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KENDALL-GRAM



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Around the Post with Commander Mike McGrath

Welcome to our newest Post members, Steve Wilson, Ken Alles, Sgt. Matt Mason, and Bob Smith who was recently home on leave from Iraq. We're glad to have you with us and look forward to your enthusiasm and involvement in the coming months.

The coming months are very important and will be very busy for our Post. We will be holding our Post elections at our April meeting so please plan on attending. We thank all of our Post officers for their hard work and dedication and we ask for your help and support in the coming year. Our slate of nominated officers is listed here in the Kendall Gram. Additional nominations can be made at the April meeting.

Irish Bingo

Thank you to our hospital committee for our visit in March. The guys at Hines really enjoyed *Bingo with the Leprechauns*. We also want to thank St. Patrick "himself" who waved his shillelagh and made the snow disappear. Everyone enjoyed the camaraderie and the weather.

And Speaking of Irish!

Thank you to our American Legion buddies for putting on a great St. Patrick's Day dinner. Both the corned beef and the camaraderie were well enjoyed. Thank you, Jim Vahle, and all the guys who did a great job with the Blue Star Banner event on Sunday, March 18th.

Wow!

Our Friday Night Fish Frys have been an outstanding success! Thanks to everyone who pitched in to help out. Thanks especially to Jay Johnson and to Steve Brown from Naperville North High School who has done an outstanding job of helping around the Post.

The guys at the Blind Unit of Hines came to the Fish Fry on March 23rd. We thank everyone for making them feel so welcome.

What Next?

And what's next you ask? Don't forget to sign up for Poppy Sales and all of our Memorial Day activities, which are right around the corner. Be sure to attend our Post meetings and read the Kendall-Gram for all the details. Remember to vote for the candidate of your choice, whether it is our Post election or the upcoming Naperville election, which includes the candidates for mayor, city council, school board, and park district. Get out and vote! Remember this is your Post so do not sit back and let someone else do it. Get involved. You CAN make a difference, G.I.. Come on down, help your Buddies. Our National Commander Gary Kurpuis recently said, "No matter what... we must never forget to support our Troops." How right he is.

Thank you for all you do, and we'll be seeing you "around the Post."

Senior Vice Commander Chuck Vladika

104 percent, and continuing. Thanks, Comrades. Keep talking to friends, neighbors, anyone who has a son or daughter serving in Iraq or Afghanistan. Tell them that our Post Members would be honored to pay their dues while on active duty.

Check our calendar for upcoming events. Remember to come to our Fish Frys every Friday during Lent. Best Fish Fry going!

Don't forget the upcoming Ham Raffle on March 31, and our Blood Drive on April 28.

Check out our Junior Vice's news and Dates To Remember.

A 'Scoche' more from the Signal Corp by Junior Vice Scott Holley



The Fish Frys are going very well and thanks to all who come out and help with the cleanup effort and contribute to its success. As hard as I try, I just can't seem to keep up with Laury Dobson in cleaning up the tables. It may look like he's slow, but he always seems to be in the right place at the right time to clean the table and wave customers to the open table. Maybe that's a Seabee instinct that cannot be learned by your average "flag waver". Anyway, April 6th is the last one and I look forward to seeing everyone come out. If you're on the run, please feel free to come by and grab a carry out to eat while watching your favorite movie on Friday night.

I'd like to take this time to make a correction to last month's Dates to Remember. Bernie Berkes told me at one of the Fish Frys that the April 28th Blood drive starts at 8:00 AM, for you early birds. Please come out and support that effort.

The new floor in the hall looks fantastic. This is a post that we can all be proud of and it continues to be improved upon with the current leadership. Thanks to the House committee for your continued efforts! You spend a lot of time and effort to make these things happen which is much appreciated.

Over and Out

Dates to Remember

April 6th - Fish Fry (All Branches) 5:00 – 8:00 PM
 April 9th - Plant Sale orders due
 April 10th – Hines Hospital Visit
 April 12th – Post Meeting – (Vote for New Officers)
 April 15th – Life Members Breakfast
 April 19th – Auxiliary Meeting
 April 28th - Blood Drive – 8:00 AM – noon
 May 8th – Hines Hospital Visit
 May 8th - Plant Sale Flower Pickup 1-6 PM
 May 10th – Post Meeting
 May 17th – Auxiliary Meeting
 May 19th - Installation Dinner 6 – 9
 May 19th - Armed Forces Day
 May 23- 28th Poppy Sales
 May 26th – Grave Decorations for Memorial Day
 May 28th - Memorial Day Parade – luncheon

