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FROM THE COMMANDER

BY BRUCE MALTERUD

Comrades,

Now that the month of July is behind us and all the activities that happen in that month we are moving into Aug. which brings our next meeting, Tuesday Aug. 2nd at 7:00 p.m. Now we can start to look toward fall weather, not to be negative.

The month of July got a little busy for us at times with parades, posting of colors and a couple of funerals and also the Vietnam Wall up in Gonvick. The 16th of July there was a ride for the veterans home in Bemidji. This may be an annual event if they have good participation.

Construction remains on schedule as MDVA prepares for a mid-2023 opening of new Veterans Homes currently underway in Bemidji. Bemidji is 37 percent completed, resident application process begins Sept. 15th. Resident eligibility includes the need for skilled nursing care and status as an honorably discharged veteran. County Veterans Service Officers are available to assist with the application process.

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

Next Two Months Meetings

September 6th

October 4th

On the lighter side; Bad Puns. Thanks for explaining the word "many" to me, it means a lot. Just burned 2,000 calories. That's the last time I leave brownies in the oven while I nap. The future, the present and the past walked into a bar. Things got a little tense. I saw an ad for burial plot, and thought to myself, it's the last thing I need.

Bruce Malterud, Commander

Mark your calendars! Next meeting - Tuesday, August 2nd.

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.

Date: Tuesday, August 2, 2022, at 7:00 pm at the Eagles Club



August 1 – Air Force Day
August 2 – Post 1260 Meeting, Eagles Club, 7:00 P.M. / Operation Desert Shield Begins (1990)
August 4 – Coast Guard Birthday
August 6 – A-Bomb dropped on Hiroshima (1945)
August 7 – Purple Heart Day
August 9 – Primary Election Day MN / A-Bomb dropped on Nagasaki (1945)
August 10 – Agent Orange Awareness Day
August 10 – 14 – Beltrami County Fair
August 15 – Japan accepts unconditional surrender terms (1945)
August 16 – Airborne Day
August 21 – Senior Citizens Day
August 25 – Sep 5th – Minnesota State Fair
August 29 – Marine Corps Reserve Birthday

Please continue to check our Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/BemidjiVFWPost1260> for updates.

POST 9/11 VETERAN SERVICE BONUS IS NOW AVAILABLE. The online application is located at VetServiceBonus.mdva.mn.gov. The application opened July 7, 2022 and will run until June 30, 2024, or until funds have been exhausted. For more information or apply, visit: MinnesotaVeteran.org/ServiceBonus. Or call LinkVet at 1-888-LinkVet VFW Friends of Freedom – If you are not already a member of the VFW's online community, please visit vfw.org and look for the gold banner that says "Find Out What's Happening" to sign up. As a member of the VFW's Friends of Freedom, you will receive special emails with breaking VFW news, legislative alerts and unique opportunities to help the VFW in assisting our nation's veterans, service members and their families. You may also visit vfw.org/VFWatWork and click on "Read VFW success stories" to learn how the VFW is fighting for veterans' rights, assisting veterans in need, educating our youth and aiding military families across the nation.

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VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER

Beltrami County

Bemidji Veterans Home Update

It's my pleasure to let everyone know the Minnesota Department of Veteran Affairs (MDVA) will begin taking resident applications for the new Bemidji Veterans Home on September 15th, 2022, at 8 a.m. CT.

This is the most important date you will need to know for eligible Veterans and family members who are helping their Veterans with the application process. Any resident applications submitted before September 15th at 8 a.m. won't be accepted.

Current eligibility requirements:

- Honorably discharged Veterans who entered service from Minnesota, or are current Residents, who served 181 consecutive days on active duty, unless discharged earlier because of disability incurred in the line of duty.
- The spouse of an eligible Veteran who is at least 55 years old and meets residency requirements.
- Able to demonstrate a medical or clinical need for admission.

The submission process has changed, and the MDVA is now requesting more information, so take this opportunity to gather the documents you will need to build a complete submission.

What makes a submission complete?

- Application form dated and signed
- Copy of DD-214
- Copy of any legal decision-maker documents: Power of Attorney (POA), Healthcare Directive, Guardianship Conservatorship documents
- If a spouse: Copy of the marriage certificate / please note: Veterans have first preference.

You can find the resident application at MinnesotaVeteran.org/FutureHomes. However, the Bemidji Veterans Home is not on the current application. Write (Bemidji Veterans Home) on the form, and the MDVA will still accept the application. New applications will be updated this summer with further Veteran Home information.

Applications will be dated and timestamped as they are received, and applicants will be contacted to confirm receipt and that they are on the waitlist. 30 – 90 days before anticipated admission: Those on the active list will be contacted for financial and relevant clinical information.

The Bemidji Veteran Home is still on track to open in mid-2023 and will welcome Veterans intermittently until they reach total capacity.



