

THE KENDALL-GRAM



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Commander Pablo Araya



With a successful Judd-A-Thon behind us, and the work it takes by everyone to pull it off, it would be great to enjoy our Indian Summer in northern Illinois, sit on our laurels, and enjoy a cold Old Style. But as we all know, there's no rest for the wicked, or at least not the members of the best VFW Post in the country. We are entering one of our busiest periods of the calendar and I would ask that everyone pitch in where they can. And if for some reason you are suffering from NVO (Non-Volunteer-Osis), then by all means come out and just enjoy each of the scheduled events as a participant. Starting at the end of October (25th), we have Jimmy's famous Oktoberfest Pig Roast. Head over to the Post and enjoy some camaraderie, Beauregard the Pig (may he rest in peace), and a surprise visit from Vegas. A week later, we'll be hosting a Blood Drive at the Post. Please stop by and donate. Next, we turn our attention to Veterans Day and all the observances and ceremonies that go with recognizing all those that have proudly worn the uniform. This year's 11th hour, 11th day, 11th month observance will be conducted in conjunction with Naperville's Healing Fields of Honor on Rotary Hill (the flags will be displayed from November 1st through the 11th and are on sale now for purchase). There's plenty of opportunity to step up and volunteer with the Healing Fields set up, as well as all of the school visits where we'll be meeting with Naperville's youth and answering their intelligent and probing questions about the military and our experiences. This year, the Naperville Marines will be celebrating their august service's 244th birthday on Saturday, November 9th. If you've never experienced a formal military outing, please make plans to join the Gyrenes! Two weeks after that, get to the Post early, claim a table, and experience the madness that is the Judd Kendall Annual Turkey Raffle. I promise, the Turkey Raffle will get you in the holiday spirit, which will be right around the corner!

One final note about Veterans Day. I recently read a book written by a former U.S. Army Ranger named Mat Best. The title immediately caught my eye while perusing the bookstore for a good fall reading: [Thank You for My Service](#). Mr. Best captured what I think many of us feel about our service. Yes, we all shared various hardships during our military commitments, from long separations, interrupted lives, and sudden and violent death. But we also experienced a bond and camaraderie that no one can diminish. It was our honor to serve the greatest country this world has ever seen. The U.S. Government actually paid us, fed us, clothed us, trained us, and most importantly trusted us, to defend and protect our fellow citizens and our American way of life. And for that, I'll be giving thanks on November 28th.

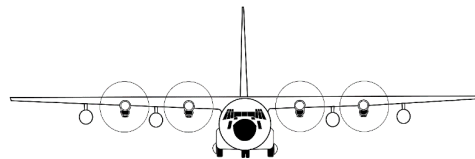
Fly Navy!

Senior Vice Commander**Brian Byrne**

The month of November is here! There is a lot going on at the Post this month, from Veterans Day to Thanksgiving. For me, November was always the month I arrived overseas, whether it was in Korea or the desert. This November will hold special meaning for military veterans because this year marks the 100th anniversary of the signing of the Treaty of Versailles which ended the “Great War.” As we all know, it did not quite end all wars, but it did shape a lot of the current world we live in today. Many decisions were made there that shaped the next generation and history is always judged with 20/20 hindsight. However, one constant that has not changed is how a generation came home from “the front” and went to work to achieve excellence in the “war of American citizenship.” This achievement of excellence has transcended many generations.

I remember watching a show a few years ago on Veterans Day about veterans who worked in the financial sector and one of the commentators talked about the key attributes that veterans bring to the work force. Grit, perseverance, and attention to detail were but a few of the traits that he mentioned. These are qualities that we bring to the table and, in my opinion, they represent things that are good about America!

As we head into November, remember this is the time of the year that veterans are really out and about. When you are enjoying your free coffee or giving a presentation at a school, it’s a great time to connect with other veterans and see about their interest in joining the Post!

