

# THE KENDALL-GRAM



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## Commander Todd Schuneman



World War I, known at the time as “The Great War” officially ended when the Treaty of Versailles was signed on June 28, 1919, in the Palace of Versailles outside the town of Versailles, France. However, fighting ceased seven months earlier when an armistice, or temporary cessation of hostilities, between the Allied nations and Germany went into effect on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month. For that reason, November 11, 1918, is generally regarded as the end of “the war to end all wars.”

In November 1919, President Wilson proclaimed November 11 as the first commemoration of “Armistice Day” with the following words: "To us in America, the reflections of Armistice Day will be filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country’s service and with gratitude for the victory, both because of the thing from which it has freed us and because of the opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of the nations..."

The original concept for the celebration was for a day observed with parades and public meetings and a brief suspension of business beginning at 11:00 a.m. The United States Congress officially recognized the end of World War I when it passed a concurrent resolution on June 4, 1926, with these words:

“Whereas the 11th of November 1918, marked the cessation of the most destructive, sanguinary, and far reaching war in human annals and the resumption by the people of the United States of peaceful relations with other nations, which we hope may never again be severed, and

Whereas it is fitting that the recurring anniversary of this date should be commemorated with thanksgiving and prayer and exercises designed to perpetuate peace through good will and mutual understanding between nations; and

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**Commander's Column (Continued from Page 1)**

Whereas the legislatures of twenty-seven of our States have already declared November 11 to be a legal holiday: Therefore be it Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), that the President of the United States is requested to issue a proclamation calling upon the officials to display the flag of the United States on all Government buildings on November 11 and inviting the people of the United States to observe the day in schools and churches, or other suitable places, with appropriate ceremonies of friendly relations with all other peoples."

An Act, approved May 13, 1938, made the 11th of November in each year a legal holiday—a day to be dedicated to the cause of world peace and to be thereafter celebrated and known as "Armistice Day." Armistice Day was primarily a day set aside to honor veterans of World War I, but in 1954, after World War II had required the greatest mobilization of soldiers, sailors, Marines, and airmen in the Nation's history and after American forces had fought aggression in Korea, the 83rd Congress, at the urging of the veterans service organizations, amended the Act of 1938 by striking out the word "Armistice" and inserting in its place the word "Veterans." With the approval of this legislation on June 1, 1954, November 11th became a day to honor American veterans of all wars.

Later that same year, President Dwight D. Eisenhower issued the first "Veterans Day Proclamation" which instructed the widespread observance of this anniversary. He additionally directed all veterans, all veterans' organizations, all departments and agencies of the Executive branch of the Government, and the entire citizenry will wish to join hands in the common purpose of celebrating this day.

I am disappointed that Veterans Day is not held in the same esteem as it was when I was growing up. But I do find solace in that some schools do hold Veterans Day events whether it is a school assembly with a panel discussion or a virtual meeting in the classroom with a veteran. People regularly thank veterans and businesses recognize veterans and their veteran employees for their service.

To me, this Veterans Day is especially distinctive, in that our country just ended its longest war. Nearly three million veterans served in Iraq and Afghanistan over twenty years. Many of our brothers and sisters endured multiple deployments during their service. They need our support and comradery. We are the ones who truly know the hardships and loneliness of war. Take time this Veterans Day to honor your service and sacrifice as well as our brothers and sisters. And say a special prayer of gratitude to all of the veterans who gave their last full measure for each other, their families, and our country.

Please join us at Veterans Park on November 11, 2021, at 11:00 am for a remembrance ceremony. Then join us for our annual Veterans Day Dinner at the Post beginning at 5:30 pm.



Senior Vice Commander  
Leo Jaime



We are at 90.12% of membership, too low for comfort. I need your help to achieve 101%. Yes, we have a while until we turn our final numbers in, but before we know it, the holidays are here and then the long winter, leaving us with just a couple of months in the Spring to make a run for it. Please reach out to your fellow veterans: those that are not yet members and those that are members but haven't renewed their annual membership.

Other ways to help:

If you are one of our annual members, please consider upgrading to Life Membership. The benefits are obvious. First, your Life Membership is automatically counted towards the 101% goal, and I don't have to call you to remind you to renew. Second, your total paid in dues is much lower than paying on an annual basis. For example, if you joined at 61 years old, the Life Membership would cost you \$290 – that's only \$14.50 per year once you reach age 80! Can't beat it!

And if you are a Life Member, please consider upgrading to the Legacy Program. I would like to plagiarize from a past Kendall-Gram I found, where our Quartermaster Phil Maughan made a pledge to our members to consider upgrading and contribute to our Post in "perpetuity".

"A person's legacy is created on many planes, family, career, community involvement and more. Every VFW member shares a powerful legacy of serving in combat to defend our nation. By choosing to join the VFW, we also extended that legacy through our commitment to assist veterans, their families, and our communities. The VFW has a unique program which enables us to further our legacy in another important way. Legacy Life Membership allows you to donate money to the VFW Foundation that will create a perpetual income stream to the VFW at the Post, State, and National levels. There are various levels of giving within the Legacy Life program from \$400 to \$1200 and payment can be made all at once or over time. You can also start at one level and choose to move up to a higher level at any point. There are various benefits associated with Legacy Life Membership including a tax deduction, a special membership card, discounts on purchases from the VFW Store, and more. The greatest benefit, however, is the knowledge that by becoming a Legacy Life Member, you are helping to provide a perpetual source of stable income to ensure that the important work of the VFW in assisting veterans, their families, and our communities will continue forever."

