

## **Announcing Bearcat Way**

The Beyond the Yellow Ribbon Moorhead organization supported by the Moorhead American Legion and the Moorhead/Dilworth VFW will hold a special ceremony Saturday 6 August at 10:00 am. BTYR applied for and received permission to purchase ceremonial street signs honoring our Minnesota National Guard units stationed at our Armory. The mayor will unveil the ceremonial sign put up by city staff at the corner of 10 St and 15 Ave North, naming the avenue from the river to 11 St as Bearcat Way. This event is a result of cooperation among the service organizations and the city of Moorhead. City employees Jon Aitken and Bob Zimmerman and mayor Del Rae Williams helped make this project a reality. BTYR purchased signs from Butch Anton Signs, a Moorhead business. Moorhead Public Service assisted with the sign purchase.

The ceremony will include brief remarks from Mayor Williams, Senator Eken, Representative Marquart and Representative Ben Lein. Colonel Jason Benson will represent the Guard units. The Guard's color guard unit will present colors, we expect to have some "special" music and refreshments will be served following the ceremony. Additional signs along 15 Ave N will be installed by city staff the following week. The Guard will have drill weekend on Saturday and Sunday and many will attend the ceremony. The public is welcome to join us for this event honoring the men and women who serve in our Guard units.

As I reflect on the tragic shooting of police officers in Dallas last week, I believe we should start a special project for our city and county law enforcement men and women. Perhaps signs by the law enforcement center would be in order. We can, however, do something immediately. Whenever you see Chief Dave Ebinger or his officers or Sheriff Bill Bergquest or any of his deputies, please take a moment to thank them for their service. We have done this for our service members and Veterans, it is time we did the same for our law enforcement personnel.

Next week, I will again attempt to address the abundance of hate and fear in our country today and what we can do to become an even better community.

The Fargo VFW Post 762 is hosting a Free Community Appreciation Picnic on Saturday, July 30th at Trollwood Park in North Fargo. A Family event - bring the kids. This is our chance to say Thank You to a grateful community for supporting our Troops, Veterans and Youth.

At the Red River Valley Fair Military night on Thursday, July 14, military members and dependents with ID will get into the fair for \$5. The first 100 service members (adults, of course) will receive one free can of Budweiser between 6:30 – 7:30 pm.