Dennis Wamre, Army officer at Fort Lewis Washington; and Leonard Schook, Army radio operator.

The Color Guard Presented the Colors twice in November, both on November 10, in honor of Veterans Day. The first was at the Dilworth, Glyndon, Felton Elementary School in Dilworth, where several hundred students and family members heard from local veterans and sang in honor of veterans. The second presentation was at Eventide Linden, where we presented the colors, described the funeral Honor ceremony, and displayed the electronic bugle and M1 Garand rifle. We also recounted memories of the Honor Flights for veterans and how they could apply if they had not attended one yet.

For several months, I have been asking for new individuals to join the Honor/Color Guard. I have had no one come forward 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.

I will be asking SAL and FM Legion Riders if they would join the Honor/Color Guard as needed after their timely participation in two parades in September.

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, don't hesitate to contact me at 701-261-7012.

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

Shooting Sports

The Shooting sports is one of the many programs supported by your Moorhead American Legion, Program reports are made at the District and State levels. Your POST 21 has mixed the programs of shooting sports and Youth activities together,

Your POST 21 began years ago by supporting youth Archery. Many of those went on to compete at State and National events. We now support them with money to purchase 3-D animal targets for the Cub and Youth Archery competition. Youth Archery, like many of our programs, is CO-ED. Boys and Girls compete as individuals and as team members. Teachers and Parents have told us that youth in the Archery program do better in school. What is it, The commitment, concentration, or individual accomplishment they learned in the Archery program? Who knows.

Your POST 21 began another Shooting Sports and youth program two years ago. We now support the Minnesota "STATE HIGH SCHOOL CLAY TARGET LEAGUE." This is now a High School approved activity. Shooters can earn a High School Letter like any other High School sport. This is a Spring and Fall sport with separate seasons. Again, this is a CO-ED program. Like the Archery program, the youth compete as individuals and team members.

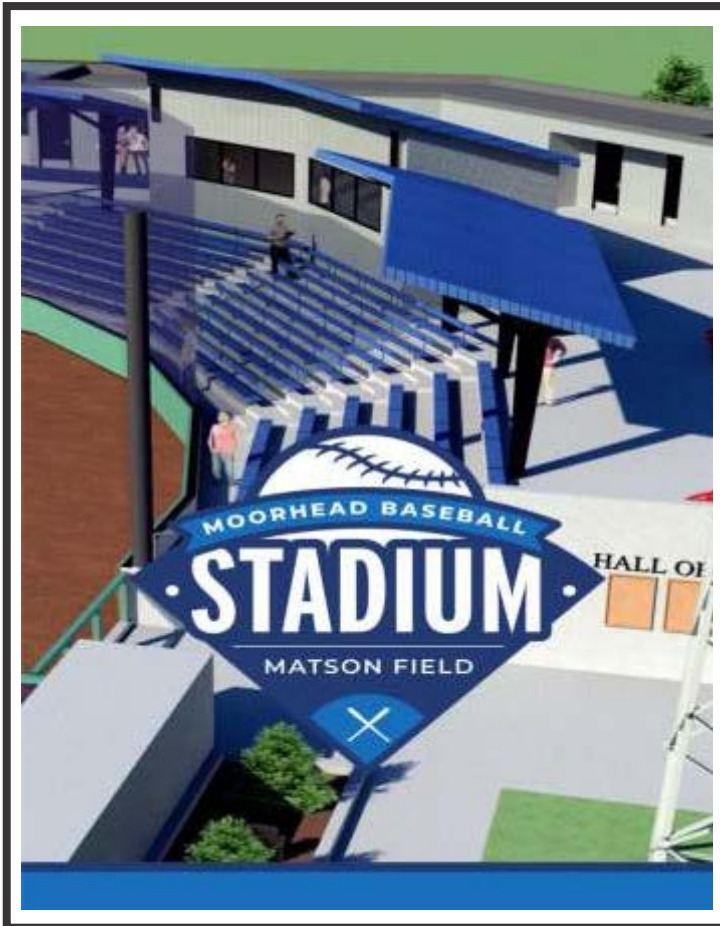
I will report in the future as these youth activities progress.

Gary L. Schulz

Legion Baseball Matson Field Update



Legion Baseball Matson Field Update - Continued



A Proud Home for Baseball

Since 1959, Matson Field has been the place where youth, American Legion, and amateur teams practice and host games. This aging facility has become home to the Moorhead baseball community, but it's in need of many improvements. The biggest need is a grandstand for visitors, but the press box, concessions, restrooms, scoreboard, sound system also need improvements.

The goal is to update the facility to a standard that makes our Moorhead teams proud. The updates will boost the hosting of league games and tournaments, which bring a positive economic impact to the City of Moorhead and its businesses.

Let's Play Ball!



To see more renderings, visit CityofMoorhead.com/MatsonRenderings

Naming Opportunities

Press Box	✓ FUNDED	Hero	\$500,000
Scoreboard	✓ FUNDED	Hero	\$250,000
Plaza		All Star	\$150,000
Concession Stand		All Star	\$100,000
Digital Location Sign		All Star	\$100,000
Hall of Fame Wall		All Star	\$100,000
Umpire Area		Champion	\$50,000
Dugouts (2 Available)		Champion	\$50,000
Leader Recognition Plaque <small>Show your support and add your name to the Leader's plaque in a prominent spot.</small>		Leader	\$1,000

Project Includes:

- Grandstand seating area with backs on 1/3 of the seats and some shaded areas.
- Berming along the baselines for those that bring their own chair to have better viewing.
- Scoreboard
- Digital Location Sign
- Press Box with viewing from behind home plate
- Concession Stand
- Restrooms
- Sound System



Your gift grows strong, active communities. Thank you!

