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FROM THE COMMANDER

BY BRUCE MALTERUD

Comrades,

With the coming of our meeting on Sept. 3rd at the Eagles Club rooms at 7:00 p.m. so is the coming of Fall in the air. On the brighter side along with that brings on better fishing conditions. The bite gets turned up a little as the fish get a little aggressive.

Now that the month of August is behind us, here is what happened last month. We carried the colors in three parades, The Dragon Boat Festival, Wilton Days and the Becida Daze. Done military funeral honors for three funerals, carried the colors for the Pow-Wow held at the Sanford Center. and provided a meal for the veterans at Gold Pine Home.

The rendering of Military Funeral Honors for an eligible veteran, free of charge, is mandated by law. An honor guard detail for the burial of an eligible veteran consists of not less than two members of the Armed Forces. One member of the detail represents the parent service of the deceased veteran. The honor detail will, at a minimum, perform a ceremony that includes the folding and presenting of the American flag to the next of kin and the playing of taps. When available taps will be played by a bugler, however there are so few buglers available that the military services may choose to provide an electronic recording of taps. The veteran's parent service representative will present the flag.

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Sept 13-17 Fall Conference
- Sept. 22— Flag Retirement and Rifle Cleaning

## Funeral Honors Eligibility

- Military members on active duty or in the selected reserve.
- Former military members who served on active duty and departed under conditions other than dishonorable.
- Former military members who completed at least one term of enlistment or period of initial obligated service in the reserves and departed under conditions other than dishonorable

## Requesting Military Funeral Honors

Families of eligible veterans request funeral honors through their funeral director. The funeral director will contact the appropriate military service to arrange for the funeral honors detail.

The funeral director will also assist with receiving other federal and state burial benefits.

**On the lighter side;** Ole was filling out a job application and one of the questions was “have you ever been arrested?” The next question was “why?” – meant for those who had been arrested. Not realizing this, Ole put down, “Never been caught!”

Bruce Malterud  
Commander

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*Mark your calendars! Next meeting is Tuesday, September 3rd!!*

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### THIS MONTH IN HISTORY

September 17, 1787 - At the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia, delegates from twelve states voted unanimously to approve the proposed U.S. Constitution.

September 17, 1862 - The bloodiest day in U.S. military history occurred as General Robert E. Lee and the Confederate armies were stopped at Antietam in Maryland by General George B. McClellan and numerically superior Union forces. By nightfall 26,000 men were dead, wounded, or missing.

### ADJUTANT'S CORNER

**NOTICE:** VFW website: [www.vfwpost1260.org](http://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, September 3rd**

**Time: 7:00 pm**

**Where: Eagles Club**

Sept. 2- Labor Day.

Sept. 8- Grandparents Day.

Sept.11- Patriate Day.

Sept. 13-15- Department Fall Conference, Mahnomon, MN.

Sept. 22- Flag Retirement/Rifle Cleaning

Sept. 23- First Day of Fall, (Autumnal Equinox)

Sept. 29- Gold Star Mother's Day

**Bring another veteran to our meeting.**

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## VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER

# Beltrami County

### Save the Date: Minnesota Veterans Cemetery - Duluth Dedication Ceremony, Sept. 21

The Dedication Ceremony for the new Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery - Duluth will take place Saturday, Aug. 21. A pre-event concert will begin at 1:30 p.m. followed by the ceremony at 2 p.m.

\*\*There will not be general onsite parking at the Cemetery for this event. Parking will be held off site near the Duluth International Airport on the corner of Air Base Road and Stebner Road (4888 Air Base Road, Duluth, MN, 55811). Buses will be on site to shuttle guests to and from the Cemetery for the program. Parking at the Cemetery will be available to guests with mobility concerns. Please contact the Cemetery Staff at 218-520-0120 for further information.

### Work at MDVA

The Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs (MDVA) is looking for individuals across the state interested in joining a team that is committed to helping serve Minnesota Veterans and their families. Whether you are a Veteran, family member, or an individual who wants to show your support for our nation's heroes, we are confident you will find a career path that is diverse, team-oriented and focused on making a real difference. A full listing of positions can be found at the Minnesota Careers website. Some of our current job openings:

#### **Fergus Falls**

- Licensed Practical Nurse (application deadline Sept. 30)
- Human Services Technician (application deadline Sept. 30)

#### **Luverne**

- Certified Nursing Assistant (application deadline Aug. 30)
- Human Services Technician (application deadline Oct. 31)

#### **Minneapolis**

- Licensed Practical Nurse (application deadline Nov. 4)
- Payroll/Business Applications Consultant (application deadline Sept. 3)

#### **Silver Bay**

- Certified Nursing Assistant (application deadline Sept. 12)
- Resident Assistant (application deadline Sept. 12)
- Social Worker (application deadline Sept. 20)



## 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	22,878
Iraq War	36,894

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

## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

### (For Family & Home)

O God, the Father and defender of Your people, whom neither space nor time can separate from such as continue in Your keeping; be present, we beseech You, with those who are parted from us; prosper them and do them good; guide and direct them in all their undertakings; may nothing hurtful beset them and no evil befall them; and grant that, upheld by Your right hand, they may arrive in safety at their journey's end; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

### (For Authorities)

Lord God of Hosts, You have made known Your authority and delivered Your orders for the day in Your Holy Law; You have given persons authority to exercise leadership over us and have bidden us to obey them and pray for them: we beseech You, fill our officers with zeal for the tasks delegated to them and with understanding and concern for those who, serving under them, must carry out those tasks. May they serve You with pure, exemplary lives and thereby give those whom they lead an ideal to follow. Give them wisdom to judge justly and with compassion in dealings with their subordinates, so that we may be ready to follow their leadership with a willing spirit; 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/>.

