

## **Veterans Day 2017 Events**

As we remember all who served and those currently serving, our local Veterans organizations have events for you to attend. Here are some examples. First, our American Legion Post 21, 303 30 St N, Moorhead starts at 11 am with Merles Stew, all day until gone, meat raffles starting at 1:00 pm. The Red River Valley Veterans Concert Band playing at 3:00, please arrive early to get a seat. At 5:00 pm, they will hold a Christmas Raffle drawing with the proceeds going to the Veterans Home in Fergus Falls. For those who enjoy bingo, it starts at 7:00 pm. Of course happy hour prices will be in place all day.

At our VFW Post 1223, 1505 W Main Av, Dilworth, bingo will start at 1:30 pm, meaning you could play bingo most of the day. Check out the VFW's beef stew starting at 4:00 pm, compare it with Merle's from the Legion! You can finish the day with the Red River Valley Veterans' Concert Band at 5:00 pm. Again, remember to arrive early to get a good seat.

At 9:00 am our Vietnam Veterans of America chapter 941 will be holding a special ceremony on the Veterans Memorial bridge.

Here in sunny Arizona, Sweetie, Bev and I will be attending a special ride of the local Legion Riders who will be leading a group to the local cemetery for a ceremony to honor our Veterans. I wish I had my motorcycle here so we could ride with them. This will be followed by a BBQ rib dinner at Green Valley Legion Post 131. It is a special place, very welcoming and reminds us of our friends at the VFW post in Dilworth.

I've been searching for quotes to express what others feel about special events such as Veterans Day. Here is one from JFK: "As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them."

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