

THE KENDALL-GRAM

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Commander Leo Jaime



The National Membership Program has been published by our national HQ, and with it the requirements to reach the coveted **All American Post** status. Each year a few posts are presented with the All American Post award in recognition of the patriotism and hard work of their members. The top 50 posts get a mention in the VFW magazine, recognition during the National Assembly, a streamer for our colors, a new cover and lapel pin for me, the commander, and lapel pins for our members. The top 5 posts in each division also get a \$1000 stipend to attend the National convention and reserved seating at the convention. These are certainly great incentives, especially the cover, but not the real reason to aim for the award. The true incentive is that by meeting the criteria required to get the award, we as the members of the post participate in the VFW programs that support our veterans and our community.

Our post has received this award twice in its history: once in 2012 with Commander Petru and once in 2021 with Commander Parker. Congratulations to both.

I believe we can make it this year. We have a great team of officers and committee chairs capable of motivating the membership to volunteer and participate in the various programs. In the last two short months we've already set the foundation for success, through our youth scholarship programs, teachers of the year, and community involvement, to name a few. As such I have full confidence that I'll be wearing a new hat come next summer!

Below are the criteria we will be measured against:

- Membership greater than 100%
- Must conduct two Membership recruiting events
- Post-Election Report must be submitted to National
- Meet all the following Program Participation goals:
 - Voice of Democracy - minimum of one entry advanced to District
 - Patriots Pen - minimum of one entry advanced to District
 - Hold a fundraiser with the proceeds going to Veterans & Military Support Programs Services, minimum of \$100.
 - National Citizenship Education Teachers Award – one entry advanced to next level of judging
 - Post must submit a community service report to its department for submission to the All-American Dashboard NLT 30 June 2023
 - Buddy Poppy - Purchase five per member in the Post; for us, this means just over 3000

Please join the effort by contacting our committee chairs and get involved. Let's have a successful year and wear a new All American pin proudly.

**Senior Vice Commander
Kim Woods-Whitaker**



Membership

We have added two new members, this month. A heartfelt thank you is in order. Members of our post submitted these new members. As I continue to find my footing as Vice Commander, please continue to submit candidates for lifetime membership. Great work, team.

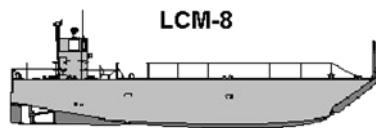
Voice of Democracy and Patriots Pen

With more than half of August behind us, the goal is to ensure literature supporting our writing program is received by all district level representatives and school principals.

To this end, our state representative, Commander Bobby Edwards, provided his endorsement. Tactical teams received a letter promoting participation in both writing programs. I will be disseminating this letter to district level reps and principals in our district on or before 8/28/22.

Looking forward to fall!

**Service Officer Updates
Dennis Lukavsky**



CAMP LEJUENE INFORMATION

I'm talking strictly to the Marines this month, sorry to the other branches of the armed forces.

I can turn on the TV and wait no more than 5 minutes to see a commercial from some sharky ambulance chaser telling Marines who were at Camp LeJeune to drop everything and give them a call if you have any of the presumptive diseases. I'm not a Marine but I cannot tell you how much those commercials get on my nerves.

Below is a list of presumptive diseases. If you had any of these diseases between Aug. 1, 1953, and Dec. 31, 1987, you may be eligible for VA benefits. Here is the punch line: DO NOT CALL ANY OF THE AMBULANCE CHASERS. Instead, come to the Post on Sept 6th between 10AM and 2PM and speak to an accredited VFW service officer who will file a claim for you for FREE.

The ambulance chasers will take a good percentage of your benefits. To me that's like throwing money away.

- Bladder cancer
- Breast Cancer
- Esophageal cancer
- Female Infertility
- Hepatic steatosis
- Kidney cancer
- Leukemia
- Lung Cancer
- Miscarriage
- Multiple myeloma
- Myelodysplastic syndromes
- Neurobehavioral effects
- Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma
- Renal toxicity
- Scleroderma

Junior Vice Commander Staci Boyer



We closed out August with a frenzy! Our color guard was proud to represent both our VFW and Legion Posts at the Annual Red Tail Ball honoring The Tuskegee Airmen and The Tuskegee Next organization. This was a huge event and we were very well received. Thank you to all that participated. We also volunteered at the Bruce Springsteen Tribute band on 8/26.

Also on August 26th, the fundraiser Marvels and Real-life HEROES was a final push to raise money for our Nov. 5th Marine Corps Birthday Ball. We raised funds through a silent auction, a 50/50 raffle, costumes, and bids to buy a dance with real life heroes.

We have a number of **September events**. During **The Last Fling, 9/4 and 9/5**, we will be working the beer tent, and then our color guard will participate in the Labor Day parade.

