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FROM THE COMMANDER

BY BRUCE MALTERUD

Comrades,

This month went by so fast that it seems like I just got done writing the news letter for Sept. Now it's Oct. meeting time already, Oct.1st at the Eagles, Tue. at 7:00 p.m. Of course the aux. will meet at 6:00 p.m. as they have an inspection at that time by the district.

Sept. was a busy month for us and our Color/Guard. We provided honors at two funeral for fallen veterans, VFW state Fall Conference on Sept. 13th thru the 15th. on the 21st we presented the colors for Relay for Life at the fair grounds and on the 22nd the VFW and Aux. was at our residence for the VFW annual flag retirement. It was quite well attended with a meal that follow provided by all. And many many flags were retired as it is always a good feeling that everyone involved show their respect and are involved. At this time also I would like to mention to all members that if anyone has a worn or tattered flag to pick it up or get it from them and to get it to us. We are collecting now for the next year. Thank you all for what you are doing. Also with all that said I did attend the Stand Down for veterans at the armory on Wed. the 25th. It is a great time to visit with all the veterans that attend and also to see Cass, Hubbard and Belt. County VSO's in attendance and visit with them.



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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

Oct 14— Columbus Day
Oct 31—Halloween

Any member that wishes to attend the 9th District meeting coming up Oct. 5th. Just get in touch with any of your officers and let them know, we will pay for your registration, this is a one day meeting on Sat. with activities starting at 10:00 a.m. with lunch at 12:00 p.m. and meeting at 1:00 p.m. sharp. Done by 3:00 or 3:30 p.m..

Commander-in-Chief Doc Schmitz has laid down a challenge to all VFW Posts for the month of October 2019!

This month, it's time to use the TRICKS of recruiting and retention to earn the TREAT of being entered into a \$1000 drawing for our Post!

For this month's Commander's Challenge, the top ten Posts in each Division with the highest increase in total membership percentage between October 1st and October 31st will be entered into a drawing for \$1000 to be deposited into the Post account!

Sign up new members, reinstate lapsed members, and collect dues for your Annual members who are coming up for renewal, and your post could be one of those eligible for this incentive! Get that membership drive going and show our veterans that we *DARE TO CARE* about membership goals!

This contest will compare the Post's membership percentage on October 1st to the membership percentage on October 31st. Members processed through the Online Membership System before close of business will be processed that day; membership applications sent in via fax or mail will be processed when received. So in all, if any annual paying dues member that your membership is coming up for renewal would be very helpful if you could pay them now, or in the month of October, thanks.

On the lighter side, Ole walked into the insurance office to purchase coverage for his new motorcycle. One question the agent asked confused him, "Do you have a lien holder on the vehicle?" "I've got a kickstand," Ole replied. "Is dat da same ting?"

Bruce Malterud
Commander

Mark your calendars! Next meeting is Tuesday, October 1st!!

THIS MONTH IN HISTORY

October 15, 1815 - Napoleon Bonaparte arrived on the Island of St. Helena beginning a British-imposed exile following his defeat at the Battle of Waterloo.

October 15, 1917 - World War I spy Mata Hari was executed by a French firing squad at Vincennes Barracks, outside Paris.

October 15, 1945 - Pierre Laval, the former premier of Vichy France, was executed for collaborating with Nazi Germany during World War II.

October 15, 1946 - Nazi leader Hermann Goering committed suicide by swallowing poison in his Nuremberg prison cell just hours before his scheduled hanging for war crimes.

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 1st

Time: 7:00 pm

Where: Eagles Club

Oct. 5- District #9 Meeting, Thief River Falls.

Oct. 12- Dining Out, Civil Air Patrol.

Oct. 14 - Columbus Day.

Oct. 31 - Halloween.

Bring another veteran to our meeting.

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Governor Walz Engages Landlords in Ending Veteran Homelessness

July 31, 2019

ST. PAUL, MN] – Today, Governor Tim Walz met with local property owners and landlords to encourage them to participate in ending homelessness among Minnesota Veterans.

“Minnesota is on track to reduce Veteran homelessness,” said Governor Walz. “We have 207 Veterans on the Homeless Registry. Many of them are holding vouchers to cover the cost of housing. Let’s give these Veterans a place to live and become the fourth state in the country to effectively end Veteran homelessness.”

