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KENDALL-GRAM



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Around the Post with Commander Mike McGrath

Welcome

We welcome our newest Post members, Eugene Madison, Andrew Broad, Ryan Anderson, and Philip Modica and we are glad to report to you that our Post membership is now over 100% We're especially pleased to note that we have attracted a large number of Afghan and Iraqi veterans to our Post and we're looking forward to helping our "Young Vets" and their families in any way we can. THANK YOU all for your service to our Country and welcome to our Post!

It's Just Super!

Yes, G.I... It's February and the biggest football game of the year, the Super Bowl, is about to kick off. .So don't pass up our Fabulous SUPER BOWL EXTRAVAGANZA on SUPERBOWL SUNDAY Feb 3...you'll have a ball so don't fumble this one G.I... the gates open at our Post at 4:30 pm and tickets are \$15.00 per person. So take a run over and we'll hand off some great food and fun... You'll score a touchdown for sure...

And More Super Stuff!

Yes G.I., those are fish you see over there on the horizon and they're coming over to our famous and fabulous FRIDAY NIGHT LENTEN FISH FRY...starting on Friday, February first!...please note that Lent starts early this year so what a great opportunity to shake off the "winter blahs" and have a great dinner at the Post... the fish can hardly wait.!

And Sgt. Rock Says

Even though we sometimes hate it...we all know that "Physical Fitness" is extremely important for our well being...especially during the winter months. It's been proven that even a half hour a day can be very beneficial...so don't quit now G.I. Good, I knew I could count on you.

Safety Man

Short and sweet... safety man reminds you that snow; ice and alcohol definitely don't mix so please drink responsibly and drive carefully.

And on a Personal Note

During my time at our Post I have been blessed to meet and get to know some truly great people and I'd like to reach out and say thank you to everyone who faithfully participates and helps out at our Post. 2007 was just a great year for us and 2008 will be even better. We are and have been a leading Post in the VFW because of our great people. All of our Post Officers past and present have set just a great example for us through the years. All of our Committee members and our Auxiliary have contributed greatly to the success of our Post as well. We thank them all and we continue to benefit from their dedication and hard work. There is such great enjoyment and great satisfaction to be gained in knowing we are doing something eminently worthwhile by becoming involved and participating in our Post activities. It defines who we are... it's how we demonstrate to our Community and to our Country that WE DO CARE

Together Then, Together Again Senior Vice Commander Chuck Vladika

WE DID IT!!!! We made our goal of achieving 100% by December 31, 2007. THANK ALL OF YOU for your response to our call to pay your dues early. Our Post membership is 101% as of our January 10th meeting. A special thank you to our Post Quartermaster, Terry Jelinek, for all his work. He put in a lot of hours processing new members, Life Membership payments, and making sure we pay for our Active Duty members. Thanks Terry.

If you were at the January meeting, you have already heard me speak on the continuing search for Active Duty personnel and those Veterans who have come home from Iraq and or Afghanistan. Making a goal of 100% paid membership is always great. Besides the pride we officers have for our members, we also bring attention to other Post's, District, and State that our Post is a leader. Yet, all this is mute if we Veterans don't make strides towards bringing into our Post the above mentioned Veterans.

One Friday night at the Post's Canteen, an active duty Iraq Veteran's Father brought him down to the Post so he could join the VFW and the American Legion. He was received by those in our Canteen with a resounding welcome and an especially loud and prolonged applause for his proud service in our country's Army. Thanks to all of you who were there and I know the rest of you would have joined in the applause too.

During my conversation with this proud Veteran, he mentioned that he was grateful to our Post in that he was able to talk with fellow Veterans who had experienced combat. He was not comfortable discussing his war time combat situations with his Dad or other family members. He was able to just talk it out. We just listened and replied with understanding and reassured him that we will always be here or by e-mail to hear him out. He perked up when we related similar feelings from our combat experiences. He assured us that because of our presence, he would let his fellow Veterans know that we members of our VFWs and American Legions will always be here for them. He returned to Iraq for a second tour of duty on January 5th. Keep him and all our Veterans in your thoughts and prayers.

To sum up the above, I am challenging ALL of our Members to take an active role in searching out these heroes and let them know that we place their service and membership as priority ONE. Remember, this is why we say "Veterans helping Veterans."

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



The **Fish Fries** are back again with the first one on February 1st. Come on down and support the Post and lend a hand if you can. In the "Dates to Remember" section you will find the schedule reflecting the branch of service. It's always a lot of fun, the time goes quick and the chow from Belgio's is out of this world. On February 8th, the House committee has disguised my big birthday celebration as the second week of the Fish Fry, so please come on down on that Friday evening and feel free to bring all of my presents.

The **Super Bowl** is on Sunday February 3rd so you'll want to make sure and come early to get a great spot to watch the game. Food, drinks, and a great football game will make for another fun night out at the Post. The Bears are out, but at the time of the writing of this article, Silas's Seahawks are still in it. Let's see if they can make it past the Pack. Watch for more details to be posted in the Canteen. Please sign up so we can plan accordingly. the cost is \$15 per person.

