

Candidate Forum on Veterans Issues

If you have questions about Minnesota Veterans issues or charitable gaming, please join us at the Dilworth VFW on Thursday, September 15 at 7:00 pm. Candidates for MN Senate 4 and House 4A and 4B have been invited to take your questions. The forum is sponsored by the American Legion, VFW and League of Women Voters of the Red River Valley (LWV RRV).

The LWV RRV will be hosting additional candidates' forum. On Tuesday, Sept 13 at 7:00 pm at the Moorhead Public Library, candidates for Moorhead School board will answer questions. I recently looked at my property tax statement and here is a percentage breakdown; City of Moorhead 23%, Clay County 34%, Moorhead EDA 1%, School District 152 29% and the Buffalo Watershed District 2%. Of those, the City of Moorhead, Moorhead EDA and Clay County all record and broadcast their meetings on Moorhead Community Access Media (MCAM). The second largest recipient of my taxes, the Moorhead School Board, has consistently refused to have their meetings recorded and broadcast on MCAM. Perhaps someone at the forum can tell us why.

At 7:00 pm, Tuesday Sept 27, candidates from MN Senate 4 and House 4A and 4B will be at the Moorhead Public Library answering questions on MN issues.

At 7:00 pm, Thursday Oct 13, candidates for Moorhead city council will be at the Moorhead Public Library answer questions on issues facing the City of Moorhead.

Cass and Clay County Veteran Service Offices will be hosting the third annual Veterans Conference at the Moorhead Armory on Friday, September 16 from 9:00 until 4:00 pm. Representatives attending are VA healthcare, VA benefits administration, MN and ND Department of Veterans Affairs, grants and financial resources, and local Veterans organizations. Lunch will be provided courtesy of Beyond the Yellow Ribbon Moorhead.

Last week, my Sweetie, Bev and I drove to St Paul to meet with grant evaluators at the MN History Center. We are trying to find grants to help fund our Veterans Still Serving America, the 100th birthday celebration of the American Legion. The meeting went very well and we will be submitting a grant application this month. We also purchased a digital copy of a book from 1919 on Clay County Veterans who served in WWI. Over 60 who entered the military from Clay County died during the war. Over 1,000 men and women served during the war. As we get more information, we will post it on our website – www.vssa.us. The Historical and Cultural Society of Clay County is providing valuable assistance and information.

We had burgers at the VFM on Monday. I wonder who the great cook is!