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Post 1260

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FROM THE COMMANDER

BY BRUCE MALTERUD

COMRADES,

Now that we are in the Autumn season, so is the frost at night. It's time to give up on the gardens and let nature take it's toll. Now we will be driving home in the dark after the meetings, which is coming up Tue. Oct. 4th at 7:00 p.m. at the Eagles Club Rooms.

Some of the activities taken place in Sept. were funeral honors on the 9th, flag presentation at BSU for Home Coming and district meeting in Thief River Falls on the 17th and the Fall Conference in Plymouth, Mn. the 23rd thru 25th.

I must go on to tell you that I sure do have a good bunch of line officers again this year. This goes right on down to the membership that attends the meetings with all their input . I can't say enough about the Quartermaster, Sr. Vice and Jr. Vice. A Chaplin that jumped in with both feet and doing a great job and digging into the responsibilities of the duties. Adjutant, Curt Anderson, with his knowledge and computer skills is on top of it all. My chairmen with their responsibilities are doing a great job in getting the word out where ever it should go. And least, but not last, the three trustees who audit the books every month to keep all figures in line and balance are doing a great job. President Margaret Booge and the auxiliary are to be commended for the projects they are involved with in helping our veterans and homeless vets.

Sometimes it is tight to get enough personnel for funeral honors but, we are working on getting more involved. This is very important to me, the Color/Honor Guard. Anyone interested n helping with the Honor Guard please contact me or any of our officers.



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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

Next Two Months Meetings

November 8th

December 6th

Not much more for the month of Sept. but enjoy the fall weather and get out and try a little fishing it's picking up now that the leaves are turning.

On the lighter side: A passenger in a taxi heading for Grand Central Station leaned over to ask the driver a question and gently tapped him on the shoulder to get his attention. The driver screamed, lost control of the cab, nearly hit a bus, drove up over the curb and stopped just inches from a plate glass window. For a few moments everything was silent in the cab. Then the shaking driver said, "Are you okay? I'm so sorry, but you scared the daylight out of me." The badly shaken passenger apologized to the driver and said, "I didn't realize that a mere tap on the shoulder would startle someone so badly." The driver replied, "No, I'm the one who is sorry, it's entirely my fault. Today is my very first day driving a cab. I've been driving a hearse for 25 years."

Bruce Malterud, Commander

Mark your calendars! Next meeting - Tuesday, October 4th.

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, October 4th, 2022, at 7:00 pm at the Eagles Club

Oct 1 – Women's Army Corps Established (1943)
Oct 3 – Germany reunited; Cold War Ends (1990)
Oct 4 – Post 1260 Meeting, Eagles Club, 7:00 P.M.
Oct 7 – OPERATION Enduring Freedom begins (2001)
Oct 10 – Columbus Day
Oct 13 – U.S. Navy Birthday (1775 – 247 years old)
Oct 19 – British Surrender at Yorktown (1781)
Oct 20 – Women's Army Corps disestablished (1978)
Oct 20 – 21 – MEA Weekend (No School)
Oct 25 – Operation Urgent Fury (1983) - Grenada
Oct 26 – National Day of the Deployed
Oct 27 – Navy Day
Oct 31 – Halloween – Patriots Pen/Voice of Democracy/Teacher of the Year Applications are due to VFW Post 1260.



Please continue to check our VFW Post 1260 Facebook Page and Webpage as: <https://www.facebook.com/BemidjiVFWPost1260> and <https://www.vfwpost1260.org/> for updates.

VOICE OF DEMOCRACY, PATRIOT'S PEN and TEACHER OF THE YEAR applications are due the 31st of October. Please complete the applications, required documents and turn in to the Post on time.

SPECIAL NOTICES TO ALL MEMBERS: Insurance

American Income Life Insurance – every member in the Department of Minnesota is eligible for a \$3,000.00 Accidental Death and Dismemberment Policy at no cost to themselves. This is the ONLY insurance Minnesota offers. If you have taken advantage of other offers through VFW National over the years, please make sure your family is aware of this. Let them know where your paperwork is for these benefits. Department does not have access to any of these types of documents.

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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

Friends in Christ, as I write this article, Hurricane Ian is making land around the Tampa and Fort Myers area in Florida, it is predicted to be a major storm with much devastation. Now that you are reading this after the fact, I hope I am wrong. Please pray for all those in Ian's path.

As many of us do, we have friends in that area. I called my friend the day prior to ask him if he and his wife were ready or if they had evacuated. Knowing that my friend is the stubborn kind of person, I knew the answer was that he was going to 'ride out the storm' and that is exactly what he told me. I wished him the best and asked him to make sure that he would send a text after the storm passes so I don't have to worry.

Each of us worry about something each and every day. Some of these worries are routine and our stress is relieved quickly but in other times, the worry escalates depending on the situation. Like my example earlier, I am very worried about my friend and my stress isn't going to be relieved for a few days until I hear that he and his wife are alright. Times like this, each of us need someone or something to help us cope with the stress or anxiety.

