

**April 2023**  
**Post Newsletter**  
WesternSpringsVFW.org

**Commander's Staff**

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I hope all have enjoyed the NCAA Basketball Tournament, especially the upsets! We approach April thinking of nicer weather, hoping for not quite as much rain and lawn work.

We will hold our Post election this month on April 11, the second Tuesday of the month during our regular meeting time. A slate of officers has been proposed as follows:

Commander – Bruce Harken  
Sr. Vice – Joe Barker  
Jr. Vice - Liz Kinsella  
Chaplain - Rev. Robert Geaschel  
Quartermaster – Mike Winner  
Adjutant - Derya Keskin  
Surgeon – Dr. Paul Thomas

Appointed officers to be determined include:

Service Officer  
Judge Advocate  
Sergeant at Arms- James Prorock  
First year trustee

If anyone is interested in running for any office, please contact the current Judge Advocate Chuck Bosko at

**Save the Dates**

April 11<sup>th</sup> – 7:30 p.m. **Post Regular meeting**

April 21<sup>st</sup> – deadline for May newsletter

May 9<sup>th</sup> – 7:30 p.m. **Post Regular meeting**

[chuckbosko1049@gmail.com](mailto:chuckbosko1049@gmail.com) prior to April 11 meeting.

Don't forget Easter is Sunday, April 9. Other items of interest include:

- May 6 Volunteer Day- Guy Vorsanger and Joe Barker have a project set up for us to serve a luncheon in La Grange at a free soup kitchen facility.
- May 20 is Patriots Day in Burr Illinois. Info and a nominating form are attached with this newsletter.
- May 31 is Memorial Day and the Western Springs Parade under the leadership of Chuck Bosko and his committee.

Have a great month!

## **Quartermaster Report**

**By Mike Winner**

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### Statement of funds as of 3/14/23

Post General Fund	\$2,817.30
Post Relief Fund	5,726.64
TOTAL:	\$8,543.94

Semper Fidelis!

### **What do Easter colors mean?**

Every holiday has its own unique color scheme—think orange and black for Halloween, red and green for Christmas, blue and silver for Hanukkah, or red and pink for Valentine’s Day.

But Easter has a whole rainbow of beautiful colors associated with it, from spring-like pastels to some serious shades (hello, black?). Here’s a look at the meaning behind this colorful season!

#### **Purple or Violet**

During the Easter season, purple means sorrow and penance. It’s the traditional color of Lent, the 40 days before Easter when Christians prepare to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus. In churches, purple is often used in altar cloths, celebrant vestments, and floral arrangements or other decorations during the lead up to Easter.

#### **Pink**

Pink is used exclusively on the fourth Sunday of Lent. It’s a midpoint in the Lenten season, and a time when those who are sacrificing things for Lent can take a breather.

#### **Yellow or Gold**

Gold is reserved for Easter Sunday, as a celebration of the joy of Christ’s triumph over death.

#### **White**

White symbolizes purity and innocence and regularly pops up both to commemorate the Last Supper on the Thursday before Easter and Easter itself. White Easter lilies are a common choice for floral arrangements on Easter in the church, as the white lily is often featured in the Bible as a symbol of rebirth and new beginnings.

#### **Red**

This fiery hue is associated with the passion of Christ and the blood he shed at his crucifixion. In some Gospel texts, Jesus is wearing a scarlet robe at his crucifixion.

#### **Black**

Black is traditionally the color associated with death, and it’s usually used during Easter on Good Friday in particular, as a color of mourning. You may find it used on altar cloths and elsewhere in the church for Good Friday services.

#### **Green**

Green is actually used most in the church after the Easter celebrations are over, as a symbol of hope and growth (the perfect colors for spring, too!).

As for coloring Easter eggs, that tradition is documented by the 13<sup>th</sup> century when King Edward I ordered several hundred eggs to be painted and gilded in gold to be gifted to his household.

Eggs also dyed by Mesopotamian Christians, and the practice of creating intricate designs in pysanka (wax) has been a Ukrainian tradition since at least the 17<sup>th</sup> century.

Violet is considered a “toned down” version of black, representing the absence of mourning. For that reason, pastel purple hues are associated with Easter to symbolize the joy felt when Mary Magdalene and the other women discovered the tomb was empty on Easter Sunday.

*Sources: Real Simple & Better Homes & Gardens*



# ARMED FORCES DAY

A celebration for those who serve

**Saturday, May 20, 2023 ★ 10 a.m.**

Burr Ridge Veterans Memorial, in front of the Village Hall

Brigadier General Martin C. Jung currently serves as the Deputy Commanding General (Support) for the 416th Theater Engineer Command (TEC). The 416th is one of only two TECs in the Army, conducting theater-level engineer operations supporting a joint force, executing full spectrum operations, while providing trained and ready units to support mission requirements worldwide. The TEC consists of approximately 10,900 Soldiers across 26-states with primary mission emphasis in the European, Middle East, and African Theaters.

The Burr Ridge Veterans Memorial Committee is currently accepting nominations for the annual Jack Schaus Patriot Award. Please submit your nomination by completing the nomination form at [burr-ridge.gov](http://burr-ridge.gov). The deadline to nominate is April 14, 2023. The award is formally presented at the annual Armed Forces Day celebration.



**Brigadier  
General  
Martin C. Jung**



Keynote Speaker  
and Honored Guest

# Burr Ridge Jack Schaus Patriot Award

## Burr Ridge Veterans Memorial Committee

The Burr Ridge Veterans Memorial Committee is currently accepting nominations for its annual Jack Schaus Patriot Award. The 2023 award criteria are as follows:

- ➔ The nominee has supported veterans and those currently serving in our Armed Forces and/or has served or is currently serving in the Armed Forces. *Note: Military service is not required for this award.*
- ➔ The nominee has demonstrated outstanding support for our country and the United States Constitution.
- ➔ The nominee has initiated programs to help youth and others remember and honor those currently serving our country.

If you know someone who meets one or more of these criteria, please submit your nomination by completing this form and submitting it to the Burr Ridge Village Hall (Send to Attn: Veterans Memorial Committee, 7660 County Line Road, Burr Ridge, IL 60527 or via e-mail to Sue Schaus at [sschaus@burr-ridge.gov](mailto:sschaus@burr-ridge.gov)) by **April 14, 2023**.



