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## FROM THE COMMANDER

BY BRUCE MALTERUD

Comrades,

It's Nov. rolling in and time for another First Tuesday of the month for another meeting at 7:00 p.m. Bemidji Eagles Club rooms.

We held a discussion at our last meeting in Oct. to get the opinion from our members and their feelings as to how they feel about having our annual Pearl Harbor supper. It was decided to cancel it for this year due to the covid and the large group that it brings together. So to keep our veterans safe and the social distancing there will not be a meal or program in Dec.

National Museum of the United States Army to Open Soon: This Veterans Day, Nov. 11, 2020, the National Museum of the United States Army located at Fort Belvoir, Virginia, will officially open to the public. The museum will open with enhanced health and safety measures for visitors. Free, timed-entry tickets are required and there will be no walk-up tickets available. This is the first national museum to capture over 240 years of Army history.

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### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

#### Next Two Months Meetings

Social Distancing Restriction:

December 1st

January

Aaron Powers, a life member of the VFW, passed away on Oct. 26th which we had the military funeral honors for him Thursday, Oct. 29th. He will be missed by so many of us as he was very entertaining for our veterans in nursing homes. He was always there when we would provide meals for the veterans and he and other band members provided the music.

On the lighter side: A teenage boy with spiked hair, a nose ring and baggy clothes told his friend, "I don't really like dressing like this, but it keeps my parents from dragging me everywhere with them."

God Bless, keep safe and stay healthy.

Bruce Malterud

Commander

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*Mark your calendars! Next meeting is Tuesday, November 3rd!!*

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#### THIS MONTH IN HISTORY

November 13, 1942 - The five Sullivan Brothers from Waterloo, Iowa, were lost in the sinking of the cruiser USS Juneau by a Japanese torpedo off Guadalcanal during World War II in the Pacific. Following their deaths, the U.S. Navy changed regulations to prohibit close relatives from serving on the same ship.

November 15, 1777 - The Articles of Confederation were adopted by Continental Congress.

November 15, 1864 - During the American Civil War, Union troops under General William T. Sherman burned Atlanta.

#### 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, November 3rd**

**Time: 7:00 pm**

**Where: Eagles Club**



Nov 1 – Daylight Savings Ends

Nov 3 – Election Day

Nov 10 – United States Marine Corps Birthday (245 years)

Nov 11 – Veterans Day / WWI Ends (1918)

Nov 26 – Thanksgiving

**Bring another veteran to our meeting.**

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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	20,147
Iraq War	32,292

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

Afghanistan & Iraq source:

<https://www.defense.gov/casualty.pdf>

## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Greetings fellow Veterans,

Wow! Summer is past and winter close at hand. It's all gone so fast probably because we've been chased by the covid-iers all summer. Fear and indecision is fast upon us and folks know not what to do, but

Proverbs 29:25 says "The fear of man bringeth a snare; but whoso putteth his trust in the Lord shall be safe." (Claim this promise of the Lord Jesus for yourself). I haven't been doing CHAPLAIN'S CORNER, but I feel led to share occasionally what comes to my heart.

On to election time, which is very important to all of us. As Veterans we should all be concerned with the outcome. My best advice is not to vote party affiliation, but vote God, vote America, vote Constitution, and most important vote biblical principles, as we will be judged on how we take care of the Nation God gave us. Dr. Lloyd Ogilvie Quoted: "We tire of racial conflict and prejudice, tensions between religions and different philosophies. It's an intolerant time, judgementalism is rampant" end of Quote.

In II Corinthians 4:8-9 the Lord says "We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed, we are perplexed, but not in despair, persecuted, but not forsaken, cast down, but not destroyed" Hallelujah!

This month's VFW Magazine states "Exercise your right to vote". Also a quote from President Abraham Lincoln "Elections belong to the people, it's their decision, if they decide to turn their backs on the fire and burn their behinds, then they will just have to sit on their blisters".

I leave you with Romans 10:9 "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him (Jesus) from the dead, thou shalt be saved".

Bye for now Veterans, and God Bless you all, and the United States of America.

Chaplain Jerry





## SPOT LIGHT ON....

### World War 1

November 3, 1917 (Saturday)

Third Battle of Gaza – Ottoman defenders launched counterattacks to stem the British advance south and east of Gaza.

Battle of Moon Sound – The Imperial German Navy succeeded in clearing the minefields around the Gulf of Riga in the Baltic Sea and ensuring Germany had full control of the West Estonian archipelago. The operation resulted in major casualties, including 156 dead, 60 wounded, and the loss of nine minesweepers and numerous smaller vessels. The Imperial German Army also sustained 54 dead and 141 wounded while taking control of the islands during Operation Albion. Russian casualties were smaller but significant numbers of men and equipment were captured, including 20,130 prisoners and 141 guns.

Soldiers Thomas Enright, James Bethel Gresham, and Merle Hay of the 16th Infantry Regiment, 1st Infantry Division of the United States Army became the first official American military casualties of World War One. All three were killed in action during a German attack near Artois, France.

German submarine SM UC-65 was torpedoed and sunk in the North Sea by British submarine HMS C15 with the loss of all 26 crew.

