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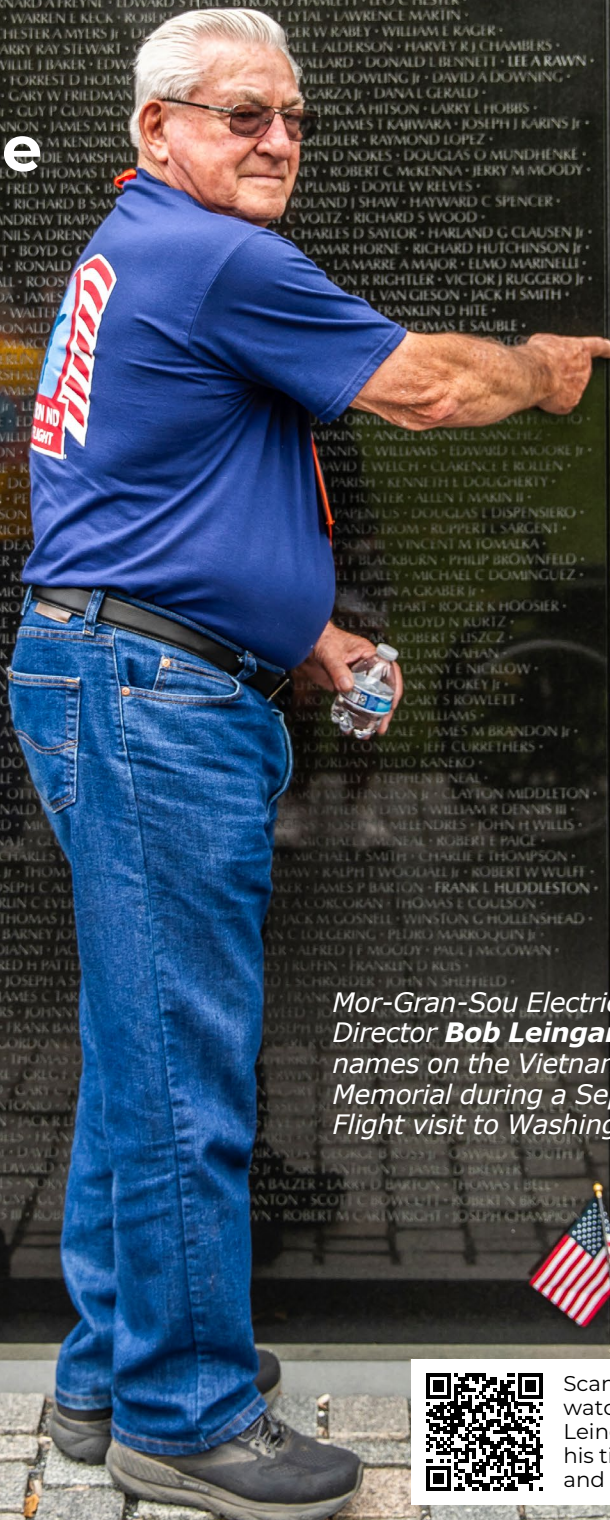
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Leingang reflects on the Western ND Honor Flight



Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative Director **Bob Leingang** finds familiar names on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial during a September Honor Flight visit to Washington, D.C.

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Scan the QR code to watch a video of Bob Leingang sharing about his time in the service and on the Honor Flight.



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Leingang travels with Western ND Honor Flight

BY SAMANTHA VANGSNESS

Land of the free, because of the brave. Each year, North Dakotans who made the sacrifice to serve our country travel to Washington, D.C., for the Western ND Honor Flight. The Honor Flight provides an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C., for North Dakota veterans to reflect on memorials which honor them.

This year, Bob Leingang, a Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative director, was one of the veterans who took part in the Sept. 21-22 Honor Flight. Leingang is a U.S. Army veteran who served during the Vietnam War. He was deployed to Germany at age 22, when the war was just beginning.

"It was tough at the time, but I wouldn't give up the experience," he says.

Leingang was stationed in Germany, where he served as a battalion engineer surveyor working to repair and build new roads.