Junior Vice Commander**Todd Schuneman**

The United States Marine Corps was established on November 10, 1775, to augment naval forces in the Revolutionary War by the second Continental Congress. Congress had passed the Continental Marine Act of 1775, ordering “that two battalions of Marines be raised.” The recruiting headquarters was set up by Capt. Samuel Nicholas in the Tun Tavern on Water Street in Philadelphia, which is considered to be the birthplace of the Marines. After success in many campaigns, the Corps was disbanded at the close of the Revolutionary War for reasons of economy. On July 11, 1798, Congress ordered the creation of the Corps, named it the United States Marine Corps and directed that it be available for service under the Secretary of the Navy.

The Corps celebrated its birthday, or Marine Corps Day, on July 11 from 1799 until 1921 when the date was permanently changed to November 10 to commemorate the establishment of the Corps to aid in the Revolutionary War. The day is still observed by U. S. Marines worldwide. Special exhibits, parades, drill team performances, and speeches typically mark the occasion. During the annual birthday celebration, Order No. 47 is read, which says, in part, “it is fitting that we who are Marines should commemorate the birthday of our corps by calling to mind the glories of its long and illustrious history.” The commanding officer cuts the birthday cake and the first piece is given to the oldest Marine present, who then passes it to the youngest Marine present.

Happy Birthday Marines! Semper Fidelis

Auxiliary Report from President Kathy McNally

This is one of the busiest months of our annual mission! Veterans Day, the flag raisings, the Post visits at the schools, and our Turkey Raffle fundraiser. There are many opportunities to honor our veterans this month.

In the United States, we recognize Veterans Day, which was formerly known as Armistice Day, on November 11th. Other countries also mark the day as Remembrance Day. Worldwide, this day was noted to celebrate Armistice with Germany to end World War I - at the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month in 1918. President Woodrow Wilson, in recognizing the first Armistice Day in 1919:

"...Out of this victory there arose new possibilities of political freedom and economic concert. The war showed us the strength of great nations acting together for high purposes, and the victory of arms foretells the enduring conquests which can be made in peace when nations act justly and in furtherance of the common interests of men.

To us in America the reflections of Armistice Day will be filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country's service, and with gratitude for the victory, both because of the thing from which it has freed us and because of the opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of nations."

In 1954, after having been through World War II and the Korean War, the 83rd U.S. Congress - at the urging of the VFW and American Legion - amended the Act by striking the word "Armistice" and inserting "Veterans" to honor Americans of all wars. Don't confuse this with Memorial Day, which honors the dead. This day honors our living American veterans.

And this is your opportunity to join hands with us to show our appreciation. We need volunteers for our Turkey Raffle in all areas: kitchen, walk-around raffle ticket sales, raffle tables, and we need donations for our raffles. Mark your calendar for Saturday, November 23rd and contact our Turkey Raffle Chair, Kristen Jungles at kjungles@sbcglobal.net, to get involved or to donate. And remember to thank our veterans on their special day!

Additionally, we are planning a karaoke fundraiser for Legacy Ranch, which assists veterans with PTSD in caring for and working with their horses. Our fundraiser night is Saturday, November 9th. Food at 5:00 pm. Karaoke at 6:30 pm. Please join us!

We want to acknowledge the hard workers who brought in \$755 to the National Home at this year's Judd a Thon: Maryann, Kristy, Karen, and Fran. Along with Bertha and Dorothy (our basket coordinators), this represents a 70% increase over last year's proceeds. Thanks to all who purchased tickets for this worthy cause.

Patriot's Pen/Voice of Democracy - Volunteers Needed

Each year the Post and Auxiliary award several thousands of dollars to local high school and junior high school students as part of the VFW's Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen scholarship competitions. Students in grades 6 - 8 submit 300 to 400-word written essays for Patriot's Pen and students in grades 9 - 12 submit audio essays for the Voice of Democracy competition. This year, we expect to receive several hundred Patriot's Pen entries and close to a dozen Voice of Democracy entries.

