

**January 2023**  
**Post Newsletter**  
WesternSpringsVFW.org

**Commander's Stuff**

**By Bruce Harken**

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January brings the start of the New Year! There is a letter attached that deals with our monthly newsletter. Please read it carefully and contact either me or Adjutant Derya Keskin as directed in the letter.

Our pizza program for the Residential Care Facility veterans is fully funded through February 2024. If we get more funding, I will investigate perhaps getting another food establishment to bring in food to the RCF so we can feed them twice a month!

Our Post donated \$2,000 to the Fisher House located at Hines VA. We also donated \$2,000 to Voluntary Services at Hines VA Hospital to be used as needed.

At the December meeting, we also discussed our Ralph Wakerly/VFW Post 10778 scholarship rules and the idea of bringing back the Teacher of the Year Award at Lyons Township High School.

I want to wish all a very happy and healthy new year!

Commander  
Bruce Harken

**Save the Dates**

Jan. 10<sup>th</sup> – 7:30 p.m. **Post Regular meeting**

Jan. 13<sup>th</sup> – deadline for February newsletter

Feb. 14<sup>th</sup> – 7:30 p.m. **Post Regular meeting**

**Quartermaster Report**

**By Mike Winner**

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Statement of funds as of 10/10/22

Post General Fund	\$2,313.27
Post Relief Fund	11,033.56
TOTAL:	\$13,346.83

Semper Fidelis!

Recently our Post made the following donations:

- \$2,000 to Hines VA
- \$2,000 to Hines Children's Home
- \$1,000 to Mission 22
- \$500 to spinal ward patients at VA Hospital

# Western Springs Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 10778

Dear VFW Post 10778 Veteran,

During the Post meetings, the Officers of the Post and attending members have been discussing changing the method of delivery of the Post 10778 monthly newsletter. Until recently the newsletter has been mailed at the bulk rate via USPS. However, mailing costs have been increasing. The Post QM Mike Winner reported that despite being sent at the bulk rate, the annual cost of printing and mailing the newsletter has exceeded \$1,500.

In order to reduce costs to the Post, the following proposal was made and accepted. Effective February 1, 2023, the newsletter will be sent to members of Post 10778 via the members' email addresses. All members, please make sure that a current e-mail address is on file with the Post Commander, Bruce Harken, brhed@aol.com.

Post members who prefer to continue to receive the newsletter via USPS, please notify the Post Adjutant, Derya Keskin, no later than February 1, 2023. Please call 708-420-0173 to make the request to continue to receive the newsletter via USPS.

The newsletter is also available for viewing on the Post's website:  
<http://www.westernspringsvfw.org/post-10778-newsletter.html>

Sincerely,  
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