

THE KENDALL-GRAM



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Commander Todd Schuneman



Every year, a select group of VFW Posts are presented with the All American Post Award. All American is meant to recognize outstanding Posts and is based on participation in VFW Programs as well as membership. In the 75 plus years our Post has been in existence, it has earned this distinction only twice. The first time was in 2012 under the leadership of Commander Nina Petru and the second, was this past year under the leadership of Commander Tom Parker. Congratulations Tom! Steering our Post through this last, very difficult year was challenging to say the least. Nevertheless, we came through it and earned All American status. I believe that we can earn the title of All American again this year. Through personal and Post involvement in the veteran and civic organizations and events, we do a lot in our community. Almost yearly, the criteria for All American changes. The Commander In Chief outlines the specific criteria and benchmarks that need to be met. The following is the criteria for this year as laid out by our new National Commander Fritz Mihelcic.

- Membership greater than 100%
- Meet all the following Program Participation Criteria:
 - Voice of Democracy - minimum of one entry advanced to District judging.
 - Patriots Pen - minimum of one entry advanced to District judging.
 - Hold a fundraiser with the proceeds going to Veterans & Military Support Programs Services, minimum of \$100.
 - Partner twice with two separate organizations like Team RWB, Operation Ramp It Up, Operation Gratitude, Team Rubicon, Merging Vets & Players, and other VSOs to include our friends at Sport Clips and Burger King.
 - Create Post social media site or actively maintain existing site.
 - 5 New Action Corps Sign-Ups: To sign up: Text "VFW" to "50457" to sign-up 5 previously unsubscribed members or VFW supporters.
 - Have a 10% increase in total impact in Community Service.

As you can see, the hurdles we need to clear are not insurmountable. Especially with a Post that is so dedicated to veteran issues and supporting our community.

Senior Vice Commander
Leo Jaime



This September 11th marks the twentieth anniversary of the attacks on the twin towers, the Pentagon, and the potential third target that was foiled by the heroes of Flight 93. That dreaded morning is perhaps the most historically significant day of our times. No other singular day in our modern US history has had such permanent impacted in our social, political, and moral fabric. It shook our nation (and the world) to its core, and tested our courage, resolve, and endurance for the last 20 years.

I believe it's important to remind ourselves what happened that dreaded morning and by doing so, honor the lives of the nearly 3,000 Americans we lost, and the sacrifice and courage of the thousands of young men and women that served since and are still serving today.

9/11/01 hurled us into the longest war we've ever had to fight. Despite politically changed maneuvers of late, the story is still being written. A story that began on a sunny Tuesday morning with the following events:

7:59 am – AA flight 11 takes off from Boston. UA flight 175 departs Boston at 8:15 am, AA flight 77 departs Dulles at 8:20 am, and UA flight 93 takes off from Newark at 8:42 am.

8:46 am - Five hijackers crash AA flight 11 into floors 93 through 99 of 1 World Trade Center (North Tower). The 76 passengers and 11 crew members on board and hundreds inside the building are killed instantly. The crash severs all three emergency stairwells and traps hundreds of people above the 91st floor. Responders mobilize to the doomed tower.

8:59 am – Evacuation of the Twin Tower begins

9:03 am - Five hijackers crash United Airlines Flight 175 into floors 77 through 85 of 2 World Trade Center (South Tower), killing the 51 passengers and nine crew members onboard the aircraft and an unknown number of people inside the building. The impact renders two of the three emergency stairwells impassable and severs a majority of the elevator cables in this area, trapping many above the impact zone and inside elevator cars. Shortly after hijacked Flight 175 strikes the South Tower, some workers in the building jump or fall to their deaths, a phenomenon already witnessed after the attack on the North Tower. Estimates of the number of people who die as a result of falling from the Twin Towers range from 50 to more than 200.

9:37 am – Attack at the Pentagon. 5 hijackers crash AA flight 77 killing all on board and 125 military and civilian personnel on the ground

9:59 am – South Tower collapses. After burning for 56 minutes, the tower collapses in 10 seconds, killing more than 800 civilians and first responders.

10:03 am - Four hijackers crash Flight 93 in a field near the town of Shanksville in Somerset County, Pennsylvania, after passengers and crew storm the cockpit. The 33 passengers and seven crew members on board perish. The crash site is approximately 20 minutes' flying time from Washington, D.C.

10:28 am – North Tower collapses. More than 1600 people perished.

