

THE KENDALL-GRAM



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Commander Pablo Araya



Another excellent Fish Fry season is in our rear view mirror and I believe it might be a record year. Not sure why, but maybe it was the leadership demonstrated by Tom Parker or the poem read by a Hines Veteran early on in the schedule that set the tone. It may have been Belgio's delicious menu or perhaps our own George Hogrewe's rendition of Flanders Fields that brought the crowds in. It may have been the National Auxiliary President's visit or the many pols that stopped in to show their support and press the flesh. Or maybe, just maybe, the rousing singing of "Anchors Aweigh" by the Araya/Hogrewe Duet made attendance soar at the Fish Fry. *"The place to be seen in Naperville!"* Regardless the reason or reasons, the Post and Auxiliary thank each and every one for their support for this year's successful Fish Fries.

And now we can put the rains of April behind us, along with driving a stake through this past winter's cold heart. But it's those frigid temps of our Midwest winters, and the chilly rains of early spring, that make us all appreciate our brief 3 or 4 months of summer just that much more. We savor the Sun warming our skin in July, in the same way we relish walking barefoot in lush, green fine fescue grass. I lived in San Diego for a year before being deployed overseas. The weather there was perfect...all the time...no seasons. Just mid-70's every day. It got to the point where I just didn't appreciate the good weather.

At the end of this month, we observe our most solemn day of the calendar: Memorial Day. It's a day to reflect and remember all those that gave their last full measure of devotion for our freedom. It's a day that drops us into a freezing winter snowstorm, regardless of how sunny our lives have become. A day when I think of Joe Pflighaar, Jimbo Boyle, and Joe King. Three friends who donned their flight suits one morning, got in their aircraft, and never returned. Their ultimate sacrifice, and that of so many others, reminds me to treasure my summer days of freedom, because there's always a winter and those that bravely keep us warm.

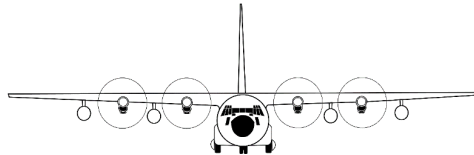
Fly Navy!

Senior Vice Commander**Brian Byrne**

Hello Spring! Hopefully, Mother Nature will have spring here by the time of publication. As I write this, we still need 26 members to sign-up or renew to reach our goal this year. If you have not yet renewed your membership for this year, please consider doing so sooner rather than later. Also, it's never too late to encourage anyone you meet, who may be eligible, to join the Post and see what we are all about.

May will be a very big month for the Post with all the activities surrounding Memorial Day. From placing flags at veteran gravesites to participating in the Memorial Day Parade, there are plenty of opportunities for everyone to get involved. This parade is a special one for me. It will mark the last time my older daughter and I will be in the parade together, as this is her 8th grade band parade! Please make plans to help distribute poppies as we show a public presence and the community once again expresses their support of our veterans through their donations.

I always love what May brings with it. Namely green golf courses, but I remember being stationed in Korea and after a yellow dust storm one year, the cherry blossoms came out and were truly a site to be seen. I also remember flying back from Iraq in May for my 15 day leave period, where I had not seen anything green for 7 months other than a desert palm tree. When we landed in Ireland to refuel at about 0600, it was a site to see as well. Regardless, as we enter the month of May, enjoying the warmer weather will be a welcome time.

Junior Vice Commander**Todd Schuneman**

In May we observe Memorial Day on the last Monday of the month to honor the men and women who died while serving in the U.S. military. Originally known as Decoration Day, it originated in the years following the Civil War and became an official federal holiday in 1971. Many Americans observe Memorial Day by visiting cemeteries or memorials, holding family gatherings, and participating in parades.

The Civil War, which ended in the spring of 1865, claimed more lives than any conflict in U.S. history and required the establishment of the country's first national cemeteries. By the late 1860s, Americans in various communities had begun holding springtime tributes to these countless fallen soldiers, decorating their graves with flowers and reciting prayers. Waterloo, New York is recognized as celebrating the first Decoration Day on May 5, 1866. It was chosen because it hosted an annual, community wide remembrance event during which businesses closed and residents decorated the graves of soldiers with flowers and flags. On May 5, 1868, General John A. Logan, who was the leader of an organization for Northern Civil War veterans, called for a nationwide day of remembrance later that month. May 30, 1868 was designated for the purpose of scattering flowers or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the war. The date of the first Decoration Day was chosen because it wasn't the anniversary of any particular battle. Memorial Day originally honored only those lost while fighting in the Civil War. But during World War I, the United States found itself embroiled in another major conflict and the holiday evolved to commemorate American military personnel who died in all wars.

