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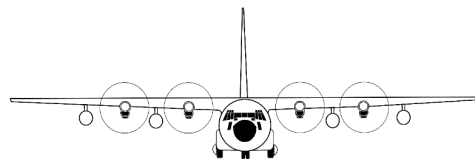
As the Etihad Airways Boeing 777 began its slow decent, I watched the seat back video of the aircraft's flight path. On my port side, just beyond the waters of the Arabian Gulf, Iran owns the entire north and east coastlines. Out my starboard window sits Saudi Arabia and off the nose is my destination, Abu Dhabi. It's one of seven Emirates that make up the federation of the United Arab Emirates. It's a good friend and ally of the U.S. and will celebrate its 50th anniversary, recognizing its modern founding, in 2021. Not too far from Abu Dhabi, about a two-hour flight to the north and east, lies Kandahar, Afghanistan. Descending through the dark skies, I began thinking of the war in Afghanistan. It's gone on now for nearly 20 years. Longer than WWI, WWII, Korea, Bosnia, Somalia, Panama, Grenada, and numerous other operations combined. It surpassed our previous longest war in Vietnam last fall. It never gets easier when I reflect on the cowardly attack that ignited the war and changed the world forever. The Taliban or the "Bearded Ones." Those that wanted to send a once progressive country back to the Stone Age. The same ones that harbored the Devil incarnate and allowed him to grow his Al-Qaeda followers into a fast growing, malignant cancer. And now they are in discussions to end hostilities. Nineteen years of sacrifice of blood and treasure.

I left Naperville the same day that Miguel Villalon was memorialized in a well attended service in Aurora. Miguel was just 21 years old, a mere baby when the World Trade Towers came down. On January 11th, he gave his last full measure of devotion for his country, its citizens, and most importantly, his fellow soldiers. Miguel, like so many before him and many more to come, signed a blank check to Uncle Sam. Life marches forward and the war drags on. And as people begin to suffer from a media invented malady - war fatigue, young men and women continue to answer the bell. They sign up to defend the best country in the history of man. No, maybe not a perfect country, but a democratic experiment that continues to evolve and serves as the light on the hill for the rest of humanity. So, remember, while attending the fish fries or planning your Spring Break getaway, that we still have men and women in uniform who are serving in harm's way. We may not be at a fever pitch war footing like we saw after Pearl Harbor or 9/11, but they still need our support. Keep 'em in your hearts. Fair winds and following seas, Miguel.

Fly Navy!

Senior Vice Commander**Brian Byrne**

March is finally here. Hopefully, the groundhog got it right and we only have 2 more weeks of winter. Our fish fries are off to a successful start. Please continue to support them and invite family and friends to join us for these. Also, our membership sits at 92% right now. We still have time to reach our goal of 100%. Remember to keep membership applications handy and keep an eye out when you are out and about for other veterans who may be eligible to join the Post. Happy Spring Everyone!

Junior Vice Commander**Todd Schuneman**

The VFW was established to assist veterans and our slogan “no one does more for veterans” embodies this objective. We accomplish this mission by fostering camaraderie among United States veterans of overseas conflicts through service to all veterans, active and reserve military, and our communities, as well as advocate on behalf of veterans. We are a fraternal, patriotic, historical, charitable, and educational organization. We strive to preserve and strengthen comradeship among our members and assist our comrades when they are in need and perpetuate the memory and history of our dead and assist their surviving spouses and orphans.

From time to time some of us fall on hard times. These struggles are not always financial. They can be physical or emotional, or a combination of all three. Everyone occasionally feels blue or sad. These feelings are usually fleeting and pass within a couple of days. Similarly, the experiences of anxiety and fear are normal responses to threat or danger and are usually helpful. Both the experiences of sadness and anxiety may be unhelpful if they interfere with a person’s daily routine or prevent a person from doing things that he or she normally does.

If you notice you haven’t seen a fellow member for a while or you know of a veteran who may need a hand up, reach out to them. If you don’t think that is something you can personally do, tell one of the Post officers and we will reach out to them. We are our brother’s keeper.

“We few, we happy few, we band of brothers.

For he today that sheds his blood with me,

Shall be my brother.”