Since December 2014, efforts across the state have resulted in housing 1,813 previously homeless Veterans. Minnesota’s statewide Homeless Veterans Registry creates individual housing plans based on each Veteran’s unique challenges and situation and is largely credited as the key to Minnesota’s success.

“A collaboration of state agencies and non-profit organizations has effectively ended Veteran homelessness in five of 10 areas in Minnesota,” said Larry Herke, Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs Commissioner. “We are committed to continuing this success in the remaining five areas so that all Minnesota Veterans have a safe place to live.”

As of July 29, the Registry lists 207 Veterans who are experiencing homelessness in Minnesota. Research demonstrates that the most lasting solutions are personalized for each individual or family on a Veteran-by-Veteran basis.

“Ending Veteran homelessness does not mean that another Veteran will never experience homelessness in Minnesota. Instead, it means that these state agencies and non-profit partners are able and ready to respond quickly, so that Veteran homelessness is rare, brief, and non-recurring,” said Commissioner Herke.

Once on the Registry, Veterans experiencing homelessness are typically housed within four months. A common barrier for these Veterans experiencing homelessness is finding a landlord to accept their housing voucher. At the event, Governor Walz asked landlords to open their doors to homeless Veterans.

Anyone who knows of a Veteran experiencing homelessness can connect them with services by calling 1-888-LinkVet (546-5838).

For more info, please visit: <https://mn.gov/mdva/news/pressroom>



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	22,878
Iraq War	36,894

NOTE: There are other smaller conflicts not listed where service members sacrificed their lives

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

(For Children) Dear Lord
and Father of us all, we give
You thanks for the children
You have

placed in our care. Give us
grace and wisdom to train
them in Your faith and love. May they

give You due reverence and all the joyous loyalty of
their young hearts, so that as they advance in
years they may also grow in the grace and knowledge
of the Lord Jesus, who loved all children and
blessed them; this we ask in His Name.

Amen.

(For Youth) O Lord God, source of all strength, fountainhead of all wisdom: look in mercy

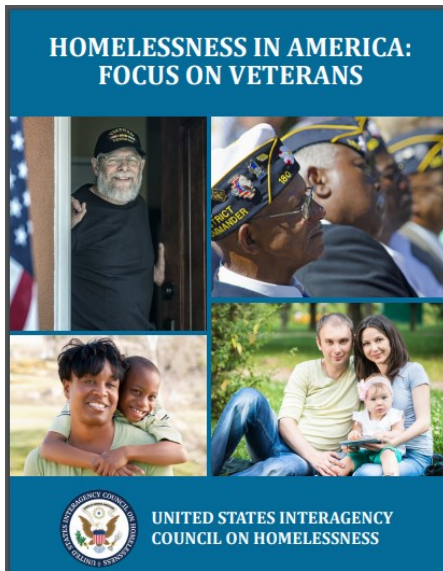
upon our beloved young people; replenish them with
Your truth. Teach them to follow the truth.

Adorn them with purity of life; keep them strong in
body, keen of mind and sound of soul. Guide
them through the shadowy valleys of life. Make them
conscious of Your presence with them as
they gain the heights of glory in the glad sunshine of
some victory. Comfort them when they are
discouraged. May Your peace, which passes all understanding, abide upon them all the days of
their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.



SPOT LIGHT ON....



Just over 9% of all adults experiencing homelessness in the United States are Veterans of the U.S. military.

That means that on any given day, an estimated 40,056 Veterans experience homelessness in America, according to Point-in-Time counts conducted in January 2017 by communities across the country. Of that estimated number, two-thirds (24,690) were staying in shelters or transitional housing programs, while the other one-third (15,366) were unsheltered, living in cars, in encampments, or on the streets. And while there are Veterans experiencing homelessness in every state, nearly one-third reside in just two states, California (24.5%) and Florida (7.4%), according to PIT estimates.

Over the course of FY 2016, homelessness services programs across America provided emergency shelter or transitional housing to 124,709 Veterans, according to HUD's Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) data. In addition, the Department of Veterans Affairs' Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) program, which provides rapid re-housing assistance, served 67,581 Veterans in FY 2016. The federal government also funds nearly 90,000 permanent supportive housing opportunities dedicated to Veterans and their family members through the HUD-VASH program.

