

Local Events

Beyond the Yellow Ribbon will be making a presentation to the Moorhead Business Association on 31 August at 7:00 am at the Moorhead Frying Pan. The presentation will highlight the role of BTYR in our community, show some past successes and give a preview of upcoming projects and events. If you have an interest and/or are interested in learning more about the Moorhead Business Association, please show up. BTYR will hold its annual fall fund raiser on 30 October at the Dilworth VFW. Proceeds of the fall fund raisers go half to the recreation fund of the Minnesota Veterans Home in Fergus Falls and half to the recreation fund of the VA Hospital in Fargo. We raised over \$5,000 last year. BTYR will have roast pork dinner, bingo, raffle tickets and silent auction. More information will be in a later column.

Each year BTYR helps sponsor a Veterans conference hosted by the Clay County Veterans Service office. This year, our friends in Cass County will be joining Clay at the event. The VA, Veterans service organizations and others serving Veterans will be attending. All local Veterans are encouraged to attend. Time, date and location will be in an upcoming column.

30 August is Military Appreciation Day at the Minnesota State Fair in St. Paul. Local, State and National Veterans organizations will be there.

The Fargo Air Museum, 1609 19 Ave N, Fargo, invites all Veterans for coffee and donuts the 2nd Wednesday of each month, 10:00 am until noon.

The Rourke Art Museum, 521 Main Ave, Moorhead is now a Blue Star museum which means free admission to the nation's active-duty military personnel and their families, including National Guard and Reserve, from Memorial Day through Labor Day. The Rourke board of directors recently voted to include all Veterans and their families to the free admission policy. The Rourke hours are Friday – Sunday from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm.

Veterans Still Serving America, the national project to help the American Legion celebrate its 100th birthday is making progress locally. We now have a website – www.vssa.us.

In case you had not heard, this is an election year! Local Veterans organizations are developing plans to hold a candidates forum for our local state legislative candidates. The topics will be related to Veterans concerns and program at the State level. More later. The League of Women Voters of the Red River Valley will again be holding candidate forums for local races. The Moorhead library will be hosting a viewing of the first presidential debate on 26 September. Following the debate, the library will be hosting a moderated discussion of the debate and national issues. City of Moorhead filing ended with five candidates running for first ward, two candidates in second, two in third and only one in fourth.