

## Local News and Activities

Please stop by the VFW in Dilworth to see a work in progress. The leadership at the VFW decided to replace the wall plaques of members with electronic displays. With some funds from gaming and some funds from donations, two TVs and two PCs on a stick were purchased and installed where the plaques were. Now you can see rolling displays with the names of all active members, life members and deceased members of Post 1223. The displays are still in draft mode and will be modified as time goes on. Also, plans are in progress to add the Auxiliary members to the scrolling displays. Suggestions for changes and/or improvements are always welcome. Just send me an e-mail message.

Beyond the Yellow Ribbon Moorhead is developing its budget for 2017. The budget will be presented to the full committee at our monthly meeting on Thursday 12 January at 0830. This is a public meeting at the VFW in Dilworth. The BTYR budget includes help for National Guard families, Veterans and families along with assisting the Clay County Veterans Service Office with funds to supplement their county budget. Representatives from Veterans organizations, city of Moorhead, Clay County, Education, (K-12 and Higher Ed), and interested citizens comprise our committee. Check out our webpage – [www.btyrmoorhead.org](http://www.btyrmoorhead.org).

There is still time to see Project Unpack at the Rourke Art Museum. Funded by a National Endowment for the Humanities grant, the project seeks to unpack or in other words talk freely about complex topics such as life in the military, experiences of war, the return home and readjusting to civilian life. Displays include video stories, audio interviews, art work and poetry about and by Veterans. The display is open Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 1:00 – 5:00 until 15 January 2017. It is worth seeing.

On a personal note, each Christmas I update a video I have on-line about my family members who served in the military and who are no long with us. The video includes my reading of poem similar to T'was the Night Before Christmas. You can check it out at [www.bakkeconsulting.com/extra](http://www.bakkeconsulting.com/extra) and click on the Bakke Veterans' Video.

It's been a slow week or two for Veterans activities. If you have suggestions for topics, please contact me.