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KENDALL-GRAM



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Around the Post with Commander Mike McGrath

WELCOME.

Welcome to our newest Post Member, Chris Melka. Thank you for your service to our country and welcome to our Post. All of Our Post members and our Ladies Auxiliary members join together in extending the hand of friendship to you and your family.

KENDALL HONORS

Thank you to all who participated and helped out with our first ever *Kendall Honors* program. It was well received and we'd like to express our gratitude to ALL of our Police Officers, and Firefighters, as well as the Teachers who do such a great job in our community.

FISHFRYS

Our Friday Night Fish Fries have been a great success again this year. Thanks especially to all the high school students who have pitched in and helped out. The youthful enthusiasm is just great to see. Also the guys from the Blind Unit at Hines Hospital greatly enjoyed their visit on March 14, and we thank everyone for making them feel so welcome.

IRISH BINGO

Thank you to John Shaw and our Hospital Committee for the March visit to the Spinal Cord unit. The guys at Hines enjoyed bingo with the Leprechauns ...and now all we need is for St. Patrick to wave his shillelagh and make the snow disappear.

AND WHAT'S NEXT

I'm so glad you asked G.I. Don't forget to sign up for Poppy Sales and for our Memorial Day activities, which are right around the corner. Also be sure to remember that our Post election of officers will be held at the April Meeting. Please get involved, we appreciate your help. We encourage you to attend our monthly meetings and to read The Kendall-Gram....and above all we must never forget to SUPPORT THE TROOPS!!!

SAFETYMAN SAYS

Watch your speed in the SCHOOL ZONES. Even though we've had a long winter, the warmer weather will bring out the kidf. Good, I knew I could count on you.

SGT ROCK SAYS

Keep going on that workout program, G.I. ...you're "Looking Good." And for you younger guys, you may be surprised to know how many of our WWII guys work out daily...what an inspiration for us all.

SOLONG FOR NOW G.I.

Thank you for all you do and we'll be seeing you "Around The Post."

Together Then, Together Again

Senior Vice Commander Chuck Vladika

Thanks to all our members who are approaching our proud Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans. We need to let these Veterans and others who have served or are currently on active duty that they are welcome to join. Tell them that we VFW members can direct them to the proper Veterans Programs they need to seek out. Too many returning are not aware of their earned benefits. Our Post's contacts within or through published articles can help them. Just direct any veteran to myself or any of our other Post Officers.

Our Kendall Honors awards dinner was a great success. The Post was proudly shining within our great community. Thanks again to our past Commander Mike Barbour, and his wife, past Auxiliary President Jan Barbour. Also, thanks to the marvelous Kendall Cooks and the committee workers.

The April Post meeting is one of the VFW's most important to all our members. This is when we will elect our 2008-2009 Officers. Nominations are being sought. Any member in good standing is eligible to be nominated. There are a number of committees that need filling. Talk to any current or past Officer to get information on any of our Post officer positions or committees. Those Officers positions in nomination are:

Commander	Chuck Vladika
Senior Vice Commander	Scott Holley
Junior Vice Commander	John Coby
Quartermaster	Terry Jelinek
Assistant Quartermaster	Phil Maughan
Judge Advocate	Nina Petru
Surgeon	John Dawley
Service Officer	Ken Garhan
Chaplain	Jay Johnson
3 Year Trustee	Mike McGrath
3 Year House Committee	OPEN

These individuals were nominated at our March 13th meeting. We will STILL ACCEPT nominations at our April 10th meeting. After all nominations are made, we will then vote. Again, it's important that we have as many of you who can make it, at this April meeting. This is YOUR Post, Comrades, participate...

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

A hugely successful and wonderful night at the Post describes the **Kendall Honors Dinner** on Saturday March 8th. Mike and Jan Barbour worked extremely hard putting it together and did a magnificent job...everything just fell into place. The dinner was exquisite as everyone raved about the food. The minor issue with the lights could not dim the spirits at Judd Kendall Hall. In fact the Hooters Girls showed up a week early because they heard what a great time everyone was having.



