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Post 1260

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FROM THE COMMANDER

BY BRUCE MALTERUD

Comrades,

Goodbye summer and welcome right to winter, so much for our nice fall weather. Our next meeting coming up will be into Nov. already, as always the first Tue. of each month at the Eagles we hold our meetings, with the next on Nov. 6th at 7:00 p.m.. This will be an exciting meeting for our Aux. as they are being inspected by their 9th Dist. President, Bill Cassavant. They will pass with flying colors.

This past Oct. and the end of Sept. have been pretty busy for us with. The Color Guard presented the colors for Relay for Life at the fair grounds and with the Aux. we retired approximately 120 flags at the ceremonial on Sept. 23rd at my residence. The VFW also cleaned the rifles prior to the retirement. A great time was had by all with a pot luck lunch following. I also attended the veterans Stand Down held at the armory which was well attended. I also along with my wife representing the Aux. took part in the Dinning Out program held by the Northland Composite Squadron. The VFW and the Aux. sponsor a table for that event each year. And to add to this we had a couple of funerals which is an honor for us to provide these services for the families.

I want to mention also that coming up in Dec. we will be hosting the 9th District meeting held on Dec. 8th. and the next day on Sunday will be our annual Pearl Harbor Supper and silent auction. So be sure to mark these dates down and please come.

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- November 6th—Election Day!
Get out and VOTE!
- December 9th—Pearl Harbor
Dinner

Are your GI bill payments taxable? Payments you receive for education, training, or subsistence under any law administered by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) are tax free. Do not include these payments as income on your federal tax return.

If you qualify for the American Opportunity Credit or Lifetime Learning Credit and are using the GI Bill you may have to reduce the amount of tax deductions you are due from those programs by the amount of GI Bill benefits you receive.

This applies only to the part of your GI Bill that is required to be used for education expenses.

So, if you are getting \$1,534 monthly housing allowance direct deposit to your checking account, and \$3,840 in tuition paid directly to your college neither of these benefits is taxable, and you do not report them on your tax return. This info was taken right off the IRS web page. Just thought it may be of interest to some of you.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE;

A spider's New Year's Resolution: To spend more time with his family and less time on the WEB.

Ole was trying to prove to his wife, Lena, that women talk more than men. He showed her a study which indicated that men use about 10,000 words per day, where as women use 20,000 words per day.

Lena thought about this for a while. She then told Ole that women use twice as many words as men because they have to repeat everything they say. Ole looked stunned and responded, "Vhat?"

Commander Bruce

Mark your calendars! Next meeting is Tuesday, November 6th!!!

THIS MONTH IN HISTORY

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.

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.

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 November 6th at 7:00 pm at the Eagles Club.

1. Election Day, Nov. 6 VOTE.
2. Pearl Harbor Dinner, Dec. 9th.
3. VFW Dist. #9 Saturday, December 8 Bemidji Post #1260 at 10:00 AM * Likely need some help at the meeting.
4. 1st Sunday in June Becida Bar is having an auction of various types to donate proceeds to Veterans Home Project.

Bring another veteran to our meeting.

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*The world premiere of *The Great War Symphony* will be Oct 9 at London's Royal Albert Hall, and the Joint U.S. premieres will be Nov 11 at Northrop and Carnegie Hall.

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LEST WE FORGET

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Sun, Nov 11, 4:00 pm

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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	23,625
Iraq War	37,052

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

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

VETERANS' DAY PRAYERS

Let us remember before our God today, those who sacrificed during times of war in order that we might have liberty and freedom and security.

□ Veterans both living and dead who fought on land, in the air, and on the water;

□ The men and women in labor and industry who provided the machinery and weapons of war.

