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Travelogue: Flying in last night, I had the In-Flight monitor set to the plane's flight path. As we flew over the Tigris River and abeam Kuwait City, then down the center of the Arabian Sea, I was reminded of all the treasure America has sacrificed in this area. For what? Oil? An American presence? Freedom? Maybe not in the sense of what we as Americans consider free, but surely freer than what the medieval Taliban fighters and so-called Caliphate would like to see.

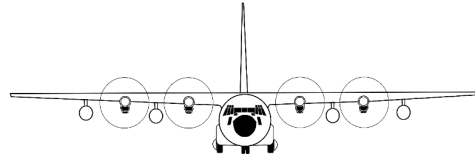
I'm writing this month's Kendall-Gram column poolside at the Radisson Hotel in Abu Dhabi. I'm enjoying an ice-cold Foster's and taking in my surroundings. It's 103 degrees in the shade. Speakers mounted on palm trees are blasting Puerto Rican rap songs, and the pool bar advertises Jose Cuervo shots and Taco Tuesday. Women walk by at a leisurely pace, dressed head to toe in black abayas. A couple of Eastern European tourists are sunning themselves in their Speedos. To the west, in the setting sun, there's a beautifully manicured golf course that will see me butcher a 100+ score before my gig here is over. And just past the rolling fairways, I can see the shimmering Arabian Sea.

That view takes me back about 32 years, when I was flying spotting missions off the USS MIDWAY (CV-41), in the Straits of Hormuz. The "Mighty MIDWAY" was operating just southwest in the Persian Gulf. We were looking for Iranian gun boats that had begun harassing commercial tankers transiting one of the world's busiest sea lanes. President Reagan reacted by announcing to the world, that the U.S. would take the lead and protect all ships passing through the Straits. The Iranians learned in short order that when America's might is set loose, the damage is complete and thorough. The Iranians faced us and withered under the force of the largest U.S. naval convoy, at the time, since WWII. And now they are at it again. The more things change, the more they stay the same.

A grey, IR painted C-130 just flew overhead. I could not tell if it was a U.S. bird or one from the many allies the UAE has since it formed back in the early 70's. Regardless, men and women from our armed forces will continue to operate in the Middle East for the foreseeable future. And they will do it without complaint and with a professionalism that defines the American military. So, I'm going to order another Foster's, "cool off" in the 80-degree pool water and thank God for our men and women wearing the uniform – simply because I can.

Fly Navy!

Junior Vice Commander Todd Schuneman



This August marks the seventy-fourth anniversary that the first and only time an atomic bomb was used in war. By August 1945, the Allies' Manhattan Project produced two types of atomic bombs - a uranium gun type device and a plutonium implosion type device. In order to deliver these devices, the 509th Composite Group (USAAF) was equipped with specialized Boeing B-29 Super Fortresses. The aircraft were to deliver the devices from Tinian in the Mariana Islands to Japan. The aircraft modification and training program was named the Silver Plate Project and was subsequently shortened to Silverplate.

The orders for the atomic bombs to be used on four Japanese cities were issued on July 25th. The cities of Kyoto, Hiroshima, Yokohama, Kokura, Niigata, and even Tokyo were identified as potential targets. Nagasaki was selected as a secondary target due to weather over Kokura on the day of the drop. On August 6th, one of the modified B-29s, the Enola Gay, dropped a uranium gun type device, nicknamed "Little Boy," on Hiroshima. Three days later, on August 9th, a plutonium implosion type device, nicknamed "Fat Man," was dropped by another B-29, Bockscar, on Nagasaki. Each of the bombs immediately devastated their targets. Six days after the bombing of Nagasaki, Japan announced its surrender to the Allies. This eliminated the need to drop any additional devices.

September 2, 1945 aboard the USS Missouri in Tokyo Bay, the Japanese government signed the instrument of surrender, which effectively ended World War II. As we remember the use of these devastating weapons, let us continue to support the brave men and women serving in the military and thank them for what they do every day. It is through their efforts that hostile forces are deterred and prevented from reaching a level of aggression that requires the use of weapons like these a second time.

Auxiliary Report from President Kathy McNally

Six months ago, it was 20 below zero! Will August bring us more days in the 100's? July 1st was the beginning of our VFW calendar year. As we yearn for the cooler days of fall, a gentle reminder: if you are an Annual member, please go online to Malta and pay your dues <https://malta.vfwauxiliary.org> or forward to our Auxiliary Membership Chair, Kathy Thornton.

