

# THE KENDALL-GRAM



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**FLY NAVY**

## Commander Pablo Araya



Since retiring a couple of years ago, I've done quite a bit of traveling around. I can say I am never disappointed in the expanse and beauty of this great country. From a somber burial in Arlington to downhill skiing in Colorado powder (albeit green slopes!). From the vast, endless horizons in Texas Hill Country to the Appalachia backwoods, where we were introduced to refrigerator lawn art. From the fine, white beaches in Pensacola, the "Birthplace of Naval Aviation," to the barren deserts of the Southwest. And everywhere Renae and I venture, we seek out a local VFW to share a beer, some camaraderie, and maybe a burger. While we have yet to find a Post that comes close to rivaling Judd Kendall, the friendship and welcoming smiles at every VFW remind us of what an honor it is to be a veteran. The bonds forged between former shipmates, marines, soldiers, and airmen cannot be broken.

Case in point: on our recent trip down to Florida, I contacted Kenny, who went through flight school with me nearly 35 years ago, and Hardy, who was our Maintenance Officer in HS-12 aboard the USS Midway (CV-41) back in the late 80's. There was not a lot of planning. Just a few calls and texts to set up a round of golf followed by a fantastic dinner with our wives joining us. Despite the infrequent meetings between us over the long years, it was as if just yesterday, Kenny and I were carpooling to Milton Air Base for our next training flight. And Hardy and I reveled in the stories of our misadventures across the waters of the Pacific and Indian Oceans and the Persian Gulf. But even less surprising was that Hardy and Kenny hit it off like old shipmates, even though they'd never met before. And the reason is simple. We were all brothers and sisters at one point, in the greatest military the world has ever known. That's a bond that money can't buy, and other pedestrian careers can't emulate.

Fly Navy!

**Senior Vice Commander  
Brian Byrne**



Hopefully, by the time this goes to press, the weather will be warmer and we'll hear birds chirping in the morning (I remember hearing them after being in Iraq for a year, where there were no early birds, but that's a whole other story). Despite the polar vortexes, arctic blasts, and inches of snow, Post membership is getting closer to our goal for the year. We are just over 95% as we head into the final membership quarter. While we are getting closer to our goal, there is still much work to be done. Please continue to talk with veterans you meet, let them know all that we do, and ask them to join the Post if they aren't already members of the VFW. For our yearly members, please consider upgrading to a Life membership. There are several payment options for making this change and the Post will work with you to help get you there.


On a different note, March brings several things such as our Friday Fish Fries. Our first Fish Fry is on March 1<sup>st</sup>. While each Friday is dedicated to a different service branch, we can always use help, so please come out to volunteer an hour or two. We hope to have assistance from various youth groups, but the more hands on deck, the lighter the workload. At a minimum, come out for some of the excellent food, including the terrific tasting coconut battered shrimp. In addition to the beginning of Spring Training, March Madness, and St. Patrick's Day, our Fish Fries are a great opportunity to share time with friends, family, and other veterans.

**Naperville Tradition Continues**

<b>When:</b>		<b>Cost:</b>
<b>Fridays</b>		Adults \$12
<b>March 1 – April 19</b>		Children (4-11) \$7
<b>4:30 PM – 7:30 PM</b>		Seniors \$10
		Children 3 & under <u>free</u>

**Judd Kendall VFW Post 3873 is pleased to announce that Friday Fish Fries will start Friday March 1<sup>st</sup> will and run through Lent. Our membership realized that over the past 50 years, this has become a much loved part of the Naperville social scene. In spite of inflationary pressures, we have been able to maintain the same pricing as last year.**

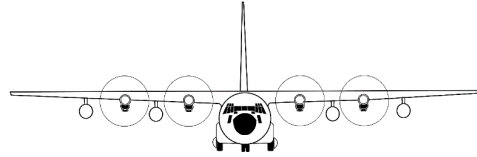
**Menu varies each week. Visit our website for current week's menu. Tell your relatives, friends & co-workers!**

