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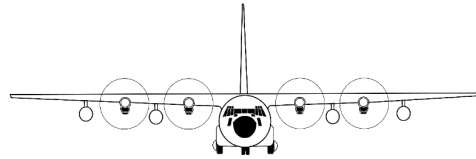
Commander Tom Parker



If September was any indication, it appears that we're getting a little closer to having things get back to normal. We had a great month at the Post after going through the summer with no meetings, no events, and limited Canteen hours. We had the Judd-A-Thon on the 20th and our golf outing on the 22nd. Both were outstanding fundraising events and while I didn't have the opportunity to play golf this year, I felt the Judd-A-Thon was one of our best ever. Perhaps it was the beautiful weather. Perhaps it was being able to see and talk with so many people that I've been separated from throughout the summer months. Maybe it was just the novelty of wearing a mask during the event. Whatever the reason, everyone seemed to have a great time and it felt good to see everyone coming together again. While we've put some events on hold, such as the Turkey Raffle, there are other yearly activities we'll be conducting as we move into the fall months. I'm sure they'll be just as rewarding, and I hope many of you will be able to join us for those events.

If there was a downside to September, it was learning that several of our steadfast volunteers have found it necessary to step down from their positions. These individuals have worked tirelessly behind the scenes for over a decade to ensure several of our key programs at the Post continue to operate seamlessly. We'll miss their contributions and are grateful for all they have done for the Post but understand their desire to take a step back. In talking with others about these new vacancies, I'm reminded that this is something that occurs in all organizations as one generation passes the baton to the next generation. A similar changing of the guard occurred when our Korean War and Vietnam War veterans took the mantle from the WWII members years ago. Many of these shifts have already taken place, but there continue to be opportunities for some of us younger folks to help the Post maintain its outstanding reputation of helping veterans and promoting patriotism throughout our community. If some of you find yourselves in a similar position to what I found myself in several years ago, where my obligations at home decreased as the kids got older, please consider becoming more involved at the Post. Few of our committees and other positions require a lot of time, but each one is instrumental in our ongoing success. If you have a few spare hours each month and have been thinking about getting more involved with the Post, let us know. And if you aren't sure you can contribute right now but want to learn more about where we need help, please give me or the Quartermaster a call. We can talk with you about various opportunities to help when the time is right for you.

Senior Vice Commander
Todd Schuneman



Why did you join or why might someone want to join our organization? Here are five reasons why to join or why to stay a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

- To honor the service of our fellow veterans.
- To promote patriotism within our community to all citizens, young and old.
- To participate in programs that bring family and community members together for worthwhile events and projects.
- To stress that veterans and their entitlements be a number one priority for legislators.
- To be the voice for those veterans who gave the ultimate sacrifice so we can all live in a democracy.

The VFW is the world’s largest group of combat zone veterans. Regardless of your age, from student vets up through retired veterans, regardless of where you served, we each understand what we all have been through. We are veteran brothers and sisters joining forces to ensure that America treats its veterans well. We give each other support and we continue serving our nation. Even if a vet never sets foot in a local Post, we all benefit from the VFW’s victories and our broad activities today. No organization is more committed to being there for veterans in the future.

We are a voice for veterans on Capitol Hill and are instrumental in passing or blocking legislation that impacts veterans and their families. We are one of the top providers of volunteer hours in the VA medical system. Every year, members fundraise millions of dollars for charitable projects that benefit veterans and their families. We also provide hundreds of thousands of dollars in scholarships for our nation’s veterans. These are but a few of the reasons we need to seek out our fellow brothers and sisters and encourage them to join our organization.

Millions of veterans, military, and their families’ year after year have been touched by the good that the VFW does. Membership gives us the power, strength, and unity to truly make a difference. Each member counts! Each member makes a difference! YOUR membership makes it happen.

If you are an Annual Member, consider converting to a Life Membership. The advantages of Life Membership include avoiding annual dues and renewals, maintaining your membership in any Post you choose, never paying an increase in yearly dues, and receiving a 10% discount on exclusive VFW Store merchandise for the first year. Please consider upgrading to a Life Membership. We offer several options to help making your conversion possible.

Dates to Remember

Oct 3 – Blood Drive , 7:30 am - 1:00 pm
 Oct 7 – Yoga for Vets, 9:30 am
 Oct 8 – VFW Meeting, 7:00 pm
 Oct 13 – U.S. Navy Birthday
 Oct 14 – Yoga for Vets, 9:30 am

Oct 14 – Auxiliary Painting Fundraiser, 6:30 pm
 Oct 15 – Auxiliary Meeting, 7:00 pm
 Oct 17 – Legion Dinner, 6:00 pm
 Oct 21 – Yoga for Vets, 9:30 am
 Oct 28 – Yoga for Vets, 9:30 am

*** As events resume, please continue to observe all required mask and social distancing.**

Junior Vice Commander**Leo Jaime**

October 13th marks the 245th birthday of our United States Navy. Please join me in wishing our comrade sailors a very Happy Birthday! This year's theme is "Victory at Sea" in commemoration of the 75th anniversary of WWII, recognizing 245 years of warfighting excellence.

