

# THE KENDALL-GRAM



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**FLY NAVY**

## Commander Pablo Araya



May is behind us. The solemn observance of Memorial Day and the joyful recognition of Mothers everywhere gives way to warmer weather and time to reflect on how lucky we are to be Americans. As Judd Kendall members, I would urge you, during this summer "down time" to think about our upcoming events and how you can help out.

Fourth of July at the Post is always a good time and our 6th Annual Judd-A-Thon will be here sooner than you know. On June 8th, if you don't have plans, I would strongly recommend a day at the races. Arlington International Racecourse will be hosting a Medal of Honor observance on that Saturday, and there will be about 25 MOH recipients on hand. Go show them your support, place a few bets, and who knows, you may even see some VFW Post 3873 and American Legion Post 43 representation.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who renewed their membership or perhaps recruited a new member or two. Post 3873 hit 100% early in May, and as I write this column, we have just been informed that we exceeded the membership goals needed to achieve All State status for this year!

I often hear remarks about Naperville being a "bubble." Well, I'm not sure I agree with that description, but if living in a community that recognizes and practices service above self, in which the residents pay their taxes, uphold the law, and respect American values, then yes, I guess you can say we have a bubble around us. Thanks for making my first year as Commander of the best Post in the country so enjoyable. I look forward to another great year.

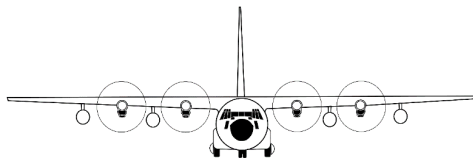
Fly Navy!

**Senior Vice Commander****Brian Byrne**

As the sun is setting on the current membership year, I am pleased to report we have met our membership goal of 100%. Additionally, as this goes to press, we have achieved All State status! Way to go Post! While this is a goal the Post collectively achieved, I would ask all members to make sure we are seeking out new members who can keep the Post going for many years. We have a great advantage living in a veteran friendly community, which we see and experience during the Memorial Day Parade and at events like football games and school visits.

We also have a great advantage in that Naperville is a community that has been and still is open for business, for new work talent and young families too. I was talking with a hiring manager contact of mine a short time ago and we talked about the benefits veterans bring to companies and organizations. We discussed intangible things such as grit, dedication to duty, fast learning, and adaptability. That is why keeping a look out in the community for prospective members will continue to be a major charge all of us need to keep. The good news for all of us is that as more veterans transition into the workforce each day/month/year, many organizations are hiring and are willing to hire veterans. 10 years ago, I was in that exact situation. Naperville and our neighboring communities will continue to be areas that attract these folks.

I know that many of us are looking forward to some summer fun. Whether it's playing a little golf, taking in a ball game, or going fishing, please reflect on another phenomenal year of fellowship and camaraderie. 2020 will bring a new slate of officers and many opportunities for the Post to grow.

**Junior Vice Commander****Todd Schuneman**

*“Soldiers, Sailors, and Airmen of the Allied Expeditionary Force! You are about to embark upon the Great Crusade, toward which we have striven for many months. The eyes of liberty loving people everywhere march with you. In company with our brave Allies and brothers in arms on other Fronts, you will bring about the destruction of the German war machine, the elimination of Nazi tyranny over the oppressed peoples of Europe, and security for ourselves in a free world.”*

— Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower

This year marks the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of D-Day, the Allied invasion of Europe. On the evening of June 5th, 1944, thousands of young men embarked upon a perilous journey taking them from the cold shores of England, across the English Channel, to the fog covered beaches of Normandy.

The Battle of Normandy lasted from June 1944 to August 1944 and resulted in the Allied liberation of Western Europe from Nazi Germany's control. Code named Operation Overlord, the battle began on June 6, D-Day when approximately 156,000 American, British, and Canadian forces landed on five beaches along a fifty mile stretch of the heavily fortified coast of France's Normandy region. The invasion was one of the largest amphibious military assaults in history and required extensive planning. By late August 1944, all of northern France had been liberated, and by the following spring, the Allies had defeated the Germans. The invasion of Normandy has been called the beginning of the end of the war in Europe.

Annually, we lose approximately 420,000 of our national treasures who demonstrated the courage and resolve to plan and execute that perilous trek across the English Channel to France 75 years ago. There is no time like the present to honor, talk with, and listen to the memories of these brave men and women who saved the world from certain tyranny.