8:30 pm – President George W Bush addresses the nation. “The search is under way for those who are behind these evil acts. I’ve directed the full resources of our intelligence and law enforcement communities to find those responsible and to bring them to justice. We will make no distinction between the terrorists who committed these acts and those who harbor them.” The war begins.

This 9/11, we remember all that lost their lives 20 years ago and all that made the ultimate sacrifice fighting the war that ensued. But also, please, stop and thank a young veteran or active military member whose story is still being written.

Junior Vice Commander**Mike McGrath**

September is here! I hope you all had a good summer and we at the Post are looking forward to a great month of September with lots of great activities for everyone. Keep an eye out in your e-mail for messages with details about activities in the community for Labor Day and the 9/11 Memorial Ceremony.

And on September 19th, our 8th annual world famous Judd-A-Thon will start at 10:01 am. Race Director Pablo Araya promises another legendary and prodigious 0.1 km run that will be fun for the whole family. You won't want to miss this event! As in the past, all the proceeds from this event are dedicated to the National Home for Children and because the Home receives no government funding, this donation goes a long way towards helping out each year. Be sure to sign up for only \$20. Sponsorships are also available and a sponsorship of \$500 gets your name or your organization's name on the t-shirt.

Illinois Day at the National Home will be on September 25th this year. Information about this trip is available in the Canteen and I hope many of you can join us this year.

Let's not forget how lucky we are. We have a great Post in a great community. And while we continue to live through challenging times, let's stick together and stay involved. Whether it's coming out to the Judd-A-Thon, joining us for the pig roast on the 24th, or attending another event, we look forward to seeing you around the Post.

Dates to Remember

Sep 1 – GI Yoga, 9:30 am

Sep 6 – Labor Day

Sep 7 – Hines Outreach Team Visit, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Sep 8 – GI Yoga, 9:30 am

Sep 9 – VFW Meeting, 7:00 pm

Sep 11 – Patriot Day

Sep 14 – Post Golf Outing, 10:00 am

Sep 15 – GI Yoga, 9:30 am

Sep 16 – Auxiliary Meeting, 7:00 pm

Sep 18 – U.S. Air Force Birthday

Sep 18 – Visit Vets at Independence Village, 10:00 am

Sep 19 – Judd-A-Thon, 10:01 am

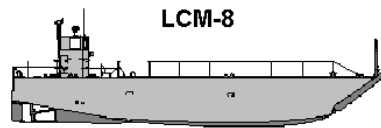
Sep 22 – GI Yoga, 9:30 am

Sep 24 – Pig Roast, 6:00 pm

Sep 25 – Visit Vets at Story Point, 10:00 am

Sep 25 – Illinois Day at the National Home

Sep 29 – GI Yoga, 9:30 am

Service Officer Updates**Dennis Lukavsky**

For those of you who have served in Southwest Asia, the VA is now recognizing additional presumptive diseases caused by exposure to particulate matter. If you have contracted asthma, rhinitis, and/or sinusitis within 10 years of service you **MAY** qualify for benefits. Visit the following site for additional information:

<https://www.va.gov/opa/pressrel/pressrelease.cfm?id=5699>

Our Post canteen hosted a wonderful evening with entertainment offered by "The Tonight Show" which was hosted by Friday Bob. He made an outstanding Johnny. We also enjoyed a great meal as well. Special thanks to Carey for organizing and hosting this event. Stay tuned for information on additional events like this at the post.

The Naperville Jaycees are inviting all Post members and their families to a free meal during the Last Fling. We are invited to the Jaycees' sponsor tent on Monday, September 6th for a free meal and drink, as well as entertainment. The tent will be located across the street from Sullivan's Restaurant.

Another freebie for veterans is the annual Strength and Honor Lunch sponsored by Naperville Responds for Veterans. The lunch will be on September 8th starting at 11:00 am. It is free, but you must register by August 15th on the Naperville Responds for Veterans website. It will be held At Bobak's Signature Events Center in Woodridge.

Finally, many folks at the Post donated to the RED shirt fundraiser in support of the Gold Star Family Memorial. You should all be patting yourselves on the back for a job well done. The fundraiser resulted in a check for over \$7,000 going to the construction of the monument. A group photo of many of the donors was taken at the post on July 3.

We have been averaging about one walk-thru per week for the last few months. We have lost 4 Post members recently that we should remember in our prayers - Paul Hogan, Joe Marinello, Lloyd McKee, and Ken Mores. Our Post activities will not be the same without them. I want to take a moment and thank the many members who came out and supported our walk-thru's, with a special thank you to the intrepid Legion Riders. They have been in mass at almost every walk-thru.