245 years ago, on sunny October 13, 1775, the Continental Congress established what is now the United States Navy with "a swift sailing vessel, to carry ten carriage guns, and a proportionable number of swivels, with eighty men, be fitted, with all possible dispatch, for a cruise of three months...." Then, after the American War of Independence, the U.S. Constitution empowered the new Congress "to provide and maintain a Navy." Acting on this authority, Congress established the Department of the Navy on April 30, 1798. As we celebrate, let's recall what makes our Navy the best naval force in the history of the modern world.

The "Old Navy", as it is now referred to, is the Navy that existed between its official establishment in 1794 by President George Washington (Naval Act of 1794) and the end of the Civil War. Over the next 20 years, the Navy fought the French Republic Navy in the Quasi-War (1798–99), the Barbary states in the First and Second Barbary Wars (this is when the marines get the Mameluke sword), the British in the War of 1812, the Mexicans in the Mexican–American War in 1846, and served to combat piracy in the Mediterranean and Caribbean seas, as well as fighting the slave trade off the coast of West Africa. In 1861, the American Civil War began and the U.S. Navy fought the small Confederate States Navy with both sailing ships and new revolutionary ironclad ships. After the Civil War, most of its ships were laid up in reserve, and by 1878, the Navy was just 6,000 men.

The "New Navy" saw its birth in 1882, when the U.S. Navy consisted of many outdated ships. Over the next decade, Congress approved building multiple modern steel-hulled armored cruisers and battleships. After winning two major battles during the 1898 Spanish–American War, the American Navy continued to build more ships, and by the end of World War I, had more men and women in uniform and was considered equal in size to the British Royal Navy. During the 1920s and 1930s, the Navy built several aircraft carriers and battleships, which were put to use when the US was thrown into WWII, on December 7, 1941. For the next four years, our navy fought many historic battles including the Battle of the Coral Sea, the Battle of Midway, multiple naval battles during the Guadalcanal Campaign, and the largest naval battle in history, the Battle of Leyte Gulf. Much of the Navy's activity concerned the support of landings of marines and soldiers, not only with the "island-hopping" campaign in the Pacific, but also with the European landings. When the Japanese surrendered, the Navy had over 1,600 warships. After WWII, the U.S. Navy entered the 45 year long Cold War and participated in the Korean War, the Vietnam War, the First Persian Gulf War, and the Second Persian Gulf War/Iraq War. By 1978, the number of ships had dwindled to less than 400, many from World War II, which prompted Ronald Reagan to modernize the Navy with 600 new ships. Since then, we have been the world's undisputed naval superpower, with the ability to engage and project power in two simultaneous wars along separate fronts.

Let's be proud of our Navy, its traditions, and implacable history. On October 13 this year, the Chinese virus will prevent us from celebrating in our traditional manner with parties and balls, however, we will celebrate in our small groups to honor the Navy's rich history and traditions while motivating our future sailors. Hooyah!!

National Home for Children from Mike McGrath

Sunday, September 20th brought blue skies, beautiful sunshine, an exciting flyby by Lima Lima, a strenuous G.I. workout, zany costumes, prizes, and suitable refreshments for all during our 7th annual Judd-A-Thon 0.1km fun run. As in the past, it was a grueling run, but wow, what a great time – even with the masks on.

On behalf of the National Home for Children, thank you to Race Director Pablo Araya for organizing another tremendous fundraiser that benefits the National Home. Thanks also to our Post officers and members, along with our Auxiliary, for your continued support of this great event. We appreciate the many volunteers who worked behind the scenes to help with the pre-race set up and events after the race, especially Jim Hoch for taking so many great pictures throughout the day. I also want to give a special thank you to the sponsors and participants. Your donations and contributions are what make this event so special and what you do is greatly appreciated by the National Home.

Thanks again to everyone and we look forward to seeing you all again at next year's event.