## **Auxiliary Report from President Kathy McNally**

Are you exhausted after the May activities at the Post? What a terrific turnout for both the Post and the Auxiliary at the parade. Although we don't have the figures now, we are hopeful that we have exceeded our Poppy Distribution numbers. Thank you to all who came out to help decorate graves and honor our Sisters and Brothers. Memorial Day is always a solemn occasion - and we as a Post and Auxiliary continue to live and teach those values to Naperville citizens, young and old, as is our mission.

Please allow me to thank you for electing me to be your President for one more year. And please join me in congratulating your Officers for 2019-2020:

Senior Vice President, Kristen Jungles  
Junior Vice President, Bernadette Budny  
Secretary/Treasurer, Peggy Beata  
Chaplain, Nancy Marinello  
Conductress, Bertha Novacyk  
Guard, Margaret Linnert  
One Year Trustee, Brenda Hasler  
Two Year Trustee, Sheila Freund

Another terrific team to work under the leadership of our Commander to help to make the Judd Kendall VFW Post all that it is today. Our success is defined by you. "Many hands make light work!" Your contributions, no matter how small, make a ripple in the water that washes over our veterans and their families and our community.

As we close this year for Judd Kendall, we look forward to our convention later this month and hope we come back with many well deserved awards. Thank you for what you have done to make this possible for us.

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## **National Home for Children by Mike McGrath**

"The piggies and bunny rabbits are here." During our recent visit to the National Home for Children, we noted 14 new porcine occupants for the National Home's 4-H program. Additionally, a supply of carrots was needed for the 8 new bunny rabbits. 4-H has been a great program for many years at the National Home and the kids love being a part of it. Later this summer, the kids will participate in the Eaton County Fair and will have the chance to earn awards, including monetary prizes.

Also, Lee Lindberg and Land O Lakes are once again the first to donate to our upcoming Judd-a-Thon. Their donation of \$1,000 is a great start to the amount we hope to raise this year for the National Home. Many thanks to Lee for his continued support of this worthwhile cause.

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## **8th Grade Citizenship Awards**

Each year, the Post recognizes outstanding students in local Middle Schools and Junior High Schools through the Post's 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Citizenship Award Program. Students are selected based on academic achievement, participation in school activities, and their cooperation and positive attitude. Many thanks to Program Chairman Tom Benton for his tireless efforts and coordination with all 16 of Naperville's Junior High and Middle Schools to identify and recognize this year's outstanding students.

Helping Tom deliver the awards this year were Pablo Araya, Mike Barbour, Brian Byrne, Dave Dial, Jacqui Erwin, Gene Garcia, Lou Kueltzo, Bertha Novaczyk, Ed Nuzbach, Jim Oftedal, Nina Petru, Jennifer Slown, and Jen Solum. Also, a special thank you to Jan Barbour who worked diligently behind the scenes to handcraft each award certificate that was presented.



**Veteran of the Month**

**Name:** Scott Holley

**Rank:** Specialist 4/E-4

**Current Age:** 54

**Branch of Service:** U.S. Army

**Total Years Served:** 3

**Job/Specialty:** Satellite Communications

**Places Served:** Fort Jackson, SC; Fort Gordon, GA; Fort Hood, TX; Camp Colbern, Korea

**Fondest Memory While Serving:** Leading the convoy from Ft. Hood to Ft. Carson to test the brand new CUCV's (the Chevy Blazer 4-wheel drive vehicles). Imagine giving a 20 year old the keys and telling him to go test it out in the mountains!

**Favorite Quotes:** "If everyone is thinking alike, then somebody isn't thinking." - General George S. Patton

"The Signal Corps did what the Germans couldn't." - General Patton was killed in a vehicle accident caused by a U.S. Army Signal Corps truck on December 8, 1945 in Germany



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**Dates to Remember**

- Jun 1 – Visit Vets at Monarch Landing, 10:00 am
- Jun 4 – Hines Outreach Team, 9:00 am - 1:30 pm
- Jun 5 – Yoga for Veterans, 9:30 am
- Jun 5 – Auxiliary visit to Mill Street, 2:00 pm
- Jun 6 – 75th Anniversary of D-Day
- Jun 6 – Thursday Band Concerts Begin, 7:30 pm
- Jun 8 – Visit with Vets at Brookdale, 10:00 am
- Jun 9 – Band of Brothers and Sisters Breakfast, 9:00 am
- Jun 11 – Hines Hospital Visit, 6:15 pm
- Jun 12 – Yoga for Veterans, 9:30 am
- Jun 13 – VFW Meeting, 7:00 pm