 **[www.napervfw3873.org](http://www.napervfw3873.org)**

Our annual Fish Fries will begin this month, with the first one occurring on March 1st. They will run for 8 weeks and as usual, each week will feature a service night. All members from that branch are urged to attend and members from other branches are welcome to help. The service night schedule is:

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|----------------------|----------------------|
| March 1 - USMC       | March 29 - Army      |
| March 8 - Army       | April 5 - Navy/CG    |
| March 15 - Navy/CG   | April 12 - Air Force |
| March 22 - Air Force | April 19 - USMC      |

## Junior Vice Commander Todd Schuneman



It's hard to think of St. Patrick's Day without glittered shamrocks, green beer, leprechauns, and of course, corned beef and cabbage. However, if you went to Ireland on St. Patrick's Day, you would not find any of these things, except maybe the shamrocks. To dispel some myths, leprechauns are not jolly, but very mischievous nasty little fellows and the Irish would not defile their beer with green dye. Nor, would they eat corned beef, especially on St. Patrick's Day!

So why, especially in America, is corned beef and cabbage synonymous with St. Patrick's Day? Well, the unpopularity of corned beef in Ireland comes from its relationship with beef in general. In ancient Ireland, cattle were not used for their meat but for their strength in the fields and their dairy products. Cows were a symbol of wealth and considered a sacred animal. They were only butchered if they were too old to work. Therefore, beef was not part of the diet for most of the Irish people. This meant that only the wealthy were able to eat meat with any regularity and at celebrations or festivals.

To make life easier as the Irish came to America, they settled together in primarily urban areas and were able to make more money than they had in Ireland under British rule. With more money in their pockets for food, the Irish could afford meat. More specifically, beef. The beef they could afford happened to be corned beef which they purchased from kosher butchers near their neighborhoods. You see, Irish corned beef is actually Jewish corned beef.

Those early Irish immigrants transformed St. Patrick's Day from a religious feast into a celebration of their heritage and homeland. Hence the need for the obligatory celebratory meal. To honor their culture, the immigrants splurged on their neighbor's flavorful corned beef accompanied by their beloved potato and the most affordable vegetable, cabbage. It didn't take long for corned beef and cabbage to become associated with St. Patrick's Day. The popularity of corned beef and cabbage never crossed the Atlantic back to the homeland. Instead of corned beef and cabbage, the traditional St. Patrick's Day meal eaten in Ireland is lamb or bacon.

If one is looking for a connection between Ireland and St. Patrick's Day, there are many other ways to be authentic. Start by calling it St. Patrick's Day or St. Paddy's Day. Paddy is a girl's name in Ireland and Paddy is the proper nickname for Patrick. So, hoist a pint and connect with your inner Irish! And if you join us for the Fish Fry on March 15<sup>th</sup>, you can try some corned beef and cabbage yourself. May the road rise up to meet you!

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## Auxiliary Report from President Kathy McNally

Everyone enjoying the weather? This time of year, "cabin fever" is a virus that quickly spreads. One cure you can take for it: Judd Kendall Fish Fry! Our famous Friday Fish Fries begin on the Friday BEFORE Lent (so we can practice) March 1st. Yes, Easter is late this year. Fish Fries are an important fundraiser for our Post. Our Sister Trish Krenick has once again volunteered to assist the Post and manage the committee for cashiering. You should have already received an email invitation to volunteer for cashier positions, but if you have not and wish to join us, please contact Trish at [tkrenick@gmail.com](mailto:tkrenick@gmail.com) or text/call (630) 215-0402. Trish is THE BOSS of this committee. Please contact her for all Fish Fry cashier concerns. Can't volunteer? We welcome you as a consumer as well! Check out the menus for all weeks here: <http://www.napervfw3873.org/index.php?id=100>

When you come to a meeting or to the Fish Fry, do note the NEW DRAPES that we provided for the hall. Jan Barbour was the originator of the beautiful drapes hung in the past, yet they needed a little refreshing. Bernie Budny led a committee that eventually found drapes which, due to the weird size of the windows, were brilliantly altered by Marcy Maughan (Phil helped!) and her seamstresses Jan Barbour, Jane Bronson, and Marcy's friends Millie Gnocchio, Pat Lipscomb, Jane Morrison, Michelle Riddle, and JoAnn Sapadin. Marcy's friends are members of the Cress Creek Garden Club. A big thank you to them for their labors of love!

