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FROM THE COMMANDER

BY BRUCE MALTERUD

Comrades,

We will be having our regular meeting at the Eagles July 7th at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will be open to all members and we will be abiding by social distancing.

We haven't had much activity lately do to Covid-19 , we have had a couple of funerals and three more coming up as of now. The color guard will be posting the colors at bad medicine lake for the 4th of July fireworks. The Warrior Paddle down the Mississippi River set for July 15th has now been canceled due to many of the state parks not being opened up yet for camping.

TRICARE Dental Program Increasing Annual Maximum: United Concordia, the TRICARE Dental Program contractor, announced it will be raising every enrollee's annual maximum an additional \$300. For the contract year that runs from May 1, 2020, to April 30, 2021, the annual maximum will be \$1,800. The change is automatic. Enrollees do not need to take any action for this to apply.

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

Next Two Months Meetings

Barring Social Distancing
Restriction:
August 4th
September

- Hope to have more next month on what has happened and what's coming up, but it all depends on this covid thing and what happens next.
- On the lighter side; A young woman really thought she'd been very patient, through a long period of dating with no talk of marriage. One night her steady boyfriend took her out to a Chinese restaurant. As he looked over the menu, he casually asked her, "So...how do you want your rice? plain or fried?" Without missing a beat, she looked over her menu at him and replied...."Thrown."

Bruce Malterud
Commander

Mark your calendars! Next meeting is hopefully Tuesday, July 7th!!

THIS MONTH IN HISTORY

July 14, 1789 - The fall of the Bastille occurred at the beginning of the French Revolution.

July 14, 1791 - In England, the Birmingham riot occurred on the second anniversary of the fall of the Bastille. Mob rule lasted for three days, targeting controversial scientist and theologian Joseph Priestly's home and laboratory as well as the homes of his friends. Priestly, who had expressed support for the American and French revolutions, fled to London with his family and later moved to America.

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, July 7th

Time: 7:00 pm

Where: Eagles Club



Distribution of Poppy Cards & Individual Poppy donation activities are pending.

July 4—Independence day. **No parades scheduled.**

July 15—Warrior Paddled down Mississippi River

Bring another veteran to our meeting.

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The Minnesota GI Bill provides funding for eligible applicants who are in a Title IV eligible 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.

Applicants must fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

Student Requirements

Applicants must be a Minnesota resident (defined by Minnesota Statute 136A.101) and

Under the age of 62 and,

Enrolled at a Minnesota institution

Applicants may receive up to \$3,000 per academic year

Apply online here (Note: the Minnesota GI Bill Online Application is not currently compatible with Internet Explorer). Applicants should also contact Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs.

Note: Applicants must reapply every year for the Minnesota GI Bill. Application for the Fall Semester opens every year in the spring of the year.

<https://mn.gov/mdva/resources/education/minnesotagibill/>



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

Independence Day

As our Nation unites again to celebrate the gift of liberty, we give thanks for all those patriots and defenders of our Nation's ideals who have sacrificed so much for the sake of others. Give to us a renewed dedication to the preservation of the finest principles of freedom and justice which have shaped our Nation's destiny, and help us to call to mind the part that Your revealed truth has had in bringing this all about. To You we give all honor and praise.

Amen.

(For World Peace)

O God, source of all holy desires, right counsels and just works, grant us that peace which the world cannot give, so that we may be obedient to Your commands and that under Your protection, we may enjoy peace in our days and freedom from fear of our enemies. We ask this in Your great and holy Name.

Amen.



SPOT LIGHT ON....

A full list of benefits available to military service members can be found by searching Keyword Military. See the department's military tax tips video and sign up for email alerts to receive up-to-date military tax information.

If you have questions, email individual.incometax@state.mn.us, or call 651-296-3781 or 1-800-652-9094 (toll-free).

I picked this out of the, Action Corp Weekly that I receive via e-mail.

This pandemic sure has taken it's toll on everything, our life style, the businesses and how we operate as a VFW. As you have probably noticed, we weren't out distributing poppies to the businesses or to the public this year because of the restrictions. This is our operating expenses to help our veterans and their families that are in need.

On the Lighter Side, A couple of young boys were fishing at their special pond off the beaten track. All of a sudden, the game warden jumped out of the bushes. Immediately, one of the boys threw his rod down and started running through the woods. The game warden was hot on his heels. After about a half mile, the young man stopped and stooped over with his hands on his thighs to catch his breath, so the game warden finally caught up with him. "Let's see yer fishin' license, boy!" the warden gasped. With that, the boy pulled out his wallet and gave the game warden a valid fishing license. "Well, son," said he game warden. "You must be about as dumb as a box of rocks! You don't have to run from me if you have a valid license!" "Yes, sir," replied the young guy. But my friend back there, well, he didn't have one."

