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### FROM THE COMMANDER

BY BRUCE MALTERUD

Comrades,

I have decided to cancel the meeting for the general membership on Jan. 5th, 2021 as we are still in so called lock down. Although, there will be an executive board meeting at 7:00 p.m.via conference call. This is so we can conduct any business that may need attention and to pay the bills. Executive board members include, Commander, Sr. Vice Commander, Jr. Vice Commander, Quartermaster, all three trustees and the Adjutant.

Commander,  
Bruce Malterud

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#### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

##### Next Two Months Meetings

Social Distancing Re-  
striction:

February 2nd

March 2nd

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*Mark your calendars! Next meeting Cancelled - Tuesday, January 5th!!*

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#### THIS MONTH IN HISTORY

January 19, 1983 - Former Gestapo official Klaus Barbie, known as the "Butcher of Lyon," was arrested in Bolivia, South America. He was responsible for deporting Jewish children from Lyon to Auschwitz where they were gassed. He also murdered French Resistance leader Jean Moulin and tortured others. He was exposed by Nazi hunters Serge and Beate Klarsfeld, extradited in 1987, then convicted by the French and died while in prison.

#### 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, January CANCELLED**  
**Time: 7:00 pm**  
**Where: Eagles Club**

**Jan 1 – New Year's Day**  
**Jan 17 – Operation DESERT STORM begins (1991)**  
**Jan 18 – Martin Luther King Jr Day**  
**Jan 30 – 1st TET Offensive begins in South Vietnam**

**Bring another veteran to our meeting.**

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The Minnesota Military Museum is undertaking the Post 9/11 Project. In anticipation of the 20th anniversary of 9/11, the Minnesota Military Museum launched a sweeping, statewide initiative to gather Minnesota stories - from service members & civilians - about America's longest war. Minnesotans found themselves on the frontline in 2001. The resulting 20-year Global War on Terror has been increasingly fought by the citizen-soldiers of the Reserves and National Guard. Thousands of servicemen and service-women from the state have been deployed overseas; placing tremendous strain on their families. They invite you to share your story here. In doing so, your story will become part of the permanent collection of the Minnesota Military Museum and Library. To find out more go to the website at: <https://www.mnmilitarymuseum.org/exhibits/test-gallery/>



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## 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

### Prayer for the year ending

Our Father, we thank You for the year we have completed, for its successes, and for the strength You have given us to overcome its failures. As we face a new year together, give us patience and understanding for all our comrades, wisdom in our decisions, and Your aid in building a better Veterans of Foreign Wars organization. Bestow Your special blessings upon all who assume the duties of leadership. Walk with each of us in heart and mind, day by day, so that we may continue to serve our God and our Country.

Amen.

### Prayer for The President and President-Elect

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, be with the President of these United States to guide him with Your wisdom, to assist him in the discharge of his duties, that under his leadership we may preserve our Nation's integrity, guard her against all enemies, and keep her a bulwark of freedom and justice and a beacon of love and hope to light the way to a world of peace.

Amen.





## SPOT LIGHT ON....

### The “Final Solution”: The Wannsee Conference

(January 20, 1942)

The “Final Solution of the Jewish Question” (in German “Endlösung der Judenfrage”) was the Nazi plan for the extermination of the Jews.

Rooted in 19th-century antisemitic discourse on the “Jewish question,” “Final Solution” as a Nazi cover term denotes the last stage in the evolution of the Third Reich’s anti-Jewish policies from persecution to physical annihilation on a European scale. Currently, Final Solution is used interchangeably with other, broader terms that refer to German extermination policies during World War II, as well as more specifically to describe German intent and the decision-making process leading up to the beginning of systematic mass murder.

While the Nazi Party program adopted in February 1920 did not contain direct or indirect reference to the term, Nazi propaganda presented a radical elimination of anything deemed Jewish from all aspects of German life as prerequisite for national recovery. After Hitler’s rise to power, party activists and bureaucrats competed in transforming the broad-based consensus that something had to be done about the “Jewish question” into government policy aimed at varying degrees of segregation, expropriation, and physical removal. In the process, applying force became increasingly attractive; however, use of the term in German documents produced prior to 1941 should be understood less as an expression of a preconceived blueprint for genocide than as an expression of radical, as yet unspecified intent.

