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KENDALL-GRAM



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Around the Post with Commander Mike McGrath

WELCOME

We welcome our newest members; Marine Sgt Tito Rodriguez and Marine Sgt Marc Tutaj ... Welcome to our Post and thank you for serving our Country.

WE CALL IT O.M.R.

To help honor our young Veterans and their families and to raise public awareness about the magnificent job our troops have done, our VFW Post and our buddies in American Legion Post 43 have designated the month of October in Naperville as Operation Military Recognition Month or O.M.R. We will be including a Blue Star Banner reception for the families of those currently serving. This event will take place on October 14 and if you know of anyone currently serving and whose family is in need of a Blue Star Banner, then PLEASE let them know about this. We'll be publicizing the program in the news, by letters and also by word of mouth. Let's all talk it up in our community and help out the families and friends who are serving our country. We really need your help on this one. Your support is greatly appreciated.

OSOT-IL

We thought you'd like to know that the folks at OSOT-IL shipped out another 140 boxes to our troops overseas last week, which makes well over 3500 boxes year to date. It is estimated that their postage for the year will total almost \$100,000 with over 5000 boxes being shipped. They've set a great example and we'd like to commend the folks at OSOT-IL for their hard work and dedication.

AND THANK YOU ALL

It just wouldn't be possible to do all the many things we do without all the great people here at our Post. First, our thanks go out to Scott Holley who did such a great job at our Picnic. Everyone had a great time, the food was great, and we thank Scott and everyone who helped out.



SAFETY WISE

October is Fire Prevention month...you did change those batteries in the smoke and carbon monoxide detectors, didn't you? The days are getting shorter so let's take care of business.

We'd also like to thank all of the guys who worked on our new enclosed patio. It looks Great and will be finished soon. Thank you especially to Terry Jelinek, Charlie Vladika, Mike Rechenmacher and Jack Shiffler. Great Job guys, the dream is becoming a reality.



AND WHAT'S NEXT YOU ASK

Don't forget the trip to our National Home 10/6, Blue Star Reception 10/14 also Life Members Breakfast...9:30 am 10/21 and October Fest. Check out the calendar, the next few months will be busy for sure so don't miss out. You need to GET INVOLVED...this is YOUR POST GL... Bring a Buddy and come on over. You'll be glad you did.

SGT ROCK SAYS

Even a short walk is good for you... Yes GL... that's right...get off your butt and move smartly...you'll be glad you did... That's all for now. CARRY ON... 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. Its 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 have this month (Oct.) and next (Nov.) 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 "Around the Post" article above, 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. We have new counter tops and cabinets in our Hall kitchen and upstairs bar. Stop on down and check it out....

Along with the physical improvements, there is still the need for "work parties" to help with the always needed clean up. We are looking for help washing down the kitchen walls and stoves this month. Check out the sign up sheet posted in the Canteen. Thanks, this will especially help with our on going Health Board inspections. Please sign up. Again, check out our Commander's and Junior Vice Commander's columns for "What's going On".

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

The Post Picnic was a huge success. What a perfect day. It's always good to see everyone enjoying themselves at the post. It was great to see my Korea friends there (Rod Scofield and Colin). They always bring a smile and a laugh with them....although Colin always brings peanut brittle as well. You can keep the spicy ones, Colin! The porch is looking fantastic. It is going to be a great thing in the fall for events such as Oktoberfest, Halloween Movie Night and early spring like the Ham Raffle. Thanks to the guys for all of their time and effort going into that project. I joked saying that 20 years from now I will be taking all the credit for the great things that are going on with the post the past couple of years. I really wouldn't do that, but everyone should have a great deal of pride in this Post and the things that are accomplished within those walls.



Oktoberfest

is on 21st (of you guessed it...October) from 3 PM – 6 PM. Admission is \$2.00 per person. The Post will be providing Brats, Beans and chips with the regular canteen prices for beverages. (Try to match that down the street). Dr. Ron Keller and his Oompa band will be rockin the porch rain or shine, so I can't wait to see ya out there!

Halloween Movie Night

is on October 31st. The movie is "To Be Determined" and I haven't heard of that one (must be before my time), but I hope to see you out there for a de-frightful evening at the post starting at 6:30 PM.

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

Dates of Interest

October 8th 1971 – Operation Jefferson Glen
 October 9th 1950 – Invasion of North Korea
 October 13th 1775 – US Navy Established
 October 14th 1952 – Operation Showdown/Battle of Hill 598 (Sniper Ridge) Began
 October 20th 1950 – Korean War's First Airborne Operation
 October 23rd 1965 – Battle of the Ia Drang Valley Began
 October 29th 1967 – Battle of Loc Ninh Began
 October 31st 1968 – Bombing of North Viet Nam Ended