Visiting memorials

When Leingang was notified about his spot on the Western ND Honor Flight, he was surprised. He didn't know his grandson had completed the application.

Leingang was one of 114 veterans and more than 50 guardians and volunteers who flew to Washington, D.C. Once they arrived, they received a warm welcome at the Dulles International Airport from area residents.

"I couldn't believe the number of people," Leingang says. "It's really nice for people to take the time."

In less than 48 hours, Leingang and the other veterans stopped at numerous memorials, including the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, which lists the more than 58,000 names of U.S. soldiers who gave their lives during the war. Leingang recognized many names on the wall.

The Honor Flight participants were able to experience the Changing of the Guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery, which Leingang says is unlike anything he's ever seen.

An additional stop Leingang enjoyed was visiting the Smithsonian's National Air and Space Museum.

"I could have spent all day going through that," Leingang says. "It was amazing to see all the planes."

"We were able to see a lot of stuff in a short amount of time," Leingang says, reflecting on his trip.

The welcome home

The group boarded the plane in Washington, D.C., and landed in Bismarck on a Monday evening. On the

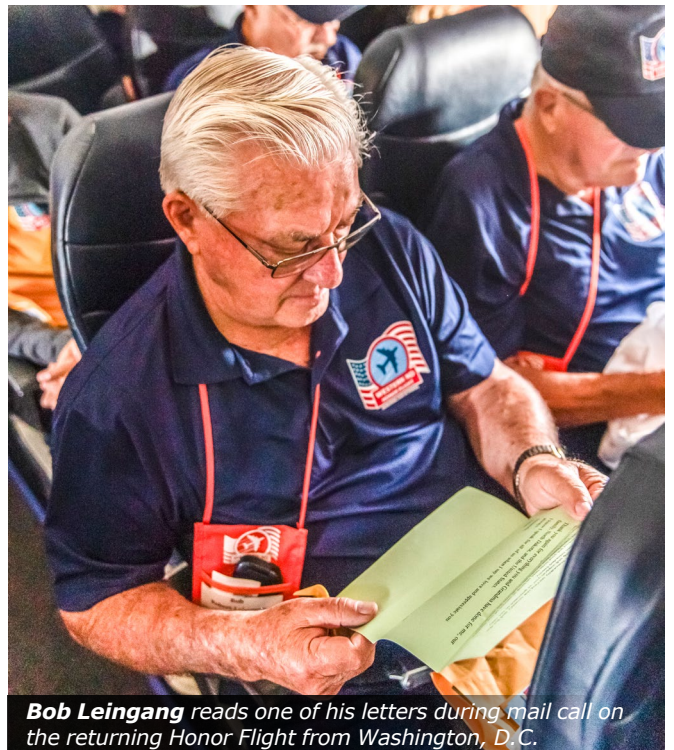
flight home, the veterans received a mail call. During the mail call, everyone received a package filled with letters from family and friends, reminding them of their loved ones. But the veterans had another surprise when they departed the plane. The Bismarck airport was full of family, friends and community members, who stood with signs and balloons to welcome the veterans home.

"It was shocking when we got off the plane," Leingang says. "It was much different from when we got back 50 years ago. No one was there when we came home."

As he saw his family there waiting for him, he reflected on those who didn't make it home and were unable to have families.

Leingang says he is grateful for this opportunity. Getting to experience it with so many who have similar stories was impactful. He urges all veterans to apply for the Western ND Honor Flight, no matter what their role in the military was.

"Everyone did what was asked of them," Leingang says. "Uncle Sam needed help, and we went where we were needed." 



Bob Leingang reads one of his letters during mail call on the returning Honor Flight from Washington, D.C.

MANAGER'S MESSAGE:

Understanding capital credits



Travis Kupper

Co-General Manager/CEO

Capital credits, patronage dividends, patronage refunds. These are all familiar terms with similar meanings. They all refer to the allocation of operating margins as equity and, when appropriate, retiring them to the members of the co-op in the form of money or a credit on the bill.

Unlike for-profit organizations, Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative operates differently from traditional utilities, and one of the key benefits of your membership is the opportunity to earn capital credits.

What are capital credits?