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

February 1st – Fish Fry – Dry Run (All Branches) 5-8 PM
 February 3rd - SuperBowl 4:30 PM
February 7th – Jr. Vice Scott Holley’s B-Day
 February 8th – Fish Fry – (Army) 5-8 PM
 February 12th – Hines Hospital Visit 6:30 PM
 February 14th – Post Meeting 7 PM
 February 15th – Fish Fry – (Navy) 5-8 PM
 February 17th – Life Members Breakfast 9 AM
 February 21st – Auxiliary Meeting 7 PM
 February 22nd - Fish Fry (Marines) 5-8 PM
 February 29th – Fish Fry – (Air Force) 5-8 PM
 March 7th - Fish Fry (Coast Guard) 5-8 PM
 March 8th – Recognition Dinner
 March 11th – Hines Hospital Visit
 March 13th – Post meeting
 March 14th – Fish Fry – (Auxiliary)
 March 15th – Ham Raffle
 March 20th – Auxiliary Meeting
 March 21st - Fish Fry (All Branches)

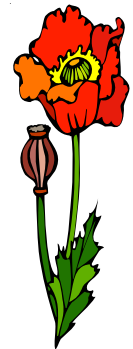
Dates of Interest

February 5th 1951 – Battle of Hill 440 Began
 February 8th 1910 – Boy Scouts of America Founded
 February 12th 1973 – Operation Homecoming Began
 February 15th 1898 – Sinking of the USS Maine
 February 16th 1951 – Siege of Wonsan Began
 February 19th 1945 – US Marines landed on Iwo Jima
 February 22nd 1967 – Operation Junction City Began
 February 23rd 1945 – US Marines Raised Flag on Mt. Suribachi (Battle of Iwo Jima)
 February 23rd 1969 – Post-Tet Offensive Began
 February 24th 1991 – Operation Desert Storm Ground Campaign Began
 February 26th 1991 – Battle of 73 Easting
 February 27th 1991 – Battle of Norfolk
 February 27th 1991 – Battle of Medina Ridge

Poppy Report by Mike and Jan Barbour

BUDDY POPPY DAYS

Ladies and gentlemen, the Daytona 500 is fast approaching which means that Buddy Poppy Sales are just around the corner. **Poppy Sales this year are from May 20th thru May 26th.** Last year’s Buddy Poppy sales were over \$28,000. The 2008 goal is \$30,000. If we all give 2-3 hours of our time selling Poppies we can achieve that goal. Friends of the Post you can sell poppies as well as our regular membership. If you can’t sell poppies, a donation to the Buddy Poppy Relief Fund is always acceptable. We are securing locations for the sales now.



We are even considering a tithing program. Ten percent of what you spend at the canteen each year can be donated to the Buddy Poppy Relief Fund. Great idea don’t you think? Seriously, now more than ever Veterans need our help. Take the time over the Poppy selling period to collect for the relief fund.

Kendall Honors by Mike Barbour

Once again Judd Kendall VFW Post 3873 is instituting a program that will interact with the Naperville community. Mark your calendars ladies and gentlemen! **SATURDAY, MARCH 8TH, 2008 IS WHEN KENDALL HONORS WILL BE INSTITUTED.** What is Kendall Honors you ask? It is an awards program/dinner that will honor the Policeman and Fireman of the year, educators of the year in Districts 203 & 204 and the Voice of Democracy and Patriot Pen Winners for 2007/2008.

We already have the nominating processes in place at the Police and Fire Departments and District 203 and 204. We look forward to seeing your friendly faces at the dinner. We have gone way past the Three Amigos to look for help in cooking for this event. We have enlisted the help of the Kendall Cooks to prepare the food for this auspicious event. the menu will start with Prime Rib and jsut get better from there.

The Ladies Auxiliary has graciously volunteered to set the tables and make Kendall Hall look beautiful. As the project manager I will be asking VFW members to help set up and clean up for the event. We are opening our doors to the public so we want to look spiffy. The mayor will be there along with other visiting dignitaries. **WE PROMISE THERE WILL NOT BE ANY LONG-WINDED SPEECHES.**

Once again, here are the particulars for the event:

DATE:	MARCH 8TH, 2008
TIME:	SOCIAL HOUR 6:00 TO 7:00PM, DINNER 7:00 TO 8:00PM AWARDS 8:00 TO 9:00PM
TICKET PRICE:	\$15/TICKET
MENU:	PRIME RIB AND ALL THE FIXINGS

Make plans now to come out and recognize the Kendall Honors winners. Call the Post or Terry Jelinek to make reservations.

Auxiliary Report by Kathy McNally

Was one of your New Year's resolutions to clear out the clutter? We can help! Did you know that we collect "trash" for "treasures"?

- tab tops from aluminum cans mean cash for the Ronald McDonald house
- Campbell's soup product labels equal donations to the VFW National Home
- cancelled stamps are sold for support in a convent in Northern Wisconsin.

