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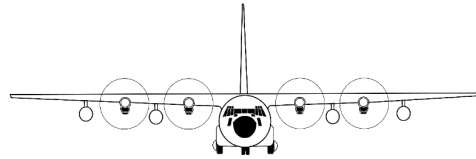


I can't believe it's already November. Even though I've been dealing with the rigors of the pandemic, social distancing, and working from home, 2020 seems to have flown by like every other year. Normally at this time of the year, we're in the midst of lining up veterans to attend the various Veterans Day activities at the schools, tracking down volunteers for the Turkey Raffle, and making plans for Thanksgiving with the family. I'll miss the excitement and frantic pace of the Turkey Raffle this year, but I have no doubt that this year's event will be just as rewarding for helping us raise the funds necessary to pay our operating bills over the next year. Even if you don't or can't join us in person, swing by the Post, load up on raffle tickets, and join us from the comfort of your own home that evening.

I'll also miss the excitement around Veterans Day. It's always nice to attend the school events, experience the appreciation shown by the students, and take a little extra pride in the fact that I've served in the military. It's fun to run in to so many other veterans during those events and to share the "been there, done that" look and perhaps swap a quick story or two. This year, I'll be happy to do that during our brief Veterans Day ceremony and I'll still take pride in having served with some of the finest people I've ever met. Serving in the military truly shaped who I am and how I do things. I often say things or use phrases that elicit quizzical looks from my civilian counterparts but result in complete understanding from other veterans. I know that I can walk up to another veteran and immediately have a shared bond and sense of appreciation that I don't experience with those that have never served. Regardless of how each of you mark this Veterans Day, take a moment to reflect on how lucky we are to be part of a brotherhood and sisterhood that most will never enjoy or understand.

Finally, I want to wish everyone a very Happy Thanksgiving. It continues to be a crazy year in so many ways, but I'm sure we all have something we can be thankful for. I know I'll be giving thanks for many things this year as I enjoy my turkey dinner, hopefully with a turkey I've won at the Turkey Raffle.

**Senior Vice Commander
Todd Schuneman**



On November 10, 1775, a Corps of Marines was created by a resolution of the Continental Congress. Since then, many thousands of men and women have borne the title "Marine." They have continued to distinguish themselves on many battlefields and foreign shores, in war and peace. In memory of them, it is fitting that all Marines commemorate the birthday of our Corps by remembering the glories of its long and illustrious history. On November 1, 1921, John A. Lejeune, the 13th Commandant of the Marine Corps, directed that a reminder of the honorable service of the Corps be published by every command, and to all Marines across the globe, on the birthday of the Corps. In recognition of the will of the 13th Commandant, a birthday message reminding all Marines of the Corps' honorable service is published by the current Commandant.

The record of our Corps is one which bears comparison with that of the most famous military organizations in the world's history. During 90 of the 146 years of its existence, the Marine Corps has been in action against the Nation's foes. From the Battle of Trenton to the Argonne, Marines have won foremost honors in war. And in the long era of tranquility at home, generation after generation of Marines have grown gray in war in both hemispheres and in every corner of the seven seas so that our country and its citizens might enjoy peace and security.

"In every battle and skirmish since the birth of the Corps, Marines have acquitted themselves with the greatest distinction, winning new honors on each occasion until the term "Marine" has come to signify all that is highest in military efficiency and soldierly virtue." - John A. Lejeune, 13th Commandant of the Marine Corps

On November 10, 2020, Marines will celebrate the 245th birthday of our beloved Corps. The deeds and acts from Belleau Wood to this century's longest wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, and in hundreds of other places where Marines have distinguished themselves, the success which the men and women who have earned the title Marine have achieved in combat and the faith they have borne in peace will endure forever.

