

MN 2018 Veterans Day on the Hill

The Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs has started its 2018 legislative updates and here is information from their first issue. The 2018 Veterans Day on the Hill will take place at 10 a.m. on March 12 in the Rotunda of the Minnesota State Capitol. Veterans Day on the Hill is a joint event hosted by: The Minnesota Commanders' Task Force, United Veterans Legislative Council of MN and MN Association of County Veterans Service Officers. "Regional Rooms" will be available for use by Veterans/supporters following the rally in the rotunda. The idea behind these rooms is to offer attendees a place to congregate, invite their lawmakers to visit and discuss Veterans issues specific to their region, as well as statewide. Lawmakers will receive information about these rooms. However, it is highly recommended that anyone who will be attending also reach out to personally invite their members to drop-in. The rooms will be available from 11:00 to 1:30. The Regional Room for Clay county is with other western and northwestern counties and will be in room 2308 in the MN Senate Office Building. Representing Clay county in St Paul are Senator Kent Eken, Representative Paul Marquart and Representative Ben Lien. All three are very approachable and care about the citizens of our county and region. After the legislative session closes for 2018, all three representatives will be at an open forum sponsored by the League of Women Voters of the Red River Valley and the Moorhead Public Library.

Using a grant from the FM Area Foundation, we are working on gathering information from Clay County's American Legion and VFW Posts. Our researcher recently found a wonderful document called the Hawley Memorial Day Scrapbook. It is now on our website, www.vssa.us and you get to it by clicking on Post Histories, Hawley Legion.

Our friends at the Historical and Cultural Society of Clay County at the Hjemkomst Center will be opening a new exhibit on 13 March from 4:30 pm to 8:00 pm. The exhibit "War, Flu, & Fear – World War I and Clay County". The reception will feature WWI-era refreshments and discussions on The Forgotten War and the Forgotten Flu. Admission is \$5 with HCSCC members admitted free. Check it out on the web at www.hcscconline.org/.

Recently announced presenters for the Family History Workshop "Thank You Veterans" can be found on their website www.heritageed.com. The workshop will have several presentations on military and Veterans research with and emphasis on WWI. On-line registration will be opened soon. The workshop will be held on 29 September 2018 from 8:00 am until 4:30 pm at Horizon Middle School in Moorhead, cost is \$49 that includes a booklet, lunch and a special performance of the Red River Valley Veterans Concert Band.