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KENDALL-GRAM



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Around the Post with Mike McGrath

Membership

We welcome our newest member, Pat McElhone. Welcome to our Post and thank you for your service. We would also like to welcome Past National Commander George Kramer as a new transfer member. As you know we start our new membership year on July 1st and our goal this year is to reach out to young veterans. Our new Post "Afghan/Iraqi Vets Liaison is John Coby, 548-6104, and we'd like to thank John for stepping up to help us on this very important initiative. Please remember that our #1 mission is to help all young veterans in every way we can. We'd like to ask everyone to help us do this. Our Troops are doing a TRULY MAGNIFICENT job for our country... so PLEASE put this priority at the very top of your list every single day. We must help and support our veterans and their families. Even if you do nothing else, you must not fail to do this!

The Old Ball Game

We had a great time recently when we presented the Colors for both our girls and our boys ball teams. We thank all the guys for participating and the coaches and kids as well. Both teams are doing very well and we're proud of them.

All State Post

YES... we did it again! We had a great convention in Peoria and our Post won many awards again this year. I'd like to personally thank each and everyone ... all the guys and gals who pitch in here at our Post... believe me, it's all of you who make the difference... and please note that next year our Convention will be in Springfield... so come on down...we'd love to have you with us.

Rib Fest

This year the Naperville Exchange Club asked that we participate in patriotic ceremonies at Ribfest This is a FIRST for our Post and we had a great time... thank you to Jack Shiffler and all the guys for their help and participation...and we hope to do it again next year. Another first for us was being in the Knoch Knolls July 4 Community Parade. We had a great time and look forward to continuing this as well.

Amigo Hood

We hereby bestow the title of "BARBEQUE AMIGO FIRST CLASS" to Scott Holley and crew who did just a great job for our Post at our 4th of July festivities - food, fun, fireworks! YES, it was fabulous! Our thanks to Scott and all who helped out.

What's Happening at Hines

We again invited the guys at Hines to the OSOT Concert... this year we had 25 from the blind unit and 10 from spinal Cord unit. They really enjoyed going and they're a great bunch of people. We also had lunch with the guys at Hines recently and presented them with about 75 lap robes. They enjoy our company and we hope to do "Lunch at Hines" again in the future. If this is something in which you'd like to participate ... we can begin to do it on a regular basis.

AND "SGT ROCK SAYS"

Remember, during the summer months it's better to get your daily exercise in the morning before the heat of the day. Try to do a balance including cardiovascular, flexibility and muscle tone... and DON'T overdo it G.I. especially at first. AND HEY... did you remember the mosquito repellent... how about adequate water on hot days... and let's take it easy driving through work zones! AND YOUR MISSION... Check the upcoming post schedule. Come over and bring a buddy with you. This is your Post. ENJOY the summer, and "We'll be seeing you around the Post."

Together Then, Together Again.**Chuck Vladika, Senior Vice Commander**

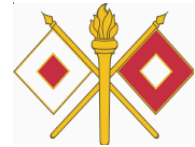
Hope everyone is surviving the “Dog Days of Summer.” Nothing like this heat wave to remind us of our fellow veterans in the Iraq and Afghanistan heat. Heat for them comes in both temperature and in combat. Keep them all in your prayers.

Our membership is progressing along nicely. We are generating incentives to get you to renew your membership EARLY. If you pay up by September 1st, your name will be being forwarded by us to the National VFW for a chance to win a LIFE MEMBERSHIP. Drawings by National will happen in September, October and November. So, you will have three chances. Let’s get those memberships in now.

If you decide to become a Life Member now, you can sign up for a four payment plan. See our Post’s Quartermaster, Terry Jelinek for more details.

We are giving you many ways to re-up. Take advantage of them NOW. Next thing you’ll know, I’ll be calling you over and over again. We need paid memberships to get our goals across to District and State. Remember, numbers talk.

Do check out our Commander’s and Junior Vice’s columns.

**A ‘Scoche’ more from the Signal Corp
Junior Vice Scott Holley**

What a great day at the Post for the 4th of July! The weather cooperated and the bugs seemed to take a day off. You just can’t beat gathering around the grill and shooting the breeze amongst friends. Even the beer tastes better on that day...(maybe being free has something to do with that). If you missed out, I hope to see you next year!

Don’t forget to check out the website for a list of summer events happening in the Chicagoland area. <http://www.napervfw.org/>

I look forward to seeing everyone at the Post Picnic on Saturday, September 8th. Please bring a side dish to share, (Potato salad, dessert, jello mold, fruit, chips & dip, etc).

