

THE KENDALL-GRAM

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Commander Leo Jaime



The month of September came and went like a flash, and before we know it, we will be celebrating the holidays – my favorite, the Marine Corps Ball. But before we get ahead of ourselves, I'd like to highlight some of the major accomplishments of this past month and events coming up in October.

At the top of the list is the 9th annual Judd-A-Thon. We had a very successful event bringing in \$38,800, making it yet again another record year – 22% higher than last year! It warms my heart knowing that all proceeds went to the VFW National Home for Children. This successful event is the result of the commitment and dedication of our Judd-A-Thon Chairman and Past Commander Pablo Araya. We can't thank Pablo enough for his hard work and leadership. But as we all know, Pablo can't do it alone. The efforts and creativity of our Auxiliary members added more than \$2400 to the cause, including proceeds from the raffles and dedicated donations. Also, join me in recognizing the help of all those who volunteered, including Bob Rechenmacher's pre-event set up, Cary, Nadia, and Bear at the bar, the Hugo's Frog crew for donating and grilling amazing food, the Lima Lima team for the patriotic (and expertly timed) fly-over, our photographer Jim Hoch, and everyone else (thankfully, too many to mention) that volunteered their Saturday to make this event possible.

To culminate, various members of our Post and Auxiliary attended Illinois Day at the National Home for Children and presented our donation check, which recognized our post as the top-donor in the Department. Thank you All!

To top it off, and also made possible by Pablo's leadership, we held the annual Fall Golf Outing at the Seven Bridges Gold Club. The event generated proceeds of approx. \$8K, to support various veteran causes and local organizations. Thank you, Pablo and all who made it possible, including our sponsors and anonymous donors.

On to October: The Patriot Pen and Voice of Democracy youth scholarship programs are well underway, expecting record-year participation. Judging will take place after the program closes on Oct 31. Please reach out to our Sr Vice Kim Woods to volunteer for this patriotic and entertaining event.

Lastly, we are conducting one of a series of recruiting events this month. Our Sr Vice is leading a door-to-door campaign to drum up membership. Please contact Kim as soon as possible to add your name to the volunteer list. We are all recruiters! The health and longevity of our great Post depends on our membership.

Senior Vice Commander Kim Woods-Whitaker



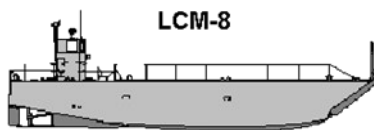
This year we are striving to achieve All American as a Post. We believe we can do it. As Commander Leo suggested in last month's Kendall-Gram, we have a great shot at making All American this year.

A few of us have begun knocking on the doors of relocated and former members in the Naperville area. We are excited about reaching veterans that have dropped out of membership and want to make sure that they know how much we want them back as members.

Please consider joining us on Saturdays to reach out to our past members! All interested members should plan to meet at our post, Naperville, at 10am on the following Saturdays: Oct 1, Oct 8, Oct 22.

- Our prospect lists are broken down into efficient routes that can be divided amongst all volunteers.
- There is a script to help with the face-to-face engagement.
- As a final effort to engage all prospects, there is a flyer with an offer to meet us for a coffee, tea, or beer.
- All eligible prospects are invited to the Post at 6pm on the 2nd Thursday of the month, an hour prior to the start of our Post meetings. This way, we can get membership forms completed before the meeting.

Service Officer Updates Dennis Lukavsky



Flu Shots Shortages?

At the present time there is a supply chain problem with the Flu Vaccine. Before you trek over to a facility, call ahead and make sure they have a supply of the vaccine in stock. Here is the VA web site in case you need it (live link): <https://www.prevention.va.gov/flu/FluShots.asp>

PACT Act and Hypertension

Due to the passage of the PACT Act, hypertension is now a presumptive disease. What this means is that if you have high blood pressure and served in Viet Nam, you are eligible to file a VA disability claim. Based on the language of the bill, benefits may not be available until 2026. As far as I can tell, it makes no difference when you developed the disease. If you want to file a claim, come to Post when the Hines Outreach team is in town. The next session will be on Tues, October 4th between 10AM and 2PM. Please bring a copy of your DD 214, VA form 21-22, and VA form 21-0966. You can fill out the form online and then print it. These forms give the VFW SO access to your private information and notify the VA of your intent to file. They can be found at the following sites (these are live links if you are reading the electronic version):

<https://www.va.gov/find-forms/about-form-21-22/>

<https://www.va.gov/find-forms/about-form-21-0966/>

Parking on at the Post

Able-bodied folks have been parking in the spaces at the front and along the side of the building when the spaces are CLEARLY MARKING AS HANDICAPPED PARKING. Please honor the signs and leave the spaces for folks who must use the ramp to get into the building. Coming up the hill from the lower parking lot in a wheelchair or walker is very difficult. PLEASE BE MINDEFUL OF OTHERS.

