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Post 1260

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FROM THE COMMANDER

BY BRUCE MALTERUD

Comrades,

April 7th, 2020 meeting at the Eagles at 7:00 p.m. has been cancelled due to the COVID – 19 virus. This meeting was to elect new officers for coming year. At our March meeting we held nominations. So I may have to make other arrangements for the elections even if I have to call on the five elected officers at present to conduct a business meeting.

We had our 9th District meeting in Pelican Rapids last month and that went quite well as our 9th district Jr. vice Commander, Kelly Booge, conducted the meeting. Our next meeting for the district will be May 2nd in Dilworth. Of course this also will depend on the virus out come as the Dept of MN. VFW canceled the state hockey tournament to be held in Thief River Falls with no rescheduled date.

The Honor Guard had one military honors for a Donald Coffield for the month of March, although we are scheduling for spring burial as two dates have been set.

I am concerned now that our poppy drive for the month of April could have a big impact on our revenue used to support our veterans in homes and nursing facilities. With all the bars and restaurants closed which support our poppy program.

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

Next Two Months Meetings

May 5th  
June 2nd

Things have slowed down drastically with this virus so not to much news for this month but we will have our lighter side.

On the lighter side, Lena asks her husband, “could yew please go shopping for me and buy one carton ov milk and if dey have avocados, get six”. A short time later Ole comes back with six cartons of milk. Lena asks him, “vhy did yew buy six cartons ov milk?” He replied, “They had avocados.”

Sven and Ole find three grenades, and they decide to take them to a police station. Sven asks Ole, “Vhat if one explodes before ve get dere?” Ole answers, “Ve’ll lie and say ve only found two.

Bruce Malterud  
Commander

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*Mark your calendars! April meeting cancelled, Next meeting is Tuesday, May 5th!!*

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#### THIS MONTH IN HISTORY

April 22, 1864 - "In God We Trust" was included on all newly minted U.S. coins by an Act of Congress.

April 22, 1889 - The Oklahoma land rush began at noon with a single gunshot signaling the start of a mad dash by thousands of settlers. The were seeking to claim part of nearly two million acres made available by the federal government. The land originally belonged to Creek and Seminole Indian tribes.

April 24, 1800 - The Library of Congress was established in Washington, D.C. It is America's oldest federal cultural institution and the world's largest library.

#### 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, May 5th**

**Time: 7:00 pm**

**Where: Eagles Club**

April 5- Palm Sunday.

April 10- Good Friday.

April 12- Easter.

No date set—Assemble Poppy Card.

No date set— Poppy Card (Donations) Helping Veterans in Hospitals. ?

**Bring another veteran to our meeting.**

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## VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER

# Beltrami County

### Message from VA Health Care

**Attention Veterans:** If you think you have been exposed to COVID-19 and develop a fever and symptoms such as cough or difficulty breathing, or if you are feeling sick or ill with other symptoms, your first step is to CALL the VA Health Care System at:

- **Minneapolis:** 612-467-1100
- **Fargo:** 701-239-3700 extension 2319
- **St. Cloud:** 320-252-1670, or 800-247-1739
- **Sioux Falls:** 605-336-3230 or 605-336-5001

The medical staff will advise you on next steps based on your symptoms. In a medical emergency, call 911.

### MDVA COVID-19 Update

As we respond to COVID-19, the Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs (MDVA) remains committed to serving Minnesota Veterans and their families. We are following CDC, CMS and Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) guidance. Changes in our operations continue to provide a safe environment for both the Veterans and families we serve and our employees.

### MINNESOTA STATE VETERANS CEMETERIES

Minnesota State Veterans Cemeteries remain open for visitors who should practice social distancing.

Effective Monday, March 30 at 8 a.m., we will be adopting restrictions similar to those taking effect at all VA National Cemeteries.

Minnesota State Veterans Cemeteries will be open for direct transfer or direct interment ONLY. Access to the Cemetery Administration Offices will be limited to Cemetery staff only. Cemetery Administrators are available to discuss this situation and respond to questions.

For more information, visit our [website](#).

### MINNESOTA VETERANS HOMES

The Minnesota Veterans Homes are striving to keep families informed of the situation at the Veterans Homes and any changes in our policies. We have established a COVID-19 Information Line for families of Minnesota Veterans Homes Residents. They can call this number any time to hear a recorded message from an MDVA leader who will provide the latest general updates. The message will be updated every day. **The numbers are: 651-757-1599 OR 1-833-454-0147.**

This number does not accept messages. If families have specific questions about a Resident, they should call the Minnesota Veterans Home directly and speak to their care team.

The Minnesota Veterans Homes are continuing a practice of infection control, similar to actions taken during past highly contagious periods for influenza and norovirus. A Restricted Visitor Policy remains in effect.

We are also temporarily revising guidelines related to admissions, leaves and passes. These changes reflect guidance provided by CDC and CMS and an aggressive strategy of containment and contagion control in our Homes. These protect our vulnerable Veterans and allow us to maintain the integrity of our mission to care for and protect the health of our Veteran Residents and staff.



## 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	20,147
Iraq War	32,292

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

### WHY WE'RE CALLED THE "UNITED STATES OF AMERICA"

Greetings Fellow Veterans, Friends, and Family,

It's been a while since I've done this. I'm only here for a visit on this page.

