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KENDALL-GRAM



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Around the Post with Commander Mike McGrath

Veterans Day

Veterans Day is fast approaching and there will be flag raising ceremonies at District 203 schools on November 9. Check with Jack Shiffler or Terry Jelinek for details. Also please remember that Veterans Day, November 11, falls on Sunday this year and we will be conducting our usual ceremonies at Veterans Park at 11:00 sharp. Please join us as we honor all those who serve our country and protect our freedom.

O.M.R.

We'd like to thank everyone who helped to make Operation Military Recognition such a great success. Our Blue Star reception was well attended and we are grateful to all of our servicemen and women and their families. FREEDOM isn't FREE, our freedom is paid for every single day around the world. May God bless all of our Veterans and their families and may God bless the United States of America.

Unsung Heros

Much of the success of our Post is due to the quiet efforts of some great people... one of these "Great Guys" is Ken Garhan. I'd like to personally thank Ken and the House Committee for all their hard work. Our Post facilities look great, our Hall Rentals are going very well and this just couldn't happen without true pride, professionalism and tender loving care. Our sincere thanks for all of your great work.

Thank you to our Hospital Committee and especially to the gals from our Ladies Auxiliary for a great visit to Hines on 10/9. The guys at Hines really look forward to Bingo and companionship...so plan on joining us...you'll be glad you came along.

And Thank you or should I say Danke Sehr to Ron Keller and his Oompa band...our Oktoberfest festivities were well enjoyed by everyone.

Sgt. Rock Says

The 5k walk/run at Cantigny Park will be held on November 3. (5 kilometers equals about 3.1 miles). As the Cantigny Visitors Center may be under construction at that time, the starting point and check in will be at the golf course club house on Mack road...hope to see you there.

Safetywise

Is your furnace in good working order? When did you last have it checked? What other safety items should be checked as we go into fall and winter...get on the ball,G.I

And Finally

The Turkey Raffle is November 17, and Christmas Party is December 8, and the Post blood drive is December 15th .WOW...what a great time of year.

AND YOUR MISSION IS... get involved,read the Kendall Gram... come to the meetings and bring a buddy with you...it's just not the same without you...Thank you all for all you do and we'll be seeing you "AROUND THE POST"

Together Then, Together Again Senior Vice Commander Chuck Vladika

Our membership "Re-Up" drive is progressing along. It's success is still depending on YOU! If you haven't renewed your membership yet, please take the time and do so. Thanks. The Life Membership prize is still continuing. You still have this month (Nov.) to be eligible for the National VFW drawing. Our own Judd Kendall VFW Life Membership drawing will be held at the December 2007 meeting. Here is a great opportunity for big savings towards a Life Membership.

As mentioned in our Commander's previous "Around the Post" article, there has been A LOT of physical changes taking place around the Post building. We rebuilt the emergency stairs. The enclosure of the patio is nearly complete. Stop on down and check it out....

Again, check out our Commander's and Junior Vice Commander's columns for "What's going on".

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



I am certain that a great time was had by all at the Navy Dinner on Sunday, October 7th. I was upset that I had a conflict and could not make it. For those of you who did not make it out to Oktoberfest or the Halloween Movie Night at the Post, you missed two great events. Thanks to everyone who did come out and helped set up and break down. For you internet junkies, please remember that you can access information on our website. www.napervfw.org. You'll be able to access the Kendall-Gram and the calendar of upcoming events. Also, if you are not on Mike Barbour's email list to receive it via email, you can contact him at (630)527-0738 or email at mbarbour@wowway.com.

The Turkey Raffle is right around the corner; (November 17th) so please help spread the word and come out and "gobble up" all the fun and excitement. We always appreciate all of the volunteers that come to help out, but there is always something more that you can do to help with this event and have fun doing it. (Usually that consists of making fun of Jack). We also plan on having a couple of the girls from Hooters come and help us out for this event.

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

November 3 - Wine Tasting at Binnys 1-4 PM
 November 8th - Post Meeting 7 PM
 November 9th - Veterans Day at the Schools
 November 10th - Marine Ball
 November 11 - Veterans Day Ceremony & Dinner
 November 13th - Hines Hospital Visit 6:30 PM
 November 15th - Auxiliary Meeting 7 PM
November 17th - Turkey Raffle 1800 hours
 November 25th - Decorate the Post for Christmas

December 1st - Army / Navy game
 December 8th - Christmas Party
 December 11th - Hines Hospital Visit 6:30 PM
 December 13th - Post Meeting 7 PM
 December 15th - Blood Drive 8 AM - noon
 December 16th - Life Members Breakfast 9 AM
 December 16th - Christmas Kids Party 2-4 PM
 December 20th - Auxiliary Meeting 7 PM

Dates of Interest

November 1st 1950 – Northernmost US action of Korean War
November 3rd 1967 – Battle of Dak To Began
November 8th 1950 – First All-Jet Combat in History
November 10th 1775 – US Marine Corps Established
November 11th 1918 – Signing of WWI Armistice
November 27th 1950 – Battle of Chosin Reservoir Began

VETERANS DAY ACTIVITIES**By Terry Jelinek**

On Friday, November 9, 2007 we will again conduct our flag raising ceremonies at all of the District 203 schools. Jack Shiffler and I will be contacting those who have participated in the past to make sure you are assigned to a school. Before we go to the schools there will be a Continental Breakfast at the District Administration Bldg., located at the corner of Hillside and Webster starting at 7AM.

