

October 2024
Post Newsletter
WesternSpringsVFW.org

Future Meeting Dates

Oct. 8 - 1930 Hrs. Post meeting

Nov. 12 - 1930 Hrs. Post meeting

“There is no end to the good you can do if you don’t care who gets the credit.” Colin Powell

Commander’s Stuff

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Colin Powell, who, in my humble opinion, was one of the best Generals of the Army, a great Secretary of State and an articulate speaker. In my office, I have placed an essay he authored for a Veterans Day special in the Chicago Tribune several years ago. The title of the essay is “Why We Serve.”

The article was inspiring, which is why it is placed on the wall next to our office entry. As our office serves veterans, I believe this article is truly appropriate for all who visit IDVA. Two paragraphs are significant and are provided here:

“Over the years, Americans have chosen to serve for many reasons-during the Revolutionary War, to create a nation; in World War II, to save humanity from destruction; at various times, to help pay for college. Still, no matter the motivation, once our men and women joined up, they’ve given their all for our country.

But GIs are driven by another allegiance that is just as fierce; to their buddies. During training, they learn to rely on each other for food, for security, for support. They know that they will live, and possibly die, together as a squad of five or more. It’s a form of bonding you can’t find anywhere else.” Collin Powell

Our future “buddies” are living in our communities, working at businesses in our communities or simply dining at the same restaurants we may find ourselves at in our communities. We need to share our story, the story of Post 10778, with our veteran buddies.

Veterans join a Post because they are invited. Let’s start to invite. Let’s share with them that yea, we’re small, we meet in a church, and during meetings we discuss our mission-to provide a service for vets who must live at Hines VA due to their medical condition incurred in service-then enjoy pizza and a beer, then go home. Hey, fellow members, I like that we don’t have to worry about replacing a roof or repaving a parking lot or organizing a series of fundraisers. Simple!

We have a very simple VFW Post. That does sell! So, let’s continue the simple. You meet another vet, invite her or him to a meeting. Once she or he visits, invite her or him to become a “buddy” in our Post.

See ya all next meeting!

Allons & Airborne
Chuck

Post receives donations

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Thank you to Dr. Paul Thomas and Albert Biesuk for their donations to the Post General Fund.

Also some good news. Home Run Pizzas will be donated by Home Run Pizza for September, October, November and December. Please shop at Home Run Pizza and mention our Post and thank them.



VETERANS' RESOURCE FAIR



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**WEDNESDAY,
OCTOBER 2, 2024
10AM-2PM**

**at the La Grange American Legion Hall
900 South La Grange Road**

Stop by and visit with the following resources:

Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs	Illinois State Senator Mike Porfiro	Hines Veterans Hospital with: Toxic Screening, Suicide Prevention, Flu Shots, Post-9/11 GI Bill Info, Blood Pressure Screening, Health Promotion & Disease Prevention & Elder Care
Township of Lyons Clerk Elyse Hoffenberg & Assessor Pat Hynes	VA's Abraham Lincoln Cemetary	VA Veterans Readiness & Employment
Illinois Attorney General's Office for Veteran Rights	VA Regional Office Assistance w/ Disability Claims	VA Vet Center
Cook County Veterans' Assistance Commission	Illinois Joining Forces Support Group	<i>...and other organizations dedicated to assisting veterans and their families</i>
Home Helpers Hinsdale	Employer Support for Guard & Reserves (ESGR)	

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