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Around the Post with Commander Mike McGrath

Thank You All

Let me begin by saying thank you to everyone. You've all helped us greatly throughout the past year and I really appreciate it. We truly can all look back on a year that has been filled with so many Great and Positive accomplishments and so many of our members have selflessly rolled up their sleeves and contributed their time and efforts when needed. We should all share in the great sense of pride and accomplishment that we have at our Post.

Congratulations

And speaking of accomplishment, our congratulations to Jack Shiffler, this year's recipient of the Frank Stromberg "Buddy" Award. Thank you Jack for all you have done for our Post. Your dedication is exemplary and much appreciated. Congratulations also to Marcy Maughan, editor of the Kendall-Gram. The Kendall-Gram took second place in the state competition this year.



Jack Shiffler with the
Frank Stromberg Award

Poppies And Parade

Thank you to everyone who worked so hard again this year on our Buddy Poppy drive. Due to the timing of the deadlines for the Kendall-Gram, the final results were not yet in and will be posted next month. Wow, this year's Memorial Day Parade marks the 80th Anniversary and what a great tradition it has been in our community. Thank you to all who participate in all of our activities.

Special

A special thank you goes out to Bernie Berkes and to all of our comrades for their help on our recent Judd Kendall Post Blood Drive. We did very well again this year and this year will mark the 10th anniversary of this very worthwhile post event.

Just Around the Corner

Don't forget our Post Golf Outing on June 2 ... Happy Fathers Day... and please attend our Life Members Breakfast on June 17.

Heading East

We'd like to say thank you and fond farewell to our comrade, Major Silas Bowman who will soon be leaving for his next assignment at the United States Military Academy at West Point. Thanks also to Jr. Vice Commander, Scott Holley who put together a very nice going away party for Silas on May 20. It was great fun and well enjoyed. Our very best wishes to Silas and Cindy and their family Our next visit to Hines Hospital is on June 12 and our next post Meeting is on June 14. See you there.

Sgt. Rock Says

Even a little bit of exercise every day is good for you. Take care of yourself. Thanks to all for all you do and we'll see you "Around The Post."

Together Then, Together Again Senior Vice Commander Chuck Vladika

Just a reminder that the VFW "year" runs from July 1 to June 30. That means that those who pay annual dues will soon be getting billed for the coming year. Please renew as soon as possible, so you don't have to listen to me all year long. The VFW is a wonderful organization and does so many things for the community (like the Memorial Day Parade!) that you should be glad to be a part of this worthwhile organization.

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



Recently, I began reflecting on the many great things we do here. We make regular visits to Hines Hospital, sponsor Poppy Sales, put on the Memorial Day parade including the luncheon for the Naval recruits, brought the Blind Unit from Hines to the Gary Sinese Concert and holding the Friday Night Fish Fry are just a few of the things we should be extremely proud of doing. I am honored to be a part of this organization and am honored to think that in some small way, I am contributing to some of the great things that go on here. I encourage everyone to get involved and participate. There are many committees that can benefit from even a little bit of your time and I strongly believe that you will enjoy spending the time doing it.

I was sworn into the VFW along side comrade Silas Bowman, who will be leaving us to go be an instructor at West Point. He brought a lot of energy and new ideas that motivated me to want to become involved as much as I could in the Post. So much that I accepted the nomination for the role of Junior Vice Commander last year. Plus Garhan told me that the pay was awesome...I thought he said we got paid "**weekly**" when in fact he said "**weakly**" (weakly meaning nothing). Though the financial payout is nothing, the experiences of being here are invaluable. I hope everyone has as much pride in our organization and takes the time to participate where they can, to help veterans and active duty military alike and keep our beloved Post around forever so we can continue these great things. I want to say thanks to Silas and his family for his service to our Country, and his contributions to the Post this past year while sitting on the house committee.

Under the leadership of Commander Mike McGrath, the Trustees and other officers, I look forward to another awesome year at the Post and thank everyone in advance for helping out with the Post functions, activities and funds raising events.

I hope this month's article motivates others to become more active and participate in what makes Judd Kendall Post 3873 and one of the best (if not the best) Post!

Over and Out

Dates to Remember

June 2nd – Golf Outing at Seven Bridges
 June 12th – Hines Hospital visit, 6:30 PM
 June 14th - Flag Day, Fly that Flag proudly!
 June 14th - US Army founded in 1775, Happy Birthday Army!
 June 14th – Post Meeting, 7 PM
 June 16th - 60th Anniversary Dinner, Judd Kendall Auxiliary, 6 PM
 June 17th – Life Members Breakfast, 9 AM
 June 17th - Father's Day
 June 22nd - State Convention in Peoria
 June 23rd - State Convention
 June 24th – State Convention
 July 4th – Fireworks at the Post
 July 10th – **NO** Hines visit
 July 12th – Post Meeting, 7 PM
 July 19th – Auxiliary Meeting, 7 PM



Dates of Interest

June 3rd 1942 – Battle of Midway Began
 June 6th 1944 – D-Day: Allied Invasion of Europe
 June 6th 1952 – Operation Counter Began
 June 10th 1951 – Battle for the Punchbowl Began
 June 10th 1953 – Siege of Outpost Harry Began
 June 22nd 1942 – Pledge of Allegiance Recognized by Congress
 June 22nd 1944 – GI Bill signed into Law
 June 25th 1950 – Korean War Began
 June 29th 1950 – First US Ground Forces Arrived in Korea

Rockin For the Troops 2007

Rockin For the Troops, 2007 will take place on July 21st, 2007 at 7:30 PM at Cantigny Park in Wheaton. Tickets are \$20. Gary Sinese and the Lt. Dan Band will be performing, along with special appearances by Dennis Miller and Big John Howell, and the Born to Boogie Band. Tickets are available on the OSOT-IL website or can be purchased at the Naperville Jewel Food Stores. All proceeds from the concert will benefit Operation Support Our Troops-IL, which to date has sent over 12,000 packages to soldiers stationed in Iraq and Afghanistan. For more information see the OSOT-IL website.

