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Commander Tom Parker



I'd like to use this forum this month to say thanks. As you read this, I will be wrapping up my first full year as your Post Commander. The year has flown by but it has been filled with many rewarding experiences. I have had the opportunity to represent you at numerous events, to meet many veterans that I didn't already know, and to be a part of the daily process that keeps our Post running and being such a highly respected organization in the community. I'd like to express my thanks to the officers and chairmen within the Post for helping me accomplish all of the things we have done and I'd like to thank all of you for making my job the past year easy and rewarding. Without our members, we wouldn't be able to accomplish all that we do each day. I'd also like to thank our past National Commander George Cramer, our past State Commander Phil Maughan, and the many past Post Commanders for their mentorship and guidance.

On a different note, I'd like to thank all of the Post and Auxiliary members who came out to participate in our Memorial Day activities. Without a doubt, Memorial Day is one of our busiest and most noticed times of the year. Whether it was distributing poppies, placing flags at gravesites, or just marching in the parade, every effort contributed to making the activities a huge success again this year. It is opportunities like this that allow us to show the citizens of Naperville a little of what we are all about and how we value the opportunity to recognize and honor the service and sacrifices of our veterans.

In April we voted on our slate of officers for the coming year and your current leadership team was elected for a second term. At the conclusion of the State Convention later this month, this team will begin a second year of representing you and the Post. While the majority of the Post officers will remain the same, there are a couple of changes. Ron Beata will be moving into a position with the Trustees and Bob Colby will be filling a vacancy on the House Committee. Thanks to both of them for their willingness to step up and help us with these very important roles.

Finally, I'd like to thank everyone for your confidence in me as your Commander for another year. I am both humbled and proud to fulfill that role and to help ensure we maintain our long tradition of assisting veterans and promoting patriotism in the Naperville area. I look forward to working with and for you and hope to meet more of you at our many events this year.

Senior Vice Commander Pablo Araya

Only a few weeks away from the end of our membership year, and we're hovering at just about 97.25%. While we had a great push from our members in the past couple of months, and recruited nine new members, it does not appear as though we will hit our goal of 100%. For that I apologize. But I'm confident we will, with the efforts of the past couple of months, and more focus on renewals make goal, then some in the new year. As always, don't be afraid to approach a younger Veteran you might encounter on the street or the gym, and encourage him or her to visit the Post. That's all it usually take. Once they've been at our location and conversed with a few of our members, the joining is the easy part. Thanks for your efforts. And please consider upgrading to a Life Membership if you are still a Annual Member. With various payment options, it will save you money over time and it will prevent the stream of letters, e-mails, and phone calls asking you to renew each year.



Please extend a hearty welcome to the following new members:

Mike Martino, USMC
Scott Canavan, USMC
Lars Johnson, USN
Sara Kulumani, USA

Michael Bell, USA
Kevin Crowley, USA
Bob Carrington, USN

Junior Vice Commander Dave Angelus

This has to be one of the wettest springs I can ever remember. The lilac bushes are in full bloom and there are plenty of spring blooms to enjoy. In just a few weeks the school year is ending and we will switch into summer mode shortly. There are plenty of activities around the post to keep everyone busy. We will be distributing poppies soon, we have annual Memorial Day parade, and the post installation dinner in late May.



Getting older now I find myself having less and less free time and I encourage everyone to take some time this summer to enjoy all the fun activities that the city has to offer. Please be aware that the computer hacker community is getting more and more active these days. You may have seen in the news that now large scale computer virus are now infecting entire schools, corporations, and large networks. Please invest in some current anti-virus software and be aware of suspicious file attachments. You may have noticed there is a computer virus called ransomware out there. If your device gets infected with this your entire hard drive will be encrypted and you may or may not be able to unencrypt your hard drive, even if you pay the ransom. Several Police depts and federal agencies have been hit and it is causing massive issues. Please be aware of these and be cautious with any suspicious emails.



Now He is Mr. Prez

Mike Barbour has had many titles during his long veterans advocacy journey. A past Judd Kendall VFW commander and current Service Officer for both the VFW and American Legion in Naperville, Mike has now added yet another title, Mr. President. He was elected President of the DuPage County Veterans Assistance Commission this past month. He is pictured here accepting the gavel from outgoing president Joe Craig of Hinsdale.



Judd Kendall VFW Post 3873 – Veteran of the Month

Name: Michael Doyle

Rank: SGT/E-5

Branch of Service: Army

Current Age: 50

Total Years Served: 4

Served from: 1987- 1991

Places Served: Ft. Benning, GA - B 3/1 Inf, 1st ITB (Sand Hill)

- * Ft. Riley, KS – B 5/16 Inf, 1st ID (Big Red One)
- * Mainz, FRG (Lee Barracks)– HHC, 1st BDE, 8th ID
- * Baumholder, FRG – PLDC
- * Hohenfels, FRG - BNCOC

Job or Specialty: 11B20 - Infantry

Fondest memory while serving: There are so many, it’s hard to pick one. Even the miserable memories of me sitting in the rain trying to eat food as the rain filled my mess kit make me smile now. With the sole exception of the peanut butter that came in the MRE’s.... that I wish to never think of again.