With the groundhog predicting an early spring, we hope you'll leave your cabin and travel to the Post for a Friday Fish Fry or an Auxiliary meeting. Our Nancy Marinello is ordering poppies now and gearing up for poppy distribution in May. That's OUR indicator that spring is around the corner!



**Veteran of the Month**

**Name:** Sam Wagener

**Rank:** Lieutenant Commander

**Current Age:** 49

**Branch of Service:** Navy/Naval Reserve

**Total Years Served:** 10

**Job/Specialty:** Surface Warfare

**Places Served:** San Diego, CA; Newport, RI; Arabian Gulf (2 deployments)

**Fondest Memory While Serving:** Being on the bridge wing while having a fresh cup of java with the Boatswain’s Mate of the Watch on a crystal clear night in the South Pacific.

**Favorite Quote:** “Nuts!” - General Anthony McAuliffe



**Dates to Remember**

- Mar 1 – First Fish Fry, 4:30 pm - 7:30 pm
- Mar 2 – Visit with Vets at Monarch Landing, 10:00 am
- Mar 5 – Hines Outreach Team, 9:00 am - 1:30 pm
- Mar 6 – Yoga for Veterans, 9:30 am
- Mar 6 – Auxiliary visit to Mill Street, 2:00 pm
- Mar 8 – Fish Fry, 4:30 pm - 7:30 pm
- Mar 9 – Visit with Vets at Brookdale, 10:00 am
- Mar 12 – Hines Hospital Visit, 6:15 pm
- Mar 13 – Yoga for Veterans, 9:30 am
- Mar 14 – VFW Meeting, 7:00 pm

- Mar 15 – Fish Fry, 4:30 pm - 7:30 pm
- Mar 16 – Visit with Vets at Independence Village, 10:00 am
- Mar 16 – Legion Dinner, 6:00 pm
- Mar 20 – Yoga for Veterans, 9:30 am
- Mar 21 – Auxiliary Meeting, 7:00 pm
- Mar 22 – Fish Fry, 4:30 pm - 7:30 pm
- Mar 23 – Visit with Vets at Tabor Hills, 10:00 am
- Mar 27 – Yoga for Veterans, 9:30 am
- Mar 29 – Fish Fry, 4:30 pm - 7:30 pm

\* Note that the visit with veterans on the 4th Saturday of the month has changed. Visits will now be done at Tabor Hills instead of Harbor Chase.

**2019 Plant Sale**

In early February, Punxsutawney Phil failed to see his shadow. If the legend holds true, we'll have an early spring and that can only mean one thing. It's time to think about warmer weather and flowers. While we can't impact the temperatures, we can help with your spring landscaping projects. As in the past, the Post will hold its annual plant sale and the Plant Sale Order Form is included in this edition of the Kendall-Gram. All proceeds from this sale are used to fund the enhancement and beautification of the Post grounds, so please consider ordering a few (or a lot) of the plants listed on the order form. Orders must be submitted by April 15th and can be dropped off in the Post.

