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Commander Tom Parker

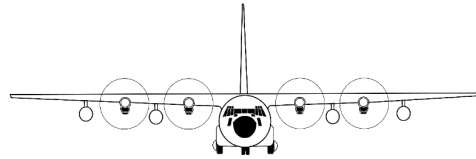


Several years ago, when I handed off the reigns of the Post to Pablo, I was sure of a few things. I knew I was passing the torch to an outstanding leader who would continue to put the Post first, to maintain the Post's outstanding reputation within the VFW and the community, and to continue making improvements around the Post for our members to enjoy. I was also certain that I could kick back and enjoy life as a Past Post Commander, taking on various roles behind the scenes and serving as one of the Post Trustees. Well, I don't think anyone would argue that I got the first one right. Pablo has done a tremendous job and for all your contributions, thank you. As for the second, it seems that I might have missed the mark by a tiny bit. We have a great leadership team this year and as our junior officers continue to develop their knowledge and experience, I have been asked to serve as the Post's Commander for another term. I am honored to do so and greatly appreciate the confidence and support of our membership as I take on this responsibility.

I think most of you would agree that this has been a year unlike any other. We have been bombarded with health concerns, social issues, and opportunities to learn about Zoom calls, social distancing, and conducting most of our business interactions either online or curbside. For me, my company has had us at home since the middle of March and we are hoping to finally get back out sometime this month. I remarked to Denise just recently that it feels a little like when I was deployed to Iraq, because the days seem to blend together, and it feels like I'm reliving the same day over and over again. Admittedly, it has been a lot cooler than the 130-degree temperatures in the desert and there is much less sand. It seems that my biggest choices each day have been which t-shirt to wear, whether or not to shave, and at least for a while, whether to try cutting my own hair or just let it grow out more. As a Post, we had to end our fish fry season early, close our building for rentals, shut down the Canteen for business, and cancel our Memorial Day parade and activities.

Thankfully, it appears that things are starting to get back to normal and we can carefully resume many of the activities we have been prevented from doing for so many months. We are hoping to begin having our monthly meetings again and as many of you know, the Canteen has been reopened for business indoors. Rest assured that we'll continue to incorporate more of our regularly scheduled activities as soon as we can. Until then, let's keep looking out for each other and for other veterans that might need a helping hand or just a friendly phone call during this time. I hope to see you all at the Post soon.

Senior Vice Commander
Todd Schuneman



The VFW is oldest major war veterans' organization and has an impeccable and longstanding record of service and stewardship. Membership in the VFW is an excellent way to show your support for our fellow veterans. I encourage you to ask someone else to join. If you are not a Life member, I invite you to become one and help us work to improve the lives of America's veterans, service members, and their families and communities across this great nation. Your membership is key to the VFW's original objectives of supporting veterans through placing veteran's interests first, promoting patriotism, honoring military service, and ensuring care for veterans and their families.

In 2017, the VFW Foundation reported that it distributed more than four million dollars to VFW programs and services that directly support the needs of veterans and military families, including two million dollars in financial assistance to 900 military families and one million dollars in scholarships to 242 veterans.

If you are at the grocery store or filling up your car at the gas station, try to look for people wearing clothing indicating his or her veteran status. Look at haircuts, as that is often a clue if someone is active duty, Guard, or Reserve. Approach them and engage them in conversation. Determine if they are eligible for the VFW and encourage them to join. Enclosed in this Kendall-Gram is a VFW Fact Sheet to help you explain the benefits of membership when you are talking to one of our brothers or sisters.

Dates to Remember

Jul 4 – Independence Day

Jul 9 – VFW Meeting, 7:00 pm

Jul 16 – Auxiliary Meeting, 7:00 pm

*** Note: As restrictions continue to be lifted, some events will start to resume. Please confirm all events to determine if you can attend in person or join virtually. Many of our monthly events continue to be prohibited.**

Quilts of Valor Presentation

On May 29th, Major General Mark Anderson and Master Sergeant Todd Schuneman were presented with patriotic quilts through the Quilts of Valor Foundation and members of the Post's Auxiliary. The Quilts of Valor Foundation's mission is "to cover service members and veterans touched by war with comforting and healing Quilts of Valor." Maj Gen Anderson and MSgt Schuneman were honored for their service in the United States Air Force, where both participated in multiple deployments in service to our country.



