

# Prospect Grad Recipient Of Arlington VFW Post 981 Scholarship

Arlington Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 981 announced the awarding of the annual VFW Post 981 Wally Luettschwager Memorial Scholarship Grant to Kevin Cantieri, a resident of Mount Prospect who graduated from Prospect High School in May.

Cantieri is maintaining a 4.63 GPA and is a member of the golf

team and tutors other students. He is an Eagle Scout and senior patrol leader in his troop. He founded a youth sports camp and supervised the building of an outdoor play area at a local school during the pandemic. He will attend the University of Illinois Urbana this fall majoring in mechanical engineering. Cantieri's grandfather was in

the Army in WWII serving in the European theater.

Because of the quality of applicants, Arlington VFW Post 981 decided to award additional monetary grants to the two other finalists, Emily Kim and Elise Marcisek. Kim is a resident of Long Grove graduating from Stevenson High School. Her mother served in the

U.S. Army in Korea while her father is a veteran of the ROK armed services. Marcisek is a resident of Arlington Heights, graduated in May 2020 from Buffalo Grove High School, and is a freshman at Purdue University majoring in UX design. Her father is a veteran of the U.S. Army.

Wally Luettschwager was a life-

long resident of Arlington Heights who served honorably in the U.S. Army in combat during the Korean War. He came home and was an active member of VFW Post 981 for over 60 years in many capacities including commander. He played an integral part in the organizing and running of the Arlington Heights Memorial Day Parade.