As we approach Veterans Day, each of us pauses briefly from our busy daily life to reflect on the invaluable role that all who have served in the military have played in securing and maintaining our nation's freedom. You should be very proud of your personal role in that legacy of service. Our country will always be in your debt. This year, please also consider if Legacy Life Membership is appropriate for you at this point. It would a tangible way for your commitment to the values and work of the VFW to live on forever.

Thank you, for all you do!

**Junior Vice Commander**

**Mike McGrath**



Comrades, November is a great month for veterans everywhere, especially here in Naperville. Tops on the list will be our Veterans Day activities. We will be commemorating Veterans Day at 11:00 am at Veterans Park and will have our annual Veterans Day Dinner later that evening. Please come out and join us and bring a buddy if you can.

Our famous annual Judd Kendall Turkey Raffle is back! The Post and Auxiliary will once again host this event in person on Saturday, November 20. What a great opportunity to get together to continue a great tradition with fun, prizes, and camaraderie starting at 6:00 pm that evening. There will be lots of turkeys, prime ribs, and numerous other goodies to win, so don't miss out on this event.

Don't forget the Marine Corps' 246th anniversary on November 10. The Marine Corps Ball this year will be held in our own Kendall Hall.

Remember to read the Kendall-Gram each month and watch for the e-mail blasts. There's lots of good information in both to help you stay informed and to stay connected. Thanks for all you do and see you around the Post!

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## Dates to Remember

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

Nov 3 – GI Yoga, 9:30 am

Nov 7 – Time Changes, 2:00 am

Nov 10 – USMC Birthday

Nov 10 – GI Yoga, 9:30 am

Nov 10 – Marine Corps Ball, 5:30 pm

Nov 11 – Veterans Day

Nov 11 – Veterans Day Ceremony, 11:00 am

Nov 11 – Veterans Day Dinner, 5:30 pm

Nov 17 – GI Yoga, 9:30 am

Nov 18 – Auxiliary Meeting, 7:00 pm

Nov 20 – Visit Vets at Independence Village, 10:00 am

Nov 20 – Turkey Raffle, 6:00 pm

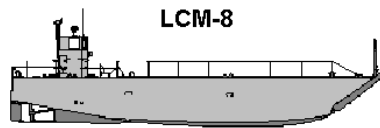
Nov 21 – District 19 Meeting, 1:00 pm

Nov 25 – Thanksgiving Day

Nov 27 – Visit Vets at Story Point, 10:00 am



The Judd Kendall Golf Outing was held on September 14th at Springbrook Golf Course this year. Due to the hard work of Jerry Pokorny in coordinating events and recruiting sponsors, the outing resulted in another banner year for raising funds that will be used to assist needy veterans in the local area. Many thanks to Jerry, our sponsors, and the many golfers who contributed to this annual event. (Jerry is pictured on the left with sponsor Gary Baumgartner)

**Service Officer Updates****Dennis Lukavsky**

1. The VA is currently offering Covid booster shots for immunocompromised veterans, including immunodeficient patients, cancer patients, chemotherapy patients, and transplant patients. MSA will be contacting a list of immunocompromised veterans for third Covid dose scheduling. Veterans meeting the above listed criteria seeking a third/booster dose can also reach out to schedule at (708) 202-7000 to verify if they are on the list and schedule an appointment.
2. Did you know that veterans get free entrance to national parks, refuges, and other public lands? Veterans, Gold Star families, as well as current military and their dependents have free access to approximately 2,000 public locations spread out across more than 400 million acres of public lands. These locations host activities to fit any lifestyle from serene to high octane including hiking, fishing, paddling, biking, hunting, stargazing, camping, and much more. You do need a Veteran ID card to get in. For additional information, [CLICK HERE](#).
3. The date for the upcoming Sound Journey Meditation event has been changed from its originally scheduled time. The event will take place in Kendall Hall on Friday, November 12, 2021, at 6:00 pm. The event is open to veterans and their families (ages 16 and up) and is being sponsored by Lotus Vibrations Healing.

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**Join in the Celebration of the 246th Marine Corps Birthday**

The Marine Corps Ball will be held on Wednesday, November 10, from 5:30 pm to 11:00 pm at Judd Kendall VFW Post 3873, located at 908 W. Jackson in Naperville. There will be limited seating capacity, so make sure to get your tickets now!

You have two options to purchase tickets:

1. Purchase tickets securely online at the Naperville Marines website ([www.napmar.com](http://www.napmar.com)) using a major credit or debit card.
2. Download the printable form from the Naperville Marines website ([www.napmar.com](http://www.napmar.com)) and mail, along with your check, to:

Naperville Marines  
Attn: Dan Brush  
24545 W. Prairie Grove Drive  
Plainfield, IL 60585

Contact Senior Vice Commander Leo Jaime with any questions.

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## Auxiliary Report from President Kathy Thornton

