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Commander Tom Parker



For the past few weekends I have been devoting a good deal of my time putting together our Community Service or “Commander’s Book.” For those that know what the book is, please hold the giggles down to a dull roar. For those that aren’t familiar with this book, it is a binder that chronicles the many events and activities we as a Post have accomplished during the prior year in regards to Americanism, Youth Activities, Community Activities, and many other patriotic and community service related events. This book is submitted each May and it is judged to determine if our Post qualifies that year to be one of the top Posts to be recognized for our commitment to community service. If you’re in doubt about how we have done in the past, just look at the back of our building. Each of the signs on the wall outside is a testament to how well our Post does at promoting patriotism and service within the Naperville community. It is also a testament to the members of this Post and your dedication to our organization and the community. I have no doubt that we’ll do well again this year.

As I pour through the stacks of newspaper articles, thank you letters, photographs, and other items, I am reminded of the tremendous number of things we accomplished this year. Everyone remembers Memorial Day and Veterans Day, but there are so many other events we participated in. Sorting through items to be included in the Community Service book has served as a great reminder that we do so much more than most folks realize. In addition to our more prominent events, we had members participate in events such as teaching flag etiquette to grade school classes, participating in flag raising ceremonies at local retirement homes, and giving talks at various community and school events. These are the types of events we do throughout the year that often go unnoticed by many.

For those that are new to the Post, and even those that have been members for years, getting more involved doesn’t mean that you have to attend every event. I’m often told by members who attend an event that they’ve been meaning to stop by or get more involved for quite some time. We do understand that you have commitments and responsibilities at home, work, and school and many of us are just like you. Whether it’s helping out at one fish fry, attending one Taco Tuesday, or simply attending one meeting, we would very much like to see you. And please let us know if you’d like to help out with any event, even those that require only one or two people and last for only an hour or two.

Thanks to all of you for continuing to participate in the many things we do and for helping us continue our long tradition of service. It has given me an ample supply of things to “brag” about in this year’s Community Service book and makes my job much easier.

Post Officers for the 2017-2018 term will be elected at the April meeting. The list of nominees are: Commander Tom Parker, Sr. Vice Commander Pablo Araya, Jr. Vice Commander Dave Angelus, Quartermaster Phil Maughan, Assistant Quartermasters Terry Jelinek and John Shaw, Chaplain Mark Anderson, Judge Advocate Jeff Martinez, Surgeon Bill Howland, 3-Year Trustee Ron Beatta, and 3-Year House Committee Member Bob Colby. If anyone has a desire to hold any of these positions for the upcoming term, nominations can still be made during the April meeting. We will again ask for nominees and will then vote for next year’s officers. The newly elected officers will be assuming their respective roles after the Department of Illinois VFW annual meeting in June.

Senior Vice Commander Pablo Araya

St. Patrick's Day is behind us, the Fish Fries are underway, Spring cleaning is just around the corner and we are inching our way to this year's membership goal. We are currently at 94.11%, and while that's a grade of A in almost any academic setting, it's still lagging for the high standards set at Judd Kendall! I've said it before, and I'll say it again: If you see a young man or woman sporting a ball cap with a military patch, or driving around in a vehicle with military tags, stop them, thank them and encourage them to stop by the Post. I guarantee once they walk through the doors, they'll know they are "home." Get them through the door, and the deal will seal itself.



For those of you who are coming up for renewal in the next few months, please consider converting to a Life Membership. In the long run, it's well worth the cost, and less expensive than renewing every year. For the Post it makes a difference, and most importantly, you won't suffer a visit from me asking you to renew! If you have any questions regarding membership or want help in getting someone to the Post to see what we're all about, please don't hesitate to call me and together we'll make it happen.

Please welcome aboard the following new members:

Anthony Chobarov: Army/Iraq-Afghanistan
Hartman "Hardy" Kircher: Navy/GWOT, Expeditionary, Desert Storm
Sydney Peterson: Air Force/Vietnam"

Junior Vice Commaneer Dave Angelus

This is my second year running the annual Fish Fry. It's nice to see every week the new families that come in and also the familiar faces that come every week. I can't imagine an event that has any more grass roots connections, the former mayor comes, the Police, Firemen, city councilmen, seniors, young families with babies, couples, singles, it's as diverse as gets. Everyone seems to really enjoy themselves and a good time is had by all. On March 31st we will be hosting the Hines Blind unit again. I ask for members to please attend and help serve these heroes. After talking with them, they really appreciate getting out of the hospital for a night out and not having to eat institutional food. If you can attend it's a very rewarding experience. The fish fries will run every Friday through April 14th.