Dates to Remember

October 7th – Navy League Dinner, 3 PM
 October 9th – Hines Hospital Visit, 6:30 PM
 October 11th – Post Meeting, 7 PM
 October 14 - Blue Star Banner Reception, 2 PM
 October 16th - Kennedy Jr. High Students clean up grounds
 October 18th – Auxiliary Meeting
 October 20- General Grounds Clean up, 8:30 AM
 October 21st – Life Members Breakfast, 9 AM
 October 21 – Oktoberfest, 3-6 PM
 October 31st – Halloween Movie Night 6:30 PM
 November 8th – Post Meeting
 November 9th – Veterans Day at the Schools
 November 10th – Marine Ball
 November 11 – Veterans Day Ceremony & Dinner
 November 13th – Hines Hospital Visit
 November 15th – Auxiliary Meeting
 November 17th – Turkey Raffle
 November 25th – Decorate the Post for Christmas

Auxiliary Report by Kathy McNally

Fall harvest and fun times are here. It was great to see everyone at the picnic at the Post. As usual, our Chef Holley did a splendid job on the grill with help from the Amigos...and the ladies' dishes were a feast. On a somber note, it was also glorious weather for Patriot Day and our joint service at the Shanower Memorial. Our Hines Hospital visits began again last month - although without our mainstay, Auxiliary Sister Mickey Cadigan, who has moved to Kentucky. Please consider joining us on our hospital visits — we'll need at least 3 people to replace Mickey! Looking ahead, this is a busy time for us. Many hands make light work so we invite you to join in!

- October will be proclaimed Military Recognition Month - watch for a special proclamation by Mayor Pradel and other special events to recognize our Soldiers and Marines. This is a joint project with the American Legion. On October 14th - we will again join with the American Legion to support the "Blue Star Parents" reception beginning at 2:00 PM. We want to ensure our active military families are aware of all the support our community provides to them.
- October 21st is Oktoberfest at the Post from 3 to 6pm; just come and have fun!
- October 31st is Halloween Movie Night at the Post. We usually show a 1940's era movie, so be sure to join the WW2 crowd. It's a blast. The price is right — \$2 gets you a hot dog supper and your first draft beer or wine.
- November 10th - Marine Corps Birthday Ball. Put your go-fasters on and get your \$45 per ticket in the mail to Bill Skidmore at 24W316 Pin Oak, Naperville, 60540, double-time!

- November 11th - Veterans Day. Ceremonies at Veterans Park at 11 AM
- November 17th - Turkey Raffle. We need raffle items, gift certificates, baked goods, and help that night.

Sisters, remember that we still collect aluminum can tabs for Ronald McDonald house, cancelled stamps for a convent in Wisconsin, and Campbell's soup labels (including Prego products) for the National Home (they get the UPC code, the District uses the rest of the label, so be sure to keep saving the entire label). Our next meeting is Thursday, October 18th at 7:00 PM. Won't you please join us? We try to get through our business quickly and enjoy a social hour immediately following. Happy Harvest!

The United States Navy Celebrates Its 232ND Birthday

Come out and help celebrate the Navy's Birthday on Sunday, October 7, 2007 at the Judd Kendall VFW Post 3873. The Post is located at 908 W. Jackson Ave. just in case you may have forgotten.

The fun and festivities start with a social hour beginning at 3 PM. At 4 PM we will have a dinner consisting of tossed salad, Prime Rib, horseradish sauce, potatoes, vegetables and rolls with butter. There will be cake for desert. Following dinner, approximately 5:30 PM we will have a short program filled with history, trivia, some door prizes and a surprise or two. The cost for this wonderful evening is only \$15.00 per person. There will be a cash bar and the dress (best of all) is casual—we are here to have a party! So mark your calendar and please RSVP Terry Jelinek at 357-5366 by Oct. 4th.

THIS IS A GRANDEVENT OPEN TO ALL!!!!!!

Attention All Runners and Walkers

The Judd Kendall Running and Walking Team is taking on a new challenge. Due to a scheduling conflict at our usual Veterans Race in Westchester, our post team voted to tackle the Cantigny Run/Walk on Saturday, November 3. The 5K (3.1 miles) course is entirely on Cantigny grounds utilizing driveways and golf course cart paths. The event is open to both runners and walkers. The Judd Kendall team welcomes all post and auxiliary members and their families of all skill levels. Advance registration is required either on-line (www.cantigny.org) or by mail. Printed applications are available at the post or by calling Judd Kendall team member Phil Maughan. A \$22 race fee to enter the race also includes a race T-shirt and free parking for the event. A \$2.50 discount is given to active duty military members or CARA members. What better way could we have to prepare for Veterans Day than to participate in a race named for the battle that took the life of our post namesake. We hope to have a great turnout to show that the spirit of Judd Kendall is still alive and well. Please join us. For more information or to discuss car pooling from the post, call Phil Maughan at 630-357-3440.

Troop 111 Summer 2007 By Larry Spencer



It was a very active summer for Troop 111 which began by marching in the Memorial Day Parade with the Gold Star Families. We are dedicated to supporting our Troops and families as well as all our Veterans and this was one small way for us to show our appreciation.



In June, some of our 13 year old boys went on High Adventure to Atikokan, Ontario for a five day, fifty mile canoe trip. The trip was challenging with our canoes going up stream and against wind but, it was worth it for the incredible experience and great fishing. We were also blessed to earn our *Duty to God* Emblem along the way.