For additional information about the Bemidji Veterans Home, you can email:

NewHomesAdmissions@state.mn.us. Or contact your local County Veteran Service Office.

Veterans living in Beltrami County can contact their Veteran Service Officers, Shane Gustafson and Luke Wilkowski, at 218-333-4178 or 218-333-4177.

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	20,149
Iraq War	31,994
Operation New Dawn	298
Operation Inherent Resolve	270
Operation Freedom Sentinel	612

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 Sisters and Brothers in arms; my name is Kent Porter and I had the honor and privilege to be elected as the next Chaplain for Post 1260, I look forward to what the future brings and to serving with each and everyone of you. I especially want to thank Jerry Wraa for all his work, our post is a better place from his service.

I am just going to use my first newsletter article as a way of introduction. As I stated earlier, my name is Kent Porter. My wife of over 30 years, Kelly, and I live south of the Concordia Language Campus. I moved there in the summer of 2021, after 35 years of service in the Army and Army National Guard full time. My wife has lived there for nearly five years, she oversaw the construction as I was finishing up my career with war college, a lovely deployment to the middle east, and then transitional time before retirement. We have two grown children and one grandchild.

I am a member of the New Salem Lutheran Church in Turtle River, but as a senior commander in the Army, my formations were full of every denomination. (At least I think so, there were even a few that I hadn't even heard of before. That is a story over a beverage sometime.) I know there is plenty for me to learn as the new Chaplain and I look forward to the experiences we will share together.

I will be sharing something each month, so if there is anything in particular you want addressed, please send that to gikent@yahoo.com and I will try to incorporate it into my monthly article.

God's peace to each of you.

Kent Porter

SPOT LIGHT ON....

VFW Post 1260 fed the veterans at Adult Day Care in June.

Front (L-R): Post Auxiliary Treasurer Janie Malterud and
Post Auxiliary member Ruby Wiese

Back (L-R): Post Commander Bruce Malterud,
Post Quartermaster Kelly Booge,
Feed the Vets organizer Duane H. Bundy,
and James Bailey



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HOT OFF THE PRESS

Fate of Historic Toxic Exposure Bill Unclear After Shocking Senate Defeat
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Military.com | By Rebecca Kheel

Supporters of a plan to expand benefits for millions of veterans exposed to toxic substances and fumes are furious after a surprising defeat in a Senate procedural vote left the bill in limbo. Veterans advocates and lawmakers who support the bill are vowing to keep fighting for its passage, framing Wednesday night's shocking development as a delay rather than a defeat. Still, it's a delay they say could cost cancer-stricken veterans their lives as they wait for care and should be blamed on a group of Republican senators they described as "liars," "hypocrites" and "cowards."

"How are these people human? Where's any sense of decency?" comedian and veterans advocate Jon Stewart said. "And sadly, [the veterans] are the people that fought and defended their right to this f---ery."

"We just got screwed by 41 senators," said Tom Porter, executive vice president of Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America.

"The next time I come back here, it better be to sign the damn bill at the White House because I'm sick and tired of this bulls---," said Susan Dyer, the mother-in-law of the bill's namesake. Earlier in Dyer's remarks, her 9-year-old granddaughter, Brielle, teared up as she described Heath Robinson's battle with cancer.

Source: military.com



THIS MONTH IN HISTORY

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

Our August Auxiliary meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 2nd at 7:00 p.m. at the Bemidji Eagles. Hope you will be able to join us. If you can't make it to this meeting, please mark your calendar now for the first Tuesday in each month, and come join us for our monthly meeting.

In mid-August we will have a "work session" to assemble some fall decorations for our nursing

home vets. Then during the month of September, we hope to assemble another batch of approximately 50 Towel Buddies and distribute them to local veterans as well. In the next couple months we will also be making some Christmas decorations to give out to our nursing home vets. Please join us to help work on, and assemble these. The projects will be fun for you, and will be much appreciated by our veterans.

At this time of year we start our big push to recruit new members, and have our current annual members pay their dues for the year. Life time members should also be sending in their \$5 cancer insurance money, and a donation to the "no bake bake sale". Please take care of those things now, and then you are done for the fiscal year.

Looking forward to seeing you at a monthly meeting soon. Please be sure to make the most of these beautiful warm days we are having. Get out and do something fun and worthwhile for yourself, and for our veterans.

Best Regards,

Margaret Booge
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ACTIVITIES THIS PAST MONTH

VFW Post 1260 Color Guard posting the Colors at LaMettry's Collision and repair veteran car giveaway.



In this photo is Larry Muller, Kelly Booge, Curt Anderson, and Bruce Malterud.



OUR DAILY COMMITMENT

Hours served: 136
Members volunteered: 48
Total dollar: \$387

Current Members: 208

2022 TAPS

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Health Care: 1-877-222-8387
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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HAROLD BAGGENSTOSS

POST 1260

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