Just to keep yourself aware ID and credit card theft are on the rise at an alarming pace. Due to the sophistication of hackers now a days, generally the scams are worldwide. Back in 1992 when I enlisted in the Army they were still in the habit back then of painting everyone's soc security number on duffle bags. Even back then I thought that was bad idea and you can see how things have turned out today. ID theft has become a diverse and difficult problem to solve. Last month when I tried to sign up for a new Internet provider they insisted that I provide them with my SSN. I asked as to why and they said so they could run a quick credit check. I asked how long they store that information and they said indefinitely. After speaking to several supervisors and managers I had to pry out of them that if I failed to make payment after a certain time period they would report it on my credit. Funny how they did not disclose that initially and just replied that it was for a simple credit check. The manager on the phone ensured me that they would take all precautions to safeguard my information, but I asked what plans do you have in place in case you get hacked, and they did not have any.

Handing your SSN and person information to companies can lead to many problems. Just as you would not hand your information to random strangers on the street. Random people for profit tend to manipulate and hack companies security systems and can copy all of their customers information and sell it on the internet. Every major company out there including the government has been breached so please protect yourself and be careful who you give your information too. Seniors also tend to be vulnerable to ID scams since hackers have information on family members and often call misreporting family members in distress.



Judd Kendall 3873/American Legion Post 43 Veteran of the Month

Name: Hugh Boger
 Rank: Master Sergeant
 Branch of Service: USMC
 Current Age: 50

Total Years Served: 20
 Served from: (year to year) 1984 - 2004
 Places Served: (include Boot Camp and other training locations)
 * MCRD San Diego
 * MCAS New River, North Carolina
 * Okinawa
 * Yechon, Korea
 * Iwakuni, Japan
 * Instructor Duty, Air Traffic Control School, Millington TN
 * MCAS Tustin, California
 * Marine Corp Air Ground Combat Center, 29 Palms, CA
 * MCAS Miramar
 * Iraq – Operation Iraqi Freedom
 Job or Specialty: Air Traffic Control



Fondest memory while serving: My fondest memory was living out of a HMMWV while convoying in Iraq with three other Marines. Sgt McMillian was from Alabama. Cpl Bristol was from New York City. PFC Koci was from Idaho, and I was from Indianapolis. Despite our cultural differences, we were all Marines and brothers-in-arms. We would have done anything for each other.

Quote: “We’ve been looking for the enemy for some time now. We’ve finally found him. We’re surrounded. That simplifies things.” Chesty Puller – Chosin Reservoir, 1950.



Dates to Remember

Apr 1 - Visit with Vets at Monarch Landing, 10 a.m.
 Apr 4 - VA Mobile Outreach Team at Post, 9 - 2 p.m.
 Apr 5 - Aux to Community Convalescence - 2 p.m.
 Apr 5 - Free Yoga for Vets, 9:30 a.m.
 Apr 6 - American Legion Meeting, 7 p.m.
 Apr 7 - Fish Fry, 4:30 - 8 p.m.
 Apr 8 - Visit with Vets at Brookdale, 10 a.m.
 Apr 9 - Life Member Breakfast, 9 a.m.
 Apr 11 - Visit to Hines Hospital, 6:15 p.m.
 Apr 11 - Passover
 Apr 12 - Free Yoga for Vets, 9:30 a.m.
 Apr 13 - Post Meeting, 7 p.m.
 Apr 14 - Last Fish Fry, 4:30 - 8 p.m.
 Apr 15 - Visit with Vets at Independence Village, 10 a.m.

Apr 15 - Legion Dinner at the Post, 6 p.m.
 April 16 - Easter Sunday
 Apr 16 - **PLANT SALE ORDER FORMS DUE**
 Apr 19- Free Yoga for Vets, 9:30 p.m.
 Apr - Auxiliary Meeting, 7 PM
 Apr 22 - Visit with Vets at Harbor Chase, 10 a.m.
 Apr 25 - Taco Tuesday 5:30 -7 p.m.
 Apr 26 - Free Yoga for Vets 9:30 a.m.



SAVE the DATE

JUDD KENDALL'S 2017 GOLF OUTING Saturday, June 3rd

at

Springbrook Golf Course

Details to follow. .

DuPage Veterans Foundation, Honor Flight Chicago Fundraiser by Wayne Fischer

Yes, we are going to do this for our 6th year. In the previous 5 years we have held this annual event we have raised just over \$200,000 for *Honor Flight Chicago*. This has supported many flights of WW II and Korean War Era Veterans the opportunity to see their Memorials in Washington, DC and be part of a once in a lifetime experience. From Naperville we have had many of our Veterans go for the day and we want to send even more this year.