Capital credits represent your share of the cooperative's margins. Unlike other utilities, after we calculate our revenues and expenses, any remaining margins are allocated back to you, the members, based on your usage of electric services from our cooperative.

How are credits allocated?

Each year, the cooperative allocates a portion of the year's margins to the membership. These margins are reflected on your account statement. Each member's allocation is determined by the amount paid for services, allowing us to equitably distribute the cooperative's earnings. Once these credits are allocated, they are recorded in your account, but are not paid.

Retirement of credits

Electric cooperatives use a long-term financial model that balances returning profits to members with keeping the cooperative stable and rates affordable. That is why capital credit retirements sometimes happen 20 to 30 years after allocation. The money stays with the cooperative for a time to help maintain power lines and equipment, avoid borrowing money and make investments in reliability and infrastructure.

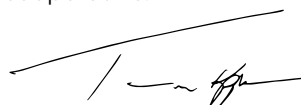
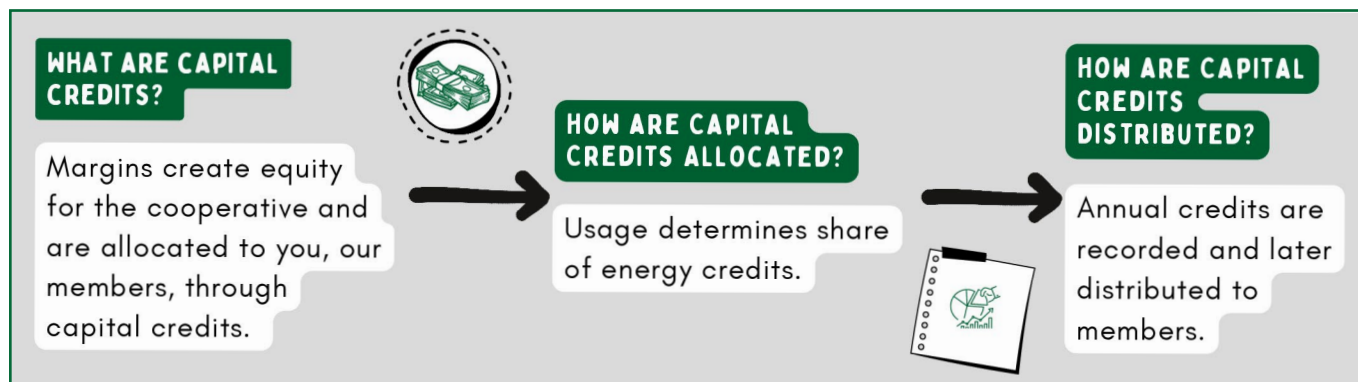
The Mor-Gran-Sou Electric board of directors keeps this in mind when determining when to retire capital credits. Typically, the board retires a portion of the capital credits on an annual basis. When credits are retired, members will receive either a check by mail or a credit on the monthly statement. This is why it is important to keep your mailing address up to date, even if you move away and no longer are an active member.

Why it matters

Capital credits are a significant way for our cooperative to provide tangible benefits to you, our valued members. They reflect the success of our cooperative and reinforce the idea you are not just a customer, but an owner. Your membership not only provides you with essential services, but also offers you a stake in our financial success.

If you have any questions about capital credits, how they are calculated or how they benefit you, please don't hesitate to reach out. We are committed to ensuring you fully understand the advantages of your membership and the cooperative model.

Thank you for your continued support of our cooperative. 

MESSAGE FROM MEMBER SERVICES: Director nomination details



Julie Armijo

Chief of Staff/Member
Services Manager

As we begin to prepare for Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative's annual meeting next June, we have begun to seek director nominations. Our board of directors leads our cooperative with passion and forward thinking to ensure the longevity of Mor-Gran-Sou Electric. If you are interested in running for a director position, learn more below!

Director elections

The initial commitment is a three-year term, with provisions in the bylaws limiting a director to serving six consecutive three-year terms, after which time the director is not eligible for another six consecutive three-year terms until one year has elapsed.