Golf Outing Update

This year's golf outing was extraordinary in many ways. To start with, we weren't even sure we'd have the outing due to the ongoing pandemic concerns. Thankfully, everything fell into place and the event went off without any major hitches. There were a record number of participants this year and the weather was absolutely perfect. This was also a landmark year for donations. We raised approximately \$8,000, which is the highest amount we've ever raised. A very special thank you goes out to Jerry Pokorny and his team for taking the lead in setting this up, contacting sponsors, and making the outing such a huge success. We're already looking forward to the outing next year and hope that many more can join us for this fun and rewarding event as we break the records set this year.



Judd Kendall VFW Post 3873 Fall Blood Drive

In the upstairs hall of the Post

Saturday, October 3rd

7:30 am - 1:00 pm

NEW DATE



Donors are requested to schedule an appointment ahead of time.

Call Vitalant at (877) 258-4825 or log on to Vitalant.org
to schedule your appointment.

Walk-ins will be accommodated as social distancing guidelines allow.



38,000 blood donations are needed each day.

Will You Help?

VFW Auxiliary Fundraiser
A No-Experience-Required Art Class
with Step by Step Instructions
Wednesday, October 14 at 6:30 pm
\$39 per painter



Due to social distancing guidelines, participants must pre-register online at <https://www.pinotpalette.com/naperville/event/485877>

For additional information, contact Kathy Thornton at (630) 667-6704

2020 Poppy Drive

As you know, we normally conduct our annual Buddy Poppy fundraising activities in conjunction with Memorial Day. Unfortunately, this year we weren't able to do this and we are moving to Plan B. We **WILL** have a Buddy Poppy drive this year and it will be held as part of our Veterans Day activities. Our fundraising will begin on Friday, November 6 and will continue through Wednesday, November 11.

Similar to our 2019 Buddy Poppy drive, we will once again use an electronic sign-up sheet to have volunteers select donation locations and time slots. We are currently finalizing locations and will let everyone know once they are set. Additionally, here are a few new things for this year:

- Masks must be worn!
- No train station locations.
- More downtown locations (street corners, libraries, etc.).
- Touchless poppy distribution – poppies will be poked onto Styrofoam panels and people will take them.
- Poppies will be available in the canteen for donations.
- People can send us checks or contribute electronically via link (more to come on this on our Post web page).

Please contact Nancy Marinello or Bob Colby if you have any questions.

Flu Shots

Some members have been asking about the availability of flu shots through the VA system. The Edward Hines, Jr. VA Hospital is offering flu shots to veterans at its main facility and at Community Based Outpatient Clinics. For additional information, call the Hines VA Hospital flu hotline at (708) 202-8358 or visit www.hines.va.gov.

Post Grounds by Marcy Maughan

Thank you to all the generous people and families that showed up to plant the new bed of flowers at the Post just recently. The weather cooperated and all in all, it was a great day. We were able to relocate some of the flowers from the front beds and replace them with ones that will do better in the shade. Additionally, we replaced the lilac bushes in the back with a variety of plants that should provide an assortment of colors and blooms from spring to fall. I think everyone will enjoy the peonies, liatris, hollyhocks, soldago, and butterfly flowers, just to name a few.

I am also looking for an assistant gardener who will help me next summer to keep the beds free of weeds. This will require an hour or two a week of your time over the course of the summer. If you would like to volunteer, please contact me at (630) 357-3440 or e-mail me at garrdengrandma@pobox.com.

7th Annual Judd-A-Thon

The Post held its 7th annual Judd-A-Thon on Sunday, September 20. While we didn't see the number of participants that we have seen in the past, there was still an excellent turn out and we appreciate the participation of all who attended. There will certainly be those in future years who will be overheard saying, "it was even tougher in 2020 when we had to wear a mask." As in previous years, the day's events were filled with excitement from the pre-race activities until well after the awards were presented to our top runners in both the younger and senior categories. We greatly appreciate the support of our sponsors, especially this year when times are more challenging. Due to the support of these people and organizations, we were able to raise approximately \$20,000, all of which will be presented to the National Home for Children. A special thanks to our Race Chairman Pablo Araya and his team for planning and conducting another outstanding event, even while contending with the many hurdles caused by the pandemic. Lastly, let's not forget that our next Judd-A-Thon is a mere 11 months away and it's never too early to start training.

(Photos by Jim Hoch)



Additional photos at: <https://jameshochphotography.smugmug.com/Military/VFW-Events/Judd-A-Thon-2020/>

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	1:00 p.m.	10:00 pm
Friday	Noon	Midnight
Saturday	Noon	10:00 pm
Sunday	Noon	6:00 pm

The bartender may elect to close the Canteen early due to low patronage. 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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Post 3873 Calendar of Events October 2020



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	7:30 am - 1:00 pm Blood Drive
4	5	6	7 9:30 am - Yoga for Vets	8 7:00 pm - VFW Meeting	9	10
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