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FROM THE COMMANDER

BY BRUCE MALTERUD

Comrades,

The month of Aug. is upon us already with a very busy July behind us. Tues Aug. 7th the first Tue. of the month will be our monthly meeting at the Eagles Club Rooms. With the parades behind us and posting the colors for fireworks to providing a meal for our veterans in Nielsen Place and having music for them as well. On Wed. July 18th we presented the colors for the Warrior Expedition at the Headwaters of the Mississippi where four paddlers with PTSD will paddle their way to the gulf. On Fri. the 20th they arrived in Bemidji where we met them and provided rooms for one night and took them out to dinner and early Sat. morning they left again for their mission down the river. Three of them, one spent the first three days showing them the hazards of the river, she had paddled the river all the way to the gulf last year when we done the same thing. Talk about a busy July now that is behind us. The month of Aug. is filling up fast as well. On Aug. 3rd we have a parade to carry the colors for the Dragon Boat Festival, the 4th & 6th we have funerals for our departed comrades, the 8th I take a veteran to St. Cloud VA, the 16th we present colors for the Pow Wow at the Sanford Hospital and carry the colors for the Wilton Days on Aug. 26th. Plus what ever comes up between now and then.

VA Seeks WWII Veterans Exposed to Mustard Gas:

VA is reviewing previously denied claims from World War II veterans who participated in full-body testing for mustard gas or lewisite in the 1940s. VA has contacted identifiable World War II veterans with a previously-denied claim for exposure to mustard gas or lewisite to redjudicate those claims. World War II veterans who were previously denied benefits for mustard gas or lewisite exposure and have not been contacted by VA, should contact a VFW-accredited Service Officer or call VA at 800-827-1000 to request that their claim be reviewed.



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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- August 3—Dragon Boat Festival
- August 16—Colors presentation at Pow Wow
- August 26—Wilton Days

In this month's news letter you will find a picture of the home we purchased for the Model -T. The VFW has fixed it up so it is now running and with all the members that have stored the Model- T in their sheds who ever had space at different times, it now has an enclosed home, thank goodness along with it we have a large outdoor cooker that was donated to the VFW which will house that as well as other equipment we have.

On the Lighter Side; Really Wrong Number A woman trying to reach her husband on his mobile phone discovered her battery was running low, so she instructed her son to use his phone to pass along an urgent message to

Dad at work. After the boy called, he informed his Mother that a woman answered Dad's phone each of the three times he had tried to reach him. She impatiently waited for her husband to return from work. Immediately upon seeing him, she began to yell, all the time the man asking what he had done? She yelled even louder. People from the neighborhood rushed around to see what was going on. The man asked his son to tell everybody what the woman said to him when he called. The boy replied, "The number you are trying to call is not in service at the moment. Please try again late".

Commander Bruce

Mark your calendars! Next meeting is Tuesday, August 7th!!!

THIS MONTH IN HISTORY

August 16, 1777 - During the American Revolutionary War, the Battle of Bennington, Vermont, occurred as militiamen from Vermont, aided by Massachusetts troops, wiped out a detachment of 800 German-Hessians sent by British General Burgoyne to seize horses.

August 16, 1780 - The Battle of Camden in South Carolina occurred during the American Revolutionary War. The battle was a big defeat for the Americans as forces under General Gates were defeated by troops of British General Charles Cornwallis, resulting in 900 Americans killed and 1,000 captured.

August 17, 1943 - During World War II in Europe, the Allies completed the conquest of the island of Sicily after just 38 days.

ADJUTANT'S CORNER

NOTICE: VFW website: www.vfwpost1260.org. All up-dated 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. Aug. -5 Friendship Day
2. Aug. ? Annual Salute. ?
3. Aug.- **26th** Wilton Days.?

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)

O Lord, we thank You for the sacrifices our Korean Veterans made for us and for peace. We gather

here in these moments to remember them. We pray that You would bless and protect all Your people. Guide us on the path to unity and harmony that we may serve You and Your people in keeping with Your Holy Will. May this day be a day of commemoration and honor to those who sacrificed in order to give South Koreans liberty and assure greater freedom in our world.

Amen.

The VFW Chaplains Handbook



SPOT LIGHT ON....

