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## FROM THE COMMANDER

BY BRUCE MALTERUD

Comrades,

Mark your calendars for Feb. 5th for our next meeting, 7:00 p.m. at the Eagles Club Rooms. We did not have a meeting in Jan. as the first Tue. fell on New Years Day.

Our district meeting went very well in Dec. and was well attended. The following day on Sunday we had our annual Pearl Harbor dinner where we fed over 100 veterans. The program went over very well as Scotty Allison gave us an update as to where we are at with the veterans home coming to Bemidji. I also blew taps for Wreaths Across America for the Civil Air Patrol at Greenwood Cemetery. In Jan. I attended the Mid-Winter Conference held in MPLS. We got updates on veterans issues and training in membership such as new members and to keep our annual paying members from going out the back door and not returning, why are we losing them?

Unlike other military branches, which are part of the fully funded Defense Department, the Coast Guard is part of the Homeland Security Department, funding for which was not approved before the shutdown, which was prompted by a dispute between President Donald Trump and Congress over money Trump wants for a wall on the U.S.-Mexico border.

Many operations related to live-saving or national security, like the Bertholf's deployment, have continued, but other activities — routine patrols, safety boardings, issuance and renewal of licenses — have been curtailed.

The service didn't have funds to send its latest boot-camp graduates, who graduated January 18, to their new assignments.



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## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

February 12 — Abraham Lincoln's birthday.

The Coast Guard and Homeland Security officials were able to move money around to ensure personnel were paid on December 31, but they are unable to repeat that maneuver, and the January 15 payday passed without a check for Coast Guard personnel.

“To the best of my knowledge, this marks the first time in our nation’s history that service members in a U.S. armed force have not been paid during a lapse in government appropriations,” Coast Guard commandant Adm. Karl Schultz said in a January 15 letter to service members.

If the shutdown lasts into late January, some 50,000 retired Coast Guard members and civilians will likely go unpaid.

I mentioned earlier in this article about membership, just to give you a short run down on what your membership means to us as a local veterans of foreign wars post and what it does in the community because of dues-paying members. Post #1260 Bemidji provided military honors for 14 fallen veterans, provided meals to 264 veterans with the help of our auxiliary members, and we have three or four members that provide live music on a monthly bases in our nursing homes or elderly homes. All of this does not include parades, flag presentations for different functions, meeting our wounded warriors paddling down the Mississippi River. When they reach Bemidji, the post provides housing and meals to them as well.

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Bruce Malterud, Commander

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*Mark your calendars! Next meeting is Tuesday, February 5th!!!*

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#### THIS MONTH IN HISTORY

February 20, 1943 - German Field Marshal Erwin Rommel broke through American lines at Kasserine Pass in North Africa as inexperienced U.S. Troops lost their first major battle of World War II in Europe, with 1,000 Americans killed.

February 20, 1962 - Astronaut John Glenn became the first American launched into orbit. Traveling aboard the "Friendship 7" spacecraft, Glenn reached an altitude of 162 miles (260 kilometers) and completed three orbits in a flight lasting just under five hours.

February 21, 1972 - President Richard Nixon arrived in China for historic meetings with Chairman Mao Tse-tung and Premier Chou En-lai.

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

**NOTE: January 1 VFW meeting was Cancelled**  
(February meeting on schedule)

Feb. 1- National Freedom Day.  
Feb. 2 – Ground Hog Day.  
Feb. 12- Abraham Lincoln’s Birthday.  
Feb. 14- Valentines’ Day.  
Feb. 15- Susan B Anthony Day.  
Feb. 18-Presidents’ Day.  
Feb. 22- George Washington’s Birthday.

**Bring another veteran to our meeting.**

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## VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER

### Beltrami County



Bemidji VFW Post 1260 donates to veterans home project.

L to R: Margaret Booge, aux. president presents a check in the amount of \$2,500.00 to Scotty Allison, veterans service officer for Belt. County. Bruce Malterud, VFW Commander, present a check in the amount of \$5,000.00 as Janie Malterud, Aux. treasure observes. This was done at our annual Pearl Harbor dinner held at the Eagles on Dec.9th. Scotty had the program this year which included an update on the veterans home.



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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

(For Family & Home)

O God, the Father and defender of Your people, whom neither space nor time can separate from such as continue in

Your keeping; be present, we beseech You, with those who are parted from us; prosper them and do them good; guide and direct them in all their undertakings; may nothing hurtful beset them and no evil befall them; and grant that, upheld by Your right hand, they may arrive in safety at their journey's end; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

(For Authorities)

Lord God of Hosts, You have made known Your authority and delivered Your orders for the day in Your Holy Law; You have given persons authority to exercise leadership over us and have bidden us to obey them and pray for them: we beseech You, fill our officers with zeal for the tasks delegated to them and with understanding and concern for those who, serving under them, must carry out those tasks. May they serve You with pure, exemplary lives and thereby give those whom they lead an ideal to follow. Give them wisdom to judge justly and with compassion in dealings with their subordinates, so that we may be ready to follow their leadership with a willing spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The VFW Chaplains Handbook



## SPOT LIGHT ON....

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There is about three different organizations that paddle the river each year in support of our veterans. Our members provide 1,000's of hours yearly to the community voluntarily. Without your support as members and the community making donations to our poppy program, we would not be able to provide all this service for our veterans and their families and to the youth in our communities. I would like to extend a thank you to our new members that signed up as life members and joined our ranks, Larry Chastek, Ronald Coons, John Helquist and Matt Johnson. Also a special thank you to those that have transferred in from other areas. Thank you all for your support.