Remarks Against Antifa Prompt  
FBI Seizure of Ex-Marine’s  
Weapons Under Oregon’s ‘Red  
Flag’ Law

2 Sep 2019  
Fox News  
Military.com |

A former Marine who said at a protest that he would “slaughter” Antifa members in self-defense, if attacked, recently had his five weapons confiscated by the FBI, according to reports.

The temporary seizure came through the use of Oregon’s “red flag” law, which allows law enforcement agencies and family members to seek a court order to have weapons taken away from an individual viewed as potentially violent. Such laws are often opposed by supporters of Second Amendment gun rights.

The former Marine, Shane Kohfield, 32, was not charged with any crime, but surrendered five guns, including an AR-15 rifle, according to Phil Lemman, Oregon’s acting deputy state court administrator, the Washington Examiner reported.

The action was reportedly prompted by remarks Kohfield made in public during a demonstration outside the home of Portland, Oregon, Mayor Ted Wheeler in August, the Oregonian/OregonLive reported.

## VETERANS EMPLOYMENT REPRESENTATIVE



Jobs currently available:  
Stop in or visit our website to learn more about the positions available and to apply.  
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## POST AUXILIARY

Hope you enjoyed a wonderful and relaxing Labor Day weekend. Now it officially feels like fall with the kids back in school, and the rest of us getting settled back into our fall/winter routine. There are all those project and preparation items we need to finish as we prepare for the changing seasons. I hope one of those projects on your list is to help out a veteran and their family.

### THIS MONTH IN HISTORY

September 17, 1908 - The first fatality involving powered flight occurred as a biplane piloted by Orville Wright fell from a height of 75 feet, killing Lt. Thomas E. Selfridge, his 26-year-old passenger. A crowd of nearly 2,000 spectators at Fort Myer, Virginia, observed the crash of the plane which was being tested for possible military use. Wright himself was seriously injured.

September 17, 1939 - Soviet Russians invaded Eastern Poland, meeting little resistance and taking over 200,000 Poles prisoner. This was done in accordance with the Nazi-Soviet Pact in which the Nazis and Soviets had predetermined how they would divide up Poland.

Remember "Patriots Day" is September 11<sup>th</sup>. It is also known as a day of remembrance for those killed on 9/11/2001. It is very appropriate to have a ceremony of remembrance on this day. A moment of silence should be observed at 8:46 a.m., and flags should be flown at half-staff that day.

Flag Retirement Ceremony – Reminder this is coming up on Sunday afternoon (September 22<sup>nd</sup>) at Bruce & Janie's home. The men do their weapons cleaning; our Auxiliary will be assembling the next batch of Towel Buddies; the group folds the flags that need to be folded; we have the flag retirement ceremony; and we close with a potluck fish fry. Start time about 3:00 p.m. Hope to see you there.

Please continue the work we started last month in our "Fishing for New Members". We need to remain strong as an organization so that we can petition our legislators for the needs of our veterans and their families. It is up to us to continue that good work.

We hope you will join us for our meeting the first Tuesday evening of each 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.

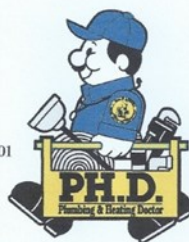
Thank you, and take care.

Margaret Booge, President

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## ACTIVITIES THIS PAST MONTH



### OUR DAILY COMMITMENT

Hours served: 169  
Members volunteered: 27  
Total dollar: \$626

Current Members: 247

### 2019 TAPS

William Britton  
Harold Dosdall  
James Ghostley  
Wilber Kraft  
John Liapis  
John O'Boyle  
Merril Thiel  
Dean Kondos

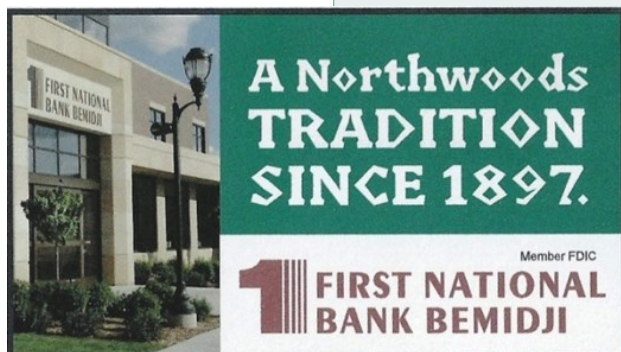
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Suicide Prev. Hotline: 1-800-273-8255  
 Fargo VA: 1-800-410-9723  
 Help Line: 1-855-VET-TALK  
 VA Community Outpatient Clinic-Bemidji: 218-755-6360



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- *Patriotic Activities*
- *Aid to Schools & Churches*
- *Membership*
- *Help to obtain benefits*
- *Legislative Service*
- *Buddy Poppy Promotion*

The purpose is fraternal, patriotic, historical, and educational; to preserve and strengthen comradeship among its members; to assist worthy comrades; to perpetuate the memory and history of our dead, and to assist their widows and orphans; to maintain allegiance to the Government of the United States of America, and fidelity to its Constitution and laws; to foster true patriotism; to maintain and extend the institutions of American freedom, and to preserve and defend the United States from all her enemies, whosoever.

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