

THE KENDALL-GRAM

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Commander Leo Jaime



Thank you for a great November! Your efforts, volunteerism, and dedication to our Post and the VFW have confirmed the most important pillar of our mission: supporting our local veterans.

We kicked off the month by supporting the Naperville Marines with the coordination and execution of the 247th birthday of our beloved Corps. The Ball went without a hitch and hosted more than 400 guests, including more than 170 Marines from our local reserve unit, Weapons Company 2/24. If you have not yet had the chance to attend a Marine Corps Ball, please plan to next year. It is an event that is guaranteed to impress you, either because you are a Marine (and can't help it), but also because it's a ceremony that holds traditions intact since the first "formal" Ball held in Philadelphia in 1925.

Our members also stepped up in support of various Veterans Day activities through our community, including multiple school visits, retirement home visits, honor guard and color guard presence, the Naperville Veterans Day parade, the Naperville Veterans Day ceremony, and our very own Veterans Day dinner at our Post. This last event was made even more special with the celebration of Don O'Reilly's 101 birthday.

On Nov 19th we conducted a successful Turkey Raffle, which held record attendance despite our patrons having to endure one of the coldest days of the year so far. Total donations and raffle collections were not yet available as of the printing of this publication, but I can assure you we did well! Please join me with a warm Thank You to our volunteers, our bar staff, our patrons, and most importantly our generous donors and sponsors.

Now on to December!

Yes, we will celebrate the holidays with family and friends and attend holiday parties, including our very own on White Elephant style Holiday Party held at the Post on Dec 16th. Perhaps most importantly we will dress up, decorate, and engage in heated debate about the most anticipated day of the year: the day Navy beats Army! On Dec 10th, we will gather at the Post to root for the Midshipmen or the Knights (if you like to root for the losing team...). All jest aside, ah, no, never mine. Go Navy! Beat Army!

Lastly, I'd like to recognize the efforts of our Sr. Vice Kim Woods, who has increased our membership to 97.2%! Thank you, Kim, keep up the hard work! Despite a strong start to the membership year, we're still short 17 members to reach 100%. We need your help. Everyone is a recruiter!

**Junior Vice Commander
Staci Boyer**



Veterans-only free workout at my gym (1707 Quincy Ave #107) on Tuesday mornings 8am-9am! Open to ALL veterans and you need not be a member of the VFW or Legion. All ability levels are welcome. I will modify and work with you as needed. Please RSVP to Jennifer Slown at jenniferslown@gmail.com or 630.803.2251.

We had such a wonderful November with all of our Veterans Day school visits and ceremonies. We really showed up for our Naperville community and they loved our contribution to their Veterans Day festivities. I personally was able to go to quite a few schools and speak with the Naperville Police Cadets. We have gained a lot of momentum with new programs this month as well. Youth volunteers for color guard and breakfast visits are on the rise!

The Turkey Raffle was a huge success! This was such a beautiful example of teamwork makes the dreamwork. The Auxiliary, VFW, and Legion really came together to make this event so memorable! Thank you to everyone that was a part of this.

Patriots Pen, Voice of Democracy and Teacher of the Year entries have all been submitted - stay tuned for those results and details on how we will celebrate the winners!

Don O'Reilly—our own national treasure—turned 101 this month!

We are very excited about our new #KendallDepot #PopUpstore. We are mobile and can pop up anywhere! We are going to offer items for all branches! More inventory on the way! We have also partnered with A Call to Shoulders and Greg Zilioli to feature a special Veteran each month who has Handmade beautiful items through the #Acalltoshoulders veteran support programs. This month we showcase fantastic, handcrafted pens by Guy Macino an Army Vietnam Vet!

Coming up soon:

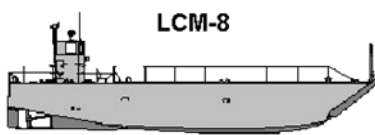
- Army/ Navy game event: 12/10. New Big Screen!! Raffles, prizes, fun, food!
- White Elephant All-Hands Invited Holiday Party: 12/16, 600-900pm. Please RSVP to Kristen Jungles at Kristenjungles@kw.com. We will have volunteers from All Saints Academy to make ornaments for kids.

Stay tuned for:

- Sweetheart dinner in the Canteen end of Jan. See Carey for details. More info to come.

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.

**Service Officer Updates
Dennis Lukavsky**



VA Chaplain Services

I would like to spend some time this month discussing Chaplain Services Provided through the VA. Chaplain services can be used to support veterans in any difficult situation but it is used today primarily in difficult or abusive personal relationships.

