

"I have learned a lot over the years from the veterans. I listen to all their war stories because they are very interesting and I never got to go to war."

Stewart laments the fact that there are fewer and fewer veterans sitting around legion tables.

As the legion's funeral chairman, he is involved in helping plan every member's funeral service and attends every service as well.

Stewart is a life member of the legion and, as sergeant-at-arms, also has to attend every general meeting.

He has had to curtail some of his legion involvement because of his health. He has suffered two strokes, including one last month, and his eyesight is failing.

His wife of 43 years, Shirley, also had quadruple bypass surgery this past August.

Stewart is planning on completing his duties as sergeant-at-arms until his term ends next June.

"I enjoy what I do very much but it's just that I can't do as much now," he said.

"I'm always the first person they see in a parade. Now they won't see me."



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