Junior Vice Commander Staci Boyer



Our VFW and American Legion combined efforts for Naperville's Labor Day festivities and The Last Fling were a hit! The Naperville Jaycees were extremely grateful for our participation in the parade/ceremonies & beer tent! Great job to everyone that volunteered!

The 9/11 memorial was a beautiful ceremony. Our Naperville community never disappoints in showing support for our military & first responders! The Naperville Remembrance Ceremony showcased community combined color guard, bagpipers, Naperville Singers, and Municipal Band. A wreath was placed on the Shanower Memorial and powerful words were spoken by our Naperville Police Department Chief Jason Arres and Naperville Fire Department Chief Mark Puknaitis: "Neverforget, & ... "Never forget the power of coming together..." Remember the moments we united as a country. Let's not wait for tragedy to bring out this spirit."

Our VFW annual Judd-a-Thon was a huge success in efforts to raise funds for the National Home for Children! The VFW Golf outing at Seven Bridges a win! Thank you to the sponsors and golfers!

Coming up soon:

Blood drive - 10/1, contact Ingrid Kanady, IngridKanady@gmail.com

Octoberfest - 10/1, more details to come via email

Gong wash - 10/2, contact Ingrid Kanady, IngridKanady@gmail.com

Toys for Tots Golf outing - 10/7, contact Rita at devildog97@icloud.com with questions

Stay tuned for the Marine Corps Ball 11/5 & the Turkey raffle 11/19! For Turkey raffle info contact Staci@motiv8nu.com

We continue to work on the Teacher of the Year award. Deadline for nominations is 10/31. We are hand delivering packets to all 203/204 schools. If you would like to nominate a teacher, please reach out to me directly.

Quote of the month:

"Be a designer of your environment... NOT a consumer of it."—James Clear

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

"Judd-a-Thon 2022, what a great day!"

Our 9th annual Judd-a-Thon on Sunday, September 18th, was spectacular!

It was a sunny day with bright blue skies, a great, enthusiastic crowd, a grueling workout, a flyover with Lima Lima, wonderful renditions of America the Beautiful, Services Songs, and the National Anthem from the DuPage Choral Group, and some tasty burgers and brats. Refreshing beverages were available as was abundant camaraderie! The raffles were well enjoyed and there were some great costumes. Even St. Patrick had a good time!



Special thanks to race director Pablo Araya and all of our post and Auxiliary Officers. Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to put this great event together, it was a blast!

"A great Post with great people!"

What a great Post! And as we continue with our fall membership drive, events like the Judd-a-Thon make us all proud to be part of Judd Kendall VFW Post 3873. So do get out the word! We encourage your participation as we welcome new members. There is a place for you here at Judd Kendall!

Thank you all and we'll be seeing you "around the post."

Photos from the Judd-a-Thon

Courtesy of Jim Hoch



Auxiliary President Bernadette Budny



Happy October and Happy Fall!

Sunday, September 18, 2022 turned out to be a perfect day for our Post's 9th Annual Judd-a-Thon Race. As in the past, the Auxiliary's raffles raised some serious money for the National Children's Home in Michigan. In addition to our awesome Adult Basket, Boy's Basket, and Girl's Basket, we also had a Booze Cooler which contained more than \$350 in fine spirits. A whopping \$1,383 was donated. The Auxiliary would like to thank all that contributed to this success.

The VFW-sponsored Patriot's Pen and Voice of Democracy contests are ongoing. 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, and the deadline is October 31, 2022.

The next major event at the Post is the Turkey Raffle which will take place on Saturday, November 19, 2022. The Auxiliary will need volunteers that evening to sell raffle tickets for our fabulous gift baskets, lottery board, 50/50 raffle, and other valuable prizes.

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, October 20. 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.

Please continue to remember in your prayers all those in need, especially our fellow Auxiliary members and veterans. Please contact me or a member of our board if you know of a veteran or Auxiliary member in need. All information will be confidential. As always, I am available for any questions, concerns, or suggestions that you may have for our Auxiliary. Please do not hesitate to reach me at budfam1@att.net or 630.717.9471.

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.



During a visit from the District President, several Auxiliary members gather socially at the Canteen.

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 October 2022



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25	26	27	28	29	30	01
02	03	04	05	06	07	08
Sound Journey & Gong Wash Meditation, 5:00pm-7:00pm		Hines Outreach, 10:00am-2:00pm; Auxiliary Social, 5:00pm	Yoga for Vets, 9:30am			Brookdale Visit, 10:00am
09	10	11	12	13	14	15
			Yoga for Vets, 9:30am	VFW Post Meeting, 7:00pm; US Navy Birthday		Independence Village Visit, 10:00am
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
			Yoga for Vets, 9:30am	Auxiliary Meeting, 7:00pm		Story Point Visit, 10:00am
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
			Yoga for Vets, 9:30am			
30	31	01	02	03	04	05
	Patriot Pend and Voice of Democracy Essay deadline					

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
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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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