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Post 1260

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FROM THE COMMANDER

BY BRUCE MALTERUD

Comrades,

Dec. 4th our next meeting at the Eagles Club room, 7:00 p.m. This will be an important meeting as we will be planning for the 9th District meeting of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. This meeting will be held Dec. 8th starting at 10:00 a.m. for coffee and rolls, 11:00 a.m. will be a live auction followed by lunch and the meeting starting at 1:00 p.m. which lasts about 1-1/2 hours. Also we will be making arrangements for our annual Pearl Harbor Dinner which will be held on Sunday, Dec. 9th. starting at 4:00 p.m. for social hour and dinner at 5:00 p.m. and program to follow. Their will be silent auction items as in the past. This is for all veterans, not only VFW members.

**PEARL HARBOR DINNER-----DECEMBER 9 th,
4:00 p.m. social, meal at 5:00 p.m.
EAGLES CLUB.**

Background: In July, the House of Representatives unanimously passed H.R. 299, the Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act of 2018, to end the injustice of denying Vietnam, Korean DMZ, and Thailand veterans who suffer from life-threatening health conditions the care and benefits they deserve.

I want to mention also that coming up in Dec. we will be hosting the 9th District meeting held on Dec. 8th. and the next day on Sunday will be our annual Pearl Harbor Supper and silent auction. So be sure to mark these dates down and please come.



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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

December 8th—9th District
Meeting at Bemidji Eagles

December 9th—Pearl Harbor
Dinner

Take Action: Contact your Senators to demand that the Senate passes H.R. 299. The Senate must not delay passage of this important bill while Blue Water Navy veterans sicken and die from diseases related to exposure to Agent Orange.

This was a short news letter as I wanted to get the news out about the Pearl Harbor Dinner.

On the lighter side: Ole and Lena are getting ready for bed. Lena is standing in front of a full-length mirror taking a hard look at herself. "You know, dear," Lena says, "I look in da mirror, and I see an old voman. My face is all wrinkled, my hair is grey, my shoulders are hunched over, I've got fat legs, and my arms are all flabby." She turns to her husband and says, "tell me something positive tew make me feel better about myself." Ole studies hard for a moment thinking about it then says in a soft, thoughtful voice. "Vell, dere's nothing wrong with your eyesight."

ps. Only one more shopping day till tomorrow.

Bruce Malterud, Commander

Mark your calendars! Next meeting is Tuesday, December 4th!!!

THIS MONTH IN HISTORY

December 19, 1732 - Benjamin Franklin first published Poor Richard's Almanac containing weather predictions, humor, proverbs and epigrams, eventually selling nearly 10,000 copies per year.

December 19, 1946 - War broke out in French Indochina as Ho Chi Minh attacked the French seeking to oust them from Vietnam. This marked the beginning of a thirty-year conflict which eventually led to heavy U.S. involvement and ended with a Communist victory in April 1975 after U.S. withdrawal from South Vietnam.

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 December 4th at 7:00 pm at the Eagles Club.

1. VFW Department Midwinter Conference will be held at the Marriott in Minneapolis, MN., on Jan. 18-20, 2019. Contact: Commander Bruce Malterud for housing. Post pays for housing.
2. VFW Dist. #9 Meeting- Bemidji, December 8, 2028.
3. Pearl Harbor Dinner December 9th.

Bring another veteran to our meeting.

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What Do People Do?

On the direction of the President, the flag of the United States of America should be displayed on the homes of Americans, the White House and all United States government buildings. The flag should be flown at half-mast to honor those who died in the attack on Pearl Harbor.

Many associations, especially those linked with Pearl Harbor survivors or those who died from the attack, participate in special services to commemorate the event. Memorial services are held at venues such as the USS Arizona Memorial in Pearl Harbor. Other activities include: wreath-laying ceremonies; keynote speeches by those associated with the event; luncheons; media stories on survivors' recollections of the Pearl Harbor attack; and school activities to educate students about the attack on Pearl Harbor in relation to World War II history.

Public Life

Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day is not a federal holiday. Government offices, schools, businesses and other organizations do not close. Public transit systems run on their regular schedules. Some organizations may hold special events in memory of those killed or injured in Pearl Harbor.

Background

On Sunday morning, December 7, 1941, the American Army and Navy base in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii was attacked by the Imperial Japanese Navy. The attack came as a surprise to the American Army and Navy and led to great losses of life and equipment. More than 2000 American citizens were killed and more than 1000 were injured. The Americans also lost a large proportion of their battle ships and nearly 200 aircraft that were stationed in the Pacific region. More than 60 Japanese servicemen were killed, injured or captured. The Japanese Navy also lost five midget submarines and 29 aircraft.

The Japanese military had hoped that the attack on Pearl Harbor would prevent the United States of America from increasing her influence in the Pacific. However, the events in Pearl Harbor actually led to the escalation of World War II. The day after the attack, the United States declared war on Japan and so entered World War II. President Franklin Roosevelt in a speech to Congress stated that the bombing of Pearl Harbor was "a date which will live in infamy".



