

## Memorial Day Events

Bonanzaville will be holding its annual Veterans' Memorial Celebration on Thursday, 25 May with free admission and free picnic. The gates open at 3:00pm with the opening of their new 'War Stories' exhibit. There will be a WWII Jeep, a Huey Helicopter and the Vietnam Veterans motorcycle club showing their bikes. At 5:30 we will be treated to a P51 Mustang flyover, followed by a concert by the Red River Valley Veterans Concert Band and a complimentary BBQ picnic. At 6:15, guest speaker Mike Gruchalla, author of "My Lives as a Medic: A Soldier's Journal in Vietnam" will share his experiences. After a year's absence, I will be back as the Master of Ceremonies. The Veterans' Memorial Celebration was started by Naomi Marchand in 2006 and the first event was held on 2 November 2006 at Bonanzaville, then moved to the Fargo Air Museum for two years, returning to Bonanzaville in 2009 and held there since then. The event is open to the public and all are welcome to join us in honoring our Veterans. One of my most memorial experiences happened the first year. I was driving a golf cart giving rides to Veterans from the Bonanzaville parking lot to the theater. I had a 92 year old WWII Vet in my cart and asked if he needed help getting out. He replied with "I am perfect capable of getting out all by myself, thank you, young man".

The Moorhead American Legion Post 21 and Dilworth VFW Post 1223 Color Guards will be at the following locations on Memorial Day Monday May 29th. Military Honors will be given at each location which includes: Rifle Salute, Prayer, and Taps. The public is invited to view the Military Honors and attend the ceremony at the Moorhead National Guard Training and Community Center (Armory) 1002 15th Ave. N. Moorhead at 11:00 AM. Guest Speaker is MSG (Ret) Eric Marts, US Army, IRAQI Veteran and Host of the Heroes of the Heartland Radio Show.

7:00 AM	Main Ave Veteran's Memorial Bridge
8: 45 AM	Moorhead Memorial Gardens (S. Moorhead)
9:15AM	Sabin (Elmwood Cemetery)
9:25AM	Sabin (Trinity Cemetery)
10:00 AM	Evergreens (S. Moorhead)
10:15 AM	Prairie Home Cemetery (By Concordia)
10:30AM	Riverside Cemetery (N. Moorhead)
10:40 AM	St Joseph's Cemetery (N. Moorhead)
11:00 AM	Program @ National Guard Armory – Public invited.