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I still had about two years before I was eligible to retire, so when Phil asked me if I would consider running for the open 3-Year Trustee position, I was a bit hesitant. My full-time career, daily commute, and the occasional travel were all factors in making a time commitment decision that all volunteers have to consider. But even more important was my complete lack of understanding of all things numbers! A Trustee, is after all, the fiduciary of the Post's finances. Phil assured me that he and the other two Trustees would help in making me understand accounting, ledgers, and liabilities and assets. Before long, math would be enjoyable. Yeah, right. Apparently, my financial acumen was so over the top mediocre, that only after one year into a three-year gig, Bob Bronson asked me to serve as his Junior Vice. "What does that entail," I innocently and ignorantly asked Bob. He replied, "Well, Pablo, you'll be in charge of events, and parties, and things like Pig Roasts!" Wow, how could I say no? I couldn't help but to wonder if free Old Styles came with "overseeing" events? I was hooked. Two years as Junior Vice was followed with two more years as Senior Vice. Along the way, I had the unfailing support of past Post Officers and others who knew the ropes and imparted their sage advice. So, when it was my turn to step up as Commander, I had the misplaced temerity that I knew what I was in for. Boy was I wrong. Being the Commander of a Post the size and reputation of Judd Kendall is akin to running a successful small business. There are HR issues and purchasing matters. There are budgetary concerns and personalities to deal with. There's the public and the members to consider. The building and grounds require attention. And maybe the worst for me, but the most important for a non-profit's survival: fundraising. And the whole time, you're dealing with volunteers. I'll be the first to admit, year one felt like I was drowning. Being water boarded might be a better description. Thankfully, Tom Parker and his detailed notes combined with Nina's support and Phil's guidance, along with so many others, got us through my first year with minimal failures! As my second year began, things that had been so daunting were now beginning to feel like fun. Vets like Tallon, Bronson, Beata, Vladika, McGrath, and Fischer would comment about this or that and I'd realize they were guiding me on my path as Commander. Bear, Chris, Corda, Carey, Butch, Eileen, and Kathy would keep me abreast of Canteen matters. The Rex duo constantly encouraged me in my little building projects and Kathy McNally and her Auxiliary team always had my back.

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It could be argued that I may be in the top ten, if not top five, Commanders who spent more time bellied up to the teal colored bar than anywhere else during my two-year tenure. And for that, I will always be thankful for the Post members and friends. Where else can a guy like me find so many like-minded imbibers? Jimmy, the Yores, Warner, John, Denise, and the rest of the regular crowd. I still can't figure out how a young, good looking guy such as myself was accepted into the hallowed "old guy corner." But I'll be forever grateful to all of you, and so many others that I have inadvertently not mentioned.

This will be my last Commander's Column, but I am thrilled with the new slate of proposed Officers. If elected in our upcoming vote, Tom Parker will provide the same leadership to his Senior Vice, Todd Schuneman, that he did for me, paving the way for a successful transition next year. And the "FNG", Leo Jaime (USMC-Semper Fi!), the candidate for Junior Vice, will be an outstanding addition to the Post's leadership rolls. Is it just me, or is it a happy coincidence that they are all aviators? So, it's time to turn the page and sign off. As some of you know, Renae and I will be leaving Naperville, but we will make it a point to visit the Post as often as possible. Thanks for the ride!

Fly Navy, P.

Senior Vice Commander**Brian Byrne**

June is here even if it feels a bit different for all of us. It's normally a time to participate in summer activities like golfing, fishing, and barbecuing. Being in the medical supply distribution business, life has not changed for me during the past couple of months. It continues to be busy and I mean really busy. During the past few months, I have been reminded of a couple of key traits that make veterans special. Specifically, I'm talking about grit and perseverance. All of us had the grit to endure the conflicts we served in. All of us had the perseverance to get through them and return to civilian life. I am sure when this is all over each of us will come back better than ever.

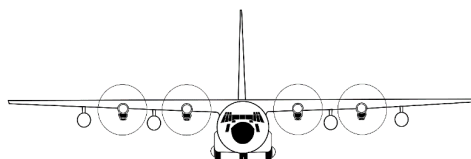
Thanks to all of our first responders. Some of us may see some of these people personally and they are doing a great job in these challenging times. It has truly been a pleasure being Senior Vice Commander. Thanks for the opportunity and be well!

