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## FROM THE COMMANDER

BY BRUCE MALTERUD

Good day veterans,

We had a nice turn out for our last meeting, it's good to see everyone and chat a little bit before the meeting. Our meeting coming up will be Sept. 4th at 7:00 p.m. Eagles club rooms.

With the month of Aug. behind us now we are looking toward fall coming in on us. I'm not really looking forward toward fall but it is reality. We carried the colors for the Dragon Boat Festival, had taps for three veterans one which was a life member of the post, Joe Premo. We carried the colors for the Pow wow for Healing at Sanford. And carried the colors for the parade at Wilton Days. In Sept. the color guard will be carrying the colors in the Becida Daze Parade and also for The Relay for Life. With all that we have the state VFW Fall Conference held in Willmar this year on Sept. 14th thru the 16th. And tentatively the 23rd of Sept will be the flag retirement ceremony at my residents, about 1:30 p.m..

Department of Veterans Affairs officials say they strongly oppose passage of the Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act (HR 299), which would extend Agent Orange disability benefits and health care to between 70,000 and 90,000 veterans who served aboard ships in territorial waters off Vietnam during the war, and today suffer ailments associated with herbicides sprayed across its jungles for years.



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## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

September 1— Becida Days  
September 14-16—Fall Conference; Wilmar

Today, the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) announced several leadership changes that will take effect shortly. These leadership changes will build upon a strong current team that will continue to carry out the priorities of President Trump and newly appointed Secretary of Veterans Affairs Robert Wilkie. Secretary Wilkie said, "President Dwight Eisenhower had this to say about leadership, 'You have got to have something in which to believe. You have got to have leaders, organization, friendships, and contacts that help you to believe that, and help you to put out your best,' Our Veterans deserve the best, and that is what we are doing by bringing together a talented leadership team to serve them at VA." I found these two things interesting and picked them out of the Military News .com to put in this newsletter.

Any of you members out there that do volunteer work in the community, please contact myself or the Aux. president to report what you do. Whether it be helping a neighbor, usher at church serving a meal just let us know so we can report these hours on a monthly form that goes to Nat'l. Our post gets credit for all hours reported. Maybe next month I will explain more in detail what to claim.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE; Driving class, "How was your day, dear?" asked the husband. "It was great!", replied his wife, "I actually got a compliment on my driving." "Really? How was that?" "Oh, someone left a printed note on the windshield that said, "Parking Fine".

I know they put pictures of criminals up in the Post Office, but really, what are we supposed to do .... write to these men? Why don't they just put their pictures on postage stamps so the mailmen could look for them while they deliver the mail?

Commander, Bruce Malterud

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*Mark your calendars! Next meeting is Tuesday, September 4th!!!*

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#### THIS MONTH IN HISTORY

September 20, 1873 - The New York Stock Exchange was forced to close for the first time in its history as a result of a banking crisis during the financial Panic of 1873.

September 22, 1776 - During the American Revolution, Nathan Hale was executed without a trial after he was caught spying on British troops on Long Island, his last words, "I only regret that I have but one life to lose for my country."

September 22, 1862 - President Abraham Lincoln issued a preliminary Emancipation Proclamation freeing the slaves in territories held by Confederates as of January 1, 1863.

#### ADJUTANT'S CORNER

**NOTICE:** VFW website: [www.vfwpost1260.org](http://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 August 7th at 7:00 pm at the Eagles Club.**

1. Sept. 1 Becida Days, Parade at 3:00 p.m.
2. Sept. 3 Labor Day.
3. Sept. 9 – Grandparent's Day.
4. Sept. 11- Patriot Day Observation.
5. Sept. 14- 16 Fall Conference, Willmar, MN.
6. Sept. 19 –Constitution Day.
7. Sept. 22 – First Day of Autumn (Autumnal Equinox).
8. Sept. 22 – National Hunting & Fishing Day.

**Bring another veteran to our meeting.**

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## VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER

### Beltrami County

#### 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

### Training School/Conference

Almighty God, we thank You for our being together in this training experience. Inspire us to put

into practice what we learn so that our Districts and Posts may be bastions of loyalty, honor and

service to our community, State and Nation. In Your Holy Name we pray. **Amen.**



Gracious God, we are thankful for this opportunity to gather as comrades/sisters once more. We ask for Your guidance for the leadership of our District/Department. We ask for open minds and receptive hearts as we begin our training event. May it be profitable for us, our Posts and our communities. This we pray in the Name of our Lord God. **Amen.**

### The VFW Chaplains Handbook



SPOT LIGHT ON....