Our Auxiliary was well represented at the Department Convention in June by Fran McGrath - we thank her for her attendance. I was unable to attend due to my Uncle Al Mampre's (101st, Easy Company) funeral - little did I know that I would be attending two more veteran funerals within three weeks.

My father, Michael "Mickey" Hunt, a Korean War veteran, left this world during our June meeting at 9:40 pm. As he is a charter member of the Woodridge VFW, that Post provided a stunning flag tribute during his wake. Three of his comrades unfolded his flag and re-folded it as Bob Reichert explained the meaning of the 13 folds. Combined with our faith, our VFW and Auxiliary brothers and sisters helped to lift us up to give Dad a great sendoff. They will be close by when we lay Dad to rest at the Abraham Lincoln Memorial Cemetery next month.

The day after the funeral, our family flew to Colorado to bury the father of my children, my former husband, who was once also a member of Judd Kendall. He, too, is buried at Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Grand Junction, Colorado. Again, our flag was ever present and the military ceremony was uplifting.

As I end my summer, I will reflect on what my Auxiliary and the Post has meant to me. Our initiation pledge comes to life at these critical events. "In the presence of Almighty God...I will be faithful to the United States of America, obedient to the laws, and loyal to the Flag..." I often wonder how those without faith endure these life events. Now I am grateful to our organization, which parallels our faith and enriches our lives. Thank you, brothers and sisters, for being my Auxiliary.

National Home for Children by Mike McGrath

Each year the National Home for Children has a community celebration dinner where the academic achievements of the residents are highlighted. This year is no exception. Recently, several pre-school students, high school students, and even parents were recognized and honored for their achievements throughout the school year. The pre-school children also celebrated "International Mud Day" and loved the hands-on approach to the day's events. Information about the great programs like these can be found on the National Home's website.

We hope you'll be able to attend Illinois Day at the National Home on September 28th this year. Information about the event and hotels near the National Home is available at the Post. Finally, don't forget our 6th Annual Judd-a-Thon on September 15th. All proceeds raised during this morning of fun are donated to the National Home.

Assistance Requested for Post Clean-up from Marcy Maughan

Mark your calendars now for August 10th. It is not a holiday nor is it a special military remembrance day. It is a Band of Brothers and Sisters Breakfast day. It is also the day I am fervently hoping to have some help at the Post to clean-up around the outside grounds. We need to pull weeds, cut down several junk trees, and move a number of plants from shade to sun. The clean-up will start at 8:00 am. We will stop at 9:00 am for the breakfast. If enough people volunteer to help, we can get the grounds looking great in a short amount of time.

We are hoping to have a minimum of 20 volunteers that can work in pairs to help with the two sides of the building and flower beds that need work. If we can get more than 20, that's even better, as it means less work for everyone.

Between the very wet spring and Phil's accident, I have not had an abundance of free time to devote to the VFW. The Post belongs to all of us, so plan to spend an hour or two helping to make it look great. What better way to work up an appetite for the tasty breakfast that morning or to work off a few calories afterwards.

Golfers . . . Come Scramble With Us

JUDD KENDALL'S 2019 GOLF OUTING

SATURDAY, SEPT 14TH AT SPRINGBROOK GOLF COURSE

FEE: \$100 PER GOLFER (INCLUDES 18 HOLES WITH CART, BOX LUNCH AND DRINK AT THE TURN, BBQ DINNER WITH DRINKS)

PRIZES FOR LONGEST DRIVE, CLOSEST TO THE PIN, AND LONGEST PUTT

SIGN-UP SHEETS WILL BE POSTED IN THE CANTEEN IN MID-AUGUST AND YOU MUST PAY THE BARTENDER WHEN YOU SIGN UP. SINGLES ARE WELCOME





Veteran of the Month

Name: Jennifer Slown

Rank: Sergeant (prior); First Lieutenant (currently)

Branch of Service: U.S. Marine Corps

Total Years Served: 9.5

Job/Specialty: Supply Administration (enlisted), Manpower Officer (officer)

Places Served: Combat Logistics Battalion 451, 2nd Supply Battalion, Maintenance Company (Afghanistan 2011-2012); Combined Joint Task Force Horn of Africa (2013-2014); Combat Logistics Regiment 4 (currently)

Fondest Memory While Serving: While deployed to the Horn of Africa, the men’s intramural basketball team would regularly play the local Djiboutian college team as a community outreach event. Before the games, local female players would practice on the courts. When asked if the women would like to play our women’s team, the coaches said no because as a conservative Muslim nation, they did not want the women playing in public. Our men’s team said they would no longer play unless our women could compete as well. The coaches agreed to let their women play and the games brought out more and more of the local civilians. The games also allowed us to form lifelong bonds with the Djiboutian players.