**HELP NEEDED !!!!!**

Every Memorial Day weekend the Naperville VFW and American Legion place flags on grave sites of all deceased veterans. We prepare their grave sites just as is done at all National Cemeteries and at American Cemeteries abroad. We also have local Boy Scout troops and Sea Cadets help place the flags at the larger cemeteries. Below is the list of cemeteries covered and as you can see, we place over 2,600 flags each year. The list of names has been maintained most recently by Iris and Wayne Fischer, and I'm sure many others in the past. When I took over maintaining this list I thought a nice addition would be to add more information about the person being honored. There is so much history in these veterans that I thought it would be nice to also honor their conflict served, branch of service, service record, or any other information of interest. The 2018 Memorial Day was our first time using the information I could find on each of the veterans, but it is time to expand this project and "crowd source" the collection of this information!

To this end, I would like to enlist the aid of interested folks to collect information about these veterans (including any veteran we may have missed):

Full / Given first name, middle name, and any nickname used

Last name

Suffix (Dr., Sr., Jr., etc.)

Date of Birth

Date of Death

Conflict Served (Civil War, WW-I, WW-II, etc., or "Other Service" if during peacetime)

Branch of Service

Rank Attained

Notes – this can include area served, medals received, dates of service, or other information of interest.

Check out the information we have so far at VFW Web page, under the Veteran Information tab:

<http://www.napervfw3873.org/index.php?id=126>

If you are interested in helping research these Veterans, and/or have information to share, please send to: Jim Hoch at [jehoch1@aol.com](mailto:jehoch1@aol.com) – Please include in the subject "Veteran Information".



**BE A WINNER !!! DONATE NOW !!!!**

***Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup> from 0730 – 1330***

***You can call LifeSource at 1.888.427.4836 or log onto [www.lifesource.org](http://www.lifesource.org) to schedule your appointment.***

***Of course, the easiest way is to just walk in.***

If you cannot make it to the drive, you can also donate at the Naperville Donor Center, which is located at 2702 Aurora Ave. (just down the street from Menard's).

By using Code 073C, the post will receive credit for your donation.

**38,000 Blood Donations are needed each day. . . See you there!**



**Hines Hospital Visits**

The Chairman of the Hospital Committee would like to remind everyone that the Post visits the Hines VA Hospital every second Tuesday of the month. Visits are not made in July and August. We leave the Post at 6:15 p.m. and return at approximately 9:15 p.m. Transportation is provided. Everyone is invited to attend, so why not come out to spend quality time with some very appreciative Veterans?

**Canteen Hours**

	Open	Close
Mon—Thur	3:00 p.m.	10:00 pm/Midnight
Fri—Sat	Noon	10:00 pm/2:00 am
Sunday	Noon	5:00 pm/6:00 pm

If at any time between the first close hour and the second, 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.

**THE BARTENDER IS BOSS**

**Kendall-Gram Submission Policy**

Post members are encouraged to submit articles and photos. Give the article and/or your photo to the on-duty bartender. It is important to put your name and phone number on the item in case there are any questions. 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. Please submit all articles by the 10th of the month. Items submitted after the 10th will be considered for the following month.

**Kendall-Gram Editor:** Tom Parker  
(630) 280-9347

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Naperville, IL 60540

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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	Pablo Araya	(312) 505-4377
Sr. Vice Commander	Brian Byrne	(630) 901-6758
Jr. Vice Commander	Todd Schuneman	(815) 791-4178
Quartermaster	Phil Maughan	(630) 383-1974
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Ass't Quartermaster		
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Judge Advocate	Jeff Martinez	(630) 205-9364
Surgeon	Bill Howland	(630) 369-0087
Service Officer	Mike Barbour	(630) 240-1645
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1-Year Trustee	Bob Bronson	(630) 978-2143
2-Year Trustee	Lloyd McKee	(630) 922-8804
3-Year Trustee	Tom Parker	(630) 280-9347

