

# November 2018 Post Newsletter

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## Commander's Stuff

By Rich Jesswein

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A few important dates in October:

- 10th U.S. Marine Corps birthday
- 11th Veterans Day
- 22nd Thanksgiving Day

November is not my favorite month. The days are short, the nights are cold, and it seems we've forgotten Thanksgiving. I was going to go on a tirade about forgetting Thanksgiving, but there is a lot to include in this letter.

The first is the VFW's new logo. It has two chevrons and the word VFW. The two chevrons are gold and different widths. The gold represents members' achievement, acts of valor, our gold standard of service, and the confidence and unified culture of our organization. The VFW is a red color to represent the bloodshed VFW members have experienced. See an example of the real logo at the end of this letter.

This month we are celebrating Veterans Day. A lot of our vets have been invited to various school celebrations. Personally, I like our private ceremony at veterans park (the rock). Hopefully we'll see a lot of you there. I also really like LT's honor of the vets. I would strongly suggest whoever can make these ceremonies to attend them.

## Save the Dates

Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> – Hospital Visit  
Nov. 13<sup>th</sup> – 7:30 p.m. **Post Regular meeting** at Grace Lutheran Church  
Nov. 16<sup>th</sup> – deadline for December newsletter  
Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> – 7:30 p.m. **Post Regular meeting** at Grace Lutheran Church

It is also the Patriots Pen and Voice of Democracy judging deadline on Nov. 15th. Members of our Post will be busy judging these letters. If the past is an example of these letters, our comrades will have difficult decisions to make.

I've sent a big THANK YOU to Kindred Hospice for the pinning ceremony they did for our Post. It was a moving ceremony!! And, the food afterwards was great as well. If anyone has extra time, this is a very good organization to join.

We had executive members of the 4th District at our October meeting. They presented a VFW 2019 calendar. If you decide to buy it, (\$20) you will qualify for a daily raffle prize.

Well comrades, have a great Thanksgiving  
Sooooooooo

*Roses are Red  
Violets are Blue  
The turkey is on the table  
But, don't forget to chew*

Till next month CHOI

### **Quartermaster Report**

**By Mike Winner**

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Statement of funds as of 10/10/18:

Post General Fund	\$12,549.28
Post Relief Fund	4,640.67
TOTAL:	\$17,189.95

Happy 243<sup>rd</sup> Birthday Marines!

Semper Fidelis!

### **Hospital Chairman Report**

**By Walt Bergenthal**

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During our Oct. 9 meeting, Kindred Hospice put on a "Veteran Pinning Ceremony" honoring members of our Post. As Doc Thomas mentioned, "Very impressive."

Colors were posted by Boy Scout Troop 12, a welcome was given by Vera Junge, Kindred volunteer manager, followed by remarks by a rep of the Illinois National Guard and the pinning of each Post member. During the pinning, each member was given a plaque noting their service and a flag with a magnet holder.

Kindred Hospice then provided chili, tamales, corn bread and cake for a delicious send off.



### **Memorial Day Parade Committee Seeks Grand Marshall Nominations**

**By Chuck Bosko**

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Fellow Comrades: an integral aspect of the Memorial Day Parade is the selection of a Grand Marshall. The individual selected represents service to America - in uniform and afterwards. So, with that in mind, if you believe you have an ideal candidate, please follow the Post guidelines below.

Remember, your candidate does not have to be a member of the Post.

1. Name of individual
2. Veteran's branch of service and period served
3. Member of the VFW. Not necessary, but nice.
4. Military awards, honors, citations, etc.
5. What has veteran done since service i.e. career, civic, volunteer?

And here is the gotcha!

6. In your opinion, why is this individual nominated by you? Why should this person be the Grand Marshall?

Submit your nomination to:

VFW Post 10778  
C/O Chuck Bosko  
1230 Robinhood Lane  
LaGrange Park, IL 60526

This is the procedure to nominate an individual for Grand Marshall of the annual Memorial Day Parade and Observance. This memo was published in 2013 by the committee. Upon reading the memo, you will understand why the process is adhered to.

As such, the nominating process will commence Nov. 1, 2018. Nominations are to be forwarded to me at the address indicated on the memo. The committee has started the process now as during previous years, individuals nominated and selected at times declined the invitation to be the Grand Marshall due to previous commitments.

Let's face it, certain individuals receive invitations for events months, if not years, in advance and commit accordingly. Hence, we are planning accordingly.

So, if there is an individual you consider worthy, follow the guidance and send to me in enough time for the committee's Dec. 1 meeting.

In comradeship and Allons!

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## **6 Thanksgiving Dinner Tips**

Whether it's your first year hosting Thanksgiving or your 40<sup>th</sup>, keep these tips from Real Simple as you prepare for this year's celebration.

- Appetizers like hummus and shrimp cocktail are low calorie healthy options to serve guests before dinner. The worst choice: spinach artichoke dip.
- No need to prepare everything from scratch. Pair pre-cut veggies with store-bought hummus for an easy crudité platter.
- Put your slow cooker to work by making some of the sides, such as corn spoon bread or veggies.
- Skip juggling cooking and bartending duties by mixing up a big batch of a signature cocktail and letting guests help themselves.
- Pair the turkey with pinot noir, which helps to lighten up a heavy meal. If you prefer white wine, a dry Riesling pairs nicely.
- Someone else doing the cooking? Be sure to bring your hostess a nice thank you gift, such as a canvas wine tote with a bottle inside, a jar of mulling spices or drink stirrers.