For decades, Memorial Day continued to be observed on May 30. In 1968, Congress passed the Uniform Monday Holiday Act, which established Memorial Day as the last Monday in May in order to create a three-day weekend for federal employees. The change went into effect in 1971. The same law also declared Memorial Day a federal holiday.

For those of us in the VFW and the friends and family of the fallen, Memorial Day is much more personal. It is a day when we especially remember our buddies, comrades, brothers, sisters, moms, dads.... The memories of the good times and of their loss is very real to us. They live in our hearts and minds every day, where we memorialize them. It is our duty to ensure the rest of our country truly understands the meaning of Memorial Day.

Auxiliary Report from President Kathy McNally

May is one of the busiest months for us at The Post! We rededicate ourselves to our cause with the Initiation of our Officers; we remind our community of our deceased veterans' sacrifices through poppy distribution; we honor our own Auxiliary Sisters and Brothers who have passed by decorating their graves for Memorial Day; and we support our Post by marching (or riding the Trolley) in Naperville's Memorial Day Parade.

Memorial Day began sometime after the Civil War with both formal and informal ceremonies at graves and ceremonies for the soldiers who had fallen in battle. Many places claim to be the birthplace of Memorial Day in 1866, including Waterloo, New York and both Macon and Columbus, Georgia. On May 5, 1868, the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR), a Union veteran organization, established Decoration Day, May 30, as a time for the nation to decorate the dead with flowers. Arlington National Cemetery held the first large observance later that year.

By the end of the 19th century, Memorial Day ceremonies were being held throughout the country on May 30. Over time, the Army and Navy adopted policies for proper observances, and state legislatures passed proclamations designating the day. After World War I, the day was expanded to honor those who died in all American wars, and in 1971, Memorial Day was declared a national holiday to be celebrated on the last Monday in May.

This is your opportunity to make your mark in history. Join us for Poppy Distribution (Wednesday, May 22 through Monday, May 27). Sign up online <https://www.volunteersignup.org/F4MDW> and see the Poppy Distribution column for tips on how to best prepare for and work your shift. It's a rewarding experience. Join us on Friday afternoon, May 24 or Saturday morning, May 25 to help decorate the graves of our Auxiliary members.

Be a part of the Memorial Day tradition by marching with us in the parade on Monday, May 27. We line up at Centennial Beach at 10:00 am. We can always use help at the luncheon served afterwards at the Post. The doors open once the Colors are returned after the ceremonies at Central Park.

We Need You For Buddy Poppy Days

Memorial Day is not far away, and we need your help for our Buddy Poppy Days fundraiser. This is one of our biggest fundraisers of the year. It supplies the funds we need to help needy veterans and their families, including the Hines Hospital veterans, throughout the year. The assistance we provide would not be possible without the funds we receive from our Buddy Poppy activities. This fundraiser is completely dependent on YOU, the members of our post and Auxiliary, to help solicit donations from the members of our community.

For 2019, Buddy Poppy Days will run from Wednesday, May 22 through Monday, May 27. We need you to sign up for as many slots as you can to help make this important fundraiser a success. You can stop by the canteen to sign up on the paper forms posted on the wall or you can sign up by going online to: <https://www.volunteersignup.org/F4MDW>. We prefer that you sign up online via this link if possible. Signing up on the paper forms is a *tentative* signup, as someone may have already claimed that slot online. If this happens, we will have to contact you to get you a new time slot.

Pick up your poppies and a collection jug from the Post the day before your shift. Expect to go through around 150 poppies in a two-hour shift. Don't take more than you need in order to ensure poppies are available for all volunteers. The day after your shift, turn in your money to the bartender at the canteen. Also, please bring back your collection jug and any remaining poppies so that others may use them. See the Buddy Poppy link on the Judd Kendall web site for more information or to obtain contact information for Buddy Poppy Committee members Bob Colby, Nancy Marinello, and Julie Berkowicz.

