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FROM THE COMMANDER

BY BRUCE MALTERUD

Comrades,

October already, where has the summer gone? Oct.2nd is our upcoming meeting already at the Eagles Club rooms 7:00 p.m.

I want to welcome a couple of new members to our post, Ron Coons and Larry Chastek you can stop in any time and see what we are doing for our veterans and their families. We want to welcome you.

The month of Sept. was kind of busy and now I am looking forward to things slowing down a bit, just a little. On Labor Day we carried the colors and had the Model-T in the parade at Bécida Daze. Sept. 8th was the 9th District meeting up in Kennedy. The State Fall Conference in Willmar. That is always very informational a lot comes out of these meeting as far as what is happening at capital hill. A good three days of meetings. Thanks to Duane Bundy for making the arrangements to feed the veterans at Havenwood Care Home this month. And in the past at Gold Pine and Nielsen Place. Duane is known at all these places as the Candy Man, thanks Duane Bundy. On Sept 18th there was an appreciation for the community with lunch and refreshments served at the Eagles Club for all the support the community and the organizations for their support for the veterans home that we hope will be coming to Bemidji. Things are looking up. On the 22nd the Color Guard carried the colors for, Relay for Life, at the fair grounds and the 23rd we had our flag retirement, cleaned the ceremonial rifles with a lunch to follow at my residence. I want to thank all those that came to help with that. As it takes 10 to 12 of us to fold the First National Bank flag as well as the Perkins Flag. Also on the 26th of Sept. some of us participated in MACV, Bemidji Stand Down for Veterans.



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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

October 31—Halloween

To touch a bit on the Blue Water issue. During the Vietnam War, veterans who served in the offshore waters of Vietnam drank, bathed in, and cooked with water contaminated by Agent Orange. They are now arbitrarily and unjustly denied benefits for illnesses associated with Agent Orange exposure. On July 25, 2018, the House of Representatives unanimously passed H.R. 299, the Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act of 2018. This bipartisan legislation would end the injustice of denying care and benefits to veterans who suffer from life-threatening health conditions. H.R. 299 is now stalled in the Senate. The VFW needs your help to make sure this bill is passed before the end of the year. If the Senate fails to do so, the bill will die and may never be considered again.

On one more note I want you all to mark your calendars Dec. 9th for the membership Pearl Harbor Dinner coming up. This is on a Sunday at 4:00 p.m. for social hour and the silent auction with the meal being served at 5:00 p. m.

On the Lighter Side;

On her way back from the concession stand at a ballgame, the woman was having a hard time finding her seat. She asked a man at the end of the row, "Pardon me, but did I step on your foot a few minutes ago?" Expecting an apology, the man said, "indeed you did." The woman nodded, then said, "Oh good. Then this is my row."

Commander Bruce

Mark your calendars! Next meeting is Tuesday, October 2nd!!!

THIS MONTH IN HISTORY

October 20, 1818 - The U.S. and Britain agreed to set the U.S.- Canadian border at the 49th parallel.

October 20, 1944 - During World War II in the Pacific, General Douglas MacArthur set foot on Philippine soil for the first time since his escape in 1942, fulfilling his promise, "I shall return."

October 21, 1805 - The Battle of Trafalgar took place between the British Royal Navy and the combined French and Spanish fleets. The victorious British ended the threat of Napoleon's invasion of England. British naval hero Admiral Horatio Nelson was mortally wounded aboard his ship Victory.

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 October 2nd at 7:00 pm at the Eagles Club.

1. Oct. 8 – Columbus Day.
2. Oct. 24 – United Nations Day.
3. Oct. 31 - Halloween

Bring another veteran to our meeting.

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*The world premiere of *The Great War Symphony* will be Oct 9 at London's Royal Albert Hall, and the Joint U.S. premieres will be Nov 11 at Northrop and Carnegie Hall.

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<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

VETERANS' DAY PRAYERS

Let us remember before our God today, those who sacrificed during times of war in order that we might have liberty and freedom and security.

□ Veterans both living and dead who fought on land, in the air, and on the water;

□ The men and women in labor and industry who provided the machinery and weapons of war.

