

# THE KENDALL-GRAM

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## Commander Leo Jaime



The Fall season is in full splendor, with cooler mornings, shorter days, and amazing foliage scenery.

Please take a moment to enjoy it, but be prepared to enter what is perhaps our busiest time of year. There are a number of events this month that will need everyone's participation. Veterans Day is a few days away and, as we leave the pandemic in the rear-view mirror, we expect to get an increased number of requests for visits to our local school and assisted-living facilities. I urge you to put your name in the hat and volunteer to lead one of these visits. The visits are simple but extremely rewarding. We show up at our assigned place, participate in a ceremony, and spend time with the students or our fellow veterans as we exchange thanks and appreciations. It's an opportunity to interact with the best of both worlds: our future leaders and the generation that built our great nation.

On Veterans Day, we will conduct our annual Veterans Day ceremony at Veterans Park. The ceremony will begin at 11:00. Then, in the evening, we will host our Veterans Day dinner at the Post. I hope you can join us on these two events and take advantage of the opportunity to spend time with your friends and welcome our newest members. If you are coming to the dinner, please RSVP to our Jr Vice Staci Boyer at 773-351-4646.

On the 19th, we'll conduct our annual Turkey Raffle. Of all the events, this one continues to be one of our biggest fundraisers. Our local community looks forward to it, knowing they are supporting a worthy cause and they will take a turkey home to share with their families. This event is a lot of work, but equally as much fun. The effort will allow us to raise funds to help our veterans in the months to come. Volunteers are needed to set up the event, sell raffle tickets, and make sure winners get their prizes. We need you to volunteer your time and help make this event a success. Thank you, in advance.

Lastly, I want to take a moment to thank all of you for the help and support I am receiving. When I embarked in this journey, as a rookie VFW member, I humbly asked for help to ensure we have a good year. Everyone stepped up to make sure I don't lift off with the chains still on, and to keep me on course! Thank you, and let's keep up the good work!!

**Senior Vice Commander  
Kim Woods-Whitaker**



**Voice of Democracy and Patriots Pen Scholarship Program**

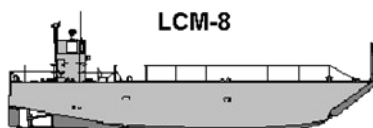
- Final Essays (audio) files due to the VFW on Monday, 10/31.
- Judges needed for essay submissions.
  - When: Saturday, 11/5, 9am - Noon
  - Where: Judd Kendall Post 3873
  - RSVP to Kim Woods, Kimwoodswhitaker@gmail.com

**Membership**

- Prospecting visits to resume 11/12
- All American status
  - New Member recruiting event , tbd 12/16
  - Another new member recruiting event, tbd
  - 17 members to All American status

Thanks to all for your support. I will make it a point to join other community activities. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

**Service Officer Updates  
Dennis Lukavsky**



**Tips to Avoid PACT Act Scammers**

Scammers are taking advantage of new opportunities to commit fraud. There's been an increase in PACT Act-related phishing (email), vishing (phone), and social media scams targeting Veterans to access their PACT Act benefits or submit claims on their behalf.

Veterans should be cautious of anyone who guarantees a lucrative financial benefit or service. To report suspected fraudulent activity, please contact [vaogh hotline@va.gov](mailto:vaogh hotline@va.gov) or call (800) 488-8244. The best course of action is to contact an accredited VFW Service Office for assistance.

**VA Expands Program of Comprehensive Assistance For Family Caregivers**

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs is expanding the Program of Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers (PCAFC) to include eligible Veterans and their family caregivers of all eras.

VA's PCAFC provides resources, education, support, a financial stipend, health insurance (if eligible), and additional benefits to Family Caregivers of eligible Veterans.

For more information about the PCAFC expansion, or to learn more about VA's Caregiver Support Program, visit [www.caregiver.va.gov/index.asp](http://www.caregiver.va.gov/index.asp), reach out to your local CSP team, or call our Caregiver Support Line at 855-260-3274 Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. ET, and Saturday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. ET.

**Parking 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 MARKED 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 MINDFUL OF OTHERS.

**Junior Vice Commander****Staci Boyer**

We have started a Veterans only free workout at my gym on Tuesday mornings! 8am-9am. 1707 Quincy ave #107. This is 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](mailto:jenniferslown@gmail.com) or 630.803.2251.

We have quite the packed November. Thank you to all that have stepped up to volunteer at the local schools! We have members attending ceremonies and speaking at close to 10 schools in our area along with our color guard duties during the Naperville Veterans Day festivities.

Patriots Pen, Voice of Democracy and Teacher of the Year entries are due end of October and judging will be taking place. Contact Kim Woods or Staci Boyer with questions.

Coming up soon:

American Legion Trivia - 10/28 (Proceeds go to Fisher House and NEF)

United States Marine Corps Birthday Ball - 11/5

Veterans Day activities - 11/11 (We are literally everywhere!)

