

# THE KENDALL-GRAM

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## Commander Leo Jaime



Volunteerism: the principle of donating time and energy for the benefit of other people in the community as a social responsibility rather than for any financial reward.

This is the essence of why we've joined the VFW, even if you didn't think about it at the time. We joined to help our veteran community and, by extension, the general public. Our programs including (in no particular order) the annual Judd-A-Thon, Poppy Drive, Youth Scholarships, Teacher of the Year Award, Visit to Retirement Homes and Hines Hospital, Scout Awards, Illinois Day at the National Home for Children, Color Guard, Honor Guard, Fish Fries, Turkey Raffle, Memorial Day Dinners, and many others, bring direct help to our vets, but also indirect support to our community.

Personally, I'm a true believer that giving back is a rewarding experience that leads to promoting a successful and safe community. Volunteering your time and effort is not easy, but once you've done it, there is no greater sense of accomplishment and pride. For example, we, together with the American Legion, recently volunteered at the Naperville Salute 4th of July event and at Naper Nights. One event is focused on honoring veterans during our Nation's birthday weekend; the other is designed to bring the community together on summer nights with entertainment. Both are crucial to the success of our community as a whole. The most important result of our participation was that it enhanced our image among our fellow Napervillans by showing that we are not just about asking for assistance, but mainly about giving back. We gave before while in active duty and continue to give today as volunteers.

If you haven't had a chance to put your name in the hat yet and feel you're missing out in all the fun, you are correct. But don't fret, there are many opportunities coming up where you can make your mark. Our past Commander Pablo Araya is in the midst of planning the annual Judd-A-Thon 0.1K Race and the golf outing that follows it. Pablo will need all the help he can get. Please give me or Pablo a call if you're ready to assist.

Events are only one way to contribute your time and effort. We need our members get involved and assist with the programs and committees at the Post. For instance, we are still in need of Chairs two committees: Building, Facilities Manager. These two roles are crucial to the maintenance and upkeep of our building. If you are handy and love to work on minor projects, please see me.

Lastly, perhaps the most influential way to help the Post and our community is by ensuring all our qualified vets have an opportunity to join our Post. Keeping our membership numbers up is the engine to all our efforts. As I've mentioned in months past, we are all recruiters!

**Senior Vice Commander  
Kim Woods-Whitaker**



**Essay Programs**

In support of the 2022/23 Patriots Pen program, I made visits to several Middle School reps. This process will continue through August. The end goal is to meet the reps at the High Schools and Middle Schools. I dropped off the 2022/2023 program brochure and my contact info.

**Membership**

I sent an email blast to veteran organizations and I'm currently playing phone tag with a couple. I expect to make face-to-face engagements over the coming weeks.

**Community Outreach**

Please send information for relevant networking events.

**National Home Chairman  
Mike McGrath**



VFW NATIONAL HOME FOR CHILDREN  
HELP HOPE HONOR

Join us for our annual "Illinois Day" on Saturday, September 24th. The National Home is approximately 240 miles from Naperville VFW and 20 miles from Lansing, Michigan.

VFW National Home For Children  
3573 S. Waverly Road  
Eaton Rapids MI48827  
(800) 424-8360

Event timeline (all times Eastern DST):

10:00am: Tour the campus (more than 600 acres) and visit Illinois Homes #1 and #2. Activities include games, ice cream and popcorn in the gym, visits to the museum, gift shop, and Montana Farmstead. A visit to the cemetery is also very worthwhile.

12:00pm: Lunch in the gym, with program to follow starting at 1:00pm

2:00pm: Departure

Come early and get acquainted!

On Friday evening, September 23rd, we'll have a welcome dinner and social hour at the nearby Maple City VFW Post 2406. The Social hour begins at 5pm with dinner at 6 pm.

Address and phone: 695 Lansing St, Charlotte, MI. (517) 543-1719.

Local accommodations for Friday (For information purposes only. Not endorsed by VFW or Post 3873):

Comfort Inn, 1302 Packard Hwy, Charlotte, MI, (517) 543-7307

Holiday Inn, 500 Meijer St, Charlotte, MI, (517) 541-5000

America's Best Value Inn, 828 E Shepard St, Charlotte, MI, (517) 543-8288

Many thanks and hope to see you there.

**Junior Vice Commander  
Staci Boyer**



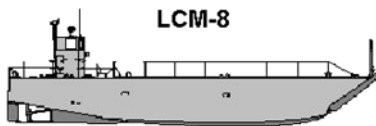
As we are closing out July let's congratulate our VFW and American Legion volunteers for stepping up to work Naper nights! Congrats on a job well done and for bringing in a great amount of tips! We were like a fine tuned machine and I am positive no one ever had to actually wait in line. We also came together for the HUGE flag fold and ended up with a cool feature and great pics in the local news and coverage on NCTV.