Judging will be conducted on Saturday, November 9 and volunteers are needed to help select our Post level scholarship winners for both competitions. This always proves to be a rewarding experience as you get to see firsthand the patriotism and engagement of our youth through their entries.

Please contact Carmen Iacullo at cwiacullo@gmail.com or (708) 969-7143 if you can assist with judging this year.



Veteran of the Month

All of the men and women who have served in our armed services.

Thank you for your service and sacrifice in making this country great.

Happy Veterans Day!



Dates to Remember

- Nov 2 – Visit with Vets at Monarch Landing, 10:00 am
- Nov 2 – Fall Blood Drive, 7:30 am - 1:00 pm
- Nov 5 – Hines Outreach Team, 9:00 am - 1:30 pm
- Nov 6 – Yoga for Veterans, 9:30 am
- Nov 6 – Auxiliary visit to Mill Street, 2:00 pm
- Nov 9 – Visit with Vets at Brookdale, 10:00 am
- Nov 9 – Marine Corps Ball, 5:00 pm
- Nov 9 – Karaoke on the Porch, 5:00 pm
- Nov 10 – U.S.M.C. Birthday
- Nov 11 – Veterans Day Ceremony (Rotary Hill), 11:00 am

- Nov 11 – Veterans Day Dinner, 5:00 pm
- Nov 12 – Hines Hospital Visit, 6:15 pm
- Nov 13 – Yoga for Veterans, 9:30 am
- Nov 14 – VFW Meeting, 7:00 pm
- Nov 16 – Visit with Vets at Independence Village, 10:00 am
- Nov 17 – District 19 Meeting (Montgomery Post), 1:00 pm
- Nov 20 – Yoga for Veterans, 9:30 am
- Nov 21 – Auxiliary Meeting, 7:00 pm
- Nov 23 – Visit with Vets at Tabor Hills, 10:00 am
- Nov 23 – Turkey Raffle, 5:00 pm

Judd Kendall VFW Post 3873 Fall Blood Drive
In the upstairs hall of the Post
Saturday, November 2nd
7:30 am - 1:00 pm



Call Vitalant (formerly LifeSource) at (888) 427-4836 or log on to Vitalant.org to schedule your appointment.
 Walk-ins are always welcome.

38,000 blood donations are needed each day.
Will You Help?

Veterans Day 2019

This year, we will be conducting flag raisings at District 203 schools on Monday, November 11th. As in the past, the day will begin with breakfast at the District 203 main office located at 203 W. Hillside Road (corner of Hillside Road and Webster Street). Immediately following breakfast, we will head out to the schools. Currently, we have not received any requests for veterans to attend District 204 schools. If we do receive a request from District 204, we obviously will not be able to send as many people to District 203 schools.

If you plan to participate in these events on Veterans Day, please contact Nina Petru at Petru1520@comcast.net or text her at (630) 871-9596 with your name and contact information. Sign-up sheets will also be available at the next monthly meeting. If you plan to attend breakfast, please tell Nina. You do not have to attend breakfast in order to assist with the flag raisings. If there is a specific school you would like to attend, please provide the name of the school. These requests will be accommodated on a first come, first serve basis. Nina will assign everyone else to schools based on the needs of District 203. Remember to bring your VFW or Legion cover.

This is usually a big day for us, so the more veterans that can assist, the better. The students and staff at the schools are very appreciative and make it a point to recognize and celebrate you, our veterans.

Please note that our Veterans Day Memorial Service will be held at **Rotary Hill** this year instead of Veterans Park. We will be recognizing the 100th anniversary of the ending of WWI, the 100th anniversary of the charter of American Legion Post 43, and the 75th anniversary of the charter of Judd Kendall VFW Post 3873. The program will begin at 11:00 am, so plan to arrive early.