For more information on this conference and how it led to mass murder of 11 million Jews, go to the following link:

<https://www.jewishvirtuallibrary.org/background-and-overview-of-the-quot-final-solution-quot>

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## HOT OFF THE PRESS

Iran Escalates Threats as Anniversary of Soleimani Strike Nears  
31 Dec 2020  
Military.com | By Richard Sisk

Iran is ramping up threats of revenge for the January 2020 U.S. drone strike that killed Maj. Gen. Qasem Soleimani, while the U.S. is warning of swift and devastating retaliation to any attack.

The threats, from Iranian President Hassan Rouhani and a top commander, come as the first anniversary of the Jan. 3 death of Soleimani in Baghdad approaches, raising tensions in a region where the U.S. has already carried out a precautionary buildup of forces.

Rouhani said President Donald Trump had committed an "unforgivable crime" in ordering the killing of Soleimani, who commanded the Quds Force of the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps, Iran's semi-official Fars news agency reported.

The Iranian president echoed the Dec. 16 speech of Iranian Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, who said Iran had a "definite plan" for revenge against the U.S.

Maj. Gen. Abdolrahim Mousavi, commander of Iran's army, said Thursday that Iran was poised with a "hand holding a sword and a sledgehammer" to strike against Soleimani's killers, according to Iran's Tasnim news agency, which has close ties to the IRGC. Source: military.com



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**THIS MONTH IN HISTORY**

January 20, 1942 - During the Holocaust, Reinhard Heydrich, Himmler's second in command of the SS, convened the Wannsee Conference in Berlin with 15 top Nazi bureaucrats to coordinate the Final Solution (Endlösung) in which the Nazis would attempt to exterminate the entire Jewish population of Europe, an estimated 11 million persons.

January 20, 1945 - Franklin Delano Roosevelt was inaugurated to an unprecedented fourth term as president of the United States. He had served since 1933.

**POST AUXILIARY**

Greetings Everyone,  
 As I write this article near Christmas Day, we are continuing in the strange life that is "the Covid pandemic". We share sincere sympathy with anyone who lost a friend or family member to Covid in 2020. And we pray that 2021 will bring us back to more normal living. We are still working to find volunteer opportunities for our Veterans and their families

in the midst of fairly tight rules and restrictions. Please continue to look for ways to help out where ever you can so our veterans will know we are working for them however we can.

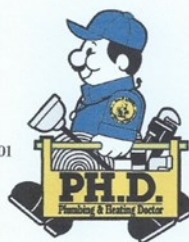
We have again made the difficult decision to cancel the VFW meeting scheduled for Tuesday, January 5, 2021. We will check into whether or not our getting a Zoom account is feasible. And if no other info comes up, we will just hope to be back to meeting in person in February.

Hopefully you had the chance to put together small care packages or goodie bags, or wrote some cards, or did something to help our veterans and their families through the holiday season. It is amazing how small a gesture can make a world of difference to someone having a tough time. As we enter 2021, let's all come into the year with a renewed zest for living and a renewed commitment to help our veterans and their families, and to make our VFW Auxiliary group as strong as we possibly can. I miss you all very much, and look forward to seeing you soon. Please continue to take care, and know you are in my thoughts.

Margaret Booge  
 President, VFW Auxiliary 1260

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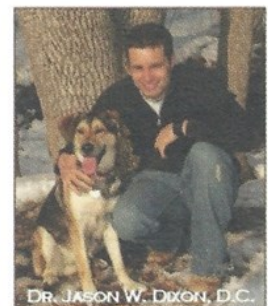


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## ACTIVITIES THIS PAST MONTH



### OUR DAILY COMMITMENT

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

Current Members: 247

### 2021 TAPS

Commander Bruce Malterud presents Senior Vice Commander John Naastad with a VFW plaque for 1st Place in post publications.

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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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