Shortly after that, several of our boys 14 and older went on a week long sailing trip in the Bahamas at Sea Base. This was a trip where you could have fun in the sun and relax while docking at various islands and towns.

In July, we did our annual summer camp at Napowan Boy Scout Camp in Wild Rose, Wisconsin. Our troop gained a total of 74 merit badges and received the Napowan Baden Powell Award as well.

We would like to congratulate T.J. Piha on earning all three Eagle Palms and Kevin Murphy on earning his Eagle Award.

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 7 AM.

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

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.

That evening, starting with a social hour at 6 PM, 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.

Grounds Committee

I regret to say that our flower beds are a mess; though it isn't entirely our fault. When they cleared the land and woods next to the VFW, there must have been poison ivy growing there for years. Clearing the land released the seeds and the seeds happily took up root in most of the flower beds. I have used an entire bottle of poison ivy killer and am now on the second bottle trying to control the growth. We have been spraying the sprouts on a weekly basis the entire summer. There is just no way to weed the beds with the poison ivy growing in there. So we gave up on the weeding and concentrated on killing the poison ivy as soon as it sprouts. Hopefully this won't ever happen again. I am hopeful that we have this year's crop entirely eradicated.

We will be cleaning up the grounds on October 20th. The eighth graders from Kennedy Jr. High will be here on the 16th to pull out all the flowers. We will need help on both the 16th - to supervise the endless energy of the kids and on the 20th to finish cleaning up the grounds. If you can help on either day, please give Marcy Maughan a call at 357-3440.

September 11th Ceremony By Wayne Fischer

I would like to thank all American Legion Post 43 and VFW Post 3873 members that turned out for the "September 11th Ceremony" at the CMDR Dan Shanower-September 11th Memorial on the Riverwalk. As in years past, this is always a very special time as we remember and honor those that were lost and their families. This was the last ceremony that will be headed up by the original Commission that spearheaded this project, but both our Posts will remain involved in the this event.

On behalf of the Memorial Commission I do want to thank both Posts for their continued involvement in this very special event. To have the turnout of Veterans and community in show of support on the War on Terrorism is very rewarding to those that have taken the time to insure we remember those that were lost. Also, to have our own Municipal Band under the direction of Ron Keller participate really puts that special touch to this Ceremony.

The Naperville Exchange Club will now continue with this tradition and we appreciate their support and willingness to do this. It will continue to make Naperville a truly unique and special place to live and raise a family and exhibit true patriotism and appreciation of all the freedoms we all enjoy.



The Pledge of Allegiance is lead by Sgt Zack Arnold and M/Sgt Sheldrick McNeal, a member of our Post Both soldiers recently returned from duty in Iraq, where Zack Arnold lost part of his leg in an I.E.D. accident.



Post member and FBI Agent, Pablo Araya gave the keynote speech.

National News

The recent National convention found the following VFW and Ladies Auxiliary Officers elected the 2007-08 year:

VFW

Commander in Chief	George Lisicki	New Jersey
Sr. Vice CinC	Glenn Gardner	Texas
Jr. Vice CinC	Tommie "T" Tradewell	Wisconsin
Quartermaster General	Larry Maher	Missouri
Judge Advocate General	Mathew M. Mihelcic	Illinois
Surgeon General	Dr. Curt Bohlman	Oklahoma
Nat'l. Chaplain	Rev. Tom Darling	Washington

Matt Claussen, immediate past State Commander-Illinois, has been appointed Deputy Director-Membership and assigned to National Headquarters in Kansas City.

Ladies Auxiliary

Nat'l. President	Virginia Carmen	Washington
Sr. Vice President	Dixie Hild	Nebraska
Jr. Vice President	Jan Tittle	South Carolina
Secretary Treasurer	Connie Atkinson (PNP)	Arkansas
Chaplain	Cortina Barnes	District of Columbia
Conductress	Gwen Rankin	California
Guard	Leanne Lemley	Iowa

President, George W. Bush gave the keynote address.

Presidential candidates in attendance who addressed the delegates included Senator John McCain, Senator Fred Thompson, Senator Hilary Clinton, & Senator Barack Obama.

the Judd Kendall Post was represented at the National Convention by post member and past national commaner George Cramer.

Correction

In last month's newsletter we had an article about the good work being done by the Telephone Pioneers of American. Unfortunately we spelled Louis Wegener's name wrong. Our apologies. Keep up the good work, guys!

Voice of Democracy Program

Our Post sponsors the Voice of Democracy Speech Contest. This essay/speech contest is open to any student in high school and consists of a recorded 3 -5 minute speech. This year's topic is "My Role In Honoring America's Veterans." Prizes are given at the Post level and the winning essay is advanced to the District level.

If you know any high school students, or home school students, encourage them to enter. All entries must be received at the Post by November 1st. If you or the students would like more information, entries forms have been delieverd to all high schools in the area or are available at the national website, VFW.org under programs. Our Post chairman is Mike Barbour, 527-0738; the District chairman is Phil Maughan at 357-3440.

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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