Junior Vice Commander**Leo Jaime**

What an honor! It is with great pleasure that I undertake the duties of Junior Vice Commander of Judd Kendall VFW Post 3873. Thank you for having the confidence that I will execute the duties as charged. It is also an honor to be able to address our comrades during a particularly patriotic month. July is my favorite month of the year; not only because we get to enjoy the summer with our loved ones and friends, but also because we get the chance to pause and reflect on our patriotism, reaffirm our commitment to serve, and feel the pride of being part of a selfless group: veterans.

The 4th of July is the day we celebrate the birthday of the nation we so love and serve. We also celebrate the sacrifices those brave men and women made 244 years ago. Below is a brief history of our Nation's highest day:

The Fourth of July—also known as Independence Day—has been a federal holiday in the United States since 1941, but the tradition of Independence Day celebrations goes back to the 18th century and the American Revolution. On July 2nd, 1776, the Continental Congress voted in favor of independence, and two days later delegates from the 13 colonies adopted the Declaration of Independence, a historic document drafted by Thomas Jefferson. From 1776 to the present day, July 4th has been celebrated as the birth of American independence, with festivities ranging from fireworks, parades, and concerts to more casual family gatherings and barbecues.

When the initial battles in the Revolutionary War broke out in April 1775, few colonists desired complete independence from Great Britain, and those who did were considered radical. By the middle of the following year, however, many more colonists had come to favor independence, thanks to growing hostility against Britain and the spread of revolutionary sentiments such as those expressed in the bestselling pamphlet "Common Sense," published by Thomas Paine in early 1776.

On June 7, 1776, when the Continental Congress met at the Pennsylvania State House (later Independence Hall) in Philadelphia, Virginia delegate Richard Henry Lee introduced a motion calling for the colonies' independence. Amid heated debate, a vote on Lee's motion was postponed. Finally, on July 2nd, the Continental Congress voted in favor of Lee's resolution for independence in a near-unanimous vote (the New York delegation abstained, but later voted affirmatively). On that day, John Adams wrote to his wife Abigail that July 2 "will be celebrated, by succeeding Generations, as the great anniversary Festival" and that the celebration should include "Pomp and Parade...Games, Sports, Guns, Bells, Bonfires and Illuminations from one End of this Continent to the other." On July 4th, the Continental Congress formally adopted the Declaration of Independence. Though the vote for actual independence took place on July 2nd, from that day on, the 4th became the day that was celebrated as the birth of American independence.

This Fourth, let's fly the Star-Spangled Banner proudly, raise our glass, and celebrate the birthday of the greatest nation in history.

Auxiliary Report from President Kristen Jungles

I was honored to be elected by our Auxiliary Post to be the President for the 2020-2021 year. As the daughter of a Vietnam veteran and an Army veteran myself, I am passionate about giving back to those that have served our great country. I am thankful that I will have the opportunity to serve with Senior Vice Berni Budny, Junior Vice Dar Kwarta, Chaplain Tita McLaughlin, Treasurer Maryann Groner, Secretary Nancy Marinello, Conductress Marti Linnert, Guard Carol Gloor, and Trustees Brenda Hasler, Joanna Cook, and Leo Hart this upcoming year. This is a talented group of Auxiliary members that are committed to veteran causes and I look forward to the great work they will accomplish towards our mission this year.

Our Auxiliary will continue to meet via Zoom until we are certain it is safe for our membership to meet in person. If you would like to join us, we meet on the third Thursday of every month at 7:00 pm. Our next Auxiliary meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 16th.

Did you know that you are able to support the VFW National Home for Children simply by shopping at Amazon? The Amazon Smile Foundation will donate 0.5 percent of the purchase price from your eligible purchases to the National Home. Click here and start shopping! <https://www.vfwnationalhome.org/other>

I look forward to a wonderful year for the Post, our veterans, and our Auxiliary membership. If I can be of service, please do not hesitate to contact me directly by phone (630-816-6841) or e-mail (kristenjungles@kw.com).

Wishing you and your families a safe and healthy 4th of July.

National Home for Children from Mike McGrath

Congratulations to Judd Kendall Post 3873 and to Past Post Commander Pablo Araya for receiving the First Place Award from the State of Illinois for support of the National Home for Children during 2019-2020. Sincere thanks to Past Commander Araya, members of the Post, and members of the Auxiliary for the outstanding support you have given to the families and children of our National Home.

Illinois Day this year is scheduled for Saturday, September 26th. Details about this event will be forthcoming as we look forward to our annual visit.

