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FROM THE COMMANDER

BY BRUCE MALTERUD

Comrades,

Tuesday August 6th will be the meeting which starts at 7:00 p.m. So stop by the Eagles Club and join us. Come early and enjoy a burger with some of the members.

We had a busy month in July starting with the Fourth of July at Veronon’s Resort on Bad Medicine Lake where we posted the colors to kick off the fine fireworks that the family puts on. After it’s all over we than retire the colors followed by Taps. July 5th we had military honors for Dr. James Ghostley, a life member of the VFW. On July 6th we provided honors for Robert “ Bob “ McCalip. And of course the Grand Parade in Bemidji on July 7th. On the 10th we were at the Headwaters of the Mississippi where we presented the colors as The Warrior Expedition, four paddlers, start their long journey full length of the Mississippi. On Fri. evening the VFW put them up in a motel and provided a warm meal that evening and sent them off on Sat. morning. On July 15th we held honors for Dean Kondos. Did you know that the VA takes special care to pay lasting tribute to the memory of Veterans who served and sacrificed and that of their families.

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

Sept 13-17 Fall Conference

VA meticulously maintains 135 VA national cemeteries in 40 states and Puerto Rico and is working to increase access to accommodate Veterans and eligible family members close to home. In a few years, 95 percent of Veterans will have a burial option in an open VA, state or tribal veterans cemetery located within 75 miles of their home. Some benefits are also available for Veterans who choose burial in a private cemetery. Veterans with a qualifying discharge are entitled to VA burial benefits. Spouses and dependent children are eligible too, even if they predecease the Veteran. The following burial benefits may be provided:

In a private cemetery.

A government headstone, marker, or medallion

A burial flag

A Presidential Memorial Certificate

Some survivors may also be entitled to VA burial allowances as partial reimbursement for the costs of funerals and burials for eligible Veterans

The family needs to show proof of the veterans eligibility by providing a DD-214 a government form.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE: GRANDDAD WAS REMINISING. "When I was a boy, my mother would send us to the corner store with \$1 and we'd come back with 10 lbs of potatoes, 2 bottles of milk, 3 loaves of bread, a lb of cheese, dozen eggs and 3 lbs of coffee."

"Wow," replied his grandson, "you sure can't do that now!" "Of course not," said granddad irritably, "too many darned security cameras these days."

Commander Bruce

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

THIS MONTH IN HISTORY

August 16, 1777 - During the American Revolutionary War, the Battle of Bennington, Vermont, occurred as militiamen from Vermont, aided by Massachusetts troops, wiped out a detachment of 800 German-Hessians sent by British General Burgoyne to seize horses.

August 16, 1780 - The Battle of Camden in South Carolina occurred during the American Revolutionary War. The battle was a big defeat for the Americans as forces under General Gates were defeated by troops of British General Charles Cornwallis, resulting in 900 Americans killed and 1,000 captured.

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, August 6th

Time: 7:00 pm

Where: Eagles Club

Aug. 5- Friendship Day.

Future:

Wilton Days.

Becida Days.

VFW Department Fall Conference. September 13-17, 2019, Mahnomon.

VFW Post #1260- Flag Retirement/Rifle Cleaning.



Bring another veteran to our meeting.

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VA Extends Agent Orange Presumption to 'Blue Water Navy' Veterans

From the St. Cloud VA Health Care System

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs is preparing to process Agent Orange exposure claims for '[Blue Water Navy](#)' Veterans who served offshore of the Republic of Vietnam between Jan. 9, 1962 and May 7, 1975.

These Veterans may be eligible for presumption of herbicide exposure through [Public Law 116-23, Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act of 2019](#), which was signed into law June 25, 2019, and goes into effect Jan. 1, 2020. They may also qualify for a presumption of service connection if they have a disease that is recognized as being associated with herbicide exposure.

The bipartisan Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act gives VA until Jan. 1, 2020, to begin deciding Blue Water Navy related claims. By staying claims decisions until that date, VA is complying with the law that Congress wrote and passed.

"VA is dedicated to ensuring that all Veterans receive the benefits they have earned," said VA Secretary Robert Wilkie. "We are working to ensure that we have the proper resources in place to meet the needs of our Blue Water Veteran community and minimize the impact on all Veterans filing for disability compensation."

Blue Water Navy Veterans are encouraged to submit disability compensation claims for conditions presumed to be related to Agent Orange exposure. Veterans over age 85 or with life-threatening illnesses will have priority in claims processing.

Veterans who previously were denied for an Agent Orange related presumptive condition can file a new claim based on the change in law. Eligible survivors of deceased Blue Water Navy Veterans also may benefit from the new law and may file claims for benefits based on the Veterans' service.

The new law affects Veterans who served on a vessel operating not more than 12 nautical miles seaward from the demarcation line of the waters of Vietnam and Cambodia, as defined in [Public Law 116-23](#). An estimated 420,000 to 560,000 Vietnam-era Veterans may be considered Blue Water Navy Veterans.

To qualify, under the new law, these Veterans must have a disease associated with herbicide exposure, as listed in [38 Code of Federal Regulations section 3.309\(e\)](#).

