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FROM THE COMMANDER

BY BRUCE MALTERUD

Comrades,

June 5th, our meeting coming up at the Eagles Club rooms at 7:00 p.m. The newly elected officers will take over after this meeting for the coming year. Our state commander will be sworn in on June 10th at which time our new officers for the year will take their positions.

May has been a busy month for us as we lost three of our veterans, life members of the post. Larry Larson, Dean Schnell and Ronald Sandell. Our poppy distribution is in full swing just prior to Memorial Day. This year we will be having Memorial Day services at the Fern Township Cemetery starting at 11:00 a.m.

I will be attending the state VFW Convention held in Brooklyn Park this year from June 7th thru the 10th. Not much else happening this month as I hope you all had a nice Memorial Day weekend and enjoy these nice warm summer days.



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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

June 7-10—VFW State Convention

On the lighter side,

Ole and Swen are out in the woods hiking. All of a sudden, a bear starts chasing them. They climb a tree, but the bear starts climbing up the tree after them. Ole gets his sneakers out of his knapsack and starts putting them on. Sven says, "What are you doing? Ole replies, "I figure when the bear gets too close, we'll have to jump down and make a run for it." "Are you crazy? You can't outrun a bear!" Sven exclaims. Ole calmly says, "I don't have to outrun the bear. I only have to outrun you."

Commander, Bruce

Mark your calendars! Next meeting is Tuesday, June 5th!!!

THIS MONTH IN HISTORY

June 6, 1944 - D-Day, the largest amphibious landing in history, began in the early-morning hours as Allied forces landed in Normandy on the northern coast of France. Operation Overlord took months of planning and involved 1,527,000 soldiers in 47 Allied divisions along with 4,400 ships and landing craft, and 11,000 aircraft. The Germans had about 60 divisions spread along France and the Low Countries. American forces landed on two western beaches, Utah and Omaha, while British and Canadian troops landed farther east on Gold, Juno and Sword beaches. By the end of the day 150,000 Allied soldiers and their accompanying vehicles had landed with 15,000 killed and wounded.

ADJUTANT'S CORNER

NOTICE: VFW website: www.vfwpost1260.org. All updated information is available concerning our local VFW Post #1260 as well as our state and national information.

VFW Post #1260 Meeting Date: Tuesday June 5th at 7:00 pm at the Eagles Club.

1. June- 3 "Ride for the Troops".
2. June - 7-10 VFW State Convention June 7-10, 2018. Marriott NW Brooklyn Park.
3. June - 14 Flag Day.
4. June - 17 Father's Day.
5. June - 21 First Day of Summer (Summer Solstice).

Bring another veteran to our meeting.

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Veterans Homes History

1887: The history began shortly after the Civil War. Because of the devastation brought on by that conflict, there was a growing conviction that provisions should be made for the care of the nation's Veterans. The Minnesota legislature authorized the Minnesota Soldiers' Home in 1887 as a reward to the brave and deserving, and a Board of Trustees was established to manage the facility.

1930's: On November 11, 1934, construction of Building 9 on the Minneapolis campus was started. Completed in 1937, Building 9 was constructed almost entirely by hand over a span of nearly three years. The building was demolished in 2009 and was replaced with a 100 bed skilled care facility that was completed and dedicated in 2012.

1960's: The view that Soldiers' Homes were rest homes persevered in Minnesota until the 1960s. In 1968, for example, the Minneapolis Soldiers' Home was licensed for 56 nursing care beds and 375 boarding care beds, the latter of which represented primarily custodial (non medical) care.

1970's: In 1972 a new nursing care facility was constructed on the Minneapolis campus, and another was built by 1980. In 1978, the old state hospital in Hastings was converted into a domiciliary residence for Veterans. The Hastings State Hospital was opened in 1900 and closed on May 1, 1978.

1980's: In 1988, the legislature reorganized and separated the Veterans Homes from the Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs. The Veterans Homes Board of Directors was established, consisting of nine members appointed by the governor.

1990's: Over the next 10 years three more facilities were added, bringing the total in Minnesota to five. The breakdown of the beds was as follows: Minneapolis, 346 skilled nursing care beds and 77 domiciliary beds; Hastings, 200 domiciliary beds; Silver Bay, 89 skilled nursing care beds; Luverne, 85 skilled nursing care beds, and Fergus Falls, 85 skilled nursing care beds.

2007: On November 19, 2007, the Veterans Home Board was eliminated and the duties and responsibilities were transferred to the Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs.

2009: Building 9 at the Minneapolis Veterans Home was scheduled for replacement in 2009.

2018: Gov. Dayton sign bonding bill for Bemidji Veterans Home.

Source: <https://www.va.gov>



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OUR SACRIFICE

<u>Conflict</u>	<u>Casualties</u>
American Revolution	50,000
Northwest Indian War	1,881
War of 1812	20,000
Mexican American War	17,435
Civil War—Union	646,392
Civil War—Confederate	~524,000
Dakota War of 1862	263
Spanish-American War	4,068
Philippine-American War	7,126
World War I	320,518
World War II	1,076,245
Korean War	128,650
Vietnam War	211,454
Afghanistan War	23,625
Iraq War	37,052

NOTE: There are other smaller conflicts not listed where service members sacrificed their lives

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

(Members of the Armed Forces)

Eternal Lord God, who alone governs the heavens and rules the raging seas, mercifully take under Your Almighty and most precious protection our Country's armed forces members. Preserve them from danger upon the sea, on the land, and in the air, and from the violence of the enemy, that they may be a safeguard for our Country and a security for its people; that we may in peace and quietness serve You, our God, to the glory of Your name.

