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FROM THE COMMANDER

BY BRUCE MALTERUD

Comrades,

A new year and we are off and running, Jan. 7th, 2020 our next meeting, 7:00 p.m. at the Eagles Club Rooms.

We had a great turn out at our annual Pearl Harbor dinner, which is always a fun evening and I get to see so many of you that I don't get a chance to see during the year and get to say hi. I hope that every one had a good evening and enjoyed themselves. Some of you members mentioned that you may want to attend a meeting some time and we would sure welcome you to join us.

Not much happening in the snowy month of Jan. as far as the VFW events. The state VFW Mid-Winter Conference coming up Jan. 17th thru the 19th being held in Mpls. I will be going down for that along with the Quartermaster, Kelly Booge and the Aux. President, Margaret Booge. And I should mention my wife Janie, aux. treasure. I only have one more post to inspect, Thief River, and I'll have them all done for this year.

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

Next Two Months Meetings

February 4th
March 3rd

On the Lighter side: Two elderly gentlemen from a retirement center were sitting on a bench under a tree when one turns to the other and says, "Sven, I'm 83 years old and I'm yust full ov aches and pain. I know yew're about my age. How do yew feel?"

Sven says, "I feel yust like a newborn baby!?" "Really!?! Like a new born baby!?" "Yep. No hair, no teeth, and I think I yust wet my pants."

Commander Bruce

Mark your calendars! Next meeting is Tuesday, January 7th!!

THIS MONTH IN HISTORY

January 23, 1849 - Elizabeth Blackwell was awarded her MD by the Medical Institute of Geneva, New York, thus becoming America's first woman doctor.

January 23, 1907 - Charles Curtis of Kansas became the first person of Native American ancestry to serve in the U.S Senate. He later served as vice president under President Herbert Hoover from 1929-33.

January 23, 1937 - In Moscow, 17 leading Communists went on trial, accused of participating in a plot engineered by Leon Trotsky to overthrow Stalin's regime and assassinate its leaders. After a seven-day trial, 13 of them were sentenced to death. Trotsky fled to Mexico where he was assassinated in 1940.

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, January 7th

Time: 7:00 pm

Where: Eagles Club



Jan. 1 – New Year's Day.

Jan. 17-18-19 – Midwinter Conference- Marriott City Center, Minneapolis, MN.

Bring another veteran to our meeting.

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VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER

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Minnesota GI Bill

The Minnesota GI Bill program provides assistance to eligible Minnesota Veterans, currently serving military, National Guard and Reserve members who served after September 11, 2001 and eligible spouse and children. The Program provides a maximum benefit of \$10,000, up to age 62. Eligible participants can use the benefit in Higher Education, On-the-job training (OJT)/Apprenticeship or License and Certification.

This program is different than the Federal GI Bill (Montgomery, Post 9-11, Veterans Education Assistance Program, Dependents Education Assistance Program, or Vocational rehabilitation).

Eligibility Requirements

Veteran who is serving or has served honorably in any branch of the United States armed forces at any time, or; Non-Veteran who has served honorably for a total of five credible years or more cumulatively as a member of the Minnesota National Guard or any other active or reserve component of the United States armed forces, and any part of that service occurred on or after September 11, 2001, or;
Surviving spouse or children of a person who has served in the military at any time on, and who has died or has a 100% VA determined permanent and total disability as a direct result of that military service and must be eligible to receive federal education benefits under Chapter 33 Fry Scholarship, or Chapter 35 and provide a certificate of eligibility Minnesota Resident – see specific program for requirements

Higher Education

The Minnesota GI Bill provides funding for eligible applicants who are in an approved certificate, diploma, undergraduate or graduate program.

The Minnesota GI Bill can also be used for:

- Undergraduate or graduate admission tests (e.g. SAT, GRE, LSAT)
- A preparatory course for a qualifying admission test

National tests providing an opportunity for course credit at institutions of higher learning

More information about using your Minnesota GI Bill for test reimbursement can be found on the "Licensing and Certification" tab at <https://mn.gov/mdva/resources/education/minnesotagibill/>

OJT/Apprenticeship

Applicants in approved OJT and Apprenticeship programs are eligible for up to:

Maximum of \$2,000 per fiscal year while training in an approved program

Employers are eligible to receive \$1,000 (payable after six months) and an additional \$1,000 after 12 consecutive months of employment.

Maximum of \$4,000 in aggregate benefits may be paid to or on behalf of an individual in one fiscal year.



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

O Gracious Heavenly Father, we pause and bow our heads before You to humbly ask Your blessing and to give thanks for the goodness You have shown us.

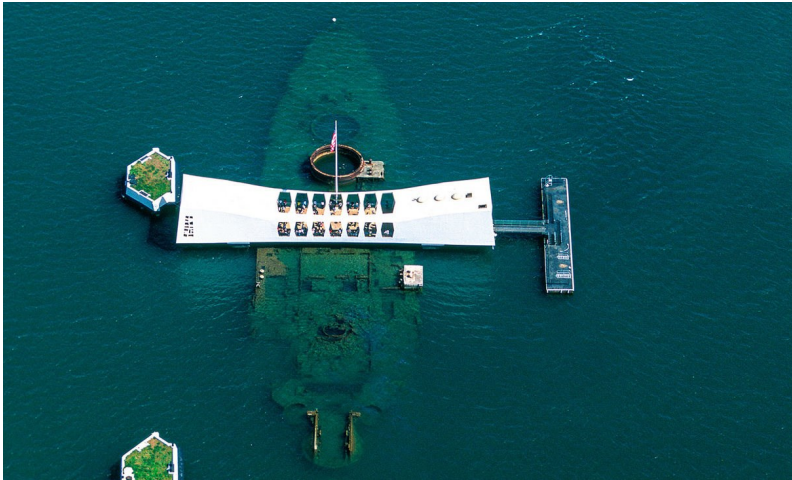
To assist us to overcome our human weaknesses and needs, You have urged us to feed the hungry and give drink to the thirsty, and to aid the poor and needy. May Your blessings be graciously bestowed upon Post 1260 and upon those who have accepted, in such a special way, the fulfilling of Your admonitions. Remember especially in Your love, the Auxiliary who give so much of their time and talent to this organization. And now, O Lord, bless us and these, Your gifts of food and drink of which we are about to partake, for You are blessed and glorified, now and forever.