At the annual meeting on June 11, 2026, the following three board positions will be elected:

- **Grant County** - currently held by Casey Wells (serving his sixth and final three-year term)
- **Mandan Area** - currently held by Robert Leingang (serving his sixth and final three-year term)
- **Sioux County** - currently held by Rodney Froelich (serving his second, three-year term)

Under the bylaws and due to a mail-in ballot, no nominations are accepted from the floor at the annual meeting. Instead, the bylaws require the board of directors to appoint a Nominating Committee of five to nine members who geographically represent the cooperative. These members will provide a list of qualified and willing candidates to the board for approval and inclusion on the ballot at the board of directors' meeting scheduled for Feb. 25, 2026. This date has been set so there is adequate time for each candidate's biographical information to be included with the notice of meeting sent to the members in May, along with the mail-in ballot for those who are unable to attend the annual meeting in person.

Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee, which is appointed by Mor-Gran-Sou Electric's directors, will meet for the first time at 6:30 p.m. CT Dec. 9. The committee will meet for a final time at 6:30 p.m. CT Feb. 19, 2026.

For a person to be nominated, the member running for a board seat must submit the completed

declaration of candidacy form to Mor-Gran-Sou Electric by 4 p.m. CT on Feb. 12, 2026. All qualified and willing candidates who have completed and forwarded the written declaration of candidacy form to the Mor-Gran-Sou Electric office by the Feb. 12, 2026, deadline will be included in the list the Nominating Committee will provide to the board.

Bylaws and resolutions

Under the bylaws, any bylaw amendments or resolutions must be presented to the members in writing in advance of the annual meeting scheduled for June 11, 2026. The board of directors has charged the Nominating Committee with reviewing and advising the board of any proposed bylaw amendments and resolutions. Therefore, any proposed bylaw amendments and resolutions should be submitted in writing no later than Feb. 12, 2026, and/or they can be presented in person at one of the Nominating Committee meetings. 

Mor-Gran-Sou Electric annual meeting deadlines

Dec. 9 – Initial Nominating Committee meeting, 6:30 p.m. CT, Flasher
Feb. 12, 2026 – Declaration of candidacy deadline, submitted by 4 p.m. CT to the Flasher or Mandan office
Feb. 19, 2026 – Final Nominating Committee meeting, 6:30 p.m. CT, Flasher
June 11, 2026 – Mor-Gran-Sou Electric annual meeting

Contact info

For board nominations, contact the Nominating Committee or Julie Armijo at Mor-Gran-Sou Electric.

Completed board declaration forms, bylaws and resolutions can be mailed to: Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative, P.O. Box 297, Flasher, ND, 58535-0297 or P.O. Box 1090, Mandan, ND, 58554-7090. Forms can also be emailed to Julie at jarmijo@morgransou.com.

For additional information or questions, call Julie at 800-750-8212, 701-663-0297 or 701-597-3301.

Nominating committee:

Jennifer Bonogofsky, St. Anthony
Jackie Buckley, Mandan
Rosie Erhardt, Mandan
Garek Murphy, Fort Yates
Jim Neubauer, Mandan
Toby Olin, New Salem
Donald D. Roth, New Leipzig
Jeff Striegel, Carson



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CO-OP YOUTH PROGRAMS NOW AVAILABLE



YOUTH TOUR

Youth Tour 2026 is calling, are you in?
Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative is now
accepting applications for the 2026 Youth Tour.
Apply today and level up your summer!

APPLICATION DEADLINE: JAN. 16

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HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS

Each year, Mor-Gran-Sou Electric offers a
variety of scholarships for high school seniors.
Whether you're attending a four-year university,
technical college, or trade school, there are
various scholarship opportunities available.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: FEB. 13

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Scan the QR codes above or visit **morgransou.com** for more
information and details on each of these initiatives.

MESSAGE FROM OPERATIONS: Installing sectionalizing technology



Gary Fitterer

Manager of Operations

Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative continually looks for ways to affordably increase reliability for our members. In steps to ensure safety and reliability, Mor-Gran-Sou Electric has been installing sectionalizing technology across the service territory in overhead and underground infrastructure.

When an outage occurs, sectionalizing technology acts like a breaker in your home.