Heading into August, stay tuned for more information regarding the Marine Corps Birthday Ball fundraiser **Marvels and Real life HEROES!** scheduled for Aug. 26th. The event will include a silent auction, a 50/50 raffle, and, best of all, the opportunity to bid to buy a dance with one of our real life heroes attending the event. Costumes are encouraged! .

Please take the time to follow us on Instagram @NapervilleVFWpost3873. And on our Facebook page. If you attend any of our events and post on social media please tag our pages so we can repost and share. Additionally please use the hashtag #VFWpost3873 in posts that feature us so we can create more of an online presence. If you have event information on anything that you would like featured or marketed on social media please reach out to me via text (773) 351-4646.

We have a lot of great ideas and projects in the works and we can not wait to roll those out soon! Enjoy what is left of this beautiful summer. Give your loved ones a hug, and take a moment to make sure you are keeping yourself on your list of priorities!

**Service Officer Updates  
Dennis Lukavsky**



**Flag Bearers Needed!**

Dennis Regan is looking for a small group of folks to be available to carry the colors on special occasions (e.g, parades and events). The plan is to model after the Legion Riders or the Honor Guard and use email to set up for the various functions and overall communications. The group would only get together a few times a year and the time commitment is expected to be small. This activity is an important part of the work we do and is very visible to the public. It is important that we present a very positive image if we expect to attract new members. If you available to support, please contact Dennis Regan at (630) 361-4644, msgdjpr@gmail.com.

**Veteran Legal Assistance**

The Illinois Armed Forces Legal Aid Network offers assistance with civil issues such as family, discharge upgrades, housing, consumer problems, and VA benefits. You can find detailed information on their website at [www.ilafan.org](http://www.ilafan.org) or by calling (855) IL-AFLAN (452-3526).



## Auxiliary President Bernadette Budny



Greetings! I hope you and your family are having a fun, happy, and safe summer.

It is August and that means that it is membership renewal time for all Auxiliary annual members. Please log on to MALTA by going to [vfwauxiliary.org](http://vfwauxiliary.org) and then clicking on MALTA member login on the right side. Log in using your ID membership number, which appears on your membership card. You can pay your \$16.00 renewal there or just mail a check to Kathy Thornton at the Post (908 W. Jackson, Naperville IL 60540). Thanks for supporting not just the Auxiliary, but our veterans. We are trying to get to 100% membership. Please help us reach this goal.

Our Auxiliary is pleased to announce that student and Auxiliary member, Samantha Davidowski, has placed third in District in the VFW Auxiliary's 2022 Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest in Illinois. Her artwork will be on display at the VFW Post in the Canteen.

Congratulations, Samantha!

Our Auxiliary meets the 3rd Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm upstairs at the Post. Our next Auxiliary meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 18. We would love to see you at our meetings. We openly welcome ideas or comments for this upcoming year. Feel free to reach out if you have questions.

Don't forget the 1st Tuesday of the Month Auxiliary Social Hour starting at 5:00 pm in the Canteen. Stop by and chat with friends (or make new ones). We welcome new members too.

Please contact me or a member of our board if you know of a veteran in need.



Photo Credit S. Penick, Positively Naperville

Every VFW member shares a powerful legacy of serving in combat to defend our nation. By choosing to join the VFW, we also extended that legacy through our commitment to assist veterans, their families, and our communities. The VFW has a unique program which enables us to further our legacy in another important way. **Legacy Life Membership** allows you to upgrade your life membership for a fixed amount of money that will create a perpetual income stream to the VFW at the Post, State and National levels. There are three levels (Bronze, Silver, and Gold) that range from \$400 to \$1,200. Donations can be made all at once or over time until you reach your desired amount. The various benefits associated with Legacy Life Membership include a tax deduction, discounts on purchases from the VFW Store, and more. The greatest benefit, however, is the knowledge that you are helping to provide a perpetual source of income to ensure the important work of the VFW in assisting veterans, their families, and our communities will continue forever.

Please contact Post QM Phil Maughan at (630) 383-1974 or [plmaughan@pobox.com](mailto:plmaughan@pobox.com) for additional information.