Please remember that families of Active Duty military personnel, veterans, and descendants of VFW and Auxiliary members are eligible for assistance through the National Home. Perhaps this is a benefit that could help someone you know. The National Home Help Line continues to be available and is a great resource. The number is (800) 313-4200.

We are very grateful to everyone for your ongoing support. Thank You!

New Post Officers

Post Officers for the 2020-2021 term were elected and sworn in during the Post meeting that was held on June 11th. These individuals have already assumed their roles and responsibilities. Officers for the coming year are:

- Commander - Tom Parker
- Sr. Vice Commander - Todd Schuneman
- Jr. Vice Commander - Leo Jaime
- Quartermaster - Phil Maughan
- Ass't Quartermaster - John Shaw
- Ass't Quartermaster - Paul Quinn
- Adjutant - Josh Kramer
- Judge Advocate - Lawrence Goss
- Surgeon - Bill Howland
- Service Officer - Mike Barbour

- Officer of the Day - Lou Kueltzio
- Guard - Tom Scott
- Chaplain - Jim Oftedal
- 1-Year Trustee - Lloyd McKee
- 2-Year Trustee - Bob Bronson
- 3-Year Trustee - Craig Frier
- House - Bob Colby
- House - Wick Kirby
- House - Bob Tallon

Mascot Update

Earlier this year, Commander Araya and the House Committee asked for suggestions for the name of the new canteen mascot. Thanks to all who submitted name ideas for our newest “regular” in the canteen. After a rigorous vetting process and a vote by our membership during the June meeting, we have selected the name of “Chuck Yeagerbomb.” Chuck will help usher in holidays, attend events including running in the Judd-A-Thon, and listen to anyone wanting to swap war stories. Feel free to introduce yourself to Chuck if you haven’t already and maybe snap a quick selfie together.



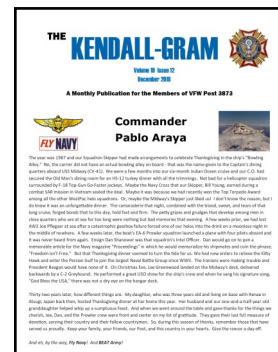
Canteen Update



The Judd Kendall Canteen has been reopened for indoor service. While seating at the bar is not currently available, there is ample seating throughout the canteen and in the Party Room that will allow you to enjoy a refreshing beverage with friends and fellow veterans, all while observing required protocols.

Kendall-Gram Receives Top Honors


Recently, our very own Kendall-Gram took first place in the State of Illinois VFW Publications Contest. The Kendall-Gram was selected over all other entries as the best newsletter published five or more times per year.





Post 3873 Calendar of Events July 2020



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4 Independence Day 
5	6	7	8	9 7:00 pm - VFW Meeting	10	11
12	13	14	15	16 7:00 pm - Auxiliary Meeting	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

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.

Judd Kendall Post 3873 Officers

Commander	Tom Parker	(630) 280-9347
Sr. Vice Commander	Todd Schuneman	(815) 791-4178
Jr. Vice Commander	Leo Jaime	(773) 441-3887
Quartermaster	Phil Maughan	(630) 383-1974
Ass't Quartermaster	John Shaw	(630) 961-3479
Ass't Quartermaster	Paul Quinn	(312) 340-4424
Adjutant	Josh Kramer	(440) 864-6988
Judge Advocate	Lawrence Goss	(630) 728-9641
Surgeon	Bill Howland	(630) 369-0087
Service Officer	Mike Barbour	(630) 240-1645
Officer of the Day	Lou Kuelto	(630) 898-8760
Guard	Tom Scott	(815) 577-7748
Chaplain	Jim Oftedal	(630) 357-4030
1-Year Trustee	Lloyd McKee	(630) 922-8804
2-Year Trustee	Bob Bronson	(630) 886-9102
3-Year Trustee	Craig Frier	(

