

THE KENDALL-GRAM



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Commander Pablo Araya



Wow, where to start? How about the green, lush colors of a Naperville summer? Perhaps the temperate mid-eighties temps? Or maybe all the welcoming, familiar faces of the Post? Should I even mention Renae, the girls, and Mojo? I guess any way I look at it, it's great to be back home!

I was no more than 24 hours back in my normal time zone, when I got a call from Mike Rex. He said that he had mulch being delivered and his usual "assistants" were going to be unavailable. Not sure if you know Mike, but panic isn't an emotion I would identify him with. Yet, I detected a hint of it in his voice. I said, "put the word out," and I told him I would do the same. Saturday came around and my jet lag was finally coming under control. I dragged myself out of bed and headed to the Post about four minutes after he said he would need the help. When I arrived at the Post, I had trouble finding a parking space. There were so many volunteers swinging rakes, shovels, and wheelbarrows. All I could think was, "Why aren't I still in bed??" As usual, you all answered the bell and in less than two hours, the mulch was spread, the dead wood was removed, and the Post grounds looked beautiful. Thanks to everyone who pitched in.

Which brings me to last Friday. What a great turn out for our summer Pig Roast. Carey, Jimmy, Coach, Friday Night Bob, the entire Canteen Staff, and great guests made it one of our most successful fundraisers of the year. Thank you, thank you, thank you! And if you're not a fan of pig, disco dancing, and beers...then maybe I'll see you back in the desert next year!

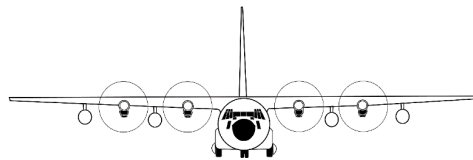
Before signing off, I just want to remind all of you couch potatoes that you have less than a month to whip your sorry patuskies into shape for our 6th Annual 0.1K Judd-A-Thon. Come stand before USMC "Gunny" Ski, daring to make eye contact with him during calisthenics, and undertake the challenge of our rigorous and grueling 0.1K course. The Judd-A-Thon will begin on September 15, at exactly 10:01 am! We are shooting for an all-time high in donations this year. So, get up, sign up, and show up to let the families and kids from the National Home know how much we care for them and their success!

Fly Navy!

Senior Vice Commander**Brian Byrne**

Well it's back to school time for some, empty nest time for others, and the beginning of fall for all of us. For me, I have my oldest child starting high school, so it's a new chapter for my family and me. As the weather turns a bit cooler, it will be another big month. September brings with it several key events at the Post from the Golf Outing on September 14 to the Judd-A-Thon on September 15.

As we move through our usual fall events, membership should be something we continue to keep in mind. We should continue to seek out fellow veterans who are eligible to join our organization. And, if we do as well as we did last year, the Post will achieve All-State status or better again this year. During the "August Commander's Challenge," the National Commander-in-Chief's motto reminded us that we must "DARE TO CARE." Whether a Life Member or an Annual Member, each of us realize the vast resources and benefits the VFW offers to veterans. Finding help to get a medical claim filed, being able to participate in some sort of charity, patriotic, or community-based event, or simply enjoying the fellowship of other veterans are just a few of the many things the VFW has to offer. With the National Commander's thoughts in mind, there is no time like the present to bring in new members and help them enjoy the benefits, support, and camaraderie that no other organization can supply!

Junior Vice Commander**Todd Schuneman**

So, why donate blood? Blood donation truly is a "gift of life" that a healthy individual can give to others who are sick or injured. In one hour's time, a person can donate one unit of blood that can be separated into four individual components that could help save multiple lives.

From one unit of blood, red blood cells can be extracted for use in trauma or surgical patients. Plasma, the liquid part of blood, is administered to patients with clotting problems. The third component of blood, platelets, clot the blood when cuts or other open wounds occur, and are often used in cancer and transplant patients. Cryoprecipitated anti-hemophilic factor (AHF) is also used for clotting factors.

Blood donation not only makes the receiver's life good, but also helps the donor to maintain good health. Some of the health benefits include reduced risk of cancer and hemochromatosis (a health condition that arises due to excess absorption of iron by the body). Also, it helps reduce the risk of damage to the liver and pancreas. Finally, data suggests that donating blood may help in improving cardiovascular health and reducing obesity as well.