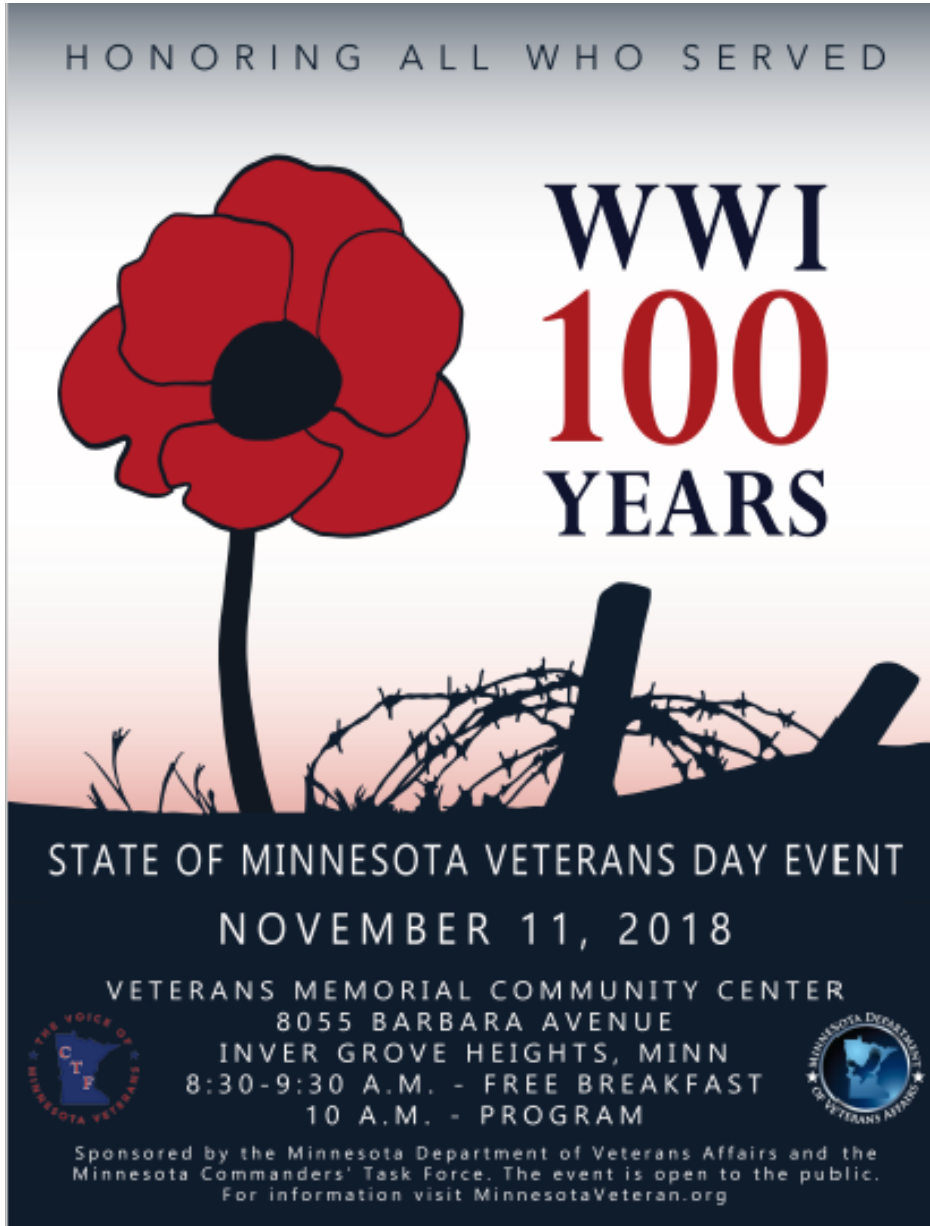
Eternal God, who alone rules the destinies of nations, and who has deemed that men and women should live together in peace. We pray for those who fought a good fight and finished the course. On this day we call to remembrance those who served in far off places and have laid down their arms to march into that land of eternal peace. We also call to remembrance all veterans who served in the Armed Forces of our Nation and contributed to the greatness of our national defense. We are indeed grateful for their service and sacrifice. And, if it were not for the men and women in our factories, their victories would not have been sustained. Keep sacred all their sacrifices in our hearts. Keep holy our course in Your sight. Enkindle within us a flame of selfless, unwavering devotion to duty that we may never be found wanting in those qualities of spirit and mind which alone are able to preserve our homes, the peace of our nation, and the tranquility of the world. In Your Holy Name we pray.

Amen.

The VFW Chaplains Handbook



SPOT LIGHT ON....