Thank you to everyone who came down to support the post at the **Ham Raffle**. Always a great time and all the help is much appreciated. Promoting these events at the post by word of mouth is the best way to generate enthusiasm and increase attendance and excitement. Advertising costs keep going up, taking away from the funds we can use to maintain the best Post and our number goal of helping veterans. We do a lot of great things at **Judd Kendall Post 3873** and I would like to see us continue doing these great things if not more of them.

Another great year of the **Fish Fries** came to an end. Thanks to all who came out and helped from working the front door to helping seat people or cleaning tables and taking out the garbage. Much thanks to **Belgio's Catering** for a wonderful job providing the folks with a great meal that brings 'em back every time! Special thanks to Jay Johnson

and Jim Godshall for always being there and making it fun to volunteer. There are many others that came out to help and it is very much appreciated. Your efforts truly make a difference!



Members of the Auxiliary who acted as cashiers included Sue Jelinek, Mary Lou Miller, and Nancy Marinello. Lending his assistance is Post Commander Mike McGrath



The Fish Fries were so popular, some people even had to share their chairs.

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Please take a look at the Dates to Remember and mark your calendars for these important events at Judd Kendall Post 3873. The **Hines Hospital visits** are very important and rewarding and the **Life Members Breakfast** is always an egg-cellent time!

Please continue supporting our Troops and keeping those in harms way in your prayers and never forgetting the ones who made the ultimate sacrifice.

Over and Out

Dates to Remember

April 7th - Plant Sale Orders Due
 April 8th - Hines Hospital Visit, 6:30 PM
 April 10th - Post Meeting - (Vote for New Officers)
 April 12th - Blood Drive, 8 AM till noon
 April 17th - Auxiliary Meeting, 7 PM
 April 20th - Life Members Breakfast, 9 AM
 May 8th - Post Meeting, 7 PM
 May 13th - Hines Hospital Visit, 6:30 PM
 May 15th - Auxiliary Meeting, 7 PM
 May 18th - Installation Dinner 5 - 9 PM
 May 17th - Armed Forces Day
 May 21 - 25 - Buddy Poppy Days!
 May 24th - Grave Decorations for Memorial Day
 May 26th - Memorial Day Parade - luncheon see schedule

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

Blood Drive

Our next Blood Drive will be held on April 12, 2008 from 8 AM till noon. A pancake and sausage Breakfast will be given to all donors. There is a present shortage of blood, so please consider donating. To schedule an appointment call Nina Petru at 847-910-3345.

KENDALL HONORS

March 8th, 2008 marked the beginning of a new and exciting chapter in the Naperville Social Scene. On that evening Judd Kendall Post 3873 and Ladies Auxiliary honored the citizens who are the backbone of the Naperville community at the Kendall Honors Award Banquet. We honored the Police Officer and Firefighter of the Year and the Educators of the Year in Districts 203 & 204. The community embraced the awards. There were over 135 attendees.



Judd Kendall was a native Naperville for whom this Post was named; a hometown hero who through his courage and patriotism became an American hero. His actions were a major factor in America's success in the crucial Battle of Cantigny. Eighty years after his death he was awarded the Silver Star, Purple Heart and WWI Victory medal. Later he was awarded the POW medal. The awards presented at the banquet celebrate the qualities he possessed that live on in others.

The Kendal Honors Awardees for 2008 are:

Police Officer of the Year
Firefighter of the Year
Boy Scout of the Year

Officer Brian Furman
James Collins
Adam Alongi

Educators of the Year District 203

Elementary
Junior High
High School

Jeanie Nauman-Beebe School
Dave Hollander- Kennedy
Brett Thompson-Naperville Central

Educators of the Year District 204

Middle School
High School

Brian Kluft-Granger
Tracey Cook-Neuqua

Thanks go to our judging committee, Ron Keller, John Kunsch and Tom Belgio. We had many good nominations. I'm glad I didn't have to make the decisions for the awards. The Kendall Cooks led by Terry Jelinek, once again, did an outstanding job of cooking the meal. We had prime rib with all the fixings. All the attendees raved about the meal. Special thanks go to the Ladies Auxiliary for all their help in decorating, doing the program and helping to serve the meal. We couldn't have done it without you ladies.