Thank you for volunteering your precious time!





Veteran of the Month

Name: Leonardo M. Jaime

Rank: Major

Current Age: 50

Branch of Service: USMC

Total Years Served: 14

Job/Specialty: Tanker and Light Attack Helicopter Pilot

Places Served: Camp Pendleton, CA; Pensacola, FL; Quantico, VA; Garden City, NY; Aberdeen Proving Grounds, MD; Camp Elliott, CA; Southwest Asia; Okinawa, Japan; Subic Bay, Philippines; Utapao, Thailand; USS Tarawa (LHA1); USS Essex (LHD4); USS Mount Vernon (LSD39); USS Belleau Woods (LHA3)

Fondest Memory While Serving: Flying the HUEY at tree top level.

Favorite Quotes: "You're only as good as your next landing."



Dates to Remember

- May 1 – Yoga for Veterans, 9:30 am
- May 1 – Auxiliary visit to Mill Street, 2:00 pm
- May 4 – Blood Drive at Post, 7:30 am - 1:30 pm
- May 4 – Visit Vets at Monarch Landing, 10:00 am
- May 7 – Hines Outreach Team, 9:00 am - 1:30 pm
- May 8 – Yoga for Veterans, 9:30 am
- May 9 – VFW Meeting, 7:00 pm
- May 11 – Visit with Vets at Brookdale, 10:00 am
- May 14 – Plant Sale Pick-up, 1:00 pm - 6:00 pm
- May 14 – Hines Hospital Visit, 6:15 pm
- May 15 – Yoga for Veterans, 9:30 am

- May 16 – Auxiliary Meeting, 7:00 pm
- May 18 – Visit with Vets at Independence Village, 10:00 am
- May 19 – District 19 Meeting, 1:00 pm
- May 22 – Yoga for Veterans, 9:30 am
- May 22 – Poppy Days Begin
- May 24 – Flags at Ss Peter & Paul Cemetery, 9:00 am
- May 25 – Flags at Naperville Cemetery, 9:00 am
- May 25 – Visit with Vets at Tabor Hills, 10:00 am
- May 27 – Memorial Day
- May 28 – Flag Pick-up at Ss Peter & Paul Cemetery, 8:00 am
- May 29 – Yoga for Veterans, 9:30 am

Memorial Day 2019

The schedule for Memorial Day is:

- 0745 Service at City Hall (Dan Shanower Memorial)
- 0815 Service at Veterans Park (100 E. Gartner Road)
- 0835 Service at Burlington Square (307 N. Ellsworth Street)
- 0900 Service at Ss Peter & Paul Cemetery (911 North Avenue)
- 0915 Break at American Legion/The Lantern (8 W. Chicago Avenue)
- 0945 Service at G.A.R. Monument in Naperville Cemetery (south side)
- 1015 Veterans step off to start parade (line-up behind the Post)
- 1020 Service at Riverwalk Memorial (during parade)
- 1200 Ceremony at Central Park Bandshell (approximate start time)

IMPORTANT INFORMATION: There is no parking in the VFW lot until after 11:00 am. Parking is available at City Hall and at other locations in that area. Please be at City Hall by 7:30 am to participate in the morning's activities. Trolleys will provide transportation as we go to each location for the memorial services. There will also be transportation at Central Park to get you back to City Hall after the ceremony at the bandshell. Feel free to join us at any location, even if you are not able to start the morning with us.

Lunch will again be provided for veterans and their families following the ceremony at Central Park. The 50-flag unit and honor guard from Great Lakes Naval Base may be attending again this year. If they do, they will have priority in the food line in order to accommodate their schedule for returning to Great Lakes. The canteen will not be open until the Colors are returned to the Post following the ceremony at Central Park.

Veterans who are unable to walk the parade route and would like to ride in a car should submit their name, branch of service, conflict, and contact phone number to Tom Parker at (630) 280-9347 or tomparker60@gmail.com. Requests for a car should be made by May 17th. Anyone not requesting a vehicle by the 17th will be able to ride in the Veteran Trolley on the day of the parade.