HONORING ALL WHO SERVED

WWI
100
YEARS

STATE OF MINNESOTA VETERANS DAY EVENT
NOVEMBER 11, 2018

VETERANS MEMORIAL COMMUNITY CENTER
8055 BARBARA AVENUE
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10 A.M. - PROGRAM

Sponsored by the Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs and the Minnesota Commanders' Task Force. The event is open to the public. For information visit MinnesotaVeteran.org

Veterans Resume Court Fight Over 'Non-VA Emergency Care' Costs

1 Nov 2018

By [Tom Philpott](#)

Earlier this year the Department of Veterans Affairs executed a clever rewrite of a regulation to avoid reimbursing hundreds of thousands of veterans for non-VA emergency health care costs that their own insurance plans failed to pay in full.

By inserting two words -- "deductibles, coinsurance" -- into the revised rule, VA successfully neutralized the impact of the 2016 Staab decision from the U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims to save billions of dollars.

That court held unanimously in Staab that VA wrongly ignored the "plain language" of a 2010 statute intended to protect veterans with health insurance from having to pay hefty out-of-pocket costs for outside emergency care.

On Tuesday a new court battle began. The non-profit National Veterans Legal Services Program (NVLSP), which two years ago helped to defeat VA on behalf of the same class of veterans with unreimbursed emergency care expenses, filed a new class action lawsuit with the same appellate court in Washington D.C.

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THIS MONTH IN HISTORY

November 17, 1800 - The U.S. Congress met for the first time in the new capital at Washington, D.C. President John Adams then became the first occupant of the Executive Mansion, later renamed the White House.

November 17, 1869 - The Suez Canal was formally opened after more than 10 years of construction.

November 18, 1916 - During World War I, Allied General Douglas Haig called off the First Battle of the Somme after five months. The Allies had advanced 125 square miles at a cost of 420,000 British and 195,000 French soldiers. German losses were over 650,000 men.

POST AUXILIARY

The calendar year is definitely marching on at a steady pace. Not sure how it can be November already, but it is.

This month gives us special times to stop and give thanks. First we should find ways to thank our veterans on Veterans Day, Thank them for their sacrifice both during times of war, and times of peace. And we should also give thanks at Thanksgiving for our many blessings. For the blessings of family and friends; good health;

enough food to eat; warm clothes to wear; and many other things. Please try to find a way to include a veteran and their family in your Veterans Day and/or Thanksgiving celebrations. Remember, they are the reason we exist as a Post and Auxiliary. The Auxiliary will be making some fall decorations to go to the nursing homes as a thank you and celebration for our veterans living there.

A reminder that 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. Each new member we bring in comes with a new set of enthusiasm, wonderful ideas, and a love for our veterans that can only help to make us a stronger group as a whole. A reminder of upcoming events in December, and a reminder that we need your help to make these events a success. On Saturday, December 8th, Post 1260 is hosting the District Meeting at the Bemidji Eagles Club. The event begins at 10:00 a.m. Also, on Sunday, December 9th, the Post and Auxiliary will host our annual Pearl Harbor Dinner. This evening of patriotism, dinner, fund raising, and companionship will also be held at the Bemidji Eagles Club. Social Hour begins at 4:00 p.m., and dinner will follow at 5:00 p.m. Again this year we will have the silent auction and 50/50 raffle at the event. Be thinking of crafts, baked goods, or items you could put on the silent auction to help with our fund raiser. We encourage you all to come to the dinner and join us. The meal is free for Veterans, and guests are asked for a free will offering to help cover their meal cost.

Look for ways to give thanks this month, and remember our many blessings. Wishing all Veterans a heartfelt THANK YOU this Veterans Day, and wishing everyone a wonderful Thanksgiving.

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ACTIVITIES THIS PAST MONTH



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160

38 members volunteered
last month

Current Members: 256

2018 TAPS

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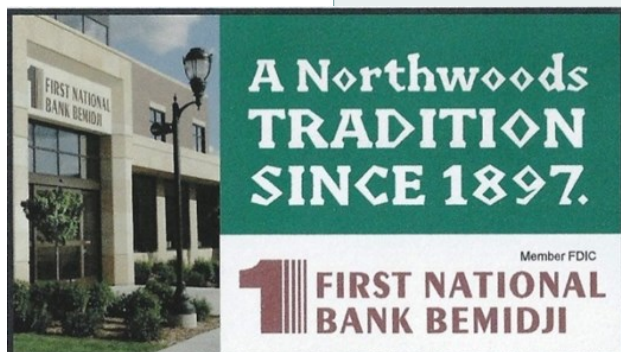
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