The evening allowed us to honor and recognize members of the community who epitomize the qualities of young Oliver Kendall; **selflessness, honor, duty to family, community and country.** We were proud and humbled to have those awardees in our presence. But they are not alone. Throughout this community countless individuals work tirelessly to advance the spirit of volunteerism and patriotism. In the months to come you will see them, read about them and hear about the things they do and the lives they touch. Please remember who they are and share with us March 7th 2009, when again...**KENDALL HONORS!**

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 need your help. The sign up sheets to sell Buddy Poppies will be posted in the canteen beginning the 14th of April.

The contact people for the various regions are:

NORTHERN REGION	John Baber 630-420-7594
CENTRAL REGION	Mike and Jan Barbour 630-527-0738
SOUTHERN REGION	George McKissick 630-961-2030

YOU WILL BE ABLE TO PICK UP THE POPPIES IN THE CARD ROOM BEGINNING THE WEEK OF THE 5TH 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 21st only
Naperville 5 th Avenue Metra Station	May 21st only
Jewel @ Ogden & Aurora (across from Post office)	May 22 nd through 25 th
Dominick's @ North Aurora	May 22 nd through 25 th
Buikema Ace @ Washington St	May 22 nd through 25 th
Jewel @ Ogden & Washington	May 22 nd through 25 th

CENTRAL REGION

Outside Starbucks, Jefferson & Main	May 22 nd through 25 th
Outside Barnes & Noble, Washington & Chicago	May 22 nd through 25 th
Casey's Food Store @ Gartner & Washington	May 22 nd through 25 th
Trader Joe's @ Gartner & Washington	May 22 nd through 25 th
Jewel @ 75 th & Naper Blvd	May 22 nd through 25 th
Dominick's @ 75 th & Naper Blvd	May 22 nd through 25 th

SOUTHERN REGION

Buikema Ace @ 75 th Street	May 22 nd through 25 th
Jewel @ 95 th St. & Rt. 59	May 22 nd through 25 th
Dominick's @ 95 th St & Rt. 59	May 22 nd through 25 th
Garden Fresh Market @ 75 th & Rickert Drive	May 22 nd through 25 th



This is another prime year to sell Buddy Poppies. Public awareness of veterans and the military is heightened. 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!

We have also had members tell us that they can't sell Buddy Poppies this year but want to make a contribution. When writing a check make it out to the VFW Post 3873 Relief Fund.

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 \$30,000 THIS YEAR COMRADES, SISTERS AND FRIENDS WE NEED BODIES ON THE STREET!**

Auxiliary Report by President Kathy McNally

April showers bring May flowers! Have you placed your plant order yet? The deadline is April 7th and proceeds go to help the upkeep of our own landscaping.

Now, we just need to wait for the right time to plant - not only our plant from the VFW/Ladies Auxiliary Plant Sale - but it's the perfect time to plant your own seeds - of helpfulness and encouragement. We always welcome Sisters to join the Hines Hospital visits on the second Tuesday of every month; we'll host the WW2 boys and their gals (and all others, too) on Wednesday, March 26 for Movie Night (and it would be nice to have a good showing from around The Post); there's an opportunity to sell Poppies in the days around Memorial Day weekend; our semi-annual Blood Drive is Saturday, April 12th from 8 AM to noon. There are so many opportunities to become involved with our Veterans and their families - isn't that why you joined?

Our next Auxiliary meeting for April is the 17th and for May is the 15th, when we will hold election for officers. Are you interested in holding an office? 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 18th from 5 to 9 PM at The Post. And we will be decorating our Sisters graves again this year on Friday, May 23rd after school. Thanks to Tara Debbins, we have a complete map of the Sts. Peter & Paul cemetery graves! We also 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 in The Lodge afterwards for treats and a special guest speaker. All this leads up to our Parade and luncheon on Monday, May 26th.

Sowing the seeds of helpfulness and encouragement now will yield a bouquet of reward and satisfaction as you witness the ripples of your efforts reach out to make a difference in our Veterans' and their families' lives. And I know that's why you joined!

Naperville Municipal Band Concert

The Spring Band Concert will be April 13 at 3 PM at the Naperville Central High School Auditorium. Guest conductor will be the retired leader of the US Air Force Band of Washington DC, Colonel Arndt D. Gabriel.

