VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS

Harold Baggenstoss Post 1260



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FROM THE COMMANDER

BY BRUCE MALTERUD

Comrades,

With the extreme cold weather slipping by us slowly, we can now look toward spring which is coming up March 20th. Oh there will be more snow I'm sure. With that said we have our March meeting coming up on the 7th at 7:00 p.m. at the Eagles club rooms.

It will be nice to have as many members as possible at this March meeting and all the elected members that hold an office in the Veterans of Foreign Wars. At this meeting we will be having nominations of officers for the coming year. Elections will be held April and the oath of office to be held in May. The elected officers will take office right after the state commander is sworn in at the state convention in June. So please join us for the March meeting and see what we do for our veterans in the community and even jump in with both feet and take position and get involved.

We will be looking again for help with our poppy cards to the businesses coming up in April. So if you can give us a few hours or take a route for a half day it would be appreciated. Just contact any one of our members they will get the message where it needs to go. Thank you.



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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

Next Two Months Meetings

April 4th May 2nd There is a district meeting coming up March 11th at New York Mills if anyone is interested, it's a one day meeting and you want to attend just let us know and catch a ride with one of us. We car pool when ever possible and we will pay for your registration which includes the noon meal. The meeting starts at 1:00 o'clock and is usually done by 3:00 pm.

On the lighter side; Will You Marry ME? An elderly widow and widower were dating for about five years. The man finally decided to ask her to marry. She immediately said"yes". The next morning when he awoke, he couldn't remember what her answer was! "Was she happy? I think so, wait, no, she looked at me funny..." After about an hour trying to remember to no avail, he got on the telephone and gave her a call. Embarrassed, he admitted that he didn't remember her answer to the marriage proposal. "OH". she said "I'm glad you called. I remember saying "yes" to someone, but couldn't remember who it was".

Did I use this one before???

Commander, Bruce Malterud Commander 218-766-3898

Mark your calendars! Next meeting - Tuesday, March 7th.

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, March 7th, 2022, at 7:00 pm at the Eagles Club

Mar 3 – Navy Reserve Birthday

Mar 4 - Hug a G.I. Day

Mar 5 – Seabee Birthday

Mar 7 – Post 1260 Meeting, Eagles Club, 7:00 P.M.

Mar 12 - Daylight Savings Time Begins

Mar 13 - K-9 Veterans Day

Mar 17 - St. Patrick's Day

Mar 19 - Iraq War Begins (2003)

Mar 20 – 1st Day of Spring

Mar 21 – Rosie the Riveter Day

Mar 22 - Ramadan Begins (Sunddown)

Mar 24 – Kosovo Air Campaign Begins (1999)

Mar 25 – National Medal of Honor Day

Mar 29 – US Involvement in Vietnam War ends (1973) / Vietnam Veterans Day

Please continue to check our VFW Post 1260 Facebook Page, Instagram Page and Webpage as: https://www.facebook.com/BemidjiVFWPost1260, https://www.instagram.com/vfw_post_1260/ and https://www.vfwpost1260.org/ for updates.

VFW's "Sport Clips Help A Hero Scholarship"

The Fall 2023 application will be available early January 2023 and can be found online at vfw.org/Scholarship with a deadline date of April 30, 2023.

Folds of Honor Scholarships

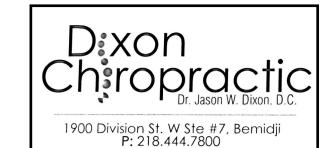
Folds of Honor Military Scholarship application period is now open and runs through 31 March 2023. More information can be found online at: https://foldsofhonor.org/scholarships/

PACT ACT information from the VFW

The VFW worked tirelessly to champion the PACT Act and secure this life-changing legislation FOR VETERANS! Now, the VFW is ready to make sure every veteran receives the care and benefits they've been promised by our country. Find out more at: https://pactactinfo.org/

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You're Invited! Bemidji Veterans Home Community Open House

Friday, March 10, 1-3 p.m.

- Meet Bemidji Veterans Home Administrator Kevin Gish, Director of Nursing Dani Churness and other members of the team.
- · Learn about:
 - Construction progress
 - Resident admissions
 - Volunteer and donation opportunities
- · Employee recruitment efforts

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- Local vendor/business partnerships
- Enjoy light refreshments and pick up informational materials.

Looking forward to seeing you on March 10 at our Community Office located at 2300 24th Street N.W., Suite 108.



OUR SACRIFICE

Conflict	Casualties
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
Operation Iraqi Freedom	31,994
Operation New Dawn	298
Operation Enduring Freed	om 20,194
Operation Inherent Resolv	re 276
Operation Freedom Sentin	nel 620

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

A Sleeping World Emerges

A sleeping world emerges to new possibilities, weakening winter's icy grip, and birdsong and bleating lamb announce to all the promise that in due season creation bursts into life.