Dates of Interest

April 1st 1945 – Invasion of Okinawa began
 April 1st 1968 – Operation Pegasus began
 April 5th 1951 – Operation Rugged began
 April 6th 1972 – Operation Linebacker
 April 8th 1972 – Siege of An Loc began
 April 10th 1968 – Battle for Lang Vei began
 April 11th 1991 – Persian Gulf War Official Cease Fire
 April 16th 1953 – Battle of Pork Chop Hill Began
 April 19th 1968 – Operation Delaware began
 April 20th 1953 – Operation Little Switch began
 April 24th 1967 – Battle of the Hills began

Auxiliary Report Kathy McNally

April showers bring May flowers! Hopefully you placed your order during our plant sale, and now we'll wait for just the right time to plant. Springtime also points to a very busy time around the Post. And of course you know we'll outline all the activities and opportunities for you to become involved. But first, think about this:

During the 2006/07 championship Bears season, many players were asked about their teamwork and motivation. They often referenced the book, *212 Degrees*. One need not read the book to begin to think about the motivation. You see, water is very hot at 211 degrees; however, it boils at 212 degrees. It's that extra one degree that makes all the difference. Think about the one degree of effort and involvement from you that can make all the difference — for our Veterans and their families.

When you see these sisters, please congratulate them on being honored with the Exchange Club's Abraham Lincoln Americanism Award for their devoted service at Hines Hospital over the years. Kudos to Jan Barbour, Mildred Bradlee, Micky Cadigan, Jenny Dawley and Rita Powers with special mention to Virginia Arbogast and Miriam Ferguson.



Shown with the Exchange Club's Abraham Lincoln Americanism Award are l - r top row: Hildy McIlwaine, Mike McGrath, Jenny Dawley, Sgt Mike Mason, Dave Hollander, teacher at Kennedy Jr. High, , Bottom row: Mickie Cadigan, Ginny Arbogast, Mildred Bradlee and Miriam Ferguson (missing is Jan Barbour, who was also honored)

As we close the books on another successful and fun Ham Raffle, we turn our attention and efforts to the most meaningful time of the year for our Veterans. Before Memorial Day, though, we have one more Fish Fry on Good Friday and help is still needed for Ladies Auxiliary cashiers (90 minute shifts — 5:00 to 6:30 pm or 6:30 to 8:00 pm). Our semi-annual Blood Drive is April 28th from 8am to Noon. And our next Auxiliary meeting for April is on Thursday the 19th and for May on Thursday the 17th. Would you like to chair a committee this year? What are your interests or talents? Call me for a list of open committees. The commitment is very often less than 3 or 4 hours per month (630) 305-8196.

Please note your calendars: Installation of Officers is on May 19th from 6 to 9 PM. And we'll be decorating our Sisters' graves again this year on Friday, May 25th after school. We have a committed group of young people including Girl Scouts and Cub Scouts - but all young people are welcomed! We meet at the Post for our assignments, then rejoin on the back deck afterwards for treats and a special guest speaker. All this leads up to our Parade and Luncheon on Monday, May 28th. Not to forget — we'll end spring and kick off summer at our 60th Anniversary Charter Dinner on June 16th.

Think about that one degree of effort and volunteerism that will make all the difference in the world of our Veterans — and please reach out to me or any one of our Sisters when you are able.

Wishing all Sisters and their families a Very Blessed and Happy Easter!

IT'S TIME FOR BUDDY POPPY SALES!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

The time has come to stand up and be counted, comrades! Our disabled veterans as well as troops serving in the war against the Islamic Jihad need your help. The sign up sheets to sell Buddy Poppies will be posted in the canteen beginning the 15th of April.

The contact people for the various regions are:

- NORTHERN REGION** John Baber 420-7594
- CENTRAL REGION** Mike and Jan Barbour 527-0738
- SOUTHERN REGION** Mike and Jan Barbour 527-0738

YOU WILL BE ABLE TO PICK UP THE POPPIES IN THE CARD ROOM BEGINNING THE WEEK OF THE 8TH OF MAY. PLEASE READ AND HEED THE INSTRUCTIONS POSTED THERE. IF YOU DON'T PUT YOUR NAME AND LOCATION ON THE CANS YOU WON'T BE IN THE RUNNING FOR THE "LEAD DOG" AWARD.