Dates to Remember

Jun 11 – VFW Meeting, 7:00 pm
 Jun 14 – Flag Day
 Jun 14 – U.S. Army Birthday

Jun 18 – Auxiliary Meeting, 7:00 pm
 Jun 21 – Father's Day

*** Note: Restrictions are being lifted and certain events are being allowed to resume. Please confirm all events to determine if you can attend in person or join virtually. Some events may continue to be prohibited.**

Junior Vice Commander**Todd Schuneman**

As the days get longer and the temperatures get warmer, we hope to find ourselves outside more in the coming months. This past May was designated by the American Academy of Dermatology, as National Melanoma Skin Cancer Prevention Month. The Academy aims to raise awareness about skin cancer. It is vital that skin cancers such as melanoma, a rarer & often deadly form of skin cancer, is treated early as later stage treatments are not normally effective.

There is no reliable cure for melanoma. In most cases, all the doctor can do is remove the cancerous tissue from the body. Melanoma does not respond well to chemotherapy and the effects of drug treatments are quite limited. Once melanoma has spread to other parts of the body, life expectancy can rapidly diminish. When detected early, the five-year survival rate for melanoma is 99 percent. Skin cancer statistics have shown that melanoma is the most common type of skin cancer and it is more common in people with lightly pigmented skin such as white people, those with light or blonde hair, blue or green eyes, and those who burn easily.

The Skin Cancer Foundation recommends:

1. Seek the shade, especially between 10 AM and 4 PM.
2. Do not get sunburned.
3. Avoid tanning, and never use UV tanning beds.
4. Cover up with clothing, including a broad-brimmed hat and UV-blocking sunglasses.
5. Use a broad-spectrum (UVA/UVB) sunscreen with an SPF of 15 or higher every day.
6. For extended outdoor activity, use a water-resistant, broad spectrum (UVA/UVB) sunscreen with an SPF of 30 or higher.
7. Apply 1 ounce (2 tablespoons) of sunscreen to your entire body 30 minutes before going outside. Reapply every two hours or after swimming or excessive sweating.
8. Keep newborns out of the sun. Use sunscreen on babies over the age of six months.
9. Examine your skin head-to-toe every month.
10. See a dermatologist at least once a year for a professional skin exam.

Please consult a suitable healthcare professional if you have any concerns with your skin.

Plant Sale Update from Marcy Maughan

The plant sale took place on May 12 and it was an absolutely beautiful day for it. Thank you to all the wonderful people who showed up to help. This was by far the largest plant sale ever and we had so many willing workers who pitched in to help the VFW. I found it amazing. I also have to thank all those people who ordered flowers and those who bought up the extra flowers we had. Thanks to all of you, the VFW has some money to operate for the next few months. We are hoping that the VFW can reopen sometime soon and have the hall rental coming in again. In the meantime, we have something to carry us over for the next few months. Thank you!

Auxiliary Report from President Kathy McNally

This was a very different Memorial Day. No flags, no parade, no luncheon -- but that doesn't mean there was no recognition! Still under the Governor's executive order, we were unable to gather together, however, many of us showed our appreciation for our departed veterans in other ways.

Our May Auxiliary meeting was quite different as well. We were happy to gather in a video conference and accomplished much. We took care of usual business with efficiency and elected and installed our new officers for the 2020-2021 year. Congratulations to these special members who have stepped up to lead our organization:

President - Kristen Jungles	Conductress - Marti Linnert
Senior Vice - Berni Budny	Guard - Carol Gloor
Junior Vice - Darlene Kwarta	Three-Year Trustee - Leo Hart
Chaplain - Tita McLaughlin	Two-Year Trustee - Joanna Cook
Treasurer - Maryann Groner	

Brenda Hasler will finish out her One-Year Trustee position and Nancy Marinello has been chosen by President Kristen as her new Secretary. Please congratulate these sisters and brothers when next you see them.