On 9/18, we will hold the 9th annual **Judd-A-Thon**. Entry form and important instructions are on this link:

http://napervfw3873.org/files/2022_Registration_Form.pdf

We are seeking sponsorships for this event and proceeds will go to the National Home for Children in Michigan. If you are interested in sponsoring, please see this link:

http://napervfw3873.org/files/2022_Sponsor_Form.pdf

If you have questions about sponsorships, please contact Pablo Araya at 312-505-4377 or at boblow9913@gmail.com.

On 9/21, we are hosting a **golf outing at Seven Bridges**. We will have a shotgun start at 9am with a scramble format. Sponsorships are available for holes, happy hour, and the beverage cart. Sign up is at the VFW canteen. You can pay at the canteen or contact Kristin at 630-816-6841, Jerry 630-816-8628, or Pablo 312-505-4377.

The Naperville Chamber asked for us to present about all that the VFW does for the community to put us in for a bid for a monetary donation to the post. We were very well received! Let's cross our fingers that they choose us!

Ongoing efforts are in place for the Teacher of the Year award. We are hand delivering packets to all the 203/204 schools. If you would like to nominate a teacher please reach out to me directly.

Quote of the month: "The generous choice is never the wrong one. Showing kindness and compromise does not equal weakness." --Boyer

Please take the time to follow us on Instagram @NapervilleVFWpost3873 and on our Facebook page VFWNaperville. 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 that you would like featured or marketed on social media please reach out to Staci Boyer via text 773-351-4646.

**National Home Chairman
Mike McGrath**



VFW NATIONAL HOME FOR CHILDREN
HELP HOPE HONOR

"Fun at the county fair and back to school at the National Home."

As the 4-H season wraps up, the kids have had another successful year at the Eaton County Fair with 3 Third Place awards for the pigs and a Second Place finish for the rabbits. Congratulations to all the participants. 4-H is a three- month long program and requires significant time and effort on their part. Thank you and good luck to all on the upcoming school year.

"And thirty days has September"

Judd-a-Thon September 18

We look forward to another "grueling Judd-a-Thon.1k race" on September 18 at the post and want to thank race director Pablo Araya for putting it all together again this year. All proceeds from the event go to the National Home. The Judd-a-Thon has become a "signature event" that truly brings families together for a great cause. Thank you, Pablo and thank you all for your great support! So, start gearing up and hope to see you there.

Illinois Day at the National Home September 24

The National Home has been helping veterans and families for 97 years and continues its mission with no government funding. The Home is just a beautiful place with a campus of over 600 acres and 42 homes available for veterans and families. This is a great trip, don't miss it! Watch for email blasts for details or contact Mike McGrath (phone 630 357 2680, email mackcav1@sbcglobal.net)

Photos from the Annual Red Tail Ball

Courtesy of Staci Boyer



Auxiliary President Bernadette Budny



Happy September and good luck to all of our students heading back to school!

The start of school is also the start of the VFW-sponsored Patriot's Pen and Voice of Democracy contests.

The Patriot's Pen contest is a patriotic essay contest open to all 6th-, 7th-, and 8th-grade students enrolled by Oct. 31 in public, private, parochial schools, and to students who are home schooled. The first-place national award is currently \$5,000. The theme for the 2022-2023 year is "My Pledge to Our Veterans".

The Voice of Democracy contest is a patriotic written and recorded essay contest open to students in grades 9-12. The first-place national award is currently \$30,000. The theme for the 2022-2023 year is "Why is the Veteran Important?"

The deadline for these contests is October 31, 2022. If your student is interested in participating in either of the contests, please contact Bernadette Budny at (630) 717-9471. Entry forms will also be available on the table in the Canteen.

On September 18, our Post will hold its ninth annual Judd-a-thon, in which 100% of all net proceeds support the VFW National Home for Children. There will be music, refreshments, raffles, kids' activities, and a costume competition. If you are interested in attending this year, go to www.napervfw3873.org for more details and registration form. You may also sign up at the Canteen.

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, September 15. 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.

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 for additional information.



VFW Post 3873 Calendar of Events September 2022



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	31	01	02	03 Monarch Landing Visit, 10:00am
04 Last Fling Beer Tent Volunteering	05 Last Fling Beer Tent Volunteering	06 Hines Outreach, 10:0am-2:00pm; Auxiliary Social, 5:00pm	07 Yoga for Vets, 9:30am	08 VFW Post Meeting, 7:00pm	09	10 Brookdale Visit, 10:00am
11	12	13	14 Yoga for Vets, 9:30am	15 Auxiliary Meeting, 7:00pm	16	17 Independence Vil- lage Visit, 10:00am
18 Judd-A-Thon	19	20	21 Golf outing Seven Bridges, 9:00am; Yoga for Vets, 9:30am	22	23	24 Story Point Visit, 10:00am
25	26	27	28 Yoga for Vets, 9:30am	29	30	01

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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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 Kueltzo	(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	
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