Favorite Quotes: “The Lioness hunts. The alpha female defends the wolf pack. The Warrior Ethos is not a manifestation only of male aggression or of the masculine will to dominance. Its foundation is society-wide. It rests on the will and resolve of mothers and wives and daughters - and in no few instances, of female warriors as well - to defend their children, their home soil, and the values of their culture.” - Steven Pressfield “The Warrior Ethos”



Dates to Remember

- Aug 3 – Visit Vets at Monarch Landing, 10:00 am
- Aug 6 – Hines Outreach Team, 9:00 am - 1:30 pm
- Aug 7 – Yoga for Veterans, 9:30 am
- Aug 8 – VFW Meeting, 7:00 pm
- Aug 10 – Visit with Vets at Brookdale, 10:00 am
- Aug 11 – Post Clean-up, 8:00 am
- Aug 11 – Band of Brothers and Sisters Breakfast, 9:00 am
- Aug 14 – Yoga for Veterans, 9:30 am

- Aug 15 – Auxiliary Meeting, 7:00 pm
- Aug 16 – Pig Roast at the Post, 5:00 pm
- Aug 17 – Visit with Vets at Independence Village, 10:00 am
- Aug 18 – District 19 Meeting, 1:00 pm (Villa Park Post)
- Aug 21 – Yoga for Veterans, 9:30 am
- Aug 24 – Visit with Vets at Tabor Hills, 10:00 am
- Aug 28 – Yoga for Veterans, 9:30 am

NOTE: NO Hines Hospital visit this month and NO Mill Street visit this month

PIG ROAST - FRIDAY, AUGUST 16TH

STARTS AT 5:00 PM IN THE CANTEEN

\$10.00 PER PERSON

ENTERTAINMENT PROVIDED

PLEASE BRING A DISH TO SHARE - VEGETABLE, DESSERT, ETC.

EVERYONE IS INVITED



Do You Need a Copy of Your DD-214?

1. Request Your Military Service Records

TO OBTAIN A COPY OF YOUR DD-214, make your request using the following website:

<https://vetrecs.archives.gov/VeteranRequest/home.html>

Note: if you need to obtain a DD-214 for a funeral, expedite your request with the following sequence:

1. Day-1: Complete the request form.
2. Day-1: Call 314-801-0800 say "Emergency Service" to let them know the request is for a funeral.
3. Day-2: Call on day #2 and remind them it's for a funeral (yes, it's a repeat call/reminder).

For funeral emergencies - the VA has 72 hours, or less, to get the DD-214 to you.

2. Veteran burial allowance/payments to family/next of kin

Use the link below for a description and steps to request benefits up to 2 years after the death of a veteran.

<https://www.va.gov/burials-memorials/veterans-burial-allowance/>

Donations Requested

Members of our Armed Forces continue to serve in harm's way every day. They serve in unfamiliar places like Africa, Afghanistan, Egypt, and on ships around the world. Operation Support Our Troops - America (OSOT - America) has delivered over two million pounds of comfort items to our active duty service members over the past 16 years and continues to send 250 boxes each month to over 1,500 service members.

OSOT - America is always in need of items to send to our brave men and women who are serving overseas. Our Post has a donation box outside on the upper level next to the flag drop box. You can find the current list of needed items at <http://www.osotamerica.org/get-involved/itemsneeded/>. Please consider bringing a donation to put in the box the next time you visit the Post. For more information about OSOT - America and what they do to help our military members, visit <http://www.osotamerica.org/>.



Post 3873 Calendar of Events August 2019



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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		6 9:00 am -1:30 pm Hines Mobile Outreach Team Visit	7 9:30 am - Yoga for Vets	8 7:00 pm - VFW Meeting	9	10 10:00 am - Visit Vets at Brookdale
4 8:00 am - Post Clean-up			14 9:30 am - Yoga for Vets	15 7:00 pm - Auxiliary Meeting	16 5:00 pm - Pig Roast	17 10:00 am - Visit Vets at Independence Village
11 9:00 am - Band of Brothers and Sisters Breakfast			21 9:30 am - Yoga for Vets	22	23	24 10:00 am - Visit Vets at Tabor Hills
18 1:00 pm - District 19 Meeting (Villa Park)			28 9:30 am - Yoga for Vets	29	30	31
25	26	27				

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 pm and return at approximately 9:15 pm. 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 pm	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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