An example stress reliever is to read the bible or in this case, watch this one-minute video on YouTube that shares some bible verses on worry or anxiety. I invite you to watch it for some stress relief. <https://youtu.be/39hSkLfkkGs>

Then there are stresses that seem to be insurmountable, some call these crises. This is when professional help or a dedicated program is needed. One such program is the VFW mental wellness program. <https://www.vfw.org/assistance/mental-wellness>

There is some great information on the program and if you want to get involved, they want to change the stigma, improve research, support communities, and explore treatment options. If any of these sound like something you would like to do, please use the website above and get involved.

Lastly, below are some numbers to call if you are having or even if you think you are having some of those stresses that you are unable to work out.

1-800-273-8255, ext 1 is for veterans and 988 is a national suicide and crisis lifeline for everyone. Both numbers are available anytime and any day.

Kent Porter

Chaplain, VFW Post 1260



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

Secretary Austin to Visit Hawaii as Navy Prepares to Defuel Tanks that Caused Contaminated Water

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By Patricia Kime

Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin will travel to Hawaii this week for an update on the Navy's effort to remove 105 million gallons of fuel from its Red Hill bulk storage facility north of the city. According to a Pentagon press release, Austin will meet with Navy Rear Adm. John Wade, whom he appointed last week to lead the work. Wade, who previously served as director of operations for U.S. Indo-Pacific Command, is tasked with working on the project alongside the Environmental Protection Agency, the Hawaii Department of Health and community leaders and residents.

As the result of spills that contaminated the drinking water for thousands of homes at Joint Base Pearl Harbor Hickam last year, Austin announced in March his intention to close the massive Red Hill facility, which contains more than 12.4 million gallons of diesel and 93 million gallons of jet fuel.

The Navy delivered its proposal for defueling the Red Hill facility in June, but the Hawaii Department of Health rejected it, saying it lacked sufficient detail for transferring such a large amount of fuel in a sensitive environment that includes Honolulu's main source of drinking water.

Source: military.com



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.

October 15, 1964 - Soviet Russia's leader Nikita Khrushchev was deposed as First Secretary of the Soviet Communist Party, and replaced by Leonid Brezhnev.

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POST AUXILIARY

I'm not sure how we got to October already, but here we are - ready or not! As the leaves change color and fall, we get into the "hurry up" mode. There are projects that need to be finished before that first snow starts to fall. As you are working on those projects, please bear in mind that we most likely have many local veterans and their families that could use our help getting ready for winter too. Please remember to look for ways we can lend them a helping hand.

While we were together for our Flag Retirement Ceremony in late August, we put together another large batch of Towel Buddies for veterans who need them. There was a batch delivered to the local VA Clinic in Bemidji, and another batch taken to the VSO for him to distribute as he sees fit. The remainder are stored for now. We will distribute another batch in November. We have set a date in October to get together to make Christmas decorations for our Nursing Home Vets. It seems a little early, but we always run out of time for these. That date is Saturday, October 22nd. We will meet at Aardahl Lutheran Church from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Hope you can join us. The nursing home veterans really appreciate these little decorations for their room.

As of right now, it looks like we will be able to have a Pearl Harbor Dinner this December. Hope you will plan on attending. We will have more information in the November newsletter regarding this event.

Looking forward to seeing you at a meeting soon. Remember – they are the FIRST TUESDAY of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Bemidji Eagles Club. The one coming up very soon is Tuesday, October 4th.

Best regards,

Margaret Booge, President
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ACTIVITIES THIS PAST MONTH



Homecoming at BSU. L to R: Jennifer Johnson, Mike Reiersen, Larry Muller, and John Naastad



Left, DR. Jim Tuorila, the MN state and national surgeon for the VFW, also attended the BSU homecoming as an alumni of BSU. Seen here with the BSU Beaver's mascot, Bucky Beaver!



OUR DAILY COMMITMENT

Hours served: 136

Members volunteered: 48

Total dollar: \$387

Current Members: 208

2022 TAPS

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Support Numbers

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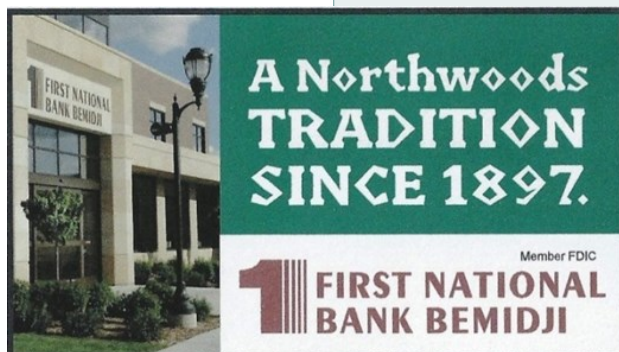
Health Care: 1-877-222-8387

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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