# Jerry Wraa

Jerry participated in the Remy Jump this last month sponsored by the Veterans Adventure Group. SFC Cory Remsburg was wounded by an IED during his tenth deployment with 1st BN, 75th Ranger Regt.

To learn more about SFC Remsburg, please visit his foundation website at: <http://www.coryremsburg.com>

To learn more about the Veterans Adventure Group, please visit their Facebook site at: <https://www.facebook.com/veteransadventuregroup/>

To watch the video of Jerry during his first skydive with his knees in the breeze, go to: <https://skydivetwincities.smugmug.com/Videos/Jerry-Wraa/>



Military.com

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By Oriana Pawlyk

Two U.S. Air Force generals are being considered to become the military's next top general with the anticipated retirement of Marine Gen. Joseph Dunford next year, according to a new Wall Street Journal report.

Air Force Chief of Staff Gen David Goldfein and U.S. Strategic Command's Air Force Gen. John Hyten are among those being considered by the White House to be next chairman Joint Chiefs of Staff, Journal reported Sunday.

Goldfein, Hyten and Army Chief of Staff Gen. Mark Milley are also under consideration to become the next vice chairman of the Joint Chiefs, the Journal said, citing U.S. officials. The position is currently held by Air Force Gen. Paul Selva.

A White House spokesperson declined to comment to Military.com about the reported moves on Monday. A Defense Department spokesman declined to confirm the moves, but noted that the military routinely makes senior command changes.

Military.com

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### THIS MONTH IN HISTORY

September 23rd - Autumn (Sept. 23-Dec. 21) begins in the Northern Hemisphere with the autumnal equinox, at 1:37 a.m. EDT. In the Southern Hemisphere today is the beginning of spring.

September 25, 1690 - The first American newspaper was published. A single edition of Publick Occurrences Both Foreign and Domestick appeared in Boston, Massachusetts. However, British authorities considered the newspaper offensive and ordered its immediate suppression.

September 25, 1789 - The first U.S. Congress proposed 12 Amendments to the Constitution, ten of which, comprising the Bill of Rights, were ratified.

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## POST AUXILIARY

As we start our annual drive to recruit new members to our Auxiliary, let's also remember to "re-recruit" current members who are on the books, but unable to attend our meetings. It is our hope that all members currently on the books will become ACTIVE members. Active members are a huge help in finding ways to help, and show appreciation for, our local

veterans and their families. Please make the effort to recruit (or re-recruit) someone today. Remember we welcome perspective members to come and be a guest at a meeting to see if this is something they want to be a part of. Thank you for any help you can provide.

Late August and September provides us with several opportunities to get out and be involved in things we do for our local veterans, and in appreciation to our great nation. We have been able to welcome home soldiers on leave, participate in parades in local communities, and start preparing for our fall projects. We also have a tentative date on September 23<sup>rd</sup> for our annual flag retirement ceremony and fish fry. Most likely we will start making more Towel Buddy kits to help out our veterans as the weather turns from warm to cooler. We have a District Meeting and Fall Conference in September. And Bemidji will be hosting the December District Meeting, and our annual Pearl Harbor Dinner in early December as well. We hope you will be able to attend some of these, and we hope you will be willing to help us out at them also.

Remember our monthly meetings are on the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at the Bemidji Eagles Club. Hope to see you there on Tuesday, September 4<sup>th</sup>. Bring your expertise and innovation and come join a fun group.

Best Regards,  
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## ACTIVITIES THIS PAST MONTH



Post 1260 supporting the Bemidji Dragon Boat Festival.  
L to R: Glenn Malterud, Kelly Booge, and Bruce Malterud



### OUR DAILY COMMITMENT

Hours served last month:  
160

38 members volunteered  
last month

Current Members: 256

### 2018 TAPS

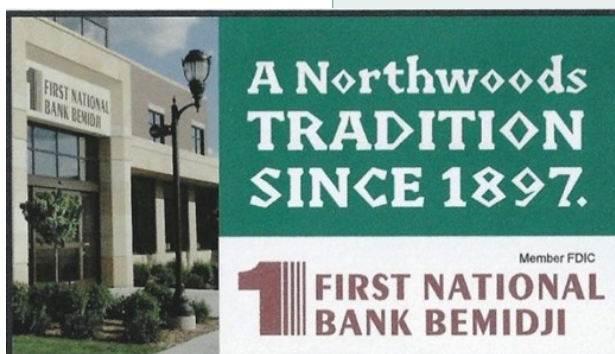
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