Over and Out

Dates to Remember

August 9th – Post Meeting
August 14th - **NO** Hines visit
August 16th – Auxiliary Meeting
August 19th – Life Members Breakfast
September 8th – Post Picnic (2:00 – 6:00 PM)
September 11th – Hines Hospital Visit
September 11th – 9/11 & Shanower Ceremony
September 13th – Post Meeting
September 20th – Auxiliary Meeting

Dates of Interest

August 2nd 1990 – Operation Desert Shield Began
August 4th 1790 – US Coast Guard Established, Happy Birthday to our Coast Guard Veterans

August 4th 1950 – Defense of Pusan / Naktong Perimeter Began
August 7th 1942 – Battle of Guadalcanal
August 7th 1782 – Purple Heart Medal Established
August 12th 1952 – Battle of Bunker Hill Began
August 14th 1945 – Japan Surrendered, Ending WWII
August 16th - National Airborne Day
August 18th 1951 – Battle of Bloody Ridge Began



Tara Debbins wins Bronze Award



Tara Debbins of Girl Scout Troop 615 recently won her troop's Bronze award. As a girl scout, she has helped the Auxiliary place flags for Memorial Day on the graves of Auxiliary members for the last two years. Tara is a problem solver and went to work to make the Auxiliary's job easier. She created a color coded map of Ss. Peter and Paul cemetery, and a color coded alphabetical spread sheet of the names of sisters buried in the cemetery, and color pictures of each of the head stones, thereby making a permanent record that can be used in future years. Tara submitted her project for her troop's Bronze award. Her leader, Mrs Hall told us that Tara is the first member of her troop to submit a project for this award. The auxiliary thinks Tara is certainly a winner and congratulates her on her project.

Post Picnic



The annual Post Picnic will be held on Saturday, September 8 from 2- 6 PM. We ask that you bring an appetizer, a side dish, or a dessert to share with other Post members. The Post will provide the entree. This is always a fun occasion and we invite everyone to attend. Its a great time to catch up on old and new friendships.

Grounds Committee

If you have not visited the VFW lately, you will be in for a surprise. The woods which have bordered our property for years on the west have been sold and will be developed into upscale housing. The brush as well as some of the trees on that property have been removed, presenting us with quite a different view. No changes are expected on our VFW property. As the land next door develops, I am hopeful that we will have less weed seeds blowing into our flower beds and they will be easier to maintain. One can always hope.

September 11th Ceremonies

We will be conducting a special Ceremony on September 11th, 2007 at our September 11/Comdr Dan Shanower Memorial between City Hall and the Riverwalk. We will begin at 6 PM sharp and this ceremony is open to the public. This special ceremony is held every year on 9-11 to “Honor and Remember” all of the innocent people who died on this fateful day in 2001, including our own Navy Comdr. Dan Shanower. The VFW and American Legion, in conjunction with the Naperville Police and Fire Dept., will provide a combined Color Guard. As this day draws near we will have more information to share. For now, be sure to mark you calendar and plan to join the Naperville Community as we again remember that “Freedom is not Free.”



Operation Support our Troops

The Gary Sinese and Lt. Dan Band concert at Cantigny was a great success, enabling Operation Support Our Troops to continue mailing packages to the soldiers in Afghanistan and Iraq. Thanks to everyone who helped make this night a success. The troops, as well as Operation Support Our Troops, IL are most grateful.

A Special Note

The VFW would like to offer its sympathy to the family and friends of L. R. “Bud” Mueller our next door neighbor on Jackson. Over the years Bud made many contributions to our Post. The Post and its officers would also like to extend our sympathy to the family of Royal Lauing, a Life Member of our Post, who passed away. His contributions to the Post and to his country will be missed.

Officers Attend Convention

Convention 2007 in Peoria - L-r: Back Row: Quartermaster Terry Jelinek, Mike Rechenmacher, Jack Shiffler and Senior Vice Charlie Vladika; front row Commander Mike McGrath, Phil Maughan and Ken Garhan

Telephone Pioneers of America

The Telecom Pioneers of America is a service group and the world's largest industry-related fraternal organization. The purpose of the club is "Service to Others." The local West Suburban Life Members Club builds special TOT (Therapy Oriented Trikes) for use by handicapped children. They offer two models, a pedal powered tricycle and a hand operated tricycle. This allows handicapped children to interact and play with non-handicapped children, providing freedom of mobility. These are provided free of charge with the recommendation of a physical therapist.

They have also built special stands for the bike that converts them to indoor exercise bikes, when the handicapped child is not yet able to ride on his own. All of this is provided free of charge.

If you know of a handicapped child who might benefit from having the TOT bike, contact post member Lew Wegener, 630-961-1184, who devotes many hours each year to this worthy cause. If you would like to sponsor a trike for \$150, (the group accepts donations of any amount), send a check to Telecom Pioneers, % Elmer Roy, 4338 Washington St., Downers Grove, IL 60515-2387.

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 leave the post at 6:30 in the evening and return at approximately 9:15 PM. Transportation is provided. Everyone is invited. Why not come and spend some quality time with some very appreciative Veterans? We will not be going during the month of August but visits will resume in September.

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 tenth of the month for next month's publication.

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2 year
3 year

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