Committees

Americanism	Tom Parker	(630) 280-9347
Blood Drive	Ingrid Kanady	(847) 951-3300
Buddy Poppy	Bob Colby	(630) 301-2664
Building	Mike Rechenmacher	(630) 961-1377
Color Guard	Jim Sarns	(630) 234-6292
Eighth Grade Awards	Tom Benton	(630) 579-8514
Facilities Manager		
Grounds	Phil Maughan	(630) 357-3440
Honor Guard	Jim Oftedal	(630) 357-4030
Hospital	John Shaw	(630) 961-3479
House	Bob Colby	(630) 301-2664
House	Wick Kirby	(630) 864-7574
House	Bob Tallon	(630) 561-9902
Membership	Brian Byrne	(630) 901-6758
Legislative	Frank Haynes	(630) 357-2906
National Home	Mike McGrath	(630) 357-2680
Patriot's Pen	Carmen Iacullo	(708) 969-7143
Public Relations	Mike Barbour	(630) 240-1645
Safety	Mike McGrath	(630) 357-2680
Scout Liaison	Todd Schuneman	(815) 791-4178
Social Media	Dave Angelus	(630) 596-3245
Voice of Democracy		

Auxiliary Officers

President	Kristen Jungles	(630) 816-6841
Sr. Vice President	Bernadette Budny	(630) 717-9471
Jr. Vice President	Darlene Kwarta	(
Treasurer	Maryann Groner	(
Secretary	Nancy Marinello	(630) 464-3696
Chaplain	Tita McLaughlin	(
Guard	Carol Gloor	(
Conductress	Marti Linnert	(630) 596-9930

Veterans of Foreign Wars
Judd Kendall Post 3873
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Naperville, IL 60540



FACT SHEET

As the nation's oldest major war veterans' organization, the VFW has an impeccable and longstanding record of service and stewardship. More than 4.5 million patriotic Americans, both members and non-members, entrust the VFW with financial contributions and dedicate millions of volunteer hours.



YOUR DONATION OF

\$20

ENSURES THE VFW CAN

Educate a separating service member about his or her well-earned VA benefits through a private benefits counseling session with a VFW Service Officer.

Provide training to 4 VFW Service Officers on signs of emotional suffering so they can better direct veterans to programs and services.

Help cover rent, utilities or groceries for a military family struggling with the hardships of war.

Deliver 5 morale-boosting “welcome home” celebrations for service members who have returned from combat.

2,100+

Number of VA-accredited VFW representatives across America and abroad, helping veterans fight for the VA benefits they have earned.

56

Number of VFW-SVA Fellows (student veterans) who have traveled to Washington, D.C., to advocate for veterans' rights.

\$9 billion+

The total annual amount the VFW helped veterans recoup in VA disability compensation and pension benefits — which includes \$1.6 billion in new benefits paid to veterans in fiscal year 2019.

2.3 million+

Number of service members and their family members hosted at VFW Military Assistance Program (MAP) events since 2005.

22

Number of times the VFW has testified before Congress in the last 12 months alone. The VFW has been instrumental in virtually every major legislative victory for veterans in the 20th and 21st centuries.

\$3.5 million

Amount of scholarships, monetary awards and other incentives the VFW distributes annually to middle and high school students through two major patriotic essay competitions.

\$11.9 million

Value of financial assistance awarded to military families since 2004 to help cover basic needs in times of crisis. 44% of the funds covered basic housing needs.

\$7.2 million

Amount of scholarships awarded to more than 1,606 veterans and service members through VFW's “Sport Clips Help A Hero Scholarship” since January 2014.



The VFW by the numbers

1.6 million+

Number of VFW and VFW Auxiliary members.

6,129

Number of VFW Posts worldwide.



Helping veterans get justice

108,000+

Number of veterans the VFW assisted in submitting new VA claims in fiscal year 2019.

15,000+

Number of VA claims filed by the VFW's Pre-Discharge offices in fiscal year 2019 resulting in more than \$136 million in disability compensation.

25

Number of VFW Pre-Discharge offices across the nation, including the military district of Washington, D.C., area.



Helping struggling military families

10,557

Number of grants provided to military families facing financial hardship through *VFW Unmet Needs* since 2004.

\$5,184,868

Amount of grants provided through *VFW Unmet Needs* covering housing for struggling military families since 2004.

3,528

Number of military families who received assistance with housing needs since 2004.



Improving life in America

9.4 million

Number of volunteer hours contributed by VFW members annually.

\$44.1 million

Amount donated annually to local community service projects by VFW members.



Year the VFW started to fight for veterans, service members and their families.



Honoring the fallen

8.7 million

Number of VFW "Buddy"® Poppies distributed by the VFW last year.

\$8 million

Amount raised through the VFW "Buddy"® Poppy program for needy veterans.



Inspiring patriotism in young people

64,000+

Number of high school students who competed in the 2019–20 VFW Voice of Democracy competition.

164,000+

Number of students who competed in the 2019–20 VFW Patriot's Pen competition.