Through a concerted effort at the federal, state, and local level to increase opportunities for Veterans to access permanent housing, the number of Veterans experiencing homelessness in America on any given day was reduced by an estimated 46% between 2010 and 2017. During that same timeframe, the number of Veterans experiencing unsheltered homelessness was reduced by an estimated 50%.

VETERANS EMPLOYMENT REPRESENTATIVE



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Bemidji, MN 56601

Tricare Moves Toward Chiropractic Coverage

26 Sep 2019

Military.com | By Amy Bushatz

Chiropractic and acupuncture services could be covered by Tricare under a new policy set to be proposed in the next several months.

Currently, Tricare does not cover any chiropractic or acupuncture services for military family members.

The proposal will be issued in an official regulation change notice no later than early next year, according to a document distributed to military support organizations this week and obtained by Military.com.

Following a mandatory public comment period, the proposal will be returned to the Defense Health Agency (DHA), where a final policy will be developed. Coverage would likely not be available to Tricare users until 2021 or early 2022, the document states.

Currently, chiropractic care is offered only to active-duty troops and activated Guard and Reserve members at 65 of the Defense Department's 54 military hospitals and 377 clinics. While Congress in 2000 ordered the DoD to provide the service to those users, it did not address coverage for military family members. Acupuncture is now offered on a limited basis through some military treatment facilities.



THIS MONTH IN HISTORY

October 16, 1853 - The Crimean War began after the Turkish Ottoman Empire declared war on Russia, Britain, France and portions of Italy allied with the Turks against Russia. It became the first war observed up close by newspaper reporters and photographers.

October 17, 1777 - During the American Revolutionary War, British General John Burgoyne and his entire army of 5,700 men surrendered to American General Horatio Gates after the Battle of Saratoga, the first big American victory.

October 17-25, 1944 - The Battle of Leyte Gulf, the largest naval battle in history, took place off the Philippine Islands, during World War II in the Pacific.

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POST AUXILIARY

Here we are in the middle of fall. Though the turning leaves outside are beautiful, I must admit this time of year always makes me a little sad. I know what comes after this time of year – and I don't like all that cold, white stuff at all. However, it is not my choice to have it or not, so we just have to plan and work and get things done in readiness for the coming changes. Please remember our veterans and their families in that planning process.

We had our annual Flag Retirement Ceremony in late September at Bruce & Janie's home. The men did their weapons cleaning; our Auxiliary assembled another 40 Towel Buddies to distribute; the group folded the flags that need to be folded; we had the flag retirement ceremony; and closed with a potluck fish fry. If you were not able to make it to this year's event, please plan on attending next year.

Please continue the work we have started this fiscal year in our "Fishing for New Members". We need to remain strong as an organization so that we can petition our legislators for the needs of our veterans and their families. It is up to us to continue that good work. If you are a member that pays your dues annually, please send in your annual payment of \$25 as soon as possible. The annual dues need to be paid by the end of December.

At our October meeting, we will have our annual inspection done by a member of the District staff. Also, at that meeting we plan to have a discussion about new ideas for making decorations for the upcoming holidays for nursing home residents. We will also start on the planning process for our Pearl Harbor Dinner to be held in early December.

Please join us for our meeting the first Tuesday evening of each month at the Bemidji Eagles at 7:00 p.m. This month that date is Tuesday, October 1st. Hope to see you there.

Thank you, and take care.

Margaret Booge, President

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ACTIVITIES THIS PAST MONTH



Post 1260 completed their annual rifle cleaning and flag burning ceremony.

OUR DAILY COMMITMENT

Hours served: 169

Members volunteered: 27

Total dollar: \$626

Current Members: 247

2019 TAPS

William Britton
Harold Dossdall
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Suicide Prev. Hotline: 1-800-273-8255


Fargo VA: 1-800-410-9723

Help Line: 1-855-VET-TALK

VA Community Outpatient Clinic-Bemidji: 218-755-6360



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WHAT THE VFW DOES FOR THE COMMUNITY

- *Youth activities, Voice of Democracy & Youth Essay*
- *Patriotic Activities*
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- *Membership*
- *Help to obtain benefits*
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