2019 Plant Sale

If you ordered plants from the plant sale, pickup is scheduled for May 14th from 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm. The truck will arrive at 7:00 am and help will be needed to not only unload the truck, but to put orders together throughout the morning. Additionally, help is needed in the afternoon to help people find their orders and load them in their cars. Marcy would greatly appreciate any help she can receive throughout the day. If you have some free time on the 14th, even if just an hour or two, please stop by the Post to help make this go smoothly.



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

Saturday, May 4th from 0730 – 1330

You can call LifeSource at 1.888.427.4836 or log onto www.lifeforce.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.

Honoring Our Fallen Veterans

Memorial Day is just around the corner and plans are being finalized to honor our fallen veterans in Naperville. To properly do this, we will again be decorating the gravesites of all 2,700 plus interred veterans in the Naperville area cemeteries with American flags. Because of the number of flags that must be placed, we will need many volunteers to help, starting with Ss Peter and Paul Cemetery on Friday, May 24th at 9:00 am. We will not have the advantage of having our youth assisting here, so please try and make it out to help. Then on Saturday, May 25th, we will place flags at Naperville Cemetery starting at 9:00 am. At Naperville Cemetery, we usually have both Posts' Scout Troops, the Naval Sea Cadets "Ghostrider" Squadron, and several other groups show up to assist. Last year we had a tremendous turn-out and we are looking forward to even more volunteers this year. If you are a veteran, feel free to bring members of your family, neighbors, or friends. This is a very special event that we do for our fallen comrades, come rain or shine. The cemeteries are mapped by Jim Hoch and are updated each year, but it seems that each year a few gravesites "move around." Thankfully, we always manage to locate them.

On Tuesday, May 28th, we plan to pick up the flags at both cemeteries. We will start with Ss Peter & Paul at 8:00 am and will move to Naperville Cemetery after that. Help is always greatly appreciated during this process, as well. You do not need to sign-up to help place and/or collect flags at these cemeteries. Just show up at the specified time.

Also, 4 or 5 volunteers will be needed to place flags at several other smaller local cemeteries on Wednesday the 22nd. Please contact Wayne Fischer if you can help with these.

If you have any questions regarding this, please call Wayne at 630-240-8868 or email him at wayne.l.fischer@gmail.com.

Scout of the Year



At the April meeting, the Post congratulated Stephen Weiger for being selected as the Post's 2019 Scout of the Year. Stephen was selected due to his outstanding patriotism and citizenship in school, scouting, and the community. He will be recognized at the District level in May and will move on to compete at the State level for possible advancement to National, where he could receive a scholarship of up to \$5,000.

Stephen is pictured with Post Commander Pablo Araya and Scout Liaison Todd Schunemann.


Fish Fry

While we don't have the final numbers for this year's Fish Fry season, it appears that we had an excellent year. On average, we fed approximately 500 members of the community each Friday. The proceeds from this event will be used to help veterans in the community and provide funds for many of our operating expenses. A very special thank you to all the members of the Post and Auxiliary who helped set up, assisted with the many tasks during dinner, and aided with cleanup each week. Without your assistance, we could not have been as successful as we were. Thanks!



Post 3873 Calendar of Events May 2019



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 9:30 am - Yoga for Vets 2:00 pm - Auxiliary to Mill Street	2	3	4 7:30 am - 1:30 pm Blood Drive at Post 10:00 am - Visit Vets at Monarch Landing
5	6	7 9:00 am - 1:30 pm Hines Mobile Outreach Team Visit	8 9:30 am - Yoga for Vets	9 7:00 pm - VFW Meeting	10	11 10:00 am - Visit Vets at Brookdale
12	13	14 1:00 pm - 6:00 pm Plant Sale Pick-up 6:15 pm - Hines Hospital Visit	15 9:30 am - Yoga for Vets	16 7:00 pm - Auxiliary Meeting	17	18 10:00 am - Visit Vets at Independence Village 19th District Awards Dinner
19 Mother's Day 1:00 pm - District 19 Meeting (Wheaton)	20	21 8:00 am - Flag pick-up at Ss Peter and Paul Cemetery	22 9:30 am - Yoga for Vets Poppy Days Begin	23	24 9:00 am - Flags at Ss Peter and Paul Cemetery	25 9:00 am - Flags at Naperville Cemetery 10:00 am - Visit Vets at Tabor Hills
26	27  Memorial Day	28	29 9:30 am - Yoga for Vets	30	31	

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.

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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.

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