So remember us when you tackle your New Year's resolution. Perhaps your church or youth group can help to collect. Bring your "trash" to a meeting, or drop it off at the Canteen. We'll thank you for your "treasures."

January found us attending the Voice of Democracy banquet at the Alta Vista in Addison. We were proud to send our first place winner, Claire Simpson (Nequa Valley), to the District level. Good luck, Claire! Congratulations also to second and third place winners Nicholas Weithman (Naperville Central) and Marlena Maria May (Naperville North). VOD is an essay and speech contest open to high school students in our area. Without the sponsorship and organization of Phil Maughan and Committee Chairs Jan and Mike Barbour, none of this would be possible. Thanks also to our judges, one of whom I am particularly fond (Scott McNally).

We will also honor our Patriot Pen Essay winners (for Junior High students) on February 2nd at the Villa Park Post. Watch this space for more info!

It may seem as if we're in the middle of a fairly warm but still cloudy winter, but the promise of Spring is just around the corner. How do we know that? FISH FRY TIME! Our "practice" Fish Fry will be held on Friday, February 1st from 5:00 to 8:00 PM (Easter is early this year). Please volunteer to be our guinea pigs that night. We'd love to have you! We'll also be reaching out to our Sisters to help cashier for the rest of the Lenten season Fish Fries, which for us begin officially on February 8th. This is a Naperville tradition - and a great excuse to get out of the house and out of the winter doldrums!

Perhaps you've seen the press coverage on Amy Berger, the Waubonsie Valley student who is again gathering Valentines to send to the Troops. Sisters Nancy Marinello and Donna Morsovillo are organizing a committee to help Amy. Nancy and Donna will be placing a Valentine bin in the Canteen, so be sure to stop by to sign a card for our Service members. Hallmark Cards has generously donated the supplies.

Our next meeting is on Thursday, February 21st (always the third Thursday of the month) at 7:00 PM at the Post. And there's some big sporting event being celebrated at the Post on February 3rd at 4:30 PM. Oh right, Super Bowl. Hope to see you soon!

Pritzker Military Library

Just steps from Lake Michigan and Navy Pier, the Pritzker Military Library is free and open to the public, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m.- 4:30 PM. Our mission is to increase the public awareness of military history and to honor the sacrifices made by the Citizen Soldiers who have served our country so bravely. We hold free, weekly events with respected authors and scholars of military history. Our monthly military affairs discussion, *Front & Center with John Callaway* has explored vital topics such as veterans care, terrorism and more. Perhaps our most important program is the *Medal Of Honor* series. Every month a Medal recipient visits the Library to tell their personal story of courage under fire.

If you can't visit the Library, you can still enjoy our programs from the comfort of your own home. Each event is broadcast on WYCC-TV/channel 20, a PBS affiliate in Chicago. The events are also webcast live over the Internet - just visit our website.

Some of the most valuable items in our collection were donated by people who didn't know they had anything valuable at all. We are especially excited to receive memoirs, personal papers - such as letters home, and letters to the front - unit histories, regimental newsletters, yearbooks and photographs taken while in the service. Please contact our librarians if you are interested in donating to our collection.

Our schedule for February is: (member reception 5 PM; program 6 PM)

Thursday February 7th - *Rule Number Two: Lessons I Learned in a Combat Hospital*; Dr. Heidi Squier Kraft

Wednesday, February 13th - A conversation with Stephen Coonts, who was a navy pilot and has had 14 best sellers on the New York Times list, including **Flight of the Intruder**.

Thursday, February 21st, *Medal of Honor with Ed Tracy*. Guest to be announced.

Thursday, February 28, *Front and Center with John Callaway*. Topic: High Schools, Military Academies and JROTC: On Target or off the Mark?

For reservations call 312-587-0234 or register online at www.Pritzkermilitarylibrary.org

Plant Sale by Marcy Maughan

The VFW is again planning to hold its annual spring Plant Sale. Forms will be available in next month's Kendall-Gram and at the Fish Fries on Friday nights. We use the proceeds of the sale to beautify the grounds around the Post. Last year we had a terrible time with poison ivy in a lot of the beds. We blamed the poison ivy on the removal of the woods next to us. Hopefully this year our grounds will be poison ivy free and the beds will look much better.

We hope that you will want to order your summer annuals from the VFW. Pick-up day is scheduled for May 6th this year and we will have a nice selection of geraniums, flats, hanging baskets and specialty plants. Orders will be due back at the VFW on April 11.

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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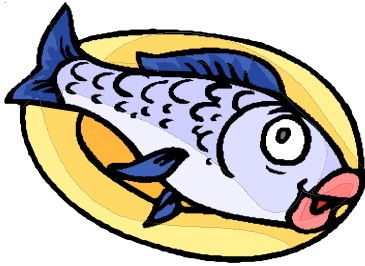
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every Friday at the Post
5-8 PM
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\$10 adults, \$9 Senior Citizens (65 and older)
\$6 for children (10 and under)