Praying for all in this Pandemic time. It's a worrisome thing as no one quite knows what to do. I guess that's why it's called a Pandemic panic.

Sharing with you Proverbs 3:5-6: "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart, and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him(Jesus) and He shall direct thy paths." In all truths amid this confusion, remember to pray diligently with belief. Jesus has purchased and paid for our fears that we have when He went to the cross. "PRAY IN FAITH BELIEVING".

I leave you with a thought from Pastor Jeffress out of Texas. He said "get a sheet of paper and list all of your fears in one column. Then go back to the top of the page and across from each fear, pray for it!"

Good bye for now, Veterans. Pray for our Nation, our President and all our leaders. God has a plan for your life.

Chaplain Jerry

"Evil takes away life and freedom, prayer takes away fear."



## SPOT LIGHT ON....

Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs

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### Press Release

#### New Minnesota Veterans Homes unfunded in VA budget

**St. Paul, Minn.** – The Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs (MDVA) was notified that none of Minnesota’s new State Veterans Homes projects (to be located in Bemidji, Montevideo and Preston) will receive federal funding this year. The U. S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) recently released the State Home Construction Grants FY2020 Conditional Approvals.

“While we are disappointed that none of our new homes’ projects secured critical federal support in this funding cycle, we recognize that Minnesota is competing with other states’ projects for the same pool of federal money,” said MDVA Commissioner Larry Herke. “We remain committed to these projects and will continue to pursue these funding requests going forward.”

Because demand for grant funds exceeds available funding, the VA maintains a rolling project funding priority list. The list is updated annually and projects that do not receive funding remain on the list until they are funded, or the applicant withdraws the application. The VA prioritizes funding for safety concerns at existing homes, funding for states which have not previously applied, and for those states with the highest “unmet bed need.”

The VA conditionally approved 22 projects in seven states for a total of \$122.5 million that includes only one new construction project: a 64-bed facility in Post Falls, ID.

With 22 projects now approved, the list of projects seeking federal VA funding is now shorter. The three new Minnesota Veterans Homes projects – seeking \$79 million total – are ranked the 39th, 40th and 41st projects on the FY 2020 Grants Priority List Group 1. The total value of Priority Group 1 applications on the FY 2020 Grants list is \$512.6 million.

## VETERANS EMPLOYMENT REPRESENTATIVE



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### HOT OFF THE PRESS

Marine Corps Closes Parris Island Boot Camp to New Recruits as COVID-19 Cases Spread

30 Mar 2020  
Military.com | By Gina Harkins

The Marine Corps is halting new shipments of recruits to its fabled East Coast boot camp base after more than 20 people there tested positive for the highly contagious virus that has altered life around the globe.

There are more than 20 positive cases of COVID-19, the illness caused by the coronavirus, at the training depot. That includes cases among recruits and drill instructors, McDonnell said. He declined to provide the total number, saying it could change rapidly as more test results become available.

"Just like everywhere, we're seeing an increase in cases because this is a pandemic," McDonnell said. "We're still combating it."

The decision to halt incoming shipments of recruits follows an exclusive story from Military.com in which recruiters warned that continuing to send young men and women to boot camp was risking lives.

Source: military.com



**WELCOME**

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## POST AUXILIARY

The situation around the world at the moment is so far removed from anything we have ever dealt with before, it is hard to wrap our mind around it. We are being asked to stay in our homes and practice "social distancing" due to the Corona Virus. Many businesses are currently closed, and we are not sure how, or when, things will return to normal. It is very important that we all take good care of ourselves and our families.

### THIS MONTH IN HISTORY

April 26, 1944 - Federal troops seized the Chicago offices of Montgomery Ward and removed its chairman after his refusal to obey President Roosevelt's order to recognize a CIO union. The seizure ended when unions won an election to represent the company's workers.

April 26, 1986 - At the Chernobyl nuclear power plant in the Ukraine, an explosion caused a meltdown of the nuclear fuel and spread a radioactive cloud into the atmosphere, eventually covering most of Europe.

April 27, 1865 - On the Mississippi River, the worst steamship disaster in U.S. history occurred as an explosion aboard the Sultana killed nearly 2,000 passengers, mostly Union soldiers who had been prisoners of war and were returning home.

And important that we give our friends and fellow veterans a call to make sure they are doing OK in this time of uncertainty. In the face of that uncertainty, and because we want to do our part in keeping everyone safe, we have decided to cancel our April VFW Auxiliary meeting that had been scheduled for April 7th.

At this moment, we are not sure what will be happening with our big Poppy Drive of doing both the Poppy Card distribution to local businesses, and our individual poppy drive closer to Memorial Weekend. As decisions are made, we will let you know what is going to happen.

We did nominations for new officers at our March meeting. If we are able to meet in May, we will do both election and installation of our new officers at that time.

Please take good care of yourselves, and be safe.

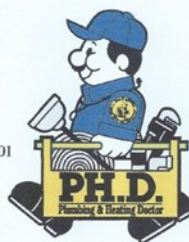
Best Regards,

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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

**Jake Atencio wins local VFW Voice of Democracy Program. a check and an award was presented to him by Commander, Bruce Malterud**

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Fargo VA: 1-800-410-9723  
Help Line: 1-855-VET-TALK  
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- *Youth activities, Voice of Democracy & Youth Essay*
- *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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