The month in photos (courtesy of Jim Hoch)

More photos available at Jim’s SmugMug Page: <https://jameshochphotography.smugmug.com/>

**Luau Night**



**The Salute**



Some of the Quilts of Valor Recipients

**Have You Heard About the VFW’s Partners in Patriotism?** – Would you like to support the VFW’s life-changing programs for veterans, service members and their families without receiving all of the unwanted mail? The VFW has developed an option that lets you support VFW programs on a monthly, quarterly, or yearly basis, as well as reduce expenses and eliminate National’s mailed solicitations for donations. It is called Partners in Patriotism. As a member of Partners in Patriotism, you choose a set dollar amount for your donation (minimum amount of \$10) that is either charged to your credit card or set up as an Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) from your bank account. If you are interested in joining Partners in Patriotism, you may contact the VFW Development Department Donor Services at 816-756-3390, ext. 6318, or email [partners@vfw.org](mailto:partners@vfw.org) with “Partners in Patriotism Application” in the subject line.



## VFW Post 3873 Calendar of Events August 2022



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	01	02	03	04	05	06
07	08	09	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31	01	02	03

**Hines Hospital Visits**

The Chairman of the Hospital Committee would like to inform everyone that **Hines Hospital visits are on IN-DEFINITE HOLD due to COVID**. We will share more information and the new schedule once we are able to restart the visits.

**Canteen Hours**

	Open	Close
Mon—Thur	1:00 p.m.	10:00 pm
Friday	Noon	Midnight
Saturday	Noon	10:00 pm
Sunday	Noon	6:00 pm

The bartender may elect to close the Canteen early due to low patronage. The bartender will give a last call and close the Canteen 15 minutes later.

NO ONE is allowed behind the bar except the Bartenders.

**THE BARTENDER IS BOSS**

**Kendall-Gram Submission Policy**

Post members are encouraged to submit articles and photos. Send articles and photos to the email address below. All photos MUST include where and why it was taken and the names of those in the picture. Photos without captions will not be used. Articles/photos submitted by the 10th will be eligible to appear in the next Kendall-Gram. Articles/photos submitted after the 10th of the month will be considered for the following month.

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**Post Information**

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Naperville, IL 60540

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Facebook: Naperville VFW Judd Kendall 3873

**Meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm in the upstairs hall of the Post.**

**Judd Kendall Post 3873 Officers**

Commander	Leo Jaime	(773) 441-3887
Sr. Vice Commander	Kim Woods	(630) 267-0015
Jr. Vice Commander	Staci Boyer	(773) 351-4646
Quartermaster	Phil Maughan	(630) 383-1974
Ass't Quartermaster	John Shaw	(630) 961-3479
Ass't Quartermaster	Tom Parker	(630) 280-9347
Adjutant	Matt Hoyt	(630) 362-5564
Judge Advocate	Lawrence Goss	(630) 728-9641
Surgeon	Bill Howland	(630) 369-0087
Service Officer	Dennis Lukavsky	(630) 272-9064
Officer of the Day	Lou Kuelto	(630) 898-8760
Guard	Roger Budny	(630) 205-8745
Chaplain	Bob Grember	(630) 960-1998
1-Year Trustee	Craig Frier	
2-Year Trustee	Pablo Araya	(312) 505-4377
3-Year Trustee	Roger Budny	(630) 205-8745

**Committees**

Americanism	Tom Parker	(630) 280-9347
Blood Drive	Ingrid Kanady	(847) 951-3300
Buddy Poppy Building	Bob Colby	(630) 301-2664
Color Guard	Dennis Regan	(630) 361-4644
Communications	Dennis Lukavsky	(630) 272-9064
Eighth Grade Awards	Tom Benton	(630) 579-8514
Facilities Manager		
Grounds	Phil Maughan	(630) 357-3440
Honor Guard	Jim Oftedal	(630) 357-4030
Hospital	John Shaw	(630) 961-3479
House	Mike McGrath	(630) 357-2680
House	Bob Tallon	(630) 561-9902
House	Tom Parker	(630) 280-9347
Membership	Kim Woods	(630) 267-0015
Legislative	Frank Haynes	(630) 357-2906
National Home	Mike McGrath	(630) 357-2680
Patriot's Pen	Kim Woods	(630) 267-0015
Safety	Mike McGrath	(630) 357-2680
Scout Liaison	Todd Schuneman	(815) 791-4178
Social Media	Dave Angelus	(630) 596-3245
Voice of Democracy	Kim Woods	(630) 267-0015

**Auxiliary Officers**

President	Bernadette Budny	(630) 717-9471
Sr. Vice President	Maryann Groner	(630) 363-8138
Jr. Vice President	Darlene Kwarta	(630) 885-1770
Treasurer	Leo Hart	
Secretary	Jan Barbour	(630) 247-9007
Chaplain	Nancy Marinello	(630) 464-3696
Guard	Carol Gloor	(630) 778-6873
Conductress	Lucy Hoy	

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