Happy Birthday Marines! Semper Fidelis

Dates to Remember

Nov 1 – Time changes, 2:00 am

Nov 4 – Yoga for Vets, 9:30 am

Nov 10 – USMC Birthday

Nov 11 – Veterans Day

Nov 11 – Veterans Day Ceremony, 11:00 am

Nov 11 – Veterans Day Dinner, 6:00 pm

Nov 12 – VFW Meeting, 7:00 pm

Nov 15 – District 19 Meeting, 1:00 pm

Nov 18 – Yoga for Vets, 9:30 am

Nov 19 – Auxiliary Meeting, 7:00 pm

Nov 21 – Virtual Turkey Raffle, 6:00 pm

Nov 26 – Thanksgiving Day

*** As events resume, please continue to observe all required mask and social distancing requirements. Please confirm events are occurring before arriving.**

Junior Vice Commander**Leo Jaime**

On Nov 10th we celebrate the 245th birthday of the Marine Corps. This year however, due to restrictions in place as a result of the Covid 19 pandemic, we will not be able to put on our uniforms (if you still fit into it), dresses, or tuxedos, and attend the Ball at the Naperville Marriott with our best dance partners. Nevertheless, as Marines always do, we will overcome and adapt. Marines, with their families and friends around the world will gather in their own safe but inventive ways to celebrate the history and honor of the Corps, while recognizing the young Marines who make up its future. Even if within just a fire team, we will cut the cake and recognize the youngest and oldest Marine present, and then the message from our 13th Commandant, John A, Lejeune, will be read. This message written almost 100 years ago is timeless, and it is in the hearts and minds of every Marine. It speaks to the bravery of Marines from Belleau Wood in WWI, Guadalcanal and Iwo Jima in WWII, Inchon in Korea, the tough fights in Vietnam, the liberation of Kuwait during Desert Shield and Desert Storm, to this century's wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, and hundreds of other conflicts fought around the world.

This is what will be read:

"On November 10, 1775, a Corps of Marines was created by a resolution of the Continental Congress. Since that date many thousands of men have borne that name Marine. In memory of them 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 record of our Corps is one which bears comparison with that of the most famous military organizations in the world's history. During 90 of the 146 years of its existence the Marine Corps has been in action against the Nation's foes. From the Battle of Trenton to the Argonne, Marines have won foremost honors in war and in the long era of tranquility at home generation after generation of Marines have grown gray in war in both hemispheres, and in every corner of the seven seas so that our country and its citizens might enjoy peace and security.

In every battle and skirmish since the Birth of the Corps, Marines have acquitted themselves with the greatest distinction, winning new honors on each occasion until the term "Marine" has come to signify all that is highest in military efficiency and soldierly virtue.

This high name of distinction and soldierly repute we who are Marines today have received from those who preceded us in the Corps. With it we also received from them the eternal spirit which has animated our Corps from generation and has long been the distinguishing mark of Marines in every age. So long as that spirit continues to flourish Marines will be found equal to every emergency in the future as they have been in the past, and the men of our nation will regard us as worthy successors to the long line of illustrious men who have served as "Soldiers of the Sea" since the founding of the Corps."

2020 is definitely a tough year, but as General Lejeune said: *So long as that spirit continues to flourish Marines will be found equal to every emergency in the future...*'So, raise a glass this November 10th and keep the esprit de corps alive! Oorah!

National Home for Children from Mike McGrath

November is here and the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays are coming. We are grateful for your thoughtfulness and generosity during these difficult times. As you know, many of our normal activities have been postponed due to the Covid-19 virus so holiday donations are especially helpful for the Family Support Service Fund, which provides much needed support directly for our residents.

As a privately funded entity (no government funding), the pandemic has been a great concern for the National Home this year. Thanks to your ongoing generosity, we will be able to continue our mission of helping our military and veteran families and children as we've done for over 95 years. The work of the National Home for Children is truly something we can all be proud of as we observe this Veterans Day and every day.

Please check out some of the resident stories at <https://www.vfwnationalhome.org/stories>. Follow us on Facebook and check out this link for other ways to help <https://www.vfwnationalhome.org/other>.