Quote: The day the soldiers stop bringing you their problems is the day you stopped leading them. They have either lost confidence that you can help them or concluded that you do not care. Either case is a failure of leadership. Colin Powell



Dates to Remember

- June 1 - American Legion Meeting, 7 p.m.
- June 3 - Visit with Vets at Monarch Landing, 10 a.m.
- June 6 - Hines VA Unit at Post, 9-1:30 p.m.
- June 7 - Free Yoga for Vets, 9:30 a.m.
- June 7 - Aux visits Community Convelescense, 2 p.m.
- June 8 - VFW Meeting, 7 p.m.
- June 10 - Visit with Vets at Brookdale, 10 a.m.
- June 110 - Kendall-Gram deadline
- June 11- Life Member Breakfast, 9 a.m.
- June 13 - Visit to Hines Hosptial, 6:15 p.m..

- June 14 -Free Yoga for Vets, 9:30 a.m.
- June 14 - [Flag Day](#)
- June 15 - Auxiliary Meeting, 7 p.m.
- June 15-18 - State Convention
- June 17- Visit to Vets at Independence Village, 10 a.m.
- June 18- Father’s Day
- June 21 - Free Yoga for Vets, 9:30 a.m.
- June 24 - Visit to Ves at Harbor Chase, 10 a.m.
- June 27 - Taco Tuesday 5:30 - 7 p.m.
- June 28 - Free Yoga for Vets, 9:30 a.m.

VFW National Home for Children by Mike McGrath

Mental Health Awareness Month

The month of May has been designated as Mental Health Awareness Month and children in military families have been called our nation's littlest heroes. They are often subject to trauma, stress and uncertainty in their young lives and they need and deserve our help.

What can you do to help?

One way to help is to learn about the 5 signs like personality change, agitation, withdrawal, poor self care, and hopelessness. The National Home help line ... 800 313 4200 ... Is there to help families in need .The VFW and the National Home are participating in the *Campaign To Change Direction*, an important program. It was designed to help our military families and children.

Thank you all for your great support. Lest we never forget.

Honor Flight Dates for 2017

June 7

July 12

Aug 9

Sept 13

Oct 11

If you would like to participate in one of the honor flights, please call 773-868-6000 for more information. On the computer just google Honor Flight Chicago and download the registration form.. Or if you are in the Canteen, go to the information table and in the plastic flyer holder are registration forms you can fill out with instructions on them.

Auxiliary report submitted by President Kathy Thornton,

First of all, a big shout out to members of the Auxiliary and Post who helped out over the Memorial Day weekend. Thank you to those who distributed poppies, decorated the graves of the deceased Post and Auxiliary members at SSPP and Naperville cemeteries, walked or rode in the parade in support of our mission, and just for your friendship. Ours is a debt that can never be repaid to our veterans for all they have given and continue to give. Memorial Day is a way of saying "Thank you!". The mission of our Auxiliary promotes a strong sense of community and purpose. I am proud to introduce the VFW Auxiliary members that will be serving for the upcoming year:

President	Kathy Thornton
Senior Vice President	Jan Barbour
Junior Vice President	Lucy Hoy
Treasurer	Kathy McNally
Secretary	Nancy Marinello
Conductress	Dorothy Kulir
Chaplain	Bernadette Budny
Guard	Mary Lou Miller
1 st year trustee	Jenny Dawley
2 nd year trustee	Maryann Groner
3 rd year trustee	Mary Talerico

My sincerest thanks to outgoing Senior Vice President: Tita McLaughlin, Secretary: Peggy Beata, Conductress: Dorothy Gahan and Trustee: Trish Krenick. You made my job as President so much easier with your dedication and support. I appreciate your service to this fine organization.

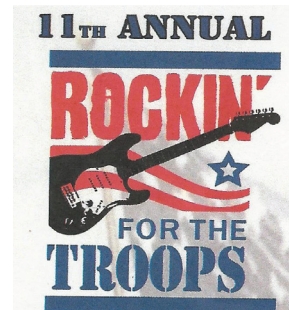
Kudos to Marcy Maughan and crew for a job well done on the lawn at the Post. The flowers look beautiful. Stop by and take a look for yourself. While you're at it, stop by the Canteen!

Look for information for upcoming fundraisers: Karaoke night, Flip Flop night, Painting on the Porch. Details being finalized as I type this.

Summer is finally here. Enjoy it!

Rockin for the Troops

Rockin for the Troops will be held on July 22 at the Kane Country Cougars Stadium in Geneva IL, featuring Lynyrd Skynyrd.. Tickets are available online at RockinforTheTroops.org or at the stadium. There will be adequate parking with no need for offsite parking. Gates open at 2 PM with entertainment beginning at 2:30 and concluding with fireworks at 10 p.m.. All proceeds will benefit the military, family and veteran support programs of Operation Support our Troops, America.



The girls (no boys this year) from Washington Jr. High came to Veterans Park to help plant the flower bed there and get it looking nice for Memorial Day. Thanks to teacher Lauren Labriola for making the arrangements for the girls to help out.

Plant Sale Wrap Up by Marcy Maughan

Thank you to everyone who helped the day of the plant sale. It was cold and rainy in the morning but dried out as the day progressed. Thank you to the early birds who were there to unload the truck. Having the plant sale on the front lawn worked out just great. Thanks to those who helped to pull the orders and to help people find their orders. Every pitched in and it went very smoothly. Thanks to all those people who placed orders. The kids from Kennedy Jr High helped to plant the flower beds after members of the VFW spread mulch and edged the beds. Thank you all. A special thank you to Sue Jelinek for all her computer assistance and help with this year's plant sale.

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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