

December 2017
Post Newsletter
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Commander's Stuff

By Joe Barker

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I hope everyone was able to attend and enjoy many of the Veterans Day festivities held this month. I believe this year's LTHS assembly was one of the best I can recall. Could have been the singing of the National Anthem, or perhaps the keynote address. In any event, it was a great day. Thanks also to all who represented our Post during the week.

There was a suggestion at the last meeting regarding the finances and the need to either allocate or budget toward a future expense. It is something we should probably address going forward. If you have any thoughts send them to me or one of the officers, or we can chat at the next meeting. My intent is to have a reasonable plan while maintaining the fiscal responsibility, which has been our tradition.

Please have a peaceful Thanksgiving Holiday. I'm particularly thankful to be a member of a Post that does so much for others.

Save the Dates

Dec. 12th – 7:30 p.m. **Post Regular meeting** at Grace Lutheran Church
Dec. 14th – Hospital Visit
Dec. 15th – deadline for January newsletter
Jan. 9th – 7:30 p.m. **Post Regular meeting** at Grace Lutheran Church

Quartermaster Report

By Mike Winner

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Statement of funds as of 11/14/17:

Post General Fund	\$18,008.83
Post Relief Fund	4,237.14
TOTAL:	\$22,245.14

We've donated \$500 to the National Home last month and we continue to fund the Wakerly Scholarship Fund. Thanks for all you do!

Semper Fi and Merry Christmas!

Senior Vice Commander

By Chuck Bosko

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December already and the trees still have leaves! Geez. And furthermore, in 20 weeks, we'll be at May! Is it just me or are the days speeding past us? Seems that way. Both of my sons have birthdays in December and it became apparent that my oldest will be **and I thought, "Wait, how did this happen? He was just born last year!" Good lord! Another thought burst onto the scene after the "good lord"

December becomes Christmas and Christmas is, among other holiday experiences, a most precious period, a time when we gather as families and share joy, laughter and, of course, love. As written above, moments whisk by so quickly. Perhaps we need to stop and gaze upon our lives and take stock of what is important because we have no clue of what tomorrow brings. As I pen these words, I truly intend to observe every moment of my family during the usual tree decorating, shopping, wrapping, mailing the cards, visiting those parties, sharing family dinners, (and yes, cigars with my sons!) and all the remaining holiday things.

From one veteran to all my fellow veterans and your families- Merry Christmas and do not forget to stop by your house of faith to wish our Lord a very happy birthday.

Allons and airborne

How 'bout a bit of humor?

Two neighbors were locked in an on-going feud and finally decided to take their case to court. When their day came, both appeared in front of the judge,

arguing about who would go first with her story. The judge said, "All right, I'll hear the oldest lady first." The case was dismissed for lack of testimony.

Christmas Concert

Elsewhere in our newsletter is a flyer for the Tower Chorale's annual Christmas concert. The Tower Chorale brings much pageantry and beauty to our Memorial Day Observance. These singers share their day with us to remember our fellow veterans who died in service. We can and should share a couple of hours either Dec. 2 or 3 to support these fine singers.

From Dog Tag Veterans Group

Fellow vets, please visit us on Facebook and YouTube at The Dog Tag Veterans Group. Trust you will hit the like button on YouTube and leave a comment or two at our Facebook page. Thanks and Merry Christmas.

Service Officer Stuff

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This writer recently became a guest for an overnight stay at Hines VA for "observation" purposes. Truth be told, although I do receive health care at Hines as an outpatient, I never imagined I would be admitted as a patient. And it occurred due to my primary physician (at Hines) responding to an email of mind instructing me in so many words to "get my a** to the ER!" Yes Ma'am!*

So I did. And from the moment I entered through the ER doors to the general med unit and finally to the "get outa here" physician's order, I received the attention of a dedicated professional medical staff.

Granted, the medical condition was not of a truly serious matter. However, the experience I now have of Hines as shed some – no, a lot of light for me. Some readers of this note have experienced receiving health care as an inpatient at a VA hospital. Yet for those readers, who have not- you will be in good care, trust me, I'm convinced!

*PS- I know I'm going to get grilled by my primary during my annual checkup. Geez.

THE TOWER CHORALE PRESENTS

ON WITH THE SNOW

MUSICAL DIRECTOR: PATRICK GODON
FEATURING JOHN RUTTER'S *MAGNIFICAT* AND CAROLS NEW & OLD

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2017 @ 7:30 P.M.
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2017 @ 3 P.M.
WESTERN SPRINGS CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH
5140 WOLF ROAD, WESTERN SPRINGS, IL

\$23 ADULTS | \$20 STU/SE

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