2020 Poppy Drive

As you know, we usually hold our Buddy Poppy fundraiser the week before Memorial Day, but with the restrictions currently in place none of that happened. So, we move to Plan B. We **WILL** hold a Buddy Poppy drive this year. It will run from Friday, November 6 through Wednesday, November 11 (Veterans Day). It will be very similar to our 2019 drive, where we used an electronic signup sheet to get volunteers to sign up for a slot at a particular location. Please note that we will only use the electronic sheet this year – there will be no paper version. The sign-up sheet can be accessed at: www.volunteersignup.org/P38EK.

New for 2020:

- Masks must be worn!
- No train station locations (no riders)
- More downtown locations (street corners)
- Library locations
- Touchless poppy distribution – poppies will be poked onto a Styrofoam sheet and people will grab one themselves
- Poppies will be available in the canteen
- People can send us checks or contribute electronically via link to our bank. All of this will be on an updated poppy page on the post website.

We will be on four downtown street corners this year in addition to the locations listed on the sign-up sheet. If you sign-up for a street corner, you can stay there or move around. You **cannot** be in the street. Like before, volunteers should stop by the conference room to pick up a collection jug, instruction sheet, and ONE bag of poppies for each two-hour shift. If you can provide your own Styrofoam sheet or extras, please do. Stay tuned for more.

Questions? Contact Bob Colby at bob_colby@comcast.net or Nancy Marinello at nancymarinello@yahoo.com.

Veterans Day

A brief Veterans Day ceremony will be conducted at Veterans Park on Wednesday, November 11 at 11:00 am. In lieu of our usual Veterans Day activities, we will have this ceremony to recognize and honor military veterans past and present. Everyone attending will be expected to follow social distancing and mask guidelines.

Additionally, we will have our annual joint VFW/American Legion Veterans Day dinner that evening at the Post. Social hour begins at 6:00 pm with dinner at 7:00 pm. Seating for this event will be limited, so it is important that you RSVP to Junior Vice Commander Leo Jaime at leo.jaime@gmail.com if you plan to attend. The cost is \$14 for adults, \$7 for children aged 7 to 14, and children under 6 years old eat free. Please note that if you reserve a seat and do not attend, you are expected to pay for the cost of the meal.

Turkey Raffle

The Post and Auxiliary will host the annual Turkey Raffle fundraiser on Saturday, November 21. The event will be streamed on Facebook Live and will begin at 6:00 pm. Limited seating will be available in the upstairs hall and in the downstairs area, provided the guidelines for group gatherings do not change. If you would like to attend in person, you may sign up in the Canteen with one of the bartenders. The cost to reserve a seat is \$5.



Raffle tickets will be sold in the Canteen on Thursdays and Fridays between 4:00 pm and 8:00 pm and on Saturdays and Sundays between 1:00 pm and 5:00 pm. Ticket sales will begin on Friday, October 30 and will continue through Saturday, November 21. Tickets are available for the following items:



- Turkeys - \$1 per ticket
- Prime Rib - \$5 per ticket
- Baskets (Booze/Gift Cards/Hotel Stay/Golf) - \$1 per ticket
- 50/50 Drawing - \$5 per ticket

Winners do not have to be present to win and no prizes will be given out on Saturday evening. Instead, winners will be contacted over the phone and names will be posted on the Post Facebook page. All prizes must be picked up on Sunday, November 22 between 2:00 pm and 5:00 pm.

To all the men and women who
served in our armed forces

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





Happy Veterans Day!



Post 3873 Calendar of Events November 2020



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Daylight Saving Time Ends (clocks change) 	2	3	4 9:30 am - Yoga for Vets	5	6	7
8	9	10 USMC Birthday	11 11:00 am - Veterans Day Ceremony 6:00 pm - Veterans Day Dinner	12 7:00 pm - VFW Meeting	13	14
15 1:00 pm - District 19 Meeting	16	17	18 9:30 am - Yoga for Vets	19 7:00 pm - Auxiliary Meeting 	20	21 6:00 pm - Virtual Turkey Raffle
22	23	24	25	26 Thanksgiving Day	27	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	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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