From there we will go to our assigned schools to assist in the specific Veterans Day Programs they have planned. If you have never participated in this I would strongly suggest that you come out. It is truly a wonderful event. If you would like more information or to volunteer contact Terry at 357-5366 or Jack at 357-4615.

This year Veterans Day falls on a Sunday (November 11th). We will conduct our ceremony at Veterans Park as we have in the past. We should have a good turn out from the Municipal Band that day. The program will remain short and start at precisely 11AM. Since it is a Sunday there will be church services going on across the street so parking will be at a premium. All of the Catholic churches in Naperville will be offering a special Mass this Veterans Day, for our military, veterans and peace. You must see your own parish bulletin for specific times. We encourage everyone to encourage their respective faith communities to do likewise.

Following the ceremonies at Veterans Park there will be a light lunch offered to Veterans and their families at the VFW Hall.

That evening, starting with a social hour at 6PM, there will be our traditional Veterans Day Dinner. It will be a Turkey dinner with all of the fixings. The cost is \$12.00 per person. If you are interested in attending please contact Robert Smith at 236-3665 for reservations.

Let's make this Veterans Day turnout the largest yet for all of our activities.

Thank You from the Golden Corral

The Golden Corral in Bolingbrook is offering dinner free to all Veterans on Monday, November 12, starting at 5 PM. The Golden Corral is located at 381 Brookview Lane in Bolingbrook, 60440. The restaurant is located just north of I-55, one block west of Rt. 53. The dinner is free to Veterans only, spouses can eat for \$10.

Post Blood Drive

Our next Blood Drive will be held on December 15, 2007 from 8 to noon. All donors will receive a pancake and sausage breakfast. There is a required interval of 8 weeks between blood donations. If you are eligible, please donate. There is always a shortage of blood during the holiday time. For more information, contact Bernie Berkes, 3570547.

Auxiliary Report by Kathy McNally

Can anyone ever get enough bratwurst? Apparently not, as Oktoberfest at the Post was well attended. A good time was had by all! And live music, especially provided by Herr Keller and his Oopmah Band, is always “Welcoming.”

We were grateful also to join with the American Legion for Operation Military Recognition Month. The Blue Star family reception was a great opportunity for us to communicate with our families and show them how we support them and introduce them to resources in our community.

October Movie Night was another rousing success. We now have a three season enclosure around the “back porch” and with the crisp evening weather finally here, it is a great place to hang out! It was great to see our Journey to Honor WW II veterans well represented, too. Thanks to Terry Jelinek and his committee for hosting these movie events. Watch next year’s calendar for more!

If you’re a wine connoisseur, don’t forget to support Binny’s Holiday Wine Tasting on November 3rd, 1:00 to 4:00 PM. All proceeds go to The Post. Sample over 40 red, white and sparkling wines from all around the world, perfect for those upcoming holiday get-togethers! \$10 Binny’s Card members / \$15 nonmembers. Reservations are recommended. Call (630)717-0100 or email naperville@binnys.com for reservations.

Veterans Day (on a Sunday this year) will be a very busy day! We could use a few hands in the kitchen to help serve lunch for Veterans after the ceremony. Call me at (630) 305-8196 if you can help. Also, we’re looking for baked goods to serve for dessert for our deserving Vets!

More importantly, one of our biggest fund-raisers is coming up - THE ANNUAL TURKEY RAFFLE! We can use all hands on deck on Saturday, November 17th. Can you spare an hour that evening to help sell tickets for special raffle items? How about a one hour shift in the kitchen to help dish out Melba’s Famous Italian Beef sandwiches to the hungry crowd? That’s all we ask — one hour — and then you can put your feet up and enjoy the rest of the evening at the Ladies Auxiliary table! Bring your knitting, we’ll have card games, it’ll be fun. I PROMISE! Once again, remember why you joined?

And although you’ll receive our No-Bake Bake Sale letter from Virginia Arbogast soon, we encourage those sisters who are local to bring baked goods to the Turkey Raffle.

And lastly, Turkey Raffle means Christmas can’t be far behind! Mark your calendars for The Post Christmas Party, Saturday, December 8th. Our Sister Barbara McKissick and her grandchildren will once again organize our Children’s’ Christmas Party on Sunday, December 16th from 2:00 to 4:00 PM. Please call me at (603) 305-8196 and let me know how many children or grandchildren or nieces or nephews will attend so Santa can be sure to have enough gifts for everyone.

Next meeting Thursday, November 15th at 7:00 PM and don’t forget our special Christmas Party meeting on Thursday, December 20th at 7:00 PM - White Elephant exchange! Remember to call me at (630) 305-8196 if you need a ride. We have carpools for every event!

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Operation Uplink provides Free Phone Cards to our active duty and hospitalized soldiers in Iraq and Afghanistan. This is a chance to make an immediate difference in the lives of our troops. This program is supported entirely by volunteers and donations.

Donate \$20 to Operation Uplink between October 30 Through November 11 and receive:

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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 |
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| 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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