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Post Newsletter
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Our commander, Bruce, is in the hospital right now. He plans on making a full recovery soon. Please add him to your prayers!

Quartermaster Report

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Statement of funds as of 10/11/23

Post General Fund	\$3,694.78
Post Relief Fund	10,530.59
TOTAL:	\$14,225.37

Grand Marshall Info for Memorial Day 2024

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Hi fellow vets! The Parade Committee has commenced preparations for Memorial Day 2024. A rather fun and interesting component of the event is the selection of a Grand Marshal.

November is the month for Post 10778 members to nominate an individual for GM. Elsewhere in this newsletter edition is the guidance. Please read, nominate a

Save the Dates

Nov. 14th – 7:30 p.m. **Post Regular meeting**
Nov. 17th – deadline for December newsletter
Dec. 12th – 7:30 p.m. **Post Regular meeting**

person you believe would be a great Grand Marshall, and send your nomination to me at the address listed.

Host an Old-Fashioned Thanksgiving

Looking to change up your dinner menu this Thanksgiving? Consider some of these classic dishes.

- Smoky cheese ball appetizer
- Apple cider punch
- Double cranberry sauce made with both fresh and dried ruby-red cranberries
- Corn pudding
- Orange-apple Waldorf salad
- Pecan pie

Source: Better Homes & Gardens

Submitting candidates for Grand Marshall of the Memorial Day Parade and Observance

Believe it or not, there is a procedure when submitting a candidate as a Grand Marshall. And here is the most important reason- an avoidance of disappointment.

When a member of our Post wishes to submit a candidate, it is to be in writing and forwarded to the Memorial Day Committee. This committee is comprised of your fellow VFW 10778 members. The committee actually commits to reading the qualifications and reasons for the individual, discusses the merits of each individual and arrives at a consensus. This has been the process since 10778 has been organizing the event.

The following is the format to be used when submitting your nomination:

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- career, civic, volunteer, etc.?

And here is the gotcha!

6. In your opinion, why are you nominating this individual? Why should this person be the Grand Marshall?

We select individuals for all the above reasons. Not because we desire to feel good about ourselves or to allow the nominated to "feel good." No, the rationale we select a Grand Marshall goes beyond our own Post. We want the public to become aware of what a true veteran is, has done, is doing and will continue to do for America and our communities.

Yes, we do honor our own members and if there is any doubt, look at the past GMs. The committee is sincere when the selection of a GM is at hand. Without doubt, it is the most important task we accept and accomplish.

Therefore, should any member decide to nominate any individual for the Memorial Day Parade and Observance, please do so following the procedure above and send it to the parade chair who currently is the VFW member below.

Thank you and as always- ALLONS!

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