Each year, the Post sponsors blood drives that are held in the upstairs hall of the Post. Our next blood drive will be in November. Please make a note in your calendar now and plan to spend an hour of your time with us for this event. The sick or injured person that benefits from your donation could very well be a fellow veteran.

Auxiliary Report from President Kathy McNally

September! The fresh smell of clean blackboards, clean classrooms, new books, and new binders. I remember this month being a new start. Let's carry this thought to a new beginning for YOU, dear Brothers and Sisters. Have you read about our activities but hesitated to join, thinking, "Oh, I don't matter. They'll have enough hands." Or, hesitated to join a meeting because you don't personally know the officers? Ours is a fraternal organization. We are brothers and sisters through veterans' service. You are not a stranger to anyone in this organization!

We have quite a few members who have joined our organization but have not yet been initiated. Are you fearful of having to wear a bathing cap and getting your nose colored blue? Fear not! Our initiation process is a simple introduction to our ways and means, with a beautiful explanation of our Auxiliary Pin (a gift to you) and an all-membership pledge to our organization. We have great camaraderie - and to those who haven't been to a meeting in a while, your first refreshing beverage at the Canteen after the meeting is on the house!

Your next chance to attend a stellar event is our Judd-A-Thon. It's a "grueling" 0.1K event with amusements and entertainments for all! Let's recognize the A-Team who have been organizing registration and check-in for this event for a few years. Thank you, Maryann Groner, Brenda Hasler, Denise Lein, Fran McGrath, Maureen McKee, Berni Budny, and leader Trish Krenick.

Hope to see you at an event or at the Post soon!

National Home for Children by Mike McGrath

September is going to be quite a busy month for us in relation to the National Home for Children. We begin by having our 6th Annual Judd-A-Thon to raise money for the National Home. Thanks to this fundraiser, our Post has been able to make record setting donations to the National Home for the past five years and we hope to set a new record this year. Come join us on September 15 for the 0.1K fun run – "a short run that will go a long way to help veteran and military families at the VFW National Home for Children."

Then join us on September 28 in Eaton Rapids, MI for Illinois Day at the National Home. That day we are able to see and meet some of the families that benefit from everything the National Home has to offer and we get to tour the grounds. Just as importantly, we are able to join our Post Commander, Pablo Araya, as he presents the proceeds of the Judd-A-Thon directly to the Executive Director.

Information and sign-up sheets for these events are available at the Post. Don't miss out on these great family oriented events!

JUDD KENDALL'S 2019 GOLF OUTING
SATURDAY, SEPT 14TH AT SPRINGBROOK GOLF COURSE
THERE ARE STILL A FEW OPENINGS FOR THIS OUTING
\$100 PER PERSON – SIGN-UP IN THE CANTEEN





Veteran of the Month

Name: Paul Quinn

Rank: Lieutenant/O-3

Branch of Service: U.S. Navy

Total Years Served: 4

Job/Specialty: Surface Warfare Officer

Places Served: Naval Base Coronado (San Diego, CA); USS Mount Hood (AE-29) (home port Naval Weapons Station Concord, CA); Multiple deployments including the Persian Gulf during Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm.



Fondest Memory While Serving: Experiencing all the great cities and countries of the Pacific and Asia—San Francisco, San Diego, Pearl Harbor/Honolulu, Vancouver, Sasebo, Pusan, Subic Bay, Guam, Hong Kong, Phuket, and Kuala Lumpur. Also, every sailor’s favorite two words: “Liberty Call!”

Favorite Quotes: “I can imagine no more rewarding a career. And any man who may be asked in this century what he did to make his life worthwhile, I think can respond with a good deal of pride and satisfaction: ‘I served in the United States Navy’.” - John F. Kennedy

“Damn the torpedoes, full speed ahead!” - Admiral David Farragut

“The worst day at sea is better than the best day on land.” - every Chief Petty Officer I ever met