Born: Conor Cruise O'Brien, Irish politician, member of the Dáil Éireann (Irish legislature) from 1969 to 1977, and Seanad Éireann (Irish Senate) from 1977 to 1979, in Dublin (d. 2008); J. E. Macdonnell, Australian writer, best known for over 200 books based on sea and naval experiences, including the Horwitz Naval Series, in Mackay, Queensland, Australia (d. 2002)

Died: Frederick Rodgers, American naval officer, last commander of the Asiatic Squadron (b. 1842); Léon Bloy, French writer, author of *The Woman Who Was Poor* and *Disagreeable Tales* (b. 1846); Albert Carman, Canadian religious leader, head of the Methodist Church of Canada during the 1870s and 1880s (b. 1833).

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/November\\_1917#November\\_3,\\_1917\\_\(Saturday\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/November_1917#November_3,_1917_(Saturday))

## HOT OFF THE PRESS

Military Forces Rescue Kidnapped American in Niger

31 Oct 2020

The Associated Press | By Eric Tucker

WASHINGTON (AP) — An American citizen kidnapped in the West African nation of Niger this past week has been rescued in a U.S. military operation in neighboring Nigeria, a U.S. official told The Associated Press on Saturday.

Philippe Nathan Walton was taken from his farm in Massalata in southern Niger early Tuesday morning by armed kidnappers who demanded a ransom from the man's father.

The Defense Department confirmed the operation Saturday, saying it took place in northern Nigeria. "This American citizen is safe and is now in the care of the U.S. Department of State. No U.S. military personnel were injured during the operation," the department said in a statement. Niger has faced a growing number of attacks by extremists linked to both the Islamic State group and to al-Qaida. The kidnapping comes two months after IS-linked militants killed six French aid workers and their Niger guide while they were visiting a wildlife park east of the capital.

Source: [military.com](https://www.military.com)

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### THIS MONTH IN HISTORY

November 15, 1943 - During the Holocaust, Heinrich Himmler ordered Gypsies and part-Gypsies to be sent to concentration camps. The number of Gypsies killed by Nazis is estimated up to 500,000.

November 15, 1969 - The largest antiwar rally in U.S. History occurred as 250,000 persons gathered in Washington, D.C., to protest the Vietnam War.

November 16, 1933 - President Franklin D. Roosevelt announced the U.S. and Soviet Russia had resumed diplomatic relations, suspended since 1919.

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## POST AUXILIARY

This month is a special time of thanks. Remember to thank every veteran you see around Veterans Day. Thank them for their sacrifice both during times of war, and times of peace. Also Thanksgiving is an excellent opportunity to thank our veterans and their families. Remember the veterans that are deployed now and can't be home for Thanksgiving, and their families that

wait at home without them. If possible, include a veteran and their family in your celebrations this month. Remember, they are the reason we exist as a Post and Auxiliary. Auxiliary members hope to gather soon to assemble fall decorations and Christmas decorations for our nursing home veterans. This is a simple, inexpensive way to honor our vets and remind them that they are always on our minds and in our hearts. With the many restrictions of Covid 19 this year, it has been hard to find ways to remind our veterans how important they are to us, and how much we appreciate their sacrifice.

Remember we are still in our membership drive. Encourage your friends and neighbors to come visit a meeting to see what we are about. Then follow up by encouraging them to join our group – either as an annual member, or as a lifetime member. Also, if you are an annual member, please remember to send in your yearly dues right away.

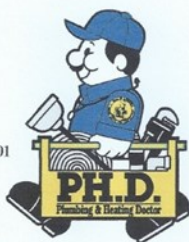
A couple things in December to let you know. We will have our regular meeting on Tuesday, December 1st. Our Christmas party will begin at 6:00 p.m., and our regular meeting starts at 7:00 p.m. (Please bring a gift to exchange.) Usually in early December we hold our annual Pearl Harbor Dinner. Unfortunately we have had to cancel this year's event due to Covid 19.

Look for ways to give thanks this month, and remember our many blessings – even in the midst of uncertainty. Wishing all Veterans a heartfelt THANK YOU this Veterans Day, and wishing everyone a wonderful Thanksgiving.

Margaret Booge  
President, VFW Auxiliary 1260

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## ACTIVITIES THIS PAST MONTH



Knife River Materials, still supporting the local veterans with a generous donation of \$2,500.00. The check was made out to the local Veterans of Foreign Wars. Pictured from left to right are Trisha Dally, Human Resources Manager, also holding the Employer of the Year Award for 2018 awarded by the state of Mn. Veterans of Foreign wars. Middle, Bruce Malterud, Commander, Harold Baggenstoss Post #1260 VFW, on right, Jeremy Ganske, Vice President, Knife River Materials for Northern Minnesota Division. Jeremy also holds the plaque awarded to them for Employer of the Year for 2016. Commander Malterud said, "the check will be ear marked for the veterans home that we hope to have one day soon".



### OUR DAILY COMMITMENT

Hours served: 169  
Members volunteered: 27  
Total dollar: \$626

Current Members: 247

### 2020 TAPS

Jack Geller  
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 Fargo VA: 1-800-410-9723  
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