Wm. Shakespeare (from King Henry V)

**THE JUDD-KENDALL VFW POST 3873****SPRING BLOOD DRIVE****SATURDAY, MAY 2nd 7:30 am – 1:00 pm****IN THE UPSTAIRS HALL OF THE POST**

Auxiliary Report from President Kathy McNally

Doesn't it feel as if winter will never end? Why not take a warm break and make it out to a famous Judd Kendall Fish Fry Friday? Every Friday in March offers the opportunity to enjoy the shining light of your sisters and brothers and friends at the Post. And you know, we could always use a helping hand at the cashier station. If you can help, please reach out to Trish Krenick at tkrenick@gmail.com 630-215-9402. No experience necessary!

Many of the activities and community outreach are coordinated and attended by brothers and sisters in both the Auxiliary and the Post. We have a great leadership and opportunities to join in are coming soon. At our April meeting, we nominate a new slate of officers. Along with all the active members who share their efforts and talents, why not join us to share your light -- at a meeting (Thursday, [March 19th](#)) or Fish Fry -- soon?

National Home for Children by Mike McGrath

Our first residents at the National Home for Children were the Pollett family who arrived in March 1925. 30 years later, the Montana Farmstead was constructed, and it still houses the National Home's 4-H program every year. This year's 4-H program will be getting under way later this month.

Sadly, March also marks the passing of former National Home resident Elgie Hanna. PFC Hanna was killed in action on March 20, 1968 while on patrol with the Army's First Cavalry Division near Quang Tri Vietnam. PFC Hanna is buried at the National Home's Rosehill Cemetery.

Since March of 1925, the National Home has worked to provide "help, hope, and honor for veterans and military families." Don't forget the National Home Helpline number is (800) 313-4200. Thank you all for your ongoing support of the National Home.

Chili Cook-Off and Fundraiser

VFW Post 3873 and American Legion Post 43 member Wayne Fischer will be sworn in as the American Legion Department of Illinois Commander in July of this year. His duties and responsibilities will mirror what our own Phil Maughan experienced as VFW Department of Illinois Commander several years ago. To assist Wayne as he travels throughout Illinois assisting veterans of all branches, the American Legion will host a Chili Cook-Off on Saturday, March 28th. This event will begin at 5:30 pm in the Post's upstairs hall and costs \$10 per person.

In addition to sampling chili creations from the entrants, the Kendall Cooks will have chili available to hold you over until the judging is complete and the various entries are available for tasting. If you would like to enter your own chili creation into the competition (limited spaces available), contact Nadia Rios at (630) 728-7519 or rios.nadia@gmail.com. There will also be entertainment, raffles of donated craft goods, white elephant baskets, wine baskets, and other items to bid on. Come out to support Wayne as he embarks on this prestigious chapter of service to fellow veterans. Congratulations Wayne!



Dates to Remember

Mar 3 – Hines Outreach Team, 9:00 am - 1:30 pm

Mar 4 – Yoga for Veterans, 9:30 am

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

Mar 6 – Fish Fry (Navy/CG Night), 4:30 pm

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

Mar 8 – Daylight Savings Time Begins, 2:00 am

Mar 10 – Hines Hospital Visit, 6:15 pm

Mar 11 – Yoga for Veterans, 9:30 am

Mar 12 – VFW Meeting, 7:00 pm

Mar 13 – Fish Fry (Air Force Night), 4:30 pm

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

Mar 18 – Yoga for Veterans, 9:30 am

Mar 19 – Auxiliary Meeting, 7:00 pm

Mar 20 – Fish Fry (Army Night), 4:30 pm

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

Mar 21 – Legion Dinner, 6:00 pm

Mar 25 – Yoga for Veterans, 9:30 am

Mar 27 – Fish Fry (Navy/CG Night), 4:30 pm

Mar 28 – Visit with Vets at Spring Meadows, 10:00 am

* Note: Visiting with veterans on the 4th Saturday of the month has changed to Spring Meadows in Naperville.

Volunteers Needed!!!

As in years past, we need approximately 20 volunteers to help at the DuPage Veterans Foundation Fundraiser that is being held on Saturday, May 2nd in the Calamos Hangar at DuPage Airport. All proceeds will go to support Honor Flight Chicago to fly our WWII, Korean Era, and Vietnam Era veterans to Washington, D.C. to be honored for their special day.

If you can help, please contact Wayne Fischer by e-mail at wayne.i.fischer@gmail.com or by calling (630) 240-8868. Please plan to be there no later than 10:00 am so you can be assigned a specific job that will help the event run efficiently. Based on the donations from the VFW Post 3873 and American Legion Post 43, we will have meal tickets for everyone. This year promises to be even better than years past and volunteers make it all work smoothly.

