

Election News

On Thursday, September 15, the American Legion, VFW and League of Women Voters of the Red River Valley sponsored a candidates' forum for District 4, House 4A and House 4B. All six candidates attended and addressed questions and concerns on Minnesota Veterans issues and Minnesota charitable gaming issues. The six candidates are expected to participate in another forum at 7:00 pm September 27 at the Moorhead Public Library where they will address questions on issues facing Minnesota.

On Tuesday, September 13, the League sponsored a forum for the candidates running for four open positions on the Moorhead School Board. The candidates responded to questions on school board issues. Both forums were recorded by Moorhead Community Access Media and have been posted on YouTube. Links to the forums are on the League's Facebook page – facebook.com/lwvrrv

WWI

My WWI research for this week was on Veterans who were listed as Moorhead Normal School men who entered the service.

Alex Nemzek Hall and Stadium are named for Alex Jerome (Sliv) Nemzek, a former coach and athletic director at Moorhead State. He was an Army officer in World War I enlisting on 6 March 1916 and retiring from the Guard on 23 July 1943. Alex was born on 11 October 1895. His father was a German immigrant and his mother was born in Poland. His wife's name was Anna J but I can't find her maiden name. They had three children. He died on 23 May 1958 and is buried in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Moorhead. He was commander of the Moorhead National Guard and served as mayor of Moorhead. Nemzek received his nickname from Sliver, a touring clown who once appeared in Moorhead. One record lists his name as Alexander, however, his military records show Alex Jerome.

Nemzek was a life-long Moorhead resident and star athlete who earned letters in four sports at Moorhead High School and was part of the school's undefeated 1913 football team.

Alex Nemzek Hall was officially named on February 3, 1960, when Moorhead State defeated Concordia College 72-71 on a 13-foot jump shot by Jim Nagel '62 (English and physical education major) with two seconds left in front of an estimated crowd of 3,800. The basketball team was coached by our friend Larry MacLeod, who served in the Army Air Corps during WWII.

Seats for Soldiers

The Scheels arena and the Fargo Force are recognizing present or past military personnel at their games. Seats for Soldiers will highlight a military member attending the game during a stoppage in play in the first period. Fans can nominate themselves or a friend/family member by sending in a nomination form. Nominations must be turned in at least two weeks in advance. There is no cost to nominate someone. The selected nominee will receive four tickets to a home game in the Seats for Soldiers location for them and their family or friends. Use this link to apply - http://www.fargoforce.com/news_article/show/698577?referrer_id=1253921