So, mark your calendars for Saturday, May 6 to be at the Calamos Hanger at the DuPage Airport to enjoy this very special event. Doors open officially at 11 a.m. and we plan a fun filled program of patriotic events. Any and all WW II and Korean Era Veterans will be our guests. There will be sponsorship opportunities; silent auction; 50:50 raffles; era airplane displays; memorabilia; and music to fill the day. Also, we will need 20 volunteers to help out during the event. Please let me know if you can help. So far I have 3 volunteers and all will be our guests. Plan on coming out for the day to Honor our very Special Guests and to help raise money to send these Veterans to Washington, DC for their very memorable day”.

VFW NATIONAL HOME AWARENESS WEEK 2017 by Mike McGrath

VFW National Home Awareness Week 2017 will be March 19 - 26 and this gives us an opportunity to help others make the call to our National Home Help line ... 800 313 4200 ...

The help line is available all across the country and can be of help to veterans and families right in their own community. This is often a family's first contact with the National Home and can often help a veteran or military family find a good place to live.

Did you know the National Home's family program is available for veteran families, military families and descendants of VFW and auxiliary members, whether children, grandchildren, or even great grandchildren. The VFW National Home for Children has been helping families since 1925 and, as in the past, the need continues for today's military and veteran families



The VFW and Auxiliary were represented once again at this year’s St. Paddy’s Day 5K. Pictured are Pablo and Phil at their usual pre-race meeting spot by the flag pole. Also pictured are Fran and Mike McGrath dressed warmly at the starting line. (Not pictured, Jeff Martinez and family)

Auxiliary Report submitted by President Kathy Thornton

Kudos to Marcy Maughan, fellow Auxiliary member and journalist extraordinaire, for her efforts on this very newsletter! Kendall-Gram received 1st place in the publications contest for the state of Illinois! Way to go, Marcy! Our Kendall-Gram is a great vehicle which provides great information on happenings at our Post #3873!

We are coming upon a crazy busy time of year. Always looking for more hands on deck! Many people approach me and ask what they can do to help. Below are the committee chairs for the various committees that we have in the Auxiliary. Feel free to reach out and offer assistance. A little help goes a long way.

Committee Chairs:

- **Veterans & Family Support:** Peggy Beata (630.717.9007).
- **Buddy Poppy:** Nancy Marinello (630.420.1717)
- **National Home:** Fran McGrath (630.357.2680)
- **Americanism:** Kathy McNally (708.642.5986)
- **Graves Registration:** Bernadette Budny (630.717.9471)
- **Hines:** Barb Shaw (630.961.3479)
- **Mill Street/Bingo:** Lucy Hoy (630.355.9799)
- **Legislative:** Jenny Dawley (630.428.3494)
- **Auxiliary Membership:** Kathy Thornton (630.355.6704)
- **Voice of Democracy:** Bertha Novaczyk
- **Patriot’s Pen:** Bernadette Budny (630.717.9471)
- **Youth Activities:** Kathy McNally (708.642.5986)
- **Honor Flight:** Dar Kwarta (630-885-1770)
- **Community Service:** Mary Lou Miller

Plant Sale by Marcy Maughan

The plant sale is on and the form can be found on the VFW website (napervfw3873.org) and at the fish fries. Please look over the form. We offer a wide variety of hanging baskets as well as flats of annuals, herbs, vegetables, and specialty plants. Fill out form and return it with your check. We do need your support.

The plants arrive the morning of May 9. I will need a lot of help that day, unloading the truck, separating the orders and helping with pickup of the plants. I will be at the VFW from 6:30 a.m. till 6 p.m., so if you can volunteer your help anytime during those hours it would really be appreciated.

Hines Hospital Visits

The Chairman of the Hospital Committee, John Shaw would like to remind everyone that the Post visits the Hines VA Hospital every second Tuesday of the month. We will not be going in July and August, but our visits resume in September. We leave the post at 6:15 in the evening and return at approximately 9:15 PM. Transportation is provided. Everyone is invited. Why not come and spend some quality time with some very appreciative Veterans?

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	Noon	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 tenth of the month for next month's publication.

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Friday Fish Fries 2017



Elizabeth Roskam,, Congressman Peter Roskam and retired Mayor George Pradel met up at the Friday Fish Fry,



WW II Vets Joe Martinelli and Doug Barbitzke



Elizabeth Roskam, Jr. Vice Commander Dave Angelus, Congressman Peter Roskam, Past State Commander Phil Maughan and Post Commander Tom Parker at the Friday Fish Fry.

Photos by Jim Hoch