And whilst leaves that fell in winter lie upon the ground, soon to feed the earth, in nature's wondrous cycle of death and rebirth,

within the tree is a stirring of new growth.



- Found on: https://www.faithandworship.com/Prayers_Spring.htm

SPOT LIGHT ON....



Korean Veteran receives, Quilt of Valor.

At a recent trip to Arizona, Life member and Honor Guard member Russell Fricke and his wife Arla were invited to the local community center in their park, where they have a home. He was greeted with a crowd and a meal. At the end he was called up front where he received the quilt that was made by a friend, Mary Almond.

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HOT OFF THE PRESS

Celebrated Pearl Harbor Survivor Jack Holder Lived Large for Those Who Didn't Make It

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Jack Holder, who survived

the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor and later became a decorated World War II flyer who flew more than 100 missions in the Pacific and European theaters, died at age 101 in Arizona on Feb. 24, 2023. I spent a memorable day with Holder in 2019 when we both traveled to Hawaii for the premiere of "Midway." He was 97 years old at the time and traveling with his fiancée, Ruth Calabro, for the movie-related events. When remembering Holder over the past week, I've realized how much his commitment to the memory of those we lost that day and his determination to celebrate the life he was allowed to live has stuck with me throughout the past few years. Holder grew up in Texas and told me he joined the Navy at age 17 to "get off the farm." He was still just 19 years old when the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941. The young sailor survived that day by diving into a ditch between airplane hangars to avoid getting strafed by a Japanese pilot. He went on to fly as a flight engineer on a PBY at Midway, scouting for Japanese forces with squadron VP-23. He later flew missions over Guadalcanal, retrained on the new B-24 and completed his WWII service flying missions over the English Channel. All in all, the young man had himself quite an eventful war. Source: military.com



THIS MONTH IN HISTORY

March 18, 1974 - The five-month-old Arab oil embargo against the U.S. was lifted. The embargo was in retaliation for American support of Israel during the Yom Kipper War of 1973 in which Egypt and Syria suffered a crushing defeat. In the U.S., the resulting embargo had caused long lines at gas stations as prices soared 300 percent amid shortages and a government ban on Sunday gas sales.

March 21, 1918 - During World War I, the Second Battle of the Somme began as German General Erich von Ludendorff launched an all-out drive to win the war. The battle began with a fivehour artillery barrage followed by a rush of German troops. The offensive lasted until April 6th and resulted in the Germans gaining about 35 miles of territory. Allied and German casualty figures for both battles approached 500,000.

POST AUXILIARY

Hello Fellow Auxiliary Members,

Hard to believe how time has flown, but here we are needing to complete our End of the Year Reports and get them in to our District office by March 31st. We will be working on those at our upcoming meeting. If you have kept any lists or information about things we have worked on

this past year, please bring that information to the upcoming meeting. That will help us get an accurate list of all the volunteer work we have accomplished in the past year.

Also in March we will be looking at, and talking about, our upcoming election of officers. Would you consider being nominated for a position? Or do you have someone in mind you feel would be a good asset in a certain position?

Remember our meeting is the first Tuesday of each month at the Bemidji Eagles Club. This coming meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 7, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. We will have a very special guest joining us at our March meeting. Kevin Gisch, Administrator of the new Veterans Home in Bemidji, is going to join us. He will be letting us know how the process is going and what we can expect for a projected timeline for completion. Hope to see you there.

Thank you for your continued work for our local veterans and their families. Your help and participation is very important. Take care, and be safe.

Margaret Booge

President, VFW Auxiliary 1260

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ACTIVITIES THIS PAST MONTH

The VFW Post 1260 hosted their annual Pearl Harbor

Dinner at the Bemidji Eagles Club





During the annual dinner, awards were given to the Teacher of the year, EMT of the Year, Firefighter of the Year, and Voice of Democracy 1st and 2nd place winners.



Teacher of the year

Pete Ofstedal

Blackduck High School.

OUR DAILY COMMITTMENT

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

Current Members: 208

2023 TAPS

Gary Peters Terrance Clairmont Kermit Bjerke

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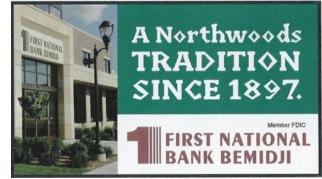
Education: http://www.mymilitaryeducation.org

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



WHAT THE VEW DOES FOR THE COMMUNITY

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- Patriotic Activities
- Aid to Schools & Churches
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- Buddy Poppy Promotion

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