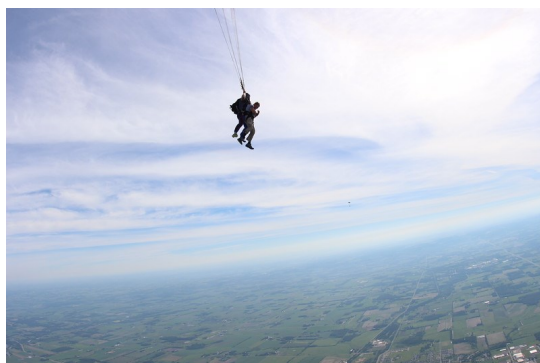
Jerry Wraa

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/>



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By Richard Sisk

Defense Secretary Jim Mattis said Friday the return of 55 sets of remains by North Korea could set the stage for renewed ground searches by U.S. recovery teams for those still listed as missing in action from the 1950-53 Korean War.

The flight into North Korea by a U.S. military aircraft to retrieve the 55 wooden cases was a "step in the right direction" and sets a "positive tone" for future recovery efforts, Mattis told Pentagon reporters.

Earlier this month, Secretary of State Mike Pompeo said North Korea had agreed to return remains already in its possession and would be open to renewing joint recovery efforts at the sites of former prison camps and battlefields.

Mattis noted that the North Koreans handed over only 55 sets of remains when they were expected to return about 200. "We know what [the North Koreans] said" leading up to Friday's returns, but "for us, we simply say this is a gesture of carrying forward" a commitment to more recoveries, he said.

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August 18, 1920 - The 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was ratified, granting women the right to vote.

August 21, 1863 - During the American Civil War, William Quantrill led 450 irregular Confederate raiders on a pre-dawn terrorist raid of Lawrence, Kansas, leaving 150 civilians dead, 30 wounded and much of the town a smoking ruin. In 1862, Quantrill had been denied a Confederate commission by the Confederate Secretary of War, who labeled Quantrill's notions of war as 'barbarism.'

August 21, 1959 - President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed a proclamation admitting Hawaii to the Union as the 50th state.

August 24, 79 A.D. - Vesuvius, an active volcano in southern Italy, erupted and destroyed the cities of Pompeii, Stabiae and Herculaneum.

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POST AUXILIARY

Welcome to August, and is it possible we are heading for fall again?? How does summer pass so quickly? Please be sure to get out and enjoy the remaining sunshine days. Is there something we could do for our veterans during these final days of summer? Could we share the bounty of a vegetable garden? Share some fresh flowers? Share some fresh picked fruit? Try to make a new veteran friend and say "Thank you for your

service" to just one more veteran and their family than you knew yesterday.

Our Auxiliary will need to make some plans for fall in what we would like to accomplish. Please come be a part of the planning process, and stay to be a part of the completion of some projects. We count on your help to make things happen, and couldn't do it without you. Thank you in advance for your help. Please come join us. We meet the first Tuesday of each month at the Bemidji Eagles Aeries at 7:00 p.m. Your good attitude and "can do" spirit is the best possible thing you can bring to a meeting. With that spirit, and our love for our veterans, we can accomplish great things this coming year.

I look forward to seeing you soon.

Best Regards,

Margaret Booge
President, VFW Auxiliary 1260

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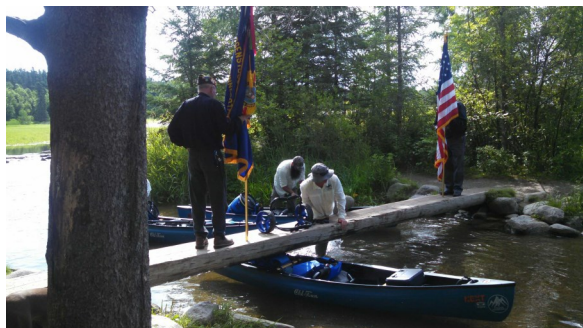
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ACTIVITIES THIS PAST MONTH



Commander Bruce & James Bailey Presenting colors at the Headwaters of the Mississippi as the Warrior Expedition takes to the river on their journey to the gulf. Other members of the VFW and the Aux. were on hand as well.



New home for the Model -T

POINTS OF

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 Help Line: 1-855-VET-TALK
 VA Community Outpatient Clinic-Bemidji: 218-755-6360



OUR DAILY COMMITMENT

Hours served last month:
160

38 members volunteered
last month


Current Members: 256

2018 TAPS

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