Dates to Remember

Sep 2 – Labor Day

Sep 4 – Yoga for Veterans, 9:30 am

Sep 4 – Auxiliary visit to Mill Street, 2:00 pm

Sep 7 – Visit with Vets at Monarch Landing, 10:00 am

Sep 10 – Hines Hospital Visit, 6:15 pm

Sep 11 – Patriot Day

Sep 11 – Yoga for Veterans, 9:30 am

Sep 12 – VFW Meeting, 7:00 pm

Sep 14 – Visit with Vets at Brookdale, 10:00 am

Sep 14 – Post Golf Outing

Sep 15 – Judd-A-Thon, 10:01 am

Sep 18 – Air Force Birthday

Sep 18 – Yoga for Veterans, 9:30 am

Sep 19 – Auxiliary Meeting, 7:00 pm

Sep 21 – Visit with Vets at Independence Village, 10:00 am

Sep 21 – Legion Dinner, 6:00 pm

Sep 25 – Yoga for Veterans, 9:30 am

Sep 28 – IL Day at the National Home for Children

Sep 28 – Visit with Vets at Tabor Hills, 10:00 am

Note: NO Hines Outreach Team visit to the Post this month.
Hines Hospital visits and Auxiliary visits to Mill Street begin again this month.

Thank You's from Marcy Maughan

Thank you to all the people who came to help clean up the flower beds and spread mulch at the VFW. We had a nice crowd of volunteers of all ages. Boy Scouts and their parents, members of the Post, and other volunteers, including six of my grandchildren. We worked hard and were done in an hour. I thank all of you for your help!



Recently the Hines Hospital veterans benefitted from the hard work of Charlene Austin. She made and donated 17 lap robes for the veterans. Thank you, Charlene, for the generous donation, and for your time.

Midwest Heirloom Stitchers, a Naperville chapter of the Smocking Arts Guild of America recently donated 24 patriotic pillowcases and donated them to the VFW. We distributed them to the vets we visit each Saturday at the various retirement homes. Thank you, Florence Ben, for overseeing this project and thanks to the Midwest Heirloom Stitchers for all their hard work.

What Your Post Service Officer Can Do For You by Mike Barbour

In my years as the Post Service Officer for both the VFW and American Legion, I have come to realize there is confusion over what I can do as the Post Service Officer to help file claims for the veteran and what an accredited Veteran Service Officer (VSO) does.

The Veteran Service Officer goes through intensive training every year to stay current on the changes in VA policies and procedures. Below are some of the main differences between the Post Service Officer and the Veteran Service Officer (VSO).

- The VSO offers advice and research to veterans who wish to handle their own claims.
- The VSO also assists veterans who are filing claims for compensation and/or pension with the Department of Veterans Affairs and completes the required VA forms on behalf of the claimant.
- In reopening claims for service connected disabilities, the VSO follows up on the status of claims and files Notices of Disagreement if the veteran believes the decision made by the VA is incorrect.
- The VSO assists veterans or surviving spouses in the preparation of appeals for denial of claims and files the appeals.
- The VSO can answer/research inquiries regarding medical, death/burial, and other miscellaneous benefits.

The Post Service Officer (PSO) is a **local** advocate who assists veterans and their loved ones in navigating a complicated benefits landscape. The PSO is **NOT** accredited by the Department of Veterans Affairs for the purpose of representing claimants in their benefits claims before the Veterans Administration.

Post Service Officers do not hold legal standing to represent claimants in their benefits claims before the Department of Veterans Affairs. The PSO may assist veterans in understanding their benefits.

Look on me as a concierge service. I certainly don't have all the answers, but I can get you to the people that do. We are fortunate to have excellent Veteran Service Officers at both the VFW and American Legion offices. A VSO from the Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs is also available at the Aurora Vet Center.



Post 3873 Calendar of Events September 2019



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	Labor Day		9:30 am - Yoga for Vets 2:00 pm - Auxiliary to Mill Street			10:00 am - Visit Vets at Monarch Landing
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
		6:15 pm - Hines Hospital Visit	9:30 am - Yoga for Vets Patriot Day	7:00 pm - VFW Meeting		10:00 am - Visit Vets at Brookdale Post Golf Outing
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
10:01 am - Annual Judd-A-Thon			9:30 am - Yoga for Vets Air Force Birthday	7:00 pm - Auxiliary Meeting		10:00 am - Visit Vets at Independence Village 6:00 pm - Legion Dinner
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
			9:30 am - Yoga for Vets			10:00 am - Visit Vets at Tabor Hills Illinois Day at the National Home for Children
29	30					
	Rosh Hashana					

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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Safety	Mike McGrath	(630) 357-2680
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JUDD-A-THON
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