Several of our members told me that they don't often get to the canteen but want to sell Buddy Poppies. If you want to sell Buddy Poppies and it isn't easy to sign up, call the Buddy Poppy Prince or Princess at 630-527-0738. We will find a spot for you at one of the prime locations. For you folks, here are the locations we will be selling Buddy Poppies at this year:

NORTHERN REGION

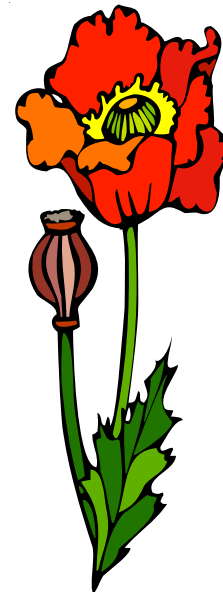
- Route 59 Metra Station May 23rd only
- Naperville 5th Avenue Metra Station May 23rd only
- Jewel @ Ogden & Aurora (across from Post office) May 24th through 28th
- Dominick's @ North Aurora May 24th through 28th
- Buikema Ace @ Washington St May 24th through 28th
- Jewel @ Ogden & Washington May 24th through 28th

CENTRAL REGION

- Outside Starbucks, Jefferson & Main May 24th through 28th
- Outside Barnes & Noble, Washington & Chicago May 24th through 28th
- Casey's Food Store @ Gartner & Washington May 24th through 28th
- Trader Joe's @ Gartner & Washington May 24th through 28th
- Jewel @ 75th & Naper Blvd May 24th through 28th
- Dominick's @ 75th & Naper Blvd May 24th through 28th

SOUTHERN REGION

- Buikema Ace @ 75th Street May 24th through 28th
- Jewel @ 95th St. & Rt. 59 May 24th through 28th
- Dominick's @ 95th St & Rt. 59 May 24th through 28th
- Bobak's @ 75th & Rickert Drive May 24th through 28th



This is another prime year to sell Buddy Poppies. Public awareness of veterans and the military is heightened. The report about the failings of Walter Reed has made the citizens aware of the plight of veterans needing care. Americans want to help! Let's give them that opportunity! I don't want to hear Napervillians come up to me and say, "We wanted to buy a Poppy but we couldn't find anyone selling them." That is embarrassing, comrades. It tells the civilians that we don't care enough about our own.

We had less than 10% of our membership sell Buddy Poppies last year. Thanks to all those who participated! For the rest of our membership I have evidently failed in conveying the importance of Buddy Poppy Sales and the good those sales do for disabled veterans. **If you have any question about that good call the "Poppy Princess" (Jan Barbour) or me at 630-527-0738 and one of us will explain it to you.** The disabled veterans are at your mercy! They need your help!

All the money collected is used in the Naperville area for projects and programs that directly benefit both disabled veterans and local troops on active duty in the war zones.

There is no doubt that the money collected for Buddy Poppy sales goes where it is intended. We need new blood comrades! **STAND UP AND BE COUNTED!!!! IF WE ARE GOING TO MEET OUR GOAL OF \$25,000 THIS YEAR COMRADES, SISTERS AND FRIENDS WE NEED BODIES ON THE STREET!**

Proposed Slate of Officers

Here is the list of proposed Officers for the Judd Kendall Post. Additional nominations will be accepted from the floor before the vote at the April meeting.

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| Commander | Mike McGrath |
| Sr. Vice-Commander | Charlie Vladika |
| Jr. Vice-commander | Scott Holley |
| Quartermaster | Terry Jelinek |
| Asst Quartermaster | Phil Maughan |
| Adjutant | Bob Bronson |
| Judge Advocate | John Shaw |
| Surgeon | John Dawley |
| Officer of the Day | Jack Shiffler |
| Service Officer | Ken Garhan |
| Guard | Harry Brozynski |
| Chaplain | Jay Johnson |
| | |
| Trustees | |
| 3 Year | George McKissick |
| | |
| House Committee | |
| | Mike Rechenmacher |

Blood Drive by Bernie Berkes

Our next Blood Drive will be held on Saturday, April 28th, 2007 from 8 AM till noon. A pancake and sausage breakfast will be served to all donors. Please consider donating, there is a shortage of blood in our area. For more information or to make a reservation call Bernie Berkes at 357-0547.

Band Concert

The Naperville Municipal Band's Spring Concert will be on May 20th at 3 PM at Naperville Central High School. The summer in the Park Concert Series will begin May 31st.


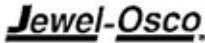
Plant Sale

Just a reminder that all plant sale order forms are due on April 9. Please mail them or drop them off at he Post, with your order form and check by this date. Pickup will be on May 8 from 1-6 PM. We will need help on that day to unload the truck at approximately 7 AM and also to separate the orders. If you can be of assistance anytime during the day, we certainly would appreciate your help.

If you have any questions about the plant sale, please contact Marcy Maughan at 357-3440.

Auxiliary Shop and Share Days

The VFW Auxiliary is having Shop and Share days at Jewel on April 2, 3, 4th. By shopping at Jewel on those days and submitting the shop and share identification slip, the Auxiliary is given a percentage of the total bill. This helps to support our many programs. It costs you nothing to make this contribution. WE appreciate your support.