Veterans Day Breakfast - 11/12 Guest Speaker Pablo Araya - Our Saviour's Lutheran Church 7:30-9:30 AM

Karaoke - 11/18 (Proceeds go to Fisher House and NEF)

Turkey Raffle - 11/19 contact [staci@Motiv8nu.com](mailto:staci@Motiv8nu.com) or 773.351.4646

Stay tuned for more info:

Army/ Navy game event - 12/10

White Elephant All Hands on Deck Holiday Party 12/16

Quote of the month:

Change who you ARE, by changing what you DO. Align your behavior with what you want your identity to be.  
#AtomicHabits

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

Founded in 1925, the VFW National Home For Children serves as a living memorial to America’s veterans by helping military and veteran families who have served our country.

"Helping Families Succeed"

Because war can take a toll on military families, during and after deployments, National Home resident families can stay at the home for up to four years and thus have a home and a chance to rebuild their lives ... At no cost ...

Families can enjoy the peaceful, rural, small town National Home community and the National Home will provide housing, education, daycare services as well as recreation and case management for military and veteran or VFW auxiliary families. Families, in return, are asked to be committed to make changes and work toward family goals so as to reach their full potential

The National Home is located in Eaton Rapids, Michigan (near Lansing, Michigan) and receives no government funding!

Call the National Home help line at 800-313 4200 or visit the national home website, [vfnationalhome.org](http://vfnationalhome.org). For more information.

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



This month the Post learned of the passing of two out-of-state Life Members.

**Daniel E. Etchie**, 88. Served in the Navy during the Korean War. Survived by his wife Marian of Little Rive, SC.

**Edward L. Reagor**, 91. Served in the Army during the occupation of Germany. Survived by his wife Nancy of Paris, TN.

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

**Auxiliary President  
Bernadette Budny**



Happy November and Happy Thanksgiving!

The next major event at the Post is the Turkey Raffle, which will take place on Saturday, November 19, 2022 at 6:00. Lots of prizes, prime ribs, and turkeys. The Auxiliary will need volunteers that evening to sell raffle tickets for our fabulous gift baskets, 50/50 raffle, booze cooler, and other valuable prizes.

Veterans Day is Friday, November 11. Please see the calendar in this Kendall-Gram and local newspapers for details on services to be held in Naperville and our Post to honor our veterans.

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, November 17. 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.



Commander Leo Jaime presents Past Commander Todd Schuneman with a certificate representing a brick at the National Home purchased by the Post in recognition of Todd's support of the post.



**VETERAN'S DAY DINNER**

Join us Friday, **November 11th** for our Joint annual  
**V.F.W. Post 3873 and American Legion Post 43**

Social hour begins at 5:30 PM Dinner starts at 6:30 PM

**LOCATION:** Judd Kendall VFW Post  
908 W. Jackson Ave., Naperville, IL 60540

The Cost is \$15.00 per person, \$7.00 for kids, and children under 6 Eat Free!

**Reservation Deadline:** Wednesday, November, 8th

**RSVP to:** Kristen Jungles - Call or Text 630-816-6841 or  
email: [Kristenjungles@kw.com](mailto:Kristenjungles@kw.com)

Payment will be at the door: credit card, cash, or check (payable to "American Legion Post 43")

**Menu:** Kendall Cook's – Oven roasted Turkey's, and Fixing's  
Assorted Desserts Provided

If you would like to bring a Dessert to share, Please Do So!  
We are always looking forward to tasty treats.  
Note: Please follow CDC guidelines.



HAPPY VETERANS DAY

Junior Vice Staci Boyer presents a gift to Dennis Regan in recognition of the support Dennis gave to Staci. Staci also presented the Post with a similar Flag to be mounted at the Post.





## VFW Post 3873 Calendar of Events November 2022



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31	01 Hines Outreach, 10:0am-2:00pm; Auxiliary Social, 5:00pm	02 Yoga for Vets, 9:30am	03	04	05 Monarch Landing Visit, 10:00am USMCBB, 5:00p.
06	07	08	09 Yoga for Vets, 9:30am	10 VFW Post Meeting, 7:00pm	11 Veterans Day Dinner at the Post, Social Hour 5:30pm, Dinner 6:30pm	12 Brookdale Visit, 10:00am
13	14	15	16 Yoga for Vets, 9:30am	17 Auxiliary Meeting, 7:00pm	18 Karaoke Night at the Post, 7:00pm	19 Independence Vil- lage Visit, 10:00am Turkey Raffle, 6:00pm
20	21	22	23 Yoga for Vets, 9:30am	24	25	26 Story Point Visit, 10:00am
27	28	29	30 Yoga for Vets, 9:30am	01	02	03

**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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Naperville, IL 60540

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Website Address: [napervfw3873.org](http://napervfw3873.org)

Facebook: Naperville VFW Judd Kendall 3873

**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
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Service Officer	Dennis Lukavsky	(630) 272-9064
Officer of the Day	Lou Kuelto	(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
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Jr. Vice President	Darlene Kwarta	(630) 885-1770
Treasurer	Leo Hart	
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Chaplain	Nancy Marinello	(630) 464-3696
Guard	Carol Gloor	(630) 778-6873
Conductress	Lucy Hoy	

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