I joined this organization after having helped (with my brother-in-law Barry Anshell) to raise funds to send 35 World War II veterans to the dedication of their monument on May 29, 2004. We, with the help of the Post, American Legion, and many Naperville businesses, raised more than \$42,000 to escort these heroes to their dedication. They paid for nothing. We covered all their expenses. Upon return from Washington, DC, Jan Barbour and others urged me to join their efforts. I wasn't an Auxiliary member when we took the trip to Washington, DC. I thought that the trip itself would make a great difference in the lives of these veterans and I was right. We held a reunion a month later for the veterans and their families to share pictures and stories. Many of the wives approached me to say that their husbands had not spoken of the war during their entire marriage, however, after returning from the dedication, many opened up and spoke about their experiences.

I never thought that the trip would change ME. But it did. After having been embedded with these men and one woman for four days, I learned of their life stories - their loves and their sacrifices. I fell in love with these veterans and in joining the Auxiliary, I found my way to serve them and the veterans who followed them. I am proud to say that I qualify through my deceased father, Michael D. Hunt, a Korean War veteran and a founding member of Woodridge Post 1578. He was the one who approached me and Barry to try to raise funds for the dedication. It was indeed a labor of love.

Now, after seven years as a President, it's time to pass the baton. With fresh eyes and new ideas, be assured that our Auxiliary will become even stronger under the leadership of these fine women and men. I'm humbled and grateful for the support of my sisters and brothers who, seven times, elected me to lead this organization. Thank you.



Remembering 1LT Oliver "Judd" Kendall

As part of the Post's observance of Memorial Day, flowers were ordered and placed at the grave of our namesake, 1LT Oliver "Judd" Kendall. 1LT Kendall is buried in the Somme American Cemetery located in Northern France. The cemetery contains the graves of 1,844 of our military dead. Most lost their lives while serving in American units attached to British Armies or in operations near Cantigny during World War I.

National Home for Children from Mike McGrath

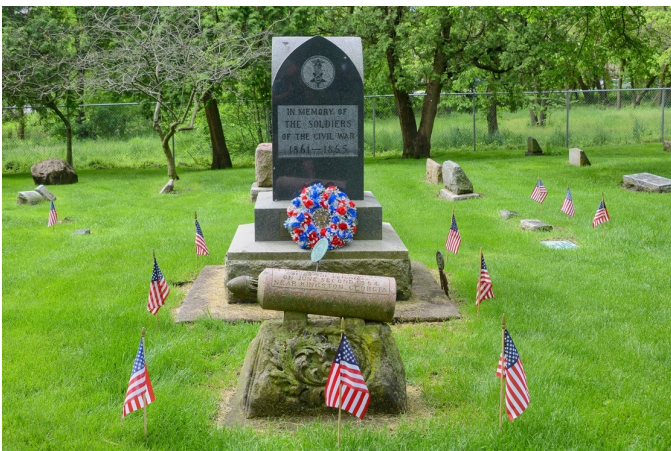
Michigan’s “Stay Home Stay Safe” directive is still in effect, but we’re beginning to see daylight ahead as our residents and families are doing well. Programs and activities like 4-H are being conducted with the utmost concern for the safety and well-being of our residents and employees in mind. And yes, they all have to wear those masks just like we do here.

Because we receive no government funding, donations are very helpful and important to help us continue our day to day operations. We would ask you to please earmark donations for the “General Operations and Maintenance Fund” as this helps us to pay our ongoing bills.

The National Home’s helpline continues to be up and running during these challenging times. The number is (800) 313-4200. As always, we are very appreciative of your efforts and generosity in supporting the National Home for Children.

Memorial Day 2020

Although most of our events were cancelled this Memorial Day, members of the Post and Auxiliary joined members of American Legion Post 43 to participate in activities honoring our fallen veterans. Flags were placed in Naperville’s cemeteries, a brief Memorial Day ceremony was conducted at Veterans Park, and wreaths were placed at memorials throughout the City. (Photos by Jim Hoch)





Post 3873 Calendar of Events June 2020



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6
				7:00 pm - VFW Meeting		
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Flag Day U.S. Army Birthday				7:00 pm - Auxiliary Meeting		
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Father's Day						
28	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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3-Year Trustee	Bob Bronson	(630) 886-9102

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