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Month/Year
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Questions? Call 218.299.5340 or email parkandrec@moorheadmn.gov

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AMERICAN LEGION



SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
31 New Years Eve See Flyer in Newsletter For Day's Activities Packers @ Vikings 7:20 PM Kickoff	January 1 - New Years Day See Flyer in Newsletter For Day's Activities No SAL Burgers	DECEMBER 2023 			1 "R E D" FRIDAY Kitchen 5:00 PM Bingo - 6:30 PM \$1,199 Blackout Meat Raffles - 5:30 PM Karaoke w/Pepper Right after Bingo Lunch 11 AM - 2 PM	2 No Bingo Burger Baskets 11:30 - 2 PM - \$7.00 Pinochle 9 - 4 Lodge #249 Christmas Party 5 - 11 PM No Kitchen "Dash For Cash" - 4 - 5:30
3 Open 11 AM - 11 PM Legion Riders Breakfast 8 AM - Noon Kid's Xmas Party - See Flyer	4 SAL Burgers, Dogs & Brats 5:30 - 8 PM Auxiliary Mtg - 6 PM SAL Mtg - 6 PM Pinochle - 7:30 PM Lunch 11 AM - 2 PM	5 10 AM - 2 PM Kitchen 5:00 PM Bingo - 6:30 PM Lunch 11 AM - 2 PM	6 Mhd Business Assn Meeting @ Noon BNI Meeting 1:30 - 3:30 PM Steak Fry - \$14.00 6 - 8 PM Lunch 11 AM - 2 PM	7 BTYR Meeting 8:30 AM 10 AM - 2 PM Kitchen 5:00 PM Bingo - 6:30 PM Lunch 11 AM - 2 PM	8 "R E D" FRIDAY Kitchen 5:00 PM Bingo - 6:30 PM 2 - \$500 Blackouts Karaoke w/Brad Rivers Right after Bingo Lunch 11 AM - 2 PM	9 Burger Baskets 11:30 - 2 PM - \$7.00 "Dash For Cash" - 4 - 5:30 Late Night Bingo - 8:30 PM Kitchen 5:00 PM Bingo - 6:30 PM
10 Open 11 AM - 11 PM Vikings @ Raiders 3:05 PM Kickoff	11 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	12 10 AM - 2 PM Kitchen 5:00 PM Bingo - 6:30 PM Lunch 11 AM - 2 PM	13 Mhd Business Assn Meeting @ Noon BNI Meeting 1:30 - 3:30 PM Steak Fry - \$14.00 6 - 8 PM Lunch 11 AM - 2 PM	14 10 AM - 2 PM Kitchen 5:00 PM Bingo - 6:30 PM Lunch 11 AM - 2 PM	15 "R E D" FRIDAY Kitchen 5:00 PM Bingo - 6:30 PM \$1,199 Blackout Meat Raffles - 5:30 PM Karaoke w/Pepper Right after Bingo Lunch 11 AM - 2 PM	16 No Bingo Burger Baskets 11:30 - 2 PM - \$7.00 9th District Mylegion Tng 10 AM - 3 PM Legion Baseball Hall of Fame - Banquet 6 - 9 PM "Dash For Cash" - 4 - 5:30
17 Open 11 AM - 11 PM Vikings @ Benglas Kickoff Time TBA Mhd High School Dance Team Christmas Gathering 5 to 8 PM	18 SAL Burgers, Dogs & Brats 5:30 - 8 PM Pinochle - 7:30 PM Valley Vintage Car Club Mtg - 7:30 PM Lunch 11 AM - 2 PM	19 10 AM - 2 PM Crystal Sugar Retirees Luncheon Kitchen 5:00 PM Bingo - 6:30 PM Lunch 11 AM - 2 PM	20 Mhd Business Assn Meeting @ Noon BNI Meeting 1:30 - 3:30 PM Steak Fry - \$14.00 6 - 8 PM Lunch 11 AM - 2 PM	21 10 AM - 2 PM Kitchen 5:00 PM Bingo - 6:30 PM Lunch 11 AM - 2 PM	22 "R E D" FRIDAY Kitchen 5:00 PM Bingo - 6:30 PM 2 - \$500 Blackouts Karaoke w/Brad Rivers Right after Bingo Lunch 11 AM - 2 PM	23 Burger Baskets 11:30 - 2 PM - \$7.00 No Bingo Kitchen 5:00 PM "Dash For Cash" - 4 - 5:30
24 Open 11 AM - 11 PM See Holiday Schedule Tom & Jerry's - Noon Lions @ Vikings Noon Kickoff	25 Closed 	26 10 AM - 2 PM Kitchen 5:00 PM Bingo - 6:30 PM Lunch 11 AM - 2 PM	27 Mhd Business Assn Meeting @ Noon BNI Meeting 1:30 - 3:30 PM Jens Andersen Live 7 - 9 PM Steak Fry - \$14.00 6 - 8 PM Lunch 11 AM - 2 PM	28 10 AM - 2 PM Kitchen 5:00 PM Bingo - 6:30 PM Lunch 11 AM - 2 PM	29 "R E D" FRIDAY Kitchen 5:00 PM Bingo - 6:30 PM 3 - \$500 Blackouts Meat Raffles - 5:30 PM Karaoke w/TBA Right after Bingo Lunch 11 AM - 2 PM	30 Burger Baskets 11:30 - 2 PM - \$7.00 Rick Adams Live 6 - 9 PM "Dash For Cash" - 4 - 5:30



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