



The Herald



Melvin E. Hearl Post No. 21 - 303 30th St N. Moorhead, MN 56560

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MIKE'S MEANDERINGS

We enjoyed a few April rain showers and even a couple of snow ones last month, let's hope they help the flowers and crops to start growing.

May is the month we set aside to honor those in uniform who gave the ultimate sacrifice. Moorhead Legion Post 21 is responsible for handling the Memorial Day services this year. Program and gravesite visits are listed within the Herald, please note that all times at the cemeteries are approximate. Also the Auxiliary will be out selling Poppy's the weekend of May 6th, please show your support and donate to this worthy cause.

Mike,

Please keep in your prayers those who made the ultimate sacrifice and those who are ensuring our freedoms.

COMMANDERS CORNER

Well April like the last 10 months have been very busy here at the Melvin E. Hearl Post 21 and May and June look to be just as busy. Keep checking our web site & facebook page for updates as we try and update daily on Post/Unit/SAL & Club activities!!!! Like us on facebook!!!!

As we wind down the last 2 months of this year, I want to thank everyone that helped make this a great year at Post 21. But like everything in life its time for a change and let someone else step in and lead Post 21. I plan on continuing to serve on the Color/Honor Guard, Post 21's newsletter and serve on the 2 chairmanships I current hold. This upcoming year if elected, I will be the 9th District Commander and this alone will keep me busy.

Membership: Post 21 is currently at 627 and our goal is 675. We're now down to 34 members that haven't renewed their 2017 dues.

We have been cleaning up the newsletter mailing/emailing list and will continue to do so. If you have been receiving the newsletter and haven't renewed since prior to 2015 we will be dropping you from the mailing on July 1st. For those that haven't renewed from 2016 you will continue to receive a newsletter until January 1st, 2018.

I want to thank everyone that sent back the information sheet that was sent with your membership card. It was to update everyone's information here at Post 21 as well as the National Membership data base. Of the 300 or so returned we updated approx 93% of those returned. Being missing a middle initial, date of birth, period or branch of service to mention a few. We even corrected a few members years of continuous service. If you haven't returned it yet please do so!!!

Tim Haugen
Post 21 Commander



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AUXILIARY NEWS

GREETINGS AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY MEMBERS

A review from our April meeting. The Craft Show was a successful event, and thank you for supporting this.

We received a thank you letter from the VA for donating 50 activity bags.

The Auxiliary will be awarding local scholarships, and sponsoring a girl at Girls State.

A slate of officers was presented and election will be held on May 1st at the meeting;

On June 5th will be the installation of officers and the unit will be having a potluck dinner. We have extended an invitation to other units.

May is POPPY month. On May 6th in several places in Moorhead, the Auxiliary Unit 21 will have poppies available for you donations. We want to thank our veterans who make these poppies.

“Whatever the mind of man can conceive and believe, it can achieve” Napoleon Hill Statue of Liberty: Total weight of the Statue of Liberty is 225 tons (or 450,000 lbs). There are 154 steps from the pedestal to the head of The Statue of Liberty. The Statue has a 35 foot waistline.

UPCOMING EVENTS; Saturday May 6th POPPY DAY

Saturday, May 13th: District President Joanie Krantz, Testimonial, Halma Community Center, 11:00 AM social, 12:00 Noon Lunch RSVP by May 5th

Saturday May 20th Armed Forces Day

Monday May 29th Memorial Day

Monday June 5th: Next meeting, potluck and installation of officers.

Friday/Saturday June 9-10: 9th District Convention hosted by Post 21

President Becky Olson



POST 21 AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS

The American Legion Riders (ALR) was formed as a means to provide an atmosphere whereas Post, Auxiliary and S. A. L. members, who share an enthusiasm for motorcycles, to come together in a family oriented environment.

Our objective is to support the aims and purposes of the American Legion, through service to our Community, State and Nation.

Meetings are held at 7:00 PM on the first Wednesday of each month. This month we will be holding our regularly scheduled meeting on May 3, 2017 at Post 21, Moorhead MN. We will be discussing our first annual “Freedom, Independence, and Liberty Run” which is scheduled for July 1, and the MN Legacy Run being held July 27-30 and August 4-6. All interested individuals are invited to attend. Wednesdays are also Steak Night at the Post starting at 6:00 PM, so come early, enjoy a great meal and get to know each other. I hope to see you there.