244th Marine Corps Ball

This year, members of the United States Marine Corps will celebrate their 244th birthday. Naperville Marines have marked this event by hosting a Marine Corps Ball in the Naperville area for the past 46 years. This year, the Marine Corps Ball will be held on Saturday, November 9th at the Marriott-Naperville and all are welcomed to join in the celebration.

The evening will begin with a social hour at 5:00 pm. The formal program will begin at 6:30 pm with dinner to follow. The menu offering this year is Beef Bordelaise, Herb Roasted Chicken, or Stuffed Portabello Mushroom. The cost is \$75 per person, payable in advance.

If you are interested in attending this event, contact Wayne Fischer at wayne.i.fischer@gmail.com or call Wayne at (630) 240-8868. Provide your name and mailing address so that you can receive a formal invitation that will allow you to register and select your entrée choice for dinner. Additional information regarding the event will be provided with the invitation that is mailed to you.

The Naperville Marines thank you in advance for your ongoing support and hope you can join them for this very special and honored tradition.

Semper Fi



Veterans Day Dinner

Monday, November 11th

Social Hour at 5:00 pm - Dinner at 6:00 pm

\$14.00 per person

The Kendall Cooks will be providing turkey dinner with all the trimmings

Contact Pablo Araya or the Post QM Office if planning to attend

National Home for Children by Mike McGrath

Many thanks to all for a great turnout at our annual visit to the National Home on September 28. We enjoyed meeting our 2019-2020 Poppy Child, Brooklyn, as we toured the campus and visited Illinois Homes 1 and 2. The homes looked great and we were the first visitors to the new museum. This was very well enjoyed, as was our first ever visit to the National Home's Rosehill Cemetery, located near the campus in Eaton Rapids.

In 1959, the City of Eaton Rapids deeded an entire section of the Rosehill Cemetery to the National Home. Our section has a total of 144 plots and 22 have been utilized to date. Burial plots are made available without cost to current or former resident children, parents, or grandparents of the National Home. Requests for plots are made through the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees and are approved on the merits of each case.

We are proud to report that our Post and Auxiliary members participated in the first ever Illinois VFW wreath laying ceremony at the cemetery to honor those former residents or family members who are buried there. We are grateful to everyone who came out on a rainy Saturday morning to assist with this and special thanks to Phil Maughan for playing Taps on our bugle.

Again, we are very thankful to Commander Araya and the many others who helped make our 2019 Judd-a-Thon such a great success. Our Post contributed almost \$27,000 to the National Home as a result of this outstanding fundraiser. Wow! We truly do have a great Post filled with great people in a great community. Thank you all and "May God bless our National Home."



Judd Kendall Turkey Raffle

Saturday, November 23rd

Doors Open at 5:00 pm

Raffles, Prizes, Turkeys, Food

Open to the Public



Volunteers are needed to sell raffle tickets and help with the various events



Post 3873 Calendar of Events November 2019



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2 7:30 am - 1:00 pm Fall Blood Drive 10:00 am - Visit Vets at Monarch Landing
3	4	5 9:00 am - 1:30 pm Hines Community Outreach Team Visit	6 9:30 am - Yoga for Vets 2:00 pm - Auxiliary to Mill Street	7	8	9 10:00 am - Visit Vets at Brookdale 5:00 pm - Marine Corps Ball
10	11 Veterans Day 11:00 am - Veterans Day Ceremony 5:00 pm - Veterans Day Dinner	12 6:15 pm - Hines Hospital Visit	13 9:30 am - Yoga for Vets	14 7:00 pm - VFW Meeting	15	16 10:00 am - Visit Vets at Independence Village
17	18 USMC Birthday 1:00 pm - District 19 Meeting (Montgomery)	19 6:15 pm - Hines Hospital Visit	20 9:30 am - Yoga for Vets	21 7:00 pm - Auxiliary Meeting	22	23 10:00 am Visit Vets at Tabor Hills 5:00 pm - Turkey Raffle
24	25	26	27	28  Thanksgiving Day	29	30

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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