The Band will be marching in the Memorial Day parade on May 26th, and then open its summer season on June 5. Summer concerts are held every Thursday, at 7:45 in Central Park in downtown Naperville. On Sunday, August 24th at 4 PM the Naperville Jazz Band will be at Central Park with a special salute to the Big Bands. Also on the program will be the John Burnett Swing Band. If you need more information, go to www.napervilleband.org

Support Our Troops

More and more people are aware of this wonderful organization. Founder Deb Rickert was recently honored as Humanitarian of the Year by the Philanthropic Society. Deb is also one of the ten finalists for Chicago Woman of the Year Award. You can vote for Deb on a daily basis at www.chicagowoy.com.

If you would like more information about this wonderful organization and how you can help them, please go to www.supportourtroopsil.org. And yes, they will again have Gary Sinese at Cantigny in July for a concert. More information will be found in later issues of the Kendall-Gram.

Memorial Day Schedule

May 26, 2008

8:00 – Flag raising and service at 9/11-Cmdr. Dan Shanower Memorial – (taps & volley)

8:30 – Service at Veterans Park (Gartner Rd.) – (taps & volley)

8:50 – Service at Burlington Park Doughboy Monument – (taps & volley)

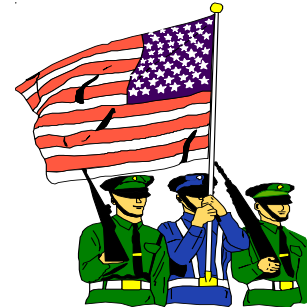
9:15 – Service at Ss. Peter & Paul Cemetery (taps & volley)

10:00 – Service at GAR Monument in Naperville Cemetery – (taps & volley)

10:30 – Advance section of parade steps off from Jackson and Ewing

10:40 – Service at plaza, corner of Webster & Jackson

Main Parade steps off from Jackson & West St., East to Washington, North to Jefferson, East to Brainard, North to Van Buren, West to Court Place, North to Benton, East to SS. Peter & Paul parking lot.



12:15 – Program at Community Concert Center

Selections by Naperville Municipal Band

Invocation – Star Spangled Banner

Municipal Band – Medley of Service Songs

Service at Blackhawk Monument/Silver Star Memorial – prayer, volley, taps & Star Spangled Banner

Municipal Band – Patriotic Medley

12:45 – Dismissal

If it is raining at 9:00 – decision to cancel will be made at that time by Parade committee and Naperville Police Department.

Memorial Day Parade has been a Naperville tradition for over 80 years. Let us all thank a veteran on this special day!!

Busses will take veteran’s and Military units back to City Hall for their vehicles or directly back to Judd Kendall VFW Post 3873 where lunch and refreshments will be provided for participants and their families.

DO NOT PARK IN THE VFW PARKING LOT BEFORE NOON ON MEMORIAL DAY!

We will decorate graves on Saturday, May 24th starting at 9AM at the Naperville Cemetery.

Anyone wishing to ride in a car for the parade should contact either Jack Shiffler at 630-357-4615 or Terry Jelinek at 630-357-5366.

Plant Sale

With the awful winter we have had, everyone is longing for spring. The weather doesn’t seem to be cooperating, but regardless of the weather it is time to fill out your plants sale order forms and return them to the VFW. The order forms are due April 7, 2008 and plant pick up will be May 6 from 1 -6 PM.

They are plenty of chances to volunteer your efforts to better the Post. Although the Kennedy Students will be unloading the truck, we need people to help fill the orders and to help the customers when they come to pick up thier orders. On May 16th (with a rain date of May 19th), the Kennedy Jr. High crazy eights will be here to plant the VFW. Their enthusiasm is just amazing. We will need a few volunteers to supervise that enthusiasm and make sure it is directed towards planting. Than on May 17th, we are asking for volunteers to spread mulch on our beds and trim up the bushes. We appreciate any time anyone can offer.

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 tenth of the month for next month's publication.

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Officer of the Day	Jack Shiffler	357-4615
Guard	Harry Brozynski	961-9245
Chaplain	Jay Johnson	355-5522

Trustees

1 year	Phil Maughan	357-3440
2 year	Mike Barbour	527-0738
3 year	George McKissick	

Committee	Chairman	Phone
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Grounds	Phil Maughan	357-3440
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	John Shaw	961-3479
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	Mike Rechenmacher	961-1377
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