Commander Bruce Malterrud

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HOT OFF THE PRESS

'The Outpost' Powerfully Confronts the Contradictions of the War in Afghanistan

2 Jul 2020
Military.com | By James Barber

The Afghanistan War's Battle of Kamdesh in 2009 is a shining moment of military heroism in the face of failed strategy, a story of men who fought valiantly to win a battle that they should've never been asked to fight. "The Outpost" is the war picture these men deserve, a thrilling movie that drives home the impossibility of their situation and the resourcefulness they showed to survive an attack that realistically could have cost every man his life. Movies about the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan have been thin on the ground as Hollywood continues to revisit Vietnam and the World Wars for inspiration. "The Outpost" was made independently on a razor-thin budget but manages to deliver the goods without the support of a Hollywood studio budget.

Based on "The Outpost: An Untold Story of American Valor," a 2013 best-selling book by CNN's Jake Tapper, the movie focuses on Staff Sgts. Clint Romesha and Ty Carter. Both men were awarded the Medal of Honor for their actions during the October battle but the movie recognizes the bravery of the entire unit as they defended the base.

Source: military.com

WELCOME

In appreciation of Military service, Schummer's Backwoods Bar & Grill offers all Active Duty and Veterans a 50% discount on selected food purchases at the Grill on the 2nd Tuesday of every month!

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POST AUXILIARY

Though the Pandemic continues, there are a few things that are trying to return. Of course that return is with a "new normal". We still need to use face masks; rubber gloves; social distancing; and many other things to keep ourselves safe from the virus.

It appears the Bemidji Eagles is open again, and ready for customers. We will

try to hold our regular July meeting there on Tuesday, July 7th at 7:00 p.m. As of this writing on the last week of June, the restrictions have been lifted enough for us to hold our meeting in person. However, please remember it continues to be very important that we all take good care of ourselves and our families. We will practice social distancing at our meeting, and I encourage all of you to wear a face mask. Also, if you are not comfortable returning to meetings just yet, we certainly understand. Please let me know if you don't plan to attend.

July 4th celebrations this year will be very different also. In some cases, there will be no traditional celebration at all, and in other cases – things will be done in a whole new way. Hope you enjoy your celebration anyway no matter what form it takes.

We still have not scheduled anything for our annual Poppy Drive. Part of our monthly meeting will be to discuss a new idea for our Poppy Cards. I am also hoping some of you may have ideas we can use to at least do something with our individual poppies.

Please take good care of yourselves, and be safe. And please call a veteran in your neighborhood and make sure they are doing OK. They may just need someone to talk to, or it may help them to know someone is thinking about them.

Best Regards,
 Margaret Booge
 President, VFW Auxiliary 1260
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THIS MONTH IN HISTORY

July 15, 1918 - During the Battle of the Marne in World War I, German General Erich Ludendorff launched Germany's fifth, and last, offensive to break through the Chateau-Thierry salient. However, the Germans were stopped by American, British and Italian divisions. On July 18, General Foch, Commander-in-Chief of the Allied troops, launched a massive counter-offensive. The Germans began a retreat lasting four months until they requested an armistice in November.

July 16, 1945 - The experimental Atomic bomb "Fat Boy" was set off at 5:30 a.m. in the desert of New Mexico desert, creating a mushroom cloud rising 41,000 ft. The bomb emitted heat three times the temperature of the interior of the sun and wiped out all plant and animal life within a mile.

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ACTIVITIES THIS PAST MONTH



Julie Harris was recognized at the last Veterans of Foreign Wars meeting held on June 2nd, for her many years of dedication in assisting our veterans and their families in our community. She was presented with a check and a Certificate of Appreciation.

Pictured L to R, Kelly Booge, Harris and Commander Bruce Malterud



OUR DAILY COMMITMENT

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

Current Members: 247

2020 TAPS

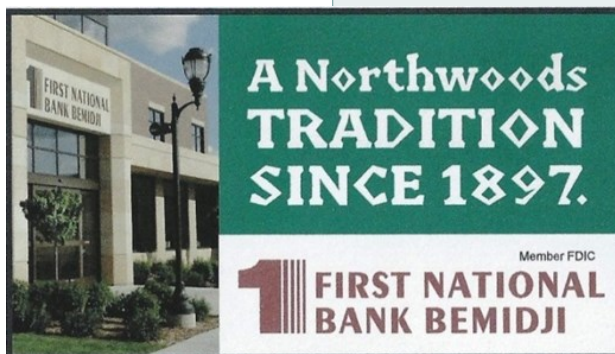
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 Fargo VA: 1-800-410-9723
Help Line: 1-855-VET-TALK
VA Community Outpatient Clinic-Bemidji: 218-755-6360



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