On the lighter side:

**No Room For Rest** – A woman on a long car trip decided to make a stop at one of those rest areas on the side of the road. She went in the washroom and since the first stall was taken she went in the second stall. She had just sat down when she hears a child's voice from the next stall..."Hi there, how is it going?" Not the most appropriate time to start a conversation, but, fellow travelers and all that...and not knowing what else to do, she comments, "Not bad..." Then the little voice says: "So what are you doing?" She is starting to find this whole thing odd, but having already participated in the conversation says, "Well, I'm going to see my uncle in Arizona..." Then she hears the youngster in the other stall say, in an irritated voice, "Mom I will call you back, every time I ask you a question the lady in the next stall keeps answering for you."

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Military.com | By Patricia Kime

Military personnel, retirees and their family members now have access to an exclusive discount travel website managed by Priceline.

American Forces Travel is a full-service travel booking site, offering hotel, flight, car rental and cruise deals as well as bundled or package deals that Priceline spokesman Devon Nagle said can save travelers an average of \$240 per person.

The site, which is available to active-duty military, National Guard members, Reservists, retirees and family members, as well as 100 percent disabled veterans and civilian Defense Department employees, officially went live Tuesday after having been beta-tested on several military bases for the past three months.

According to Nagle, the site offers discounts that have been negotiated specifically for military personnel, including hotel deals up to 60 percent off and cruise deals up to 80 percent off. Roughly 1.2 million hotels can be booked through the site, as well as the most popular flight and car rental brands, he said.

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## THIS MONTH IN HISTORY

February 23, 1942 - During World War II, the first attack on the U.S. mainland occurred as a Japanese submarine shelled an oil refinery near Santa Barbara, California, causing minor damage.

February 23, 1991 - In Desert Storm, the Allied ground offensive began after a devastating month-long air campaign targeting Iraqi troops in both Iraq and Kuwait.

February 27, 1991 - In Desert Storm, the 100-hour ground war ended as Allied troops entered Kuwait just four days after launching their offensive against Saddam Hussein's Iraqi forces.

February 28, 1994 - NATO conducted its first combat action in its 45 year history as four Bosnian Serb jets were shot down by American fighters in a no-fly zone.

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## POST AUXILIARY

Greetings Everyone,  
Because of the way the dates fell, we did not have an auxiliary meeting in January. It felt strange not to get together. It is a good group to be a part of, and our mission of helping veterans is so worthwhile it is just fun to do. Please consider coming to join us – to visit for a meeting, or to join the group long term. We welcome you always.

We are sorry to say farewell to our Auxiliary Member, Sandy Williamson. She had not been a member of the group for more than a couple years, but had been an active member who was always willing to help out. We will miss her dearly. Also remember to help her husband, Jim, in any way we can as he starts life in a “new normal”.

At our February meeting, we will talking about potential new projects to work on this year. Please come join us in this discussion and add your ideas and expertise to the group. If you have some definite ideas of how we should be helping our veterans and their families – we would love to hear those too.

At the end of the calendar year, our Auxiliary donated \$2,500 to the new Bemidji Veterans Home project. It feels good to have a vested interest in this project as it unfolds. We will watch closely how things progress, and hope to come up with ideas of how to continue to help make this project a reality.

Remember, if you are a member who pays annual dues, your membership is no longer in good standing until we get your \$25 dues paid in. If you are a lifetime member, please remember to send in your \$5 cancer dues. That donation will keep your cancer dues paid up and you would be able to use that money if you needed it. If you are not sure what your current standing is, or if you have any questions, please contact me at 218-556-9482.

We look forward to seeing you soon.

Best Regards,  
Margaret Booge  
President, VFW Auxiliary 1260

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## ACTIVITIES THIS PAST MONTH



Post 1260 Annual Honor Guard rifle cleaning and flag retirements ceremony.



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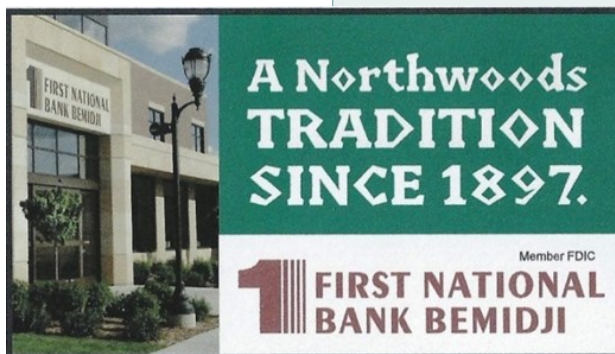
### OUR DAILY COMMITMENT

Hours served last month:  
160


38 members volunteered  
last month

Current Members: 256

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