Agent Orange presumptive conditions are:

- AL amyloidosis
- Chloracne or similar acne form disease
- Chronic B-cell leukemias
- Diabetes mellitus Type 2
- Hodgkin lymphoma, formerly known as Hodgkin's disease
- Ischemic heart disease
- Multiple myeloma
- Non-Hodgkin lymphoma, formerly known as Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma



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<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	22,878
Iraq War	36,894

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

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

(For Children) Dear Lord and Father of us all, we give You thanks for the children You have placed in our care. Give us grace and wisdom to train them in Your faith and love. May they give You due reverence and all the joyous loyalty of their young hearts, so that as they advance in years they may also grow in the grace and knowledge of the Lord Jesus, who loved all children and blessed them; this we ask in His Name.

Amen.

(For Youth) O Lord God, source of all strength, fountainhead of all wisdom: look in mercy upon our beloved young people; replenish them with Your truth. Teach them to follow the truth. Adorn them with purity of life; keep them strong in body, keen of mind and sound of soul. Guide them through the shadowy valleys of life. Make them conscious of Your presence with them as they gain the heights of glory in the glad sunshine of some victory. Comfort them when they are discouraged. May Your peace, which passes all understanding, abide upon them all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.



SPOT LIGHT ON....



History: In 1948, Earl Shaffer told a friend he was going to “walk off the war” to work out the sights, sounds, and losses of World War II. Four months later, Earl Shaffer became the first person to hike the entire length of the Appalachian Trail from Georgia to Maine.

Following in Earl Shaffer’s footsteps and in recognizing the therapeutic effects of long distance outdoor expeditions, Warrior Expeditions created the Warrior Hike, Warrior Bike, and Warrior Paddle programs which are designed to help veterans transition from their wartime experiences.

Program: Warrior Expeditions provides veterans with everything they need to complete a long distance outdoor expedition at no cost to the veteran. First, Warrior Expeditions outfits veterans with some of the most highly rated equipment and clothing available from the outdoor retail industry.

Next, Warrior Expeditions provides veterans with a monthly \$300 stipend to purchase resupply items during their journey.

Last, Warrior Expeditions coordinates community support in the forms of transportation, lodging, and food from community supporters located along the route.

To check out more information on Warrior Expedition, please go to their website at: <https://warriorexpeditions.org/>.

Senate Passes Blue Water Navy Bill, Cementing Victory for Ill Vietnam Veterans

13 Jun 2019

Military.com | By Patricia Kime

The Senate unanimously approved a bill Wednesday to extend disability benefits to veterans who served on Navy ships off the coast of Vietnam, signaling the end of a decades-long fight for these former sailors and Marines to receive compensation for diseases presumed to be caused by exposure to Agent Orange and other defoliants used during the Vietnam War.

Following similar approval by the House last month, the Senate vote sends the bill to President Donald Trump for his signature.

In January, the judicial branch weighed in on the debate over whether these veterans, who participated in and supported combat operations while serving offshore during the Vietnam War, rated disability benefits for diseases linked to chemical defoliants used on land.

In a 9-2 decision, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit upheld a ruling in favor of the veterans, saying Congress never intended to exclude service members in the seas around Vietnam in the original legislation that awarded veterans benefits.

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THIS MONTH IN HISTORY

August 17, 1943 - During World War II in Europe, the Allies completed the conquest of the island of Sicily after just 38 days. This gave the Allies control of the Mediterranean and also led to the downfall of Benito Mussolini and Italy's eventual withdrawal from the war. However, the Germans managed to evacuate 39,569 troops, 47 tanks, 94 heavy guns, over 9,000 vehicles and 2,000 tons of ammunition back to the Italian mainland from Sicily.

August 18, 1920 - The 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was ratified, granting women the right to vote.

August 24-25, 1814 - During the War of 1812, Washington, D.C., was invaded by British forces that burned the Capitol, the White House and most other public buildings along with a number of private homes. The burning was in retaliation for the earlier American burning of York (Toronto).

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POST AUXILIARY

Oh my goodness – how did we get to August so fast? It has been a bit of a strange summer with a late start; sometimes short of rain, sometimes too much rain; some hot weather and humidity that we are not used to; all kinds of things going on. At least it is never boring! We will hope for a very long, wonderful fall and see what we get.

Please continue the work we started last month in our “Fishing for New Members”. Our strength, and our ability to continue to strive and work in the Legislature for our veterans all depends on the number of members we can keep. Finding new members is a true gift of love for our veterans. We need to get to, and remain at, our 100 percent goal on membership. Thanks in advance for working toward that goal.

Remember to hold a good thought for our veterans who are having a hard time right now. Also keep our fellow Auxiliary members in your thoughts as we have members who are working through health issues right now. Your good wishes are a big help.

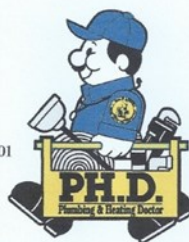
Did you come up with some ideas for new projects and/or fund raisers we could do? Please come join us for our meeting the first Tuesday evening of the month at the Bemidji Eagles at 7:00 p.m. Bring your ideas and willing spirit, and we can do great things for our local veterans and their families.

Thank you, and take care.

Margaret Booge, President

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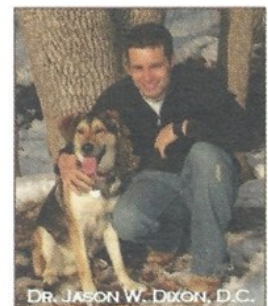


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Members volunteered: 27
Total dollar: \$626

Current Members: 247

2019 TAPS

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James Ghostley
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Post 1260 Supporting Warrior Expedition Mississippi Paddlers

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