**Committees**

Americanism		
Blood Drive	Nina Petru	(630) 871-9596
Buddy Poppy	Bob Colby	(630) 301-2664
Building	Mike Rechenmacher	(630) 961-1377
Color Guard	Jim Sarns	(630) 234-6292
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	Ron Beata	(630) 717-9007
House	Bob Colby	(630) 301-2664
House	Scott Holley	(708) 287-5590
Membership	Brian Byrne	(630) 901-6758
Legislative	Frank Haynes	(630) 357-2906
National Home	Mike McGrath	(630) 357-2680
Patriot's Pen	Hugh Boger	(317) 417-8301
Public Relations	Mike Barbour	(630) 240-1645
Safety	Mike McGrath	(630) 357-2680
Scout Liaison	Todd Schuneman	(815) 791-4178
Social Media	Dave Angelus	(630) 596-3245
Voice of Democracy	Thys Vandervelde	(708) 927-0317

**Auxiliary Officers**

President	Kathy McNally	(708) 642-5986
Sr. Vice President	Kristen Jungles	(630) 816-6841
Jr. Vice President	Lucy Hoy	(630) 854-6627
Treasurer	Kathy Thornton	(630) 355-6704
Secretary	Peggy Beata	(630) 717-9007
Chaplain	Berni Budny	(630) 717-9471
Guard	Margaret Linnert	(630) 596-9930
Conductress	Bertha Novacyk	(630) 998-6186

**VFW Plant Sale, 2019**

Orders are due April 15; Pickup on May 14 from 1 - 6 PM

Note: The VFW is not responsible for any plants not picked up by 6 PM on May 14.

**Hanging Baskets \$14.50**

Begonia Tuberous	_____
orange	_____
red	_____
yellow	_____
white	_____
Begonia Dragon Wing	_____
red	_____
pink	_____
Calibrochia blue	_____
orange	_____
purple	_____
yellow	_____
Geranium	_____
pink	_____
red	_____
Geranium Ivy	_____
red	_____
Geranium Combo	_____
red	_____
Euphorbia	_____
Fushia	_____
Impatience Bounce	_____
New Guinea Impatiens	_____
red	_____
pink	_____
white	_____
Supertunia	_____
red	_____
purple	_____
pink	_____
white	_____
Wandering Jew	_____

<b>Total Hanging Baskets</b>	_____
<b>Total \$ amount</b>	_____

**Flats of 48 plants \$14.00**

Ageratum	_____
Alyssum	_____
white	_____
mixed	_____
Begonia Green Leaf	_____
pink	_____
red	_____
white	_____
Begonia red foliage	_____
red	_____
mixed	_____
Dianthus	_____
Impatiens	_____
orange	_____
lt pink	_____
dk pink	_____
red	_____
lt mixed	_____
dk mixed	_____
Marigold short	_____
bicolor	_____
yellow	_____
Marigold tall	_____
gold	_____
yellow	_____
Petunia	_____
deep blue	_____
red	_____
white	_____
patriotic mx	_____
orange	_____
Portulaca	_____
Salvia	_____
red tall	_____
victoria blue	_____
Sanpdragons	_____
short mix	_____
tall mix	_____

<b>Total Flats</b>	_____
<b>Total Dollar Amount</b>	_____

**Geraniums 4.5" pot \$3.50 ea**

red	_____
dk pink	_____
lt pink	_____
violet	_____
white	_____

<b>Total Geraniums</b>	_____
<b>Total \$ amount</b>	_____

**Geraniums 6" \$6.25 ea**

red	_____
pink	_____
white	_____

<b>Total 6" geraniums</b>	_____
<b>Total \$ amount</b>	_____

**Specialty Plants 3.5" \$2.50 ea**

English Ivy	_____
Spikes	_____
Vinca Vine	_____

<b>Total for 3.5" plants</b>	_____
<b>Total \$ amount</b>	_____

**Specialty Grasses \$6.50 ea**

Vertigo	_____
Purple Fountain	_____
Fireworks	_____
Red Bunny Tails	_____
Toffee Twist	_____