VA Chaplain Services is a vital part of VA Medical Centers. They address religious, moral, and ethical concerns of veterans and their families. In addition, they provide comprehensive screening to determine if there might be a potential problem in a relationship.

Everyone deserves a healthy, safe relationship but not everyone knows what that means or how to accomplish it. VA Chaplains provide wraparound services so individuals seeking guidance have access to chaplains, mental health therapists, community resources, and more.

If you or someone you know experience domestic violence, contact your local Intimate Partner Violence Assistance Program Coordinator. You can also find help in the community by calling the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-799-7233 (SAFE) or TTY 1-800-787-3224.

Turkey Raffle Photos



**National Home Chairman
Mike McGrath**



VFW NATIONAL HOME FOR CHILDREN
HELP HOPE HONOR

"Thank you!"

Thank you all for your generosity and we had a great time at the National Home on Illinois Day, September 24. At this time there are 78 children and 49 parents, for a total of 127 residents, on campus, with both Illinois Homes I And II being occupied.

Next on the agenda will be Santa’s Visit on 12/2 and cootie Christmas on 12/3.

These events are always well enjoyed and we'll look forward to seeing the pictures next month.

Merry Christmas and blessings to all from the VFW National Home.

Useful Links for Veterans

REQUEST MILITARY RECORDS

<https://www.va.gov/records/get-military-service-records/>

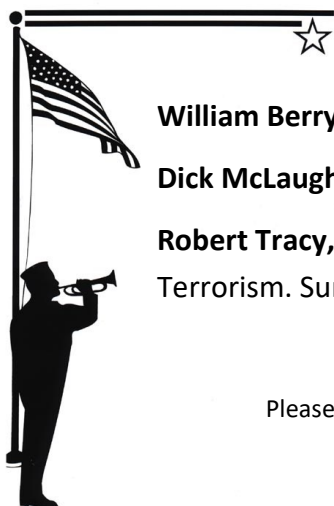
REQUEST DISCHARGE UPGRADES

<https://www.va.gov/discharge-upgrade-instructions>

ARCHIVES - SEARCH HISTORICAL MILITARY RECORDS

<https://www.archives.gov/>

Taps



William Berry, 94, Marine Corps. Served in Korea.

Dick McLaughlin, 96, Navy. Served in World War II. Survived by his wife, Tita.

Robert Tracy, 74, Army. Served in Kosovo, Djibouti, Operation Enduring Freedom, Global War on Terrorism. Survived by his wife, Betty, and two sons.

Please contact Phil Maughan at the Post for mailing addresses if you wish to send a sympathy card.

Auxiliary President

Bernadette Budny



What a great time we had at the Post Turkey Raffle on November 19! This is a major fundraiser for the VFW and Auxiliary. Thank you for joining us that evening.

It was very successful thanks to ALL the volunteers and donors. We hope to see you again next year.

There will be a family-friendly White Elephant Christmas Party Gift Exchange on Friday, December 16 from 6:00pm to 9:00pm. Dinner will be provided by Mission BBQ (\$10 cover charge). Please RSVP to kristenjungle@kw.com.

Our next Auxiliary meeting will be on Thursday, December 15. It will be a short meeting followed by our annual Christmas Party. Those planning on attending may join us for a gift exchange. Please bring a wrapped gift (approx. value \$20) and a dish to pass. The president will provide the entrée. We hope to see you then.

Finally, the Auxiliary wishes all of its members and all of our veterans, especially those currently serving, a healthy, peaceful, and blessed Christmas.

See you next year!

Veterans Day Ceremony



Veterans Day Dinner



North Central College

Veteran Event





VFW Post 3873 Calendar of Events December 2022



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	01	02	03 Monarch Landing Visit, 10:00am
04	05	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; Army/Navy Game
11	12	13	14 Yoga for Vets, 9:30am	15 Auxiliary Meeting, 7:00pm, followed by Christmas Party	16 White Elephant Christmas Party and Gift Exchange, 6:00pm	17 Independence Village Visit, 10:00am
18	19	20 Anniversary of Founding of US Space Force.	21 Yoga for Vets, 9:30am	22	23	24 Story Point Visit, 10:00am
25 Christmas	26	27	28 Yoga for Vets, 9:30am	29	30	31 New Year's Eve

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
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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
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Chaplain	Nancy Marinello	(630) 464-3696
Guard	Carol Gloor	(630) 778-6873
Conductress	Lucy Hoy	

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