September 11th Ceremony

We will be conducting a special ceremony on September 11th, 2007 at our **September 11th/Cmdr Dan Shanower Memorial** between City Hall and the Riverwalk. We will begin at 6pm 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 that 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.**”

Auxiliary Report by President Kathy McNally

It was terrific to see all our Veterans marching in the parade last month; and equally terrific to see so many at the luncheon afterwards. May always proves to be a busy month for us — starting with decorating our Sisters' graves, selling Buddy Poppies and preparing for the Parade. Thanks to all the many hands that made light work. Did you see that May was declared Buddy Poppy Month in Naperville by Mayor Pradel? We are indeed fortunate to live in such a supportive community.

Thanks also to all my Sisters for your confidence in me. I am honored to serve as your President for the next year. As we look back, it seems as if this year has flown by! Yet we have so much more to accomplish. Following the Commander's lead, we reached out to the Blind Unit at Hines Hospital and hosted them for one of our Lenten Fish Frys this year. We've also increased the number of lap robes we've sent to the Spinal Cord Unit during our monthly visits, thanks to our talented Sisters who knit and to our friends at the Township offices who donated lap robes. We increased raffle, no-bake sale, and charity donations by a great percentage this year. And we've invited many new Sisters to join the Auxiliary. We are indebted to Sue Jelinek, our outgoing Treasurer, for her over-the-top dedication to detail, to Jan Barbour, our incoming Secretary, for her always appropriate advice and guidance. And when you see them next, please congratulate:

Donna Morsovillo, Senior Vice President;
Jenny Dawley, Junior Vice President;
Dorothy Garhan, Chaplain;
Debbie Obourne, Treasurer;
Mary Lou Miller; Guard
Fran McGrath, Conductress
and our Trustees: Sue Jelinek, Dorothy Garhan and Miriam Ferguson.

As the old coach always said, "There is no I in TEAM" and so it's due to the hard work and dedication of this team that we are able to accomplish so much for our Veterans and their families.

We also owe our thanks to everyone who helped at the annual Plant Sale. With the help of the crazy Eights from Kennedy Jr. High, we planted almost \$700 worth of flowers and plants around the building. The profits from the plant sale paid for Green Drop to come and feed and weed the grass (which is looking better than it has for years!) We appreciate everyone's orders and especially the people who pushed it during the Fish Frys because we got several orders that way. Our grateful thanks to Marcy Maughan, our ever faithful gardener, who each year heads up this committee. When you drop by the post and admire the flora and fauna, think of our very own garden grandma, Marcy, who puts her heart and soul into the groundskeeping.

Marcy deserved our kudos, too, for our Kendall Gram which took second place in the state again this year. Next year, Marcy, maybe the bride instead of the bridesmaid? Although we don't see how you can improve on perfection!

Please note: June 16th is our Judd Kendall Ladies Auxiliary 60th Anniversary Dinner. Watch your mailbox for your invitation. Please call me if you need a ride as we will have carpools running that night! Reach me at (630) 305 8196.

When we return from the Convention this month in Peoria, we'll have lots of new program ideas to share — perhaps there's a committee or effort that may interest you this year? Come join us. Hope to see you at a meeting or around the Post soon!

Blood Drive Report

Our Spring Blood Drive was held on April 28th. We had 28 donors and obtained 26 pints of blood. A special thank you to my callers, Virginia Arbogast and Rita Kocia, and thanks to our chefs, Chuck Vladika and Mike and Bob Rechenmacher. Our next Blood Drive will be in early December.

Municipal Band News

The Band's first Summer Concert in the Park will be May 31, at 7:45 PM. On June 1 and 2, there will be a jazz festival in the park and the Naperville Big Jazz Band will open the show at 6:30 PM on Friday, followed by jazz composer and pianist Ramsey Lewis at 8 PM. Congratulations to Ann Lord and to Ruth Hamm who will be celebrating 50 years with the band. Also congratulations to Bill Albrecht who is celebrating 60 years with the band. For information on the band's schedule see www.napervilleband.org.

Grounds Committee

Thanks to the Crazy Eights at Kennedy Jr. High School for all their help with the flower sale and with planting the grounds. These kids arrive with tremendous energy and enthusiasm and really work hard. Thanks also to the Boy Scout Troop 111 who helped us on Saturday. Thanks also to the members who showed up to help. The Post is looking fabulous!



Clean Up Day at the Post

Looking for a Few Good Men

Part time weekend positions available. Looking for individuals who are friendly, outgoing and assertive. People that lead and follow well and someone that works well with others. Good customer service skills a plus. Must enjoy working outdoors and has transportation. Must be at least 17 years of age. For more information contact Paint Pursuit Games at 815-577-0044.

Installation of the Post and Auxiliary Officers, 2007



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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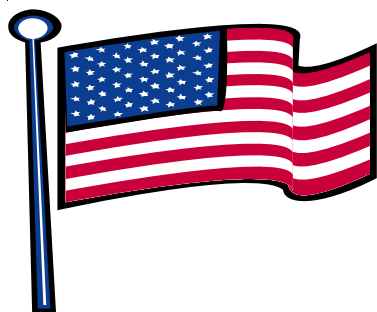
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Fly your flag on Flag Day, June 14th!
June 14th is also the Army's Birthday!



Don't miss the July 4th Fireworks at the Post