

Veterans' News About Town

Here are some updates on what's happening in our community. The United Patriotic Bodies met 23 January. The organization is comprised of a designated official from each of the Veterans organizations in Moorhead, Dilworth, Fargo and West Fargo. Their purpose is to coordinate activities in their area and they have a stronger voice when speaking for all Veterans from all organizations. Their major activities occur on Memorial Day and Veterans Day with events scheduled in our communities. Veterans organizations sending representatives include the American Legion posts, VFW posts, DAV, AMVETS, Vietnam Veterans of America.

VFW Post 1223 has new displays honoring post and auxiliary members, past and present. The names of all deceased post members, auxiliary members are shown on a marquee type display on one TV while current and life post and auxiliary members are shown on another TV.

The organizing committee for the WDAY Honor Flight is planning another flight in 2017 and are raising funds to pay for Veterans to fly to Washington, D.C. and visit our war memorials. A fund raising dinner is scheduled for March in Moorhead.

The Beyond the Yellow Ribbon ended 2016 with many successful stories. Our stated purpose is to connect Veterans, Servicemembers and their families with community support, training, services and resources. We continue to work with the Clay County Veterans Service Office to provide assistance to needy Veterans. We are most proud of the naming of 15th Ave N in Moorhead as Bearcat Way.

The Legion Riders of Post 21 in Moorhead is active again and planning events for 2017. The American Legion Riders are members of the American Legion who are also motorcycle enthusiasts. We can be found participating in parades, partaking in motorcycling events, and supporting the communities in which they live, work, and play. Members of the ALR come from the Legion, the Legion Auxiliary, and the Sons of the American Legion. Check out our webpage legionriders21.com.

Bike Night will return for the summer of 2017. Sponsored by Vietnam Veterans of America chapter 941, Bike Night is scheduled to be the second Thursday of May, June, July and August at VFW Post 1223, Dilworth.

The Historical and Cultural Society of Clay County staff is working on creating a display remembering WWI which will be opening in early 2018.

On Thursday, 9 February, my Sweetie, Bev and I will be attaching a small car to the back of our newly purchased motorhome and going on vacation. We plan on driving until we get tired, stopping somewhere and continuing the next day. We expect to spend a couple days in Albuquerque, NM and end up in Green Valley, AZ for a couple weeks. We plan on relaxing a lot, playing tourist somewhat, golfing a few times and in general taking a vacation. My editor has not given me a leave of absence, so you may be reading about the Southwest for the next few weeks.