

**July 2018**  
**Post Newsletter**  
WesternSpringsVFW.org

**Commander's Stuff**

**By Rich Jesswein**

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I first want to say THANK YOU, for the confidence you've shown in me to vote me in as your commander!

You've seen me at VFW meetings, but I feel you don't really know me, so I'll give you a little history of myself. I was raised in the south suburbs by German immigrant parents. I graduated from TF South High School at age 17, and joined the Navy. I became an Innercommunication Electrician and rose in rank to a third class petty officer. I served aboard two aircraft carriers - the USS Kearsarge and the USS Constellation.

After the service, I attended Bloom Community College and obtained an associate degree in electronics technology. By this time I was married, had a child, and bought a house in Western Springs.

I then attended DePaul University night school, getting a bachelor's degree in marketing and a master's degree in business management.

I've had four jobs during my working career: ITE Imperial Corp. (now owned by Siemens Corp.), Bussmann Fuse (now owned by Westinghouse Corp.),

**Save the Dates**

July 10<sup>th</sup> – 7:30 p.m. **Post Regular meeting** at Grace Lutheran Church

July 12<sup>th</sup> – Hospital Visit

July 13<sup>th</sup> – deadline for August newsletter

Aug. 14<sup>th</sup> – 7:30 p.m. **Post Regular meeting** at Grace Lutheran Church

Shawmut Fuse (now owned by Mertz Corp, a French co.), and Peterson Electric Panel (who built our flag holders).

My philosophy is: A MAN IS ONLY AS GOOD AS HIS WORD.

I enjoy music (I've played the drums for over 50 years), tennis (I've played that for about 50 years as well) and golf (I've only played that for the last 20 years).

In our family, for all memorable occasions -- birthdays, weddings, and anniversaries -- I write a little poem that always starts with "Roses are Red, Violets are Blue." I feel this is a momentous occasion for me,  
sooooooooooooo

*Roses are red  
Violets are blue  
I'm so very happy and humble  
To be able to serve you*

Till next month, CHOW

## **Quartermaster Report**

**By Mike Winner**

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### Statement of funds as of 6/12/18:

Post General Fund	\$17,870.91
Post Relief Fund	8,225.67
TOTAL:	\$26,096.50

Parade donations exceeded \$4,000, while expenditures of the parade were less than \$2,000. The Annual Dinner cost \$800 with 32 guests, while we received \$640 (\$20/person).

We collected \$7,700 from our Poppy Drive - \$2,000 of which was raised by Danny Legan himself!!

Semper Fi!

## **Hospital Chairman Report**

**By Walt Bergenthal**

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On May 19, the Village of Burr Ridge held its annual "Armed Forces Day Celebration" honoring the men and women who served in the various military branches.

The highlight of the program was the "Presentation of the Patriot Award" for unselfish service to the United States veterans. This year's presentation went to our Past Commander Chuck Bosko. Congrats, Chuck!

Previous awards had been given to Post members Jack Lund, Walt Bergenthal, Seedy Ulrich and Tom Higgins.

Our sympathy to the family of Life Member Arthur E. Odegard Jr., who passed away. Art was a WWII veteran who served directly under General Douglas MacArthur in Japan. Services were private.

Discounting the heat and wind (at least no rain), we had another successful Memorial

Day Parade. Thanks to Parade Chairman Bruce Harken and his committee. Parade Marshal Chaplain Bob Geaschel gave a heartfelt memorial to those who sacrificed their lives for our country during his tour in Afghanistan.

It was an honor again to have Past State and National Commander George Cramer handle the installation of our new Post officers for 2018-2019. George was instrumental in starting our Post in 1989. He has been a big help to us over the years.

## **The Science Behind Fireworks**

While enjoying the fireworks displays over the Fourth of July, impress your family and friends with this info from the Museum of Science and Industry about what makes all those pretty colors in the sky.

Red – Strontium nitrate or carbonate

Yellow – Sodium salts

Orange – Charcoal or iron

White – Magnesium or aluminum powder

Blue – Copper salts

Green – Barium nitrate or barium chlorate

When taking pics of the big show, remember to turn off the flash, noise reduction and image stabilization on your camera. Set the focus to infinity unless you have background elements you need to bring into focus.

For optimal photos, you'll want to bring with an SLR camera, tripod, remote release and a piece of cardboard painted matte black.

Be sure to open the shutter as soon as you hear or see the rocket shooting into the sky and leave it open until the burst dissolves.

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