But unlike a breaker, this

technology makes multiple attempts to re-energize the line during a temporary fault, such as a branch hitting the line. If the fault is permanent, such as a tree falling on the line, it opens and is an easy identifier of the section of line that has a fault. This alleviates unnecessary line patrol for the line crew and helps shorten restoration time. In the underground instance, the sectionalizing technology is programmed to technology the operations department accesses when an outage occurs.

Sectionalizing devices are an affordable option when it comes to this technology for the electric grid. These devices do not have oil and do not require scheduled maintenance, which saves the cooperative money by

not having to change out the devices and send them in for testing.

By referencing historical data collected by Mor-Gran-Sou Electric, the operations department is able to strategically place these sectionalizing devices to alleviate outages. By adding additional sectionalized technology to Mor-Gran-Sou Electric's system, line crew dispatch is reduced and allows crews to focus on modernization initiatives and restoration services.

With the implementation of this technology, Mor-Gran-Sou Electric aims to increase reliability to the electric services we provide by reducing outages and decreasing outage restoration time for members. 

Sectionalizing devices help:

- Improve reliability by preventing outages from temporary faults caused by various factors from animals, trees or lightning.
- Ensure reliable flow of electric services to members.
- Avoid unnecessary trips to assess power lines for the cooperative crews.



SAFETY STARTS WITH ME: Hunting safety

As you head outdoors for hunting season, Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative encourages you to be aware of overhead power lines, utility poles and other electrical equipment while hunting.

"Hunting is an activity enjoyed by many during the fall," says Jason Helgeson, senior staking technician. "We encourage everyone to be aware of electrical equipment and take necessary precautions while hunting."

Here are some safety tips to keep in mind as you enjoy the great outdoors.

- Take notice of posted warning signs and keep clear of electrical equipment.
- Do not shoot at or near power lines or insulators.
- Know where power lines and equipment are located on the land where you hunt.
- Be especially careful in wooded areas where power lines may not be as visible.
- Do not place deer stands on utility poles or climb poles. Energized lines and equipment can conduct electricity to anyone who comes in contact with them, causing shock or electrocution.
- Do not place decoys on power lines, pad-mounted transformers or other utility equipment. Any non-electrical equipment attached to a pole can pose an obstruction and serious hazards to our line crews. Each of us plays a role in ensuring safety this



hunting season. Please give our office a call if you see any cooperative equipment that may need immediate attention. We hope everyone has a safe and memorable season. 





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MOR-GRAN-SOU ELECTRIC BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS Aug. 27

The board of directors meeting of Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative was held on Aug. 27 at the Fort Yates Service Center in Fort Yates. Chair Steve Tomac called the meeting to order at 9:34 a.m. CT. A quorum was present. Also present were Mor-Gran-Sou Electric's co-General Managers/CEOs Jason Bentz and Travis Kupper, Chief Financial Officer Alex Craigmile, Manager of Operations Gary Fitterer, Chief of Staff/Member Services Manager Julie Armijo, Interim General Counsel Andrew Fergel and Executive Assistant Connie Hill.

Consent agenda: An agenda amendment was proposed. The consent agenda was approved as amended.

Strategic items: Bentz and Kupper presented the co-general managers' report, which included updates on material supplies, training course opportunities, strategic planning survey and more. Several additional Basin Electric Power Cooperative board documents were available for review.

Department reports: Craigmile provided a financial report. Fitterer reviewed the operations report, which included line crew projects. Armijo provided a member services report on youth programs, Operation Round Up and payment options. Chief Information Officer Charlie Dunbar provided the board with a written report. Fergel provided a general counsel report on legal topics and his projects.

Action items: Action items were discussed and resolved.

Discussion/general information: The board discussed rate review and other items.

The meeting concluded with adjournment. Secretary-Treasurer Pam Geiger certified the accuracy of the minutes.

Next meeting date: The next meeting is at 12:30 p.m. CT on Nov. 19 in Mandan. 



MOR-GRAN-SOU ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED ON THE FOLLOWING DATES: NOV. 11, NOV. 27-28.

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BUSINESS HOURS WITH ANY QUESTIONS.**



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