	SHOP & SHARE IDENTIFICATION SLIP										
						AMOUNT OF PURCHASE					
0227037											
GROUP NUMBER		STORE NUMBER				DOLLARS		CENTS			
GROUP: Ladies Auxiliary - Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3873											
YOUR SHOP & SHARE DAYS: 4/2/2007, 4/3/2007, 4/4/2007											
SIGNATURE _____											
PLEASE SIGN THIS SLIP AND TURN IT IN TO YOUR CHECKER WHEN YOU SHOP. PARTICIPANTS CAN MAKE PURCHASES AT ANY JEWEL-OSCO ON THE DATE ABOVE. IDENTIFICATION SLIPS ARE NOT TO BE DISTRIBUTED IN FRONT OF ANY JEWEL-OSCO.											
											

Gary Sinise and the Lt. Dan Band

Gary Sinise and the Lt. Dan Band will be appearing at Cantigny on July 21st, 2007 for a benefit concert for Operation Support our Troops IL, brought to you by International Trucks and Engines, a Navistar company. Tickets for Rockin For the Troops 2007 will go on sale in mid-April. For further information please check the OSOT website at osotil.org.

If you want to volunteer to help the day of the concert, please contact Bob Bohr at gbbooby@aol.com, or at 630-841-9147.

United States Field Artillery Association Dinner

Fellow Artillerymen,

The Colonel Robert R. McCormick Chapter of the United States Field Artillery Association will hold our annual Saint Barbara Celebration on Saturday, April 14, 2007 at the Sheraton Chicago Northwest in Arlington Heights, IL (located at Highway 53 and Euclid Avenue, next to Arlington Park Race Track).

The event this year is a Dining-Out with all Redlegs and Chapter Members invited to bring one guest (spouse, date, or friend). The cost is \$55 per person which includes one hour open bar commencing at 1800, followed by dinner at 1900 (with choice of Chicken, Salmon, or Prime Rib), guest speaker, awards, and fellowship. Uniform is Army Formal with Bow Tie or corresponding attire for civilians.

Please RSVP with payment promptly to: MAJ Richard Cannon, HQ, 85th Div, 1515 West Central Road, Bldg 203, Arlington Heights, IL 60005 (847-506-7660). Receipt of payment is required by April 5, 2007 to confirm reservations. Please also provide any updates to your contact information with your RSVP.

The Chapter has established special lodging for attendees at the Sheraton Chicago Northwest (847-394-2000, <http://sheraton.com/ChicagoNorthwest>). To receive the discounted rate of \$89 per room, you must indicate that you are with the "St. Barbara's" group when making your reservation. The number of rooms are limited and are on a first-come first-serve basis.

If you have not already updated your USFAA membership and/or affiliated with our Chapter, we encourage you to do so ASAP with the USFAA (<http://usfaa.com/>). Also, please remember to bring some petty cash to the Dining-Out for tips and donations.

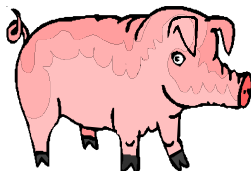
If you have any questions, please contact me at blaine.a.bowers@us.army.mil or MAJ Richard C. Cannon (Dining-Out Project Officer) at richard.cannon@us.army.mil (847-506-7660).

Ubique!

Blaine A. Bowers
LTC, FA
Secretary, Colonel Robert R. McCormick Chapter
United States Field Artillery Association

Ham Raffle is March 31st starting at 6 PM at the Post.

Invite all your friends and neighbors to come!



See you there!

Hines Hospital Visits

The Chairman of the Hospital Committee, Mike McGrath, would like to remind everyone that the Post visits the Hines VA Hospital every second Tuesday of the month. We will not be going during the months of July and August but our visits will resume in September. We hope you will join us then.

Canteen Hours

	Open	Close
Mon-Thurs	3:00 PM	10:00 PM/Midnight
Friday	Noon	10:00 PM/2:00 AM
Saturday	Noon	10:00 PM/2:00 AM
Sunday	11:00 AM	5:00 PM/6:00 PM

If at anytime between the first close hour and the second close hour listed above, there are no more than four customers in the Canteen, the bartender will give a last call and close the Canteen 15 minutes later.

NO ONE is allowed behind the bar, except the Bartenders. This includes any children in the bar!

Remember: THE BARTENDER IS BOSS!

Submission Policy

The Kendall Gram encourages Post members to submit articles and photos. Simply give the article or photo to the on-duty bartender. It is important that you put your name and phone number on the item in case there are any questions. Please ensure that names are legible. Your article may be edited for clarity and space considerations. All photos MUST have the following information with it: where and why the picture was taken, and who is in the picture. Photographs without captions will not be used. Please submit all articles by the third of the month for next month's publication.

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