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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

Pearl Harbor Day

Heavenly Father, we are gathered here to commemorate those who gave their lives at Pearl Harbor

on December 7th, 1941. Let us always honor the memory of the brave men who sacrificed so that we may experience freedom in a Country that is free. Let us be reminded of life, liberty, justice, freedom and democracy that we may be ever grateful to You and those veterans who gave so much for their Country. We ask Your blessing upon us this day and grant unto us Your continued fellowship that makes abiding peace.

Amen.

The VFW Chaplains Handbook



SPOT LIGHT ON....

Continued from page 3.

Shortly afterwards, Germany also declared war on the United States. In the months that followed the attack, the slogan "Remember Pearl Harbor" swept the United States and radio stations repeatedly played a song of the same name.

In 1991, which marked the 50th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor, the United States Congress established the Pearl Harbor Commemorative Medal. This is also known as the Pearl Harbor Survivor's Medal and can be awarded to any veteran of the United States military who were present in or around Pearl Harbor during the attack by the Japanese military. The medal can be awarded to civilians, who were killed or injured in the attack.

SYMBOLS

Memorials have been built to remember or to symbolize the day. For example, the USS *Arizona* Memorial in Pearl Harbor is a marble memorial built over the sunken USS *Arizona*, which was dedicated in 1962. The memorial remembers all military personnel who were killed in the Pearl Harbor attack. The memorial was designed by architect Alfred Preis, an Austrian-born resident who lived in Honolulu and was placed at a detainment camp after the Pearl Harbor attack as part of the internment policy of Japanese and German Americans at the time.

Another memorial that commemorates Pearl Harbor Day is the USS *Utah*, a battleship that was attacked and sunk in Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941. A memorial to honor the crew of the USS *Utah* was dedicated on the northwest shore of Ford Island, near the ship's wreck, in 1972. The ship was added to the National Register of Historic Places and declared a National Historic Landmark in 1989. It is also Utah's official state ship. Memorabilia, books, and movies about the attack on Pearl Harbor in 1941 have also been made available to the public over the years.

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Veterans Resume Court Fight Over 'Non-VA Emer- gency Care' Costs

1 Nov 2018

By [Tom Philpott](#)

Earlier this year the Department of Veterans Affairs executed a clever rewrite of a regulation to avoid reimbursing hundreds of thousands of veterans for non-VA emergency health care costs that their own insurance plans failed to pay in full.

By inserting two words -- "deductibles, coinsurance" -- into the revised rule, VA successfully neutralized the impact of the 2016 Staab decision from the U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims to save billions of dollars.

That court held unanimously in Staab that VA wrongly ignored the "plain language" of a 2010 statute intended to protect veterans with health insurance from having to pay hefty out-of-pocket costs for outside emergency care.

On Tuesday a new court battle began. The non-profit National Veterans Legal Services Program (NVLSP), which two years ago helped to defeat VA on behalf of the same class of veterans with unreimbursed emergency care expenses, filed a new class action lawsuit with the same appellate court in Washington D.C.

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THIS MONTH IN HISTORY

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December 20, 1699 - Czar Peter the Great changed the Russian New Year from September 1 to January 1 as part of his reorganization of the Russian calendar.

POST AUXILIARY

Greetings Everyone,

In this busy time of year, remember to take time to thank our veterans, and include them in your celebrations if at all possible.

December is a busy month for us this year. On Tuesday, December 4th we have our regularly scheduled Auxiliary meeting at the Eagles. We are planning to have a Christmas party this month starting at 6:00 p.m. Everyone is asked to bring a gift of approximately \$10 value and we will have some fun games to exchange gifts. The regular business meeting will

start at 7:00 p.m. with Scotty Allison as our special guest this month.

On Saturday, December 8, 2018, the Post and Auxiliary will host the District 9 meeting. All Post and Auxiliaries from within District 9 will be meeting for the day at the Eagles. The day begins at 10:00 a.m. and is finished by about 2:30 p.m. We hope all members will be able to join us for the day of interaction and information.

On Sunday, December 9, 2018, the Post and Auxiliary will again host the Pearl Harbor Dinner. In this evening we honor all veterans and their families. We thank those who are currently part of the VFW and Auxiliary, and try to encourage anyone who is not already a member to join us and help continue the good tradition of the VFW. The event will again be held at the Bemidji Eagles Club. Social Hour begins at 4:00 p.m. The dinner will follow at 5:00 p.m., and there will be a short program at about 6:00 p.m. Again this year we will have a silent auction. It is always fun to see the nice items brought in, and to get a little competition going on those bids!! The money we raise goes directly to local veterans and their families. We encourage you to come and join us. We ask a free will offering to help cover the cost of the meal.

Looking forward to seeing you at all the activities in December. Wishing you all the blessings of the season. Take time to take care.

Margaret Booge

President, VFW Auxiliary 1260

AUXILIARY TREASURE.

Just a short note to remind members that December 31st is coming up fast. To remain in good standing, the 2018 annual dues of \$25.00 need to be paid by this date. Also, the \$5.00 cancer insurance payment from our life members is needed as well, to retain eligibility for the cancer grants. For those members that have not sent these payments in, you can mail them to me at the address below. I want to say a big 'thank you' to all that responded to my reminder card I sent in September. I really appreciated hearing from you. Here's wishing you all a very happy holiday season.

Janie Malterud, Treasurer

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ACTIVITIES THIS PAST MONTH



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160

38 members volunteered
last month


Current Members: 256

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