As a general reminder, if you need help with VA benefits or other assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me. I'm here to help.

JUDD KENDALL'S 2021 GOLF OUTING**TUESDAY, SEP 14TH STARTING AT 10:00 AM****AT SPRINGBROOK GOLF COURSE****AS ALWAYS, THERE WILL BE RAFFLES, AWARDS, AND SURPRISES****COST IS \$100 PER GOLFER****SIGN-UP SHEETS WILL BE IN THE CANTEEN**

Auxiliary Report from President Kathy Thornton

What a busy summer it has been. The Post hosted the VFW 19th District meeting on August 15. The Post meeting was upstairs while the Auxiliary met on the porch. It was great for our neighboring Posts/Auxiliaries to see our Post firsthand.

There are a lot of exciting events coming up, so mark your calendars:

- o Sunday, September 19 - JUDD-A-THON. Sign up today! More details and registration form online (<http://www.napervfw3873.org>) or sign up at the Post. Join us for this grueling 0.1 km run. Wind down at the Canteen...post-run for some Post-fun! Proceeds benefit the National Home for Children.
- o Friday, September 24 - PIG ROAST in the Canteen. \$15.00 per person. Bring a dish to pass.
- o Saturday, October 2 - PAINTING ON THE PORCH starts at 630pm. No need to be a Van Gogh, just GO! Look for details in flyer in this newsletter.
- o Stay tuned for details for upcoming events ("Save 22" karaoke fundraiser (to benefit Midwest Shelter for Homeless Veterans), Auxiliary Social Hour, Turkey Raffle, and Christmas party for Post families/children/grandchildren to mention a few).

All Auxiliary members, please consider joining us at our monthly meetings, which are the 3rd Thursday of every month at 7:00 pm upstairs at the Post. Want to get more involved? We have openings on many committees. Have ideas for fundraisers or just some general input? Let me know! Have you paid your MALTA dues yet? Our Auxiliary is currently at 83% membership and would like to be 100% by the end of September. We got this!

Do you know of someone eligible to join the VFW Auxiliary? Direct them to the Post website and click on Auxiliary (<http://www.napervfw3873.org>).

Please keep those currently serving in the military in your prayers.

PIG ROAST - FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24TH

STARTS AT 6:00 PM IN THE CANTEEN

\$15.00 PER PERSON

PLEASE BRING A DISH TO SHARE

(VEGETABLE, DESSERT, ETC.)



Judd-A-Thon - It's Time Again To Break Out the Running Gear

There are only a few weeks left until our 8th annual Judd-A-Thon. It will start promptly at 10:01 am on Sunday, September 19. That means you still have more than enough time to implement a rigorous training program to prepare for the grueling 0.1 km endurance race that has become a hallmark of the fitness community in Naperville.

We'll have music, refreshments, t-shirts, race number bibs, and goodie bags for all participants. Best of all, each runner gets a small oval sticker to put on their car window, letting the world know they completed a 0.1K run! We have a Drill Instructor who warms up the runners in a scene right out of Full Metal Jacket, followed by the National Anthem, and a Lima Lima Flight Team flyover! There are raffles, kids' activities, meat on the grill, and awards. There's even a costume competition.

And just think, every dollar we raise will be donated to the National Home for Children. To reach our goal this year, we need your help in reaching out to sponsors. We've set a pretty ambitious target this year, but it's the least we can do for such a great organization that helps veterans and veteran families. It's our VFW family way of lending a hand up, not a handout, for those in need. Registration and sponsorship forms are included in this Kendall Gram and are available in the Post Canteen.



Quilts of Valor Presentation



At the end of July, Butch Saylor was presented with a patriotic quilt through the Quilts of Valor Foundation. The Quilts of Valor Foundation's mission is "to cover service members and veterans touched by war with comforting and healing Quilts of Valor." The presentation was especially memorable as the quilt was made and presented by Butch's friend and neighbor, Pat Lipscomb. Joining Butch was his son and granddaughter.



Post 3873 Calendar of Events September 2021



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 9:30 am - Yoga for Vets	2	3	4
5	6 Labor Day	7 10:00 am - 2:00 pm Hines Community Outreach Team Visit Rosh Hashana	8 9:30 am - Yoga for Vets	9 7:00 pm - VFW Meeting	10	11 Patriot Day
12	13	14 10:00 am - Post Golf Outing	15 9:30 am - Yoga for Vets	16 7:00 pm - Auxiliary Meeting Yom Kippur	17	18 10:00 am - Visit Vets at Independence Village 6:00 pm - Legion Dinner Air Force Birthday
19 10:01 am - Annual Judd-A-Thon	20	21	22 9:30 am - Yoga for Vets	23	24 6:00 pm - Pig Roast	25 10:00 am - Visit Vets at Story Point Illinois Day at the National Home
26	27	28	29 9:30 am - Yoga for Vets	30		

JOIN US!