Amen.



SPOT LIGHT ON....

PEARL HARBOR REMEMBRANCE



DID YOU KNOW?

- U.S. military casualties totaled more than 3,400, including more than 2,300 killed.
- The Japanese lost from 29 to 60 planes, five midget submarines, perhaps one or two fleet submarines, and fewer than 100 men.
- According to a Gallup Poll taken after the attack on Pearl Harbor, 97% of Americans approved of declaring war.
- An enormous amount of fuel has spilled from the wreckage of the USS Arizona and gathered in a plume underneath Pearl Harbor.
- Prior to the attack, the United States had been expecting Japan to attack somewhere in the Philippines.

Veterans who survived the attack on Pearl Harbor can ask to be put to rest there.

<https://www.britannica.com/event/Pearl-Harbor-attack>

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HOT OFF THE PRESS

Army Launches Pilot to Study Personality Assessment Entrance Tests for Recruits

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Military.com | By Matthew Cox

Before entering service, U.S. Army recruits will now have to take an extensive personality test designed to predict how well they will perform as soldiers.

Under a three-year pilot study, recruits will be required to take the Tailored Adaptive Personality Assessment System (TAPAS) -- a 120-question non-cognitive exam designed to predict performance, behaviors and attitudes of potential soldiers, according to a recent Army news release.

The TAPAS accession pilot will evaluate the use of personality testing to supplement the Armed Forces Qualification Test (AFQT) or Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) cognitive ability test, according to the release.

"Those who will enlist through the pilot program will be more qualified than what their cognitive test score says," Tonia Heffner, selection and assignment research unit chief at the Army Research Institute for the Behavioral and Social Sciences, said in the release. "I expect them to perform much higher than that. ... There will be lower attrition for the people in the pilot program, and they will outperform many of their peers."



THIS MONTH IN HISTORY

January 23, 1943 - In North Africa, British forces under General Bernard Montgomery captured Tripoli in Libya.

January 23, 1968 - The American ship USS Pueblo was seized by North Koreans in the Sea of Japan amid claims the Navy ship was spying. The ship was confiscated and its crew held in captivity until December, with one fatality.

January 24, 1895 - Hawaii's monarchy ended as Queen Liliuokalani was forced to abdicate. Hawaii was then annexed by the U.S. And remained a territory until statehood was granted in 1959.

POST AUXILIARY

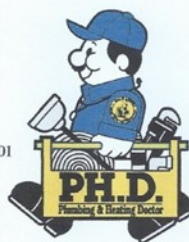
Welcome to another new year! How long do you suppose it will take for us to get used to writing 2020 on things? Perhaps quite a while. Hope the New Year is a good one for you and your family. A good way to start out the year is by attending the regular monthly meeting of our VFW and Auxiliary. That meeting is scheduled at the Bemidji Eagles Club on Tuesday, January 7th, at 7:00 p.m. Hope to see you there.

A heartfelt word of thanks to everyone who helped, or attended, or participated in any way in all the activities we had going on in December. We had our Auxiliary Christmas party on the same evening as our monthly meeting. Also on Sunday December 8th we hosted the Pearly Harbor Dinner at the Eagles. The evening was very well attended. We held our usual silent auction, and made a very nice amount of money that will be spent on local veterans and their families. The Auxiliary group also distributed some decorations to the veterans in our nursing homes. Wonderful news to share – with the extra work we have been doing on membership and “fishing for members”, our Auxiliary is now at 100 percent strength. Keep up the good work of recruiting, and help people in our community know they could be a part of this worthwhile group too. We need to keep our strength high. There were two boxes of “Towel Buddies” delivered to the Bemidji VA Clinic during December. These helpful and useful items were given out to veterans using the clinic. They were given out as Christmas gifts from our Auxiliary. What a nice way to help people out. Well – as we start into a new calendar year, we are wishing you all the best. May 2020 be your best year ever. Hope to see you at one of our meetings very soon.

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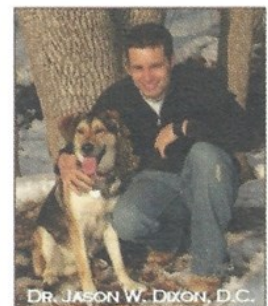


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ACTIVITIES THIS PAST MONTH



OUR DAILY COMMITMENT

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

Current Members: 247

2019 TAPS

William Britton
Harold Dosedall
James Ghostley
Wilber Kraft
John Liapis
John O'Boyle
Merril Thiel
Dean Kondos
Charles Noreen
Edward Hellmann

Post 1260 participated in Northern School's Veterans Day Ceremony.

L to R—Russ Fricke, Roger Reese, Gary Guggenburger, Jim Johnson & Bruce Malterud

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 Fargo VA: 1-800-410-9723
Help Line: 1-855-VET-TALK
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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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