2020 Plant Sale

Even though snow and icy weather still surround us, it's time to turn our thoughts to spring and the lush carpet of beauty and color it brings. It's also time to start thinking about what flowers and colors we need in our own gardens and flower beds. To help with your spring landscaping projects, the Post will once again hold its VFW Plant Sale. Select from an assortment of hanging baskets, flats of annuals, vegetables, and specialty plants, including a few new varieties this year.

Just fill out the order form included in this edition of the Kendall-Gram or download a form from the Post website (www.napervfw3873.org) and return it to the Post along with your check. Order forms are due by April 19th. Pick-up for all orders will be on May 12th between 1:00 pm and 6:00 pm.

All proceeds from this sale are used to fund the beautification of the Post grounds including weed control, fertilization of the lawn, and planting and maintaining the flower beds. We take great pride in the appearance of our Post home, so consider purchasing your plants from us this year. Your purchase will not only help beautify your own yard, but the Post grounds as well.

VFW FISH FRY



Judd Kendall VFW Post 3873 is pleased to announce that our **"All You Can Eat – Open to the Public"** Friday Fish Fries will begin on February 21st and run through Lent.

Fridays February 21 – April 10 4:30 pm – 7:30 pm	Adults Seniors Children (4-11) Children 3 & under	\$12 + tax \$10 + tax \$7 + tax free
Located at: 908 W. Jackson in Naperville	*Cash and credit cards accepted	

Over the past 50+ years, this has become a much-loved part of the Naperville social scene. Despite inflationary pressures, we continue to maintain our low pricing.



Menu varies each week. Visit our website www.napervfw3873.org or call Belgio's Catering at (630) 369-6100 for the current week's menu.



Our annual fish fries are in full swing and we are having great turn outs each week. Thanks to all the Post members, Auxiliary members, and youth organizations that have been attending each week to help. We have fish fries every Friday evening this month and we will continue to need assistance. Please come out to lend a hand, especially on your branch night, or just join us for a nice meal with friends, family, and members of the community.

March 6 - Navy/Coast Guard

March 27 - Navy/Coast Guard

March 13 - Air Force

April 3 - Air Force

March 20 - Army

April 10 - USMC

In Our Thoughts...

The members of Judd Kendall VFW Post 3873 and its Auxiliary would like to extend their sympathies to:

The family and friends of Arnold "Arnie" Massier - WWII veteran, Prisoner of War, and Life Member of VFW Post 3873.



Honor Flight Chicago Fundraiser

Want to catch a hockey game while supporting Honor Flight Chicago? The ninth annual Law Enforcement Classic will be held on Saturday, March 14th in Bensenville. Members of the Chicago FBI will face off against members of the Chicago Police Department. For more information regarding this event, go online to www.honorflightchicago.org and click on Law Enforcement Hockey Classic. This is another way to support flights for our senior war veterans to visit Washington, D.C. if you aren't able to attend the event at DuPage Airport this year.



Post 3873 Calendar of Events March 2020



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3 9:00 am - 1:30 pm Hines Community Outreach Team Visit	4 9:30 am - Yoga for Vets 2:00 pm - Auxiliary to Mill Street	5	6 4:30 pm - Fish Fry	7 10:00 am - Visit Vets at Monarch Landing
8 Daylight Savings Time Begins (clocks change) 	9 Purim Begins	10 6:15 pm - Hines Hospital Visit	11 9:30 am - Yoga for Vets	12 7:00 pm - VFW Meeting	13 4:30 pm - Fish Fry	14 10:00 am - Visit Vets at Brookdale
15	16	17  St. Patrick's Day	18 9:30 am - Yoga for Vets	19 7:00 pm - Auxiliary Meeting	20 4:30 pm - Fish Fry	21 10:00 am - Visit Vets at Independence Village 6:00 pm - Legion Dinner
22	23	24	25 9:30 am - Yoga for Vets	26	27 4:30 pm - Fish Fry	28 10:00 am - Visit Vets at Spring Meadows
29	30	31				

VFW Plant Sale, 2020

Name _____

Orders are due April 19; Pickup on May 12 from 1 - 6 PM

Note: The VFW is not responsible for any plants not picked up by 6 PM on May 14.