Amen.

O God Almighty, the Creator and Ruler of the Universe, we ask that You will strengthen and protect the members of the armed forces of the United States of America. In the day of battle, may they be courageous and strong, resourceful and capable, resolute and victorious. In the time of peace, may they serve with dignity and honor, as effective emissaries of good will for this Nation. May their devotion and loyalty to You and to their homeland inspire them in moments of challenge, and comfort them in tribulation and long separation from loved ones. And finally, we ask that they may return safely to serve You and our Country in the days and years to come.

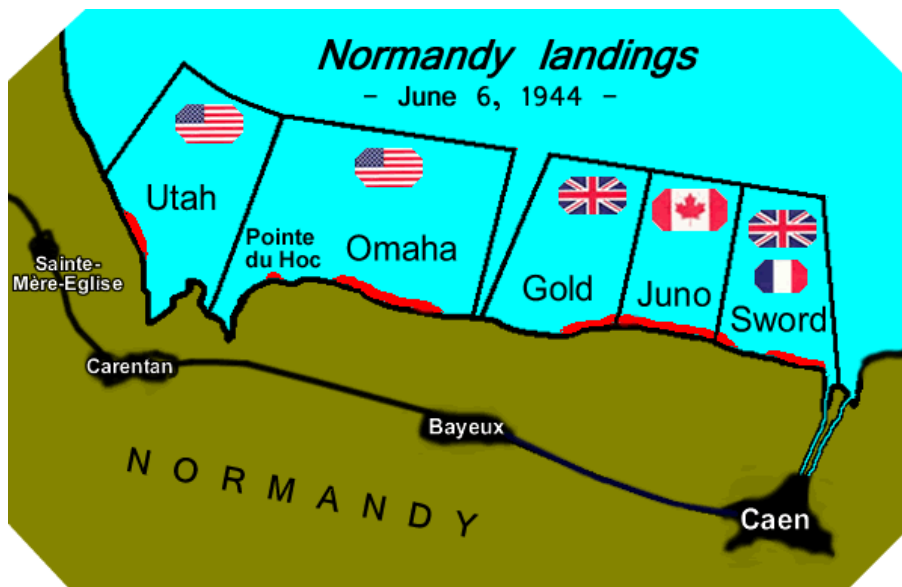
Amen.

The VFW Chaplains Handbook



SPOT LIGHT ON....

D-Day



HOT OFF THE PRESS

The Associated Press
27 May 2018

HONOLULU -- Damage to the USS Arizona Memorial at Pearl Harbor in Honolulu was worse than expected and it will remain closed indefinitely, officials said. Boat transportation to the attraction was suspended May 6 after one of the vessel operators noticed a crack on the outside of the memorial, Hawaii News Now reported.

"There is a brow or an edge where the visitor ramp meets the memorial, and at that point, there's been some fissures located on the exterior," said Jay Blount, a spokesman for the World War II Valor in the Pacific National Monument. "After further investigation on the interior, it was determined that the structure is not supporting the loading ramp the way that we need."

Engineers are working to figure out possible long-term solutions.

<http://www.military.com>

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THIS MONTH IN HISTORY

June 13, 1971 - The New York Times began publishing the Pentagon Papers, a collection of top secret documents exposing U.S. strategy in the Vietnam War.

June 14, 1775 - The first U.S. Military service, the Continental Army consisting of six companies of riflemen, was established by the Second Continental Congress. The next day, George Washington was appointed by a unanimous vote to command the army.

June 18, 1812 - The U.S. Senate voted 19 to 13 in favor of a declaration of war against Great Britain, prompted by Britain's violation of America's rights on the high seas and British incitement of Indian warfare on the Western frontier. The War of 1812 lasted over two years and ended with the signing of the Treaty of Ghent in Belgium on December 24, 1814.

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POST AUXILIARY

As of this writing on May 28th, we are done with our Poppy Card distribution to area businesses, and are done with our individual poppy distribution. The weather was definitely better this year than last. The individual poppies went great. There was a real outpouring of support from the community and we ran out of poppies a whole day ahead of the

scheduled closing! We are just finishing up the final tally of everything, but it appears as though we did very well on contributions. The money we raised will go to help our local veterans and their families. Thanks again to everyone that stepped up and helped make this year such a success. It is a big undertaking, but we are still able to make it happen. Our June meeting is coming up on Tuesday, June 5th. We will be starting our meeting a little early (at about 5:45 p.m.) so that we have time to put together some July 4th decorations for our veterans in the local nursing homes. We make table and/or door decorations for them to help brighten their day, and to say THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE. We want all veterans and their families to know they are not forgotten.

We wish you all the best through this month of June. Hope you will have the chance to show your support for a local veteran or their family in the coming month.

We look forward to seeing you at our meeting sometime soon.

Best Regards,

Margaret Booge
President, VFW Auxiliary 1260

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ACTIVITIES THIS PAST MONTH



VFW Post 1260 Sr. Vice Cmdr John Naastad selling Buddy Poppies at MarketPlace Foods location. Other locations where Post 1260 participated were Luekens North and South, L&M Fleet, and Walmart.



OUR DAILY COMMITMENT

Hours served last month:
160

38 members volunteered
last month

Current Members: 256

2018 TAPS

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- *Youth activities, Voice of Democracy & Youth Essay*
- *Patriotic Activities*
- *Aid to Schools & Churches*
- *Membership*
- *Help to obtain benefits*
- *Legislative Service*
- *Buddy Poppy Promotion*