<b>Total grasses</b>	_____
<b>Total \$ amount</b>	_____

**First Page \$ amount** \_\_\_\_\_

**VFW Plant Sale Page 2**

Orders are Due April 15, Pickup is May 14, 1-6 PM

VFW is NOT responsible for orders not picked up by 6 PM

**4.5" pots \$3.50 ea**

- Angelonia \_\_\_\_\_
- Bacopa white \_\_\_\_\_
- blue \_\_\_\_\_
- Begonia Dragon Wing \_\_\_\_\_
- Begonia Big \_\_\_\_\_
- Bidens \_\_\_\_\_
- Calibrochia \_\_\_\_\_
- blue \_\_\_\_\_
- purple \_\_\_\_\_
- red \_\_\_\_\_
- Coleus Kong \_\_\_\_\_
- Coleus Sun \_\_\_\_\_
- Dahlia \_\_\_\_\_
- Diascia \_\_\_\_\_
- Dichondria Silver Falls \_\_\_\_\_
- Euphorbia Diamond Dust \_\_\_\_\_
- Gerbera Daisy \_\_\_\_\_
- Lantana \_\_\_\_\_
- Licorice Lime \_\_\_\_\_
- New Guinea Impatiens \_\_\_\_\_
- white \_\_\_\_\_
- red \_\_\_\_\_
- Osteospermum Daisy \_\_\_\_\_
- Phlox Intensia \_\_\_\_\_
- Setcreasea \_\_\_\_\_
- Strobilanthus \_\_\_\_\_
- Supertunia red \_\_\_\_\_
- puple \_\_\_\_\_
- blue \_\_\_\_\_
- pink \_\_\_\_\_
- Sweet Potato \_\_\_\_\_
- lime \_\_\_\_\_
- blackie \_\_\_\_\_
- Verbena superbens \_\_\_\_\_
- Wandering Jew \_\_\_\_\_
- Wave Petunia \_\_\_\_\_
- pink \_\_\_\_\_
- blue \_\_\_\_\_
- red \_\_\_\_\_
- Zinnia \_\_\_\_\_

**Total 4.5" plants** \_\_\_\_\_

**Total \$ amount** \_\_\_\_\_

**Veggies @ 2.75 ea**

- Butternut Squash \_\_\_\_\_
- Cucumber \_\_\_\_\_
- Egg Plant \_\_\_\_\_
- Peppers \_\_\_\_\_
- bell \_\_\_\_\_
- jalapeno \_\_\_\_\_
- Tomato \_\_\_\_\_
- cherry \_\_\_\_\_
- big beef \_\_\_\_\_
- sauce type \_\_\_\_\_
- better boy \_\_\_\_\_
- Zucchini \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Veggies at \$2.75 ea** \_\_\_\_\_

**Total \$ amount** \_\_\_\_\_

**Herbs @ 2.75 ea**

- basil \_\_\_\_\_
- marjoram \_\_\_\_\_
- oregeno \_\_\_\_\_
- parsley curly leaf \_\_\_\_\_
- rosemary \_\_\_\_\_
- sage \_\_\_\_\_
- thyme \_\_\_\_\_

**Total # of herbs** \_\_\_\_\_

**Total \$ amount** \_\_\_\_\_

**Side two plant totals** \_\_\_\_\_

**Side two \$ amount** \_\_\_\_\_

**Total plants side 1** \_\_\_\_\_

**Total plants side 2** \_\_\_\_\_

**Total \$ amount side 1** \_\_\_\_\_

**Total \$ amount side 2** \_\_\_\_\_

**Total \$ for both sides** \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

All orders Must be received by April 15, Pick up is May 14  
 Orders can be dropped off or mailed with your check to

VFW Flower Sale  
 908 W Jackson  
 Naperville, IL 60540  
 Checks should be made payable to the VFW

For questions or information, call Marcy Maughan, 630.357.3440  
 or by email at [marcymaughan@wowway.com](mailto:marcymaughan@wowway.com)

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Members of the Auxiliary and the Cress Creek Garden Club work hard to update the drapes in the main hall. Thanks to all and to Phil Maughan for repeatedly scaling the ladder to hang each panel.