

ARLINGTON HEIGHTS PROCLAMATION

VFW Arlington Heights Post 981 Centennial Anniversary

WHEREAS, Arlington Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 981 has been a valued member of the Arlington Heights and surrounding communities since its chartering on October 5, 1922, keeping awareness of veterans in the minds of the residents; and

WHEREAS, Arlington VFW Post 981 has provided a refuge and a gathering place for veterans of America's wars and police actions who served beginning with the Spanish-American War of 1898 through current conflicts still being fought in 2022. This is accomplished through its meetings, activities, and the VFW Hall on Northwest Highway dedicated in 1955 and sold in 2001; and

WHEREAS, Arlington VFW Post 981 has participated in the Memorial Day activities of Arlington Heights almost from the beginning celebration and provided leadership, especially in the persons of former Commanders Harold and Wally Luettschwager, to organize and run the activities through 2022. Post 981 honors Wally through its annual awarding of scholarships in his name; and

WHEREAS, Arlington VFW Post 981 has provided for the needs of deserving veterans and active duty service people through its Buddy Poppy program, distributing Poppies to the public during the Memorial Day period and receive donations which are forwarded to organizations which provide help for veterans in need and current service people; and

WHEREAS, Arlington Post 981 provides comfort for families of deceased veterans through its Color Guard which provides rifle salutes and the playing of Taps at funeral services and burials, and inspiration to community members by marching in the Memorial Day and July 4 parades.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Thomas W. Hayes, Mayor of the Village of Arlington Heights, along with the Arlington Heights Village Board of Trustees, do hereby recognize VFW Post 981 on their Centennial Anniversary and thank them for the many contributions to the Village.

Thomas W. Hayes

Thomas W. Hayes, Mayor

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