- Jun 13-15 – State Convention in Springfield
- Jun 14 – Flag Day
- Jun 14 – Army Birthday
- Jun 15 – Visit with Vets at Independence Village, 10:00 am
- Jun 15 – American Legion Anniversary Dinner, 6:00 am
- Jun 19 – Yoga for Veterans, 9:30 am
- Jun 20 – Auxiliary Meeting, 7:00 pm
- Jun 22 – Visit with Vets at Tabor Hills, 10:00 am
- Jun 26 – Yoga for Veterans, 9:30 am

## Installation of New Officers

Post Officers for the 2019– 2020 term were sworn in during the Post’s Installation Ceremony on May 19th. These individuals will assume their roles and responsibilities immediately following the closing of the State Convention on June 15th. Officers for the coming year are:

Commander – Pablo Araya  
 Sr. Vice Commander – Brian Byrne  
 Jr. Vice Commander – Todd Schuneman  
 Quartermaster – Phil Maughan  
 Asst. Quartermaster – John Shaw  
 Adjutant – Marvin Haines, Jr.  
 Judge Advocate – Leo Jaime  
 Surgeon – Bill Howland  
 Service Officer – Mike Barbour

Officer of the Day – Lou Kueltz  
 Guard – Tom Scott  
 Chaplain – Jim Oftedal  
 1 Year Trustee – Lloyd McKee  
 2 Year Trustee – Tom Parker  
 3 Year Trustee – Bob Bronson  
 1 Year House – Bob Colby  
 2 Year House – Ron Beatta  
 3 Year House – Wick Kirby

## Stromberg Award



The annual Frank Stromberg “Buddy” Award was presented to Bob Colby during the Installation Dinner on May 19<sup>th</sup>. The award is given to a deserving member of the Post or Auxiliary who best exemplifies and demonstrates unselfish service while providing support and assistance to veterans in need, fellow members, and the community.

Congratulations Bob and thank you for the many things you do for veterans and the Post everyday.

## Quilts of Valor Presentation

Quilts of Valor were presented to three deserving Post members on Friday, April 19th at the Post. Sue Hauser, Douglas Babitzke, and Jim Oftedal were honored by having their one of a kind quilts draped around their shoulders by Rita Pennington, Illinois Coordinator of Quilts of Valor. Each of the recipients was able to share highlights of their service with the guests in attendance before enjoying lunch together. The Illinois Quilts of Valor Foundation is a not for profit organization dedicated to honoring veterans by sewing patriotic themed quilts to acknowledge our country’s gratitude for veterans’ military service.





# Post 3873 Calendar of Events June 2019



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 10:00 am - Visit Vets at Monarch Landing
2	3	4 9:00 am - 1:30 pm Hines Mobile Outreach Team Visit	5 9:30 am - Yoga for Vets 2:00 pm - Auxiliary to Mill Street	6	7	8 10:00 am - Visit Vets at Brookdale
9 9:00 am - Band of Brothers and Sisters Breakfast	10	11 6:15 pm - Hines Hospital Visit	12 9:30 am - Yoga for Vets	13 7:00 pm - VFW Meeting	14 Flag Day Army Birthday	15 10:00 am - Visit Vets at Independence Village 6:00 pm - American Legion 100th Anniversary Dinner
16	17	18	19 9:30 am - Yoga for Vets	20 7:00 pm - Auxiliary Meeting	21	22 10:00 am - Visit Vets at Tabor Hills
23 Fathers Day	24	25	26 9:30 am - Yoga for Vets	27	28	29
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**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.**

**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
Ass't Quartermaster	John Shaw	(630) 961-3479
Ass't Quartermaster		
Adjutant	Marvin Haines, Jr.	(312) 780-9610
Judge Advocate	Jeff Martinez	(630) 205-9364
Surgeon	Bill Howland	(630) 369-0087
Service Officer	Mike Barbour	(630) 240-1645
Officer of the Day	Lou Kuelto	(630) 898-8760
Guard	Tom Scott	(815) 577-7748
Chaplain	Jim Oftedal	(630) 357-4030
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

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