Painting on the Porch at the Post!

VFW Auxiliary Post #3873 Fundraiser

Saturday, October 2, 2021 ~ Fun starts at 630p

Naperville VFW #3873 downstairs (on the porch!)

Cost is \$39 per Picasso!

<https://www.pinotspalette.com/naperville/event/562172> to sign up online.



ALL ARE WELCOME!



Bring a favorite appetizer if you would like. Cash Bar.

Any questions regarding this event, please contact Kathy 630.667.6704.

Judd-A-Thon

It's a .1k Fun Run and Fundraiser

A short run that will go a long way to help veteran and military families at the VFW National Home for Children

(Learn More About The VFW National Home at: www.vfwnationalhome.org)

Sunday, September 19th, 2021

Race Time: 10:01 AM Sharp



Judd Kendall VFW Post 3873

908 W Jackson

Naperville, IL. 60540

(630) 355-7664



Sponsor Name: _____

Sponsor POC Phone Number: _____

Amount of Donation: \$500.00 (circle) Other Amount: _____

Shirt Size(s): _____, _____, _____, _____

\$500.00 Guarantees you TWO shirts, \$1,000.00 FOUR, \$1,500.00 SIX, \$2,000.00 EIGHT, \$2,500.00 TEN, etc.

A Donation of \$500, or more, Guarantees your name, or company's name, on the exclusive event T-Shirt if received before 1200, September 3rd!

Note: Any T-Shirts NOT picked up by race time, will be distributed on a first come first served basis immediately following the race!



8th Annual Judd-A-Thon

It's a 0.1K fun run and fundraiser

A **short** run that will go a **long** way to help veteran and military families at the VFW National Home for Children.

Sunday September 19th, 2021

Race Starts Promptly at 10:01 am

To Register, make your check (or cash) payable for \$20 (\$25 on Race Day) to:

VFW Post 3873, and Mail/Drop Off Form and Fee to:

Judd Kendall VFW Post 3873

908 W. Jackson Avenue, Naperville IL 60540

EARLY REGISTRATION:

Open until **Friday Sept. 3rd** to guarantee a complete Goodie Bag with T-shirt and .1k race sticker.

DAY OF RACE:

Registration and packet pick-up is from 8:00 – 9:30 AM

Early Race Packet Pick-Up:

Pre-registered racers can pick up their race packet at the VFW Post 3873 from 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM on Friday Sept. 17th

Name: _____ Check if Under 18: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

T-Shirt Size (Circle One Size *Per Entry Form*):

SML

Med

Lrg

XL

XXL

XXXL

By signing below I agree not to hold the VFW Post 3873 responsible for any injury occurring as a result of my participation in this event

Signature _____ Date _____

*T-Shirts **WILL NOT** be held, reserved or delivered after the Fun Run is completed. All shirts left over will be distributed/sold on a first come first served basis!*

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.

Kendall-Gram Editor: Tom Parker
(630) 280-9347

Post Information

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Naperville, IL 60540

Phone Number: **(630) 420-9820**

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.

Judd Kendall Post 3873 Officers

Commander	Todd Schuneman	(815) 791-4178
Sr. Vice Commander	Leo Jaime	(773) 441-3887
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3-Year Trustee	Pablo Araya	(312) 505-4377

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
Communications	Dennis Lukavsky	(630) 272-9064
Eighth Grade Awards	Tom Benton	(630) 579-8514
Facilities Manager		
Grounds	Phil Maughan	(630) 357-3440
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Hospital	John Shaw	(630) 961-3479
House	Bob Colby	(630) 301-2664
House	Bob Tallon	(630) 561-9902
House	Tom Parker	(630) 280-9347
Membership	Leo Jaime	(773) 441-3887
Legislative	Frank Haynes	(630) 357-2906
National Home	Mike McGrath	(630) 357-2680
Patriot's Pen	Leo Jaime	(773) 441-3887
Safety	Mike McGrath	(630) 357-2680
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Social Media	Dave Angelus	(630) 596-3245
Voice of Democracy	Leo Jaime	(773) 441-3887

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