Eternal God, who alone rules the destinies of nations, and who has deemed that men and women should live together in peace. We pray for those who fought a good fight and finished the course. On this day we call to remembrance those who served in far off places and have laid down their arms to march into that land of eternal peace. We also call to remembrance all veterans who served in the Armed Forces of our Nation and contributed to the greatness of our national defense. We are indeed grateful for their service and sacrifice. And, if it were not for the men and women in our factories, their victories would not have been sustained. Keep sacred all their sacrifices in our hearts. Keep holy our course in Your sight. Enkindle within us a flame of selfless, unwavering devotion to duty that we may never be found wanting in those qualities of spirit and mind which alone are able to preserve our homes, the peace of our nation, and the tranquility of the world. In Your Holy Name we pray.


Amen.

The VFW Chaplains Handbook



SPOT LIGHT ON....



HONORING ALL WHO SERVED



**WWI
100
YEARS**

STATE OF MINNESOTA VETERANS DAY EVENT
NOVEMBER 11, 2018

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10 A.M. - PROGRAM



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19 Sep 2018

By [Hope Hodge Seck](#)

Raytheon says its Joint Precision Approach and Landings System, or JPALS, is revolutionizing landings at sea for the first two deployed squadrons of the F-35B Joint Strike Fighter.

Now, the company is setting its sights on the Air Force, where JPALS, already installed on the service's F-35A, could help take the guesswork out of landings at austere airfields with little infrastructure, and in bad weather conditions.

JPALS works by enabling communication between a landing aircraft and systems on the ship or ground that can guide the plane in safely and accurately, even on a pitching ship deck or a zero-visibility landing zone. Since the JPALS-equipped F-35B embarked on historic first shipboard deployments with the 31st and 13th Marine Expeditionary Units earlier this year, Cleveland said the system has been 99.9 percent reliable.

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THIS MONTH IN HISTORY

October 21, 1944 - During World War II in Europe, American troops captured Aachen in western Germany after a week of hard fighting. It was the first large German city taken by the Allies.

October 21, 1967 - Thousands of anti-war protesters stormed the Pentagon during a rally against the Vietnam War in Washington, D.C. About 250 were arrested. No shots were fired, but demonstrators were struck with nightsticks and rifle butts.

October 23, 1942 - British General Bernard Montgomery launched a major offensive against German forces under Erwin Rommel at El Alamein, Egypt.

POST AUXILIARY

I'm not sure how we got to October already, but here we are - ready or not! As the leaves change color and fall, we get into the "hurry up" mode. There are projects that need to be finished before that first snow starts to fall. As you are working on those projects, please bear in mind that we most likely have many local veterans and their families that could use our help getting ready for winter too. Please remember to look for ways we can lend them a helping hand.

In late September we held our annual Flag Retirement Ceremony at the Commanders home. We do the final folding of each flag; the formal ceremony to retire them; and then the actual retirement. It is an event you should plan on attending next year if you missed this one. Also as part of that day, we put together another batch of our Towel Buddies for veterans who need them.

Please continue to try to recruit new members to our Auxiliary, and also encourage current inactive members to attend our meetings. Our group will be stronger, and a better help to our veterans if we increase our numbers and our collective ideas.

If you are an annual member, please send in your annual dues now. If you are a lifetime member, please remember that each year you need to send in \$5 to keep your cancer insurance active, and you are also invited to make a donation to our "no bake sale" if you would like. We appreciate your continued support of the VFW Auxiliary.

Looking ahead, we will have our annual inspection at our November meeting. We will also set a date to put together Thanksgiving decorations for our veterans in nursing homes. In December we are hosting the District Meeting on Saturday, December 8th, and hosting the annual Pearl Harbor Dinner on Sunday, December 9th. Hope you will attend both of these events, and we could sure use your help at both also. Looking forward to seeing you at a meeting soon. Remember – they are the FIRST TUESDAY of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Bemidji Eagles Club.

Best regards,
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ACTIVITIES THIS PAST MONTH

Post 1260 held a chicken dinner at Havenwood nursing home for the resident veterans on September 10th with volunteer band.



Model T in the
Becida Daze Parade,
driven by Neil Roberts, Life member of post #1260 Bji.

OUR DAILY COMMITMENT

Hours served last month:
160

38 members volunteered
last month

Current Members: 256

2018 TAPS

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Larry Larson
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