Hanging Baskets \$14.50

Begonia Tuberosa	_____
orange	_____
red	_____
yellow	_____
white	_____
Begonia Dragon Wing	_____
red	_____
pink	_____
Begonia Minstral	_____
Calibrochia blue	_____
orange	_____
purple	_____
yellow	_____
Geranium	_____
pink	_____
red	_____
Geranium Ivy	_____
red	_____
Geranium Combo	_____
red	_____
Euphorbia	_____
Fushia	_____
Impatience Bounce	_____
New Guinea Impatiens	_____
red	_____
pink	_____
white	_____
Supertunia	_____
red	_____
purple	_____
pink	_____
white	_____
Wandering Jew	_____

Total Hanging Baskets	_____
Total \$ amount	_____

Flats of 48 plants \$14.50

Ageratum	_____
Alyssum	_____
white	_____
mixed	_____
Begonia Green Leaf	_____
pink	_____
red	_____
white	_____
Begonia Red Foliage	_____
red	_____
mixed	_____
Cleome	_____
Dianthus	_____
Impatiens	_____
orange	_____
lt pink	_____
dk pink	_____
red	_____
lt mixed	_____
dk mixed	_____
Marigold Short	_____
bicolor	_____
yellow	_____
Marigold Tall	_____
gold	_____
yellow	_____
Petunia	_____
deep blue	_____
red	_____
white	_____
patriotic mx	_____
orange	_____
Portulaca	_____
Salvia	_____
red tall	_____
victoria blue	_____
Snapdragons	_____
short mix	_____
tall mix	_____

Total Flats	_____
Total Dollar Amount	_____

Geraniums 4.5" pot \$4.00 ea

red	_____
dk pink	_____
lt pink	_____
violet	_____
white	_____

Total Geraniums	_____
Total \$ amount	_____

Geraniums 6" \$6.50 ea

red	_____
pink	_____
white	_____

Total 6" geraniums	_____
Total \$ amount	_____

Specialty Plants 3.5" \$3.00ea

English Ivy	_____
Spikes	_____
Vinca Vine	_____

Total for 3.5" plants	_____
Total \$ amount	_____

Specialty Grasses \$7.00 ea

Vertigo	_____
Purple Fountain	_____
Fireworks	_____
Red Bunny Tails	_____
Toffee Twist	_____

Total grasses	_____
Total \$ amount	_____

First Page \$ amount _____

VFW Plant Sale Page 2

Orders are Due April 19, Pickup is May 12, 1-6 PM

VFW is NOT responsible for orders not picked up by 6 PM

4.5" pots \$3.75 ea

- Angelonia _____
- Bacopa white _____
- blue _____
- Begonia Dragon Wing _____
- Begonia Big _____
- Begonia Minstral red _____
- Calibrochia _____
- blue _____
- purple _____
- red _____
- Coleus Kong _____
- Coleus Sun _____
- Dahlia _____
- Diascia _____
- Dichondria Silver Falls _____
- Euphorbia Diamond Dust _____
- Gerbera Daisy _____
- Lantana _____
- Licorice Lime _____
- New Guinea Impatiens _____
- white _____
- red _____
- Osteospermum Daisy _____
- Phlox Intensia _____
- Sedum lemon coral _____
- Setcresea _____
- Strobilanthus _____
- Supertunia red _____
- puple _____
- blue _____
- pink _____
- Sweet Potato _____
- lime _____
- blackie _____
- Verbena Superbens _____
- Wandering Jew _____
- Wave Petunia _____
- pink _____
- blue _____
- red _____
- Zinnia _____

Veggies @ \$3.00 ea

- Cucumber _____
- Peppers _____
- bell _____
- jalapeno _____
- Tomato _____
- cherry _____
- big beef _____
- sauce type _____
- better boy _____
- Zucchini _____

Total Veggies _____

Total \$ amount _____

Herbs @3.00 ea

- basil _____
- oregeno _____
- parsley curly leaf _____
- rosemary _____

Total # of herbs _____

Total \$ amount _____

Side two plant totals _____

Side two \$ amount _____

Total plants side 1 _____

Total plants side 2 _____

Total \$ amount side 1 _____

Total \$ amount side 2 _____

Total \$ for both sides _____

Name _____

Phone Number _____

All orders Must be received by April 19, Pick up is May 12
 Orders can be dropped off or mailed with your check to

VFW Flower Sale
 908 W Jackson
 Naperville, IL 60540
 Checks should be made payable to the VFW

Total 4.5" plants _____

Total \$ amount _____

For questions or information, call Marcy Maughan, 630.357.3440
 or by email at marcymaughan@wowway.com

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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(630) 280-9347

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Naperville, IL 60540

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Website Address: napervfw3873.org

Facebook: Naperville VFW Judd Kendall 3873

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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Commander	Pablo Araya	(312) 505-4377
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