Check us out on our Facebook page at “Post 21 Legion Riders”

If you have any questions, please contact me at 320-491-7544 or rgkrueger@gmail.com. Or Duke Johnson at 701-799-3853 or vnmclglide@hotmail.com

Ron Krueger
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If you're currently in the service Active or Reserve Component and not listed below, please send me your information.

I'd like to add your name to this list!!!

SGT Chad Beckerleg - USMC	SSGT Betsy Miller - ND ANG
SRA Samuel Dibble - ND ANG	CPT Michael Obach - MN ARNG
SMSGT Susan Schroeder - ND ANG	AIC Jacob Dibble - ND ANG
MAJ Adam Erlandson - USAF	Maj Dean Stulz - MN ARNG
MAJ Tara Erlandson - USAF	PFC Jacob Schobinger - USAR
AIC Brandon Grund - ND ANG	***SPC Kelly Carney - USAR
CWO2 Shane Haugen - MN ARNG	Jeffrey Dahl - ND ANG
MAJ Mathew Hoff - US ARMY	2LT Sklyer Moderow - USAR
SRA Shelby Moderow - ND ANG	MSGT Jason Meyers - USAF RES

***** - Deployed**

Thank You for your Service!!!!



Activities in May

7th	Baseball Card Exchange
14th	Mother's Day
20th	Graduation Party (Blue Room)
21st	Graduation Party (Blue Room)
28th	Club Closed
29th	Memorial Day - Club Open @ Noon

TAPS



Post 21 offers its sincere condolences to the family and friends of their loved one who passed away.

Jerry Johnson, Robert Ford & Arlo Douglas

Our thoughts and prayers are with the families of these Veterans.

Post 21 Gaming

The Following Donations were approved by the Gaming Committee:

Girls State	\$300.00
Boys State	\$600.00
Fargo VA	\$200.00
(Vets Personal Items)	
Color Guard	\$1,212.80
VA Bingo	\$100.00
TOTAL	\$2,412.80

Noon Lunches - 11:30 AM - 2:00 PM



Come on in Monday - Friday for some great Lunch Specials. You won't go away hungry!!!!

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The following American Legion Family Members were recognized for their Volunteer hours & Yrs of Service at the Fargo VA. Thank you all for what you do for our Veterans.

100 Hour Award
Janice Engen
Olav Laugeness
Eric Marts
Stephen Valenti

300 Hour Award
Eric Marts
Curtis Aamodt

500 Hour Award
Karen Haugen
Curtis Aamodt

750 & 1000 Hour Award
Leslie Forman

1,750 Hour Award
Norma Craigmile

Squadron 21 News

From the Squadron Adjutant

I hope everyone is having a fabulous Spring!!! We couldn't have asked for nicer weather.

Monday Night Burgers have been going well and as always if you can spare one night a week to come out and help that would be awesome. Thanks to Lowell, Darin Chuck & Bill for continuing to keep it going and hopefully Karl will be back after he recuperates from his Surgery.

Membership: I'd like to welcome our newest member Daro Maattala to the SAL Squadron 21 family. I want to thank everyone that has renewed their membership for the 2017 year. We currently are at 120 (Approx 96.77% toward goal) paid up members for the 2017 membership year (124 is the goal). This year we've had 113 renew their memberships and we've 7 new members. Thanks for sending in your renewals we are close to reaching goal.

Please take time to remember our fallen, and support our troops.

Tim Haugen, Squadron Adjutant, 701-261-6973



9th District Convention

The 2017 District Convention will be held in Moorhead on June 9th & 10th. All Legion, Auxiliary & SAL members are welcome to attend.

We are looking for volunteers to help out and if you can spare a few hours contact Commander Tim Haugen

Post 21 Memorial to Veterans



Still thinking about getting a paver (\$75.00) to honor your Veteran, well we still have them available as well the following:

Memorials still available for \$1500.00 are: Coast Guard/POW, US Army, USAF, Legion Riders, SAL & Auxiliary. Flags still available for \$500.00 is: Auxiliary

For additional information please contact one of the following: Mike Carney or Gary Woodward @ the Post Home (218.233.1297).

**LEGION
RIDERS
MEETING**



**May 3, 2017
AMERICAN LEGION
POST 21
MOORHEAD, MN
7:00 P.M.**



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Legion Riders) and Like us!!**

**1st Annual
American Legion Riders
Freedom, Independence
Liberty Ride**



Post 21, Moorhead, MN

(Proceeds Go To MN Legacy Run)

**Registration At 11:00
Kickstand Up At Noon
July 1, 2017
American Legion
Moorhead, MN**



**\$15 Single Rider
\$20 With Passenger
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(Door Prizes, 50/50)**

Memorial Day 2017

The Moorhead American Legion Post 21 and Dilworth VFW Post 1223 Color Guards will be at the following locations on Memorial Day Monday May 29th. Military Honors will be given at each location which includes: Rifle Salute, Prayer, and Taps. The public is invited to view the Military Honors and attend the ceremony at the Moorhead National Guard Training and Community Center (Armory) 1002 15th Ave. N. Moorhead at 11:00 AM. This year's Guest Speaker is MSG (Ret) Eric Marts, IRAQI Veteran and Host of the Heroes of the Heartland Radio Show

7 AM	Main Ave Veteran's Bridge
8: 45 AM	Moorhead Memorial Gardens South Moorhead
9:15 AM	Sabin (Elmwood Cemetery)
9:30 AM	Sabin (Trinity Cemetery)
10 AM	Evergreens South Moorhead
10:15 AM	Prairie Home Concordia
10:30 AM	St Joseph's North Moorhead
10:40 AM	Riverside North Moorhead
11 AM	National Guard Armory – Public Invited

**** These times are approx so it is recommended that you
should be there at least 10 - 15 minutes early.**





New Members



Melvin E. Hearl, Post 21 would like to welcome the following New American Legion Family Members to our Post Home!!

Jason Meyers

Thank You for continuing to serve America!!!!!!

Election of Officers

The Post 21 nominating committee is now accepting nominations for officers at the May meeting with elections in June. If you are interested in running for office please speak to one of the following Past Commanders: Gary H. Olson, Delyle Ishaug or Scott Moen.

MISSING IN ACTIVITIES

Dale Smith	Gary Schulz
Corky Atchison	Harlan Isensee
Katie Grabow	Gerald Anderson
Duane Durr	Ramona Landseidel
Merle Taylor	Jenny Tollefson
**Larry Carpenter	Lloyd Paulson
Norma Hilde	David Kramer
Dean Denison	Carole Christle
Eugene Robinson	Frank DiBrito
James Gullekson	David Pearson
George Bevre	Orlan Halvorson
Evaughn Hovelsrud	Karen Hanson
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Ken Ziegler	Raymond Romfro
Larry Heller	John Wentzell

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FARGO VA



The Fargo VA Health Care System provides for the healthcare needs of Veterans in North Dakota, 17 counties in northwest Minnesota, and one northeast county in South Dakota.

Walk, run, or roll your wheelchair to improve your health!

Set goals for your physical activity – Consider training for the Fargo VA's VA2K or the Fargo Marathon's 5K Hero Run!

Fargo VA's VA2K Walk/Run/Roll (1.25 miles) – May 17th:

- * Event is FREE – no registration required.
- * Meet at the Fargo VA's flagpole area by the west entrance for the opening ceremony at 11 a.m. or come any time between 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and take the course at your pace.
- * Walk with VA staff and other Veterans.

Fargo Marathon's 5K Hero Run (3.1 miles) – participate in your wheelchair – May 19:

- * Line up at 5:30 p.m. – walk starts at 6:30 p.m.
- * Gather at 5:15 p.m. at the southwest quadrant of University Drive N. & 17th Ave. N, south of the Fargodome & look for the VA sign in the crowd
- * Registration info: Veterans who receive care at the VA can register at a discounted rate of \$20.

Must register by May 15 online at www.fargomarathon.com/Registration.html using discount code FARGOVA (all caps) or register by mailing in the registration form. The registration form can be found in the Health Hub at the Fargo VA, or emailed to you. If you need a registration form, have questions, need more information, or would like to receive a free bandana identifying you as a Veteran during the 5K, call (701) 239-3700 extension 4039 or email bonnie.odermann@va.gov.

For more information on any of these activities, call (701) 239-3700 extension 4039.





WDAY HONOR FLIGHT

Upcoming Events

<u>Date/Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
May 6, 2017	Prometheus Bike Show	Bigwood Events Center
May 7, 2017	Prometheus Bike Show	Fergus Falls
May 14 & 15, 2017	Honor Flight	Washington, DC
May 19, 2017 5pm	5K Hero Run Marathon	Fargo Dome
May 21, 2017 11am-3pm	Barbecue Feed and Silent Auction	Dilworth VFW
May 21, 2017 8am - 4pm	Swap Meet and Car Show	Bonanzaville
June 1, 2017	Car/Bike Show with music	Dilworth VFW
June 16-18, 2017	Weekend Horse Trail Ride	New Rockford, ND
July 6, 2017	Car/Bike Show with music	Dilworth VFW
July 28, 2017 11am-7pm	Hornbachers Brat Sales	North Fargo Hornbachers
July 29, 2017 11am-7pm	Hornbachers Brat Sales	North Fargo Hornbachers
July 29, 2017	VFW Picnic	Trollwood
August 3, 2017	Car/Bike Show with music	Dilworth VFW
August 18, 2017 11am-7pm	Hornbachers Brat Sales	Village West Hornbachers
August 19, 2017 11am-7pm	Hornbachers Brat Sales	Village West Hornbachers
September 7, 2017	Car/Bike Show with music	Dilworth VFW
June 1, 2017 through September 14, 2017	“Riding for their Honor” Passport Run	30 -40 stops Passport Run



Past President Parley Unit 21
 L to R Linda Gibson, Joan Krantz (9th
 District Pres) Shirley Bergquist, Carolyn
 Albertson, Mille Bevre, Doris Huber.
 Back Row Becky Olson, June Stanfield
 and July Carpenter





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7 Open 11AM - 10PM Baseball Card Show	8 SAL Burgers & Brats 5:30 - 7:30 PM Beer Specials Post Meeting - 7 PM	9 Bingo-6:30 First Game \$50.00 Kitchen 5:30 Walleye Dinner \$12.00	10 Pounders All Day Steak Fry 6:00 - 8:00 PM \$9.00	11 Bingo - 6:30 PM Kitchen 5:30 PM All U Can Eat Spaghetti \$6.95	12 Regular Bingo 6:30 PM Kitchen 5:30 PM	13 Burger Baskets Noon - 2:00 PM \$4.00 Bingo - 6:30 PM Kitchen - 5:30 PM Late Night Bingo - 9 PM
14 Open 11AM - 10PM Mother's Day	15 SAL Burgers & Brats 5:30 - 7:30 PM Beer Specials	16 Bingo-6:30 First Game \$50.00 Kitchen 5:30 Walleye Dinner \$12.00	17 Pounders All Day Steak Fry 6:00 - 8:00 PM \$9.00	18 Bingo - 6:30 PM Kitchen 5:30 PM All U Can Eat Spaghetti \$6.95	19 Bingo - 6:30 PM \$1,000 Must Go!!! Kitchen 5:30 PM Meat Raffles	20 Burger Baskets Noon - 2:00 PM \$4.00 Bingo - 6:30 PM Kitchen - 5:30 PM
21 Open 11AM - 10PM Grad Party	22 SAL Burgers & Brats 5:30 - 7:30 PM Beer Specials	23 Bingo-6:30 First Game \$50.00 Kitchen 5:30 Walleye Dinner \$12.00	24 Pounders All Day Steak Fry 6:00 - 8:00 PM \$9.00	25 Bingo - 6:30 PM Kitchen 5:30 PM All U Can Eat Spaghetti \$6.95	26 Bingo 6:30 PM Kitchen 5:30 PM BINGO 2-\$500 MUST GO BLACKOUTS	27 Burger Baskets Noon - 2:00 PM \$4.00 Bingo - 6:30 PM Kitchen - 5:30 PM
28 Club Closed	29 MEMORIAL DAY Open at 12:00 Program @ Armory 11:00AM No Burger & Brats	30 Bingo-6:30 First Game \$50.00 Kitchen 5:30 Walleye Dinner \$12.00	31 Pounders All Day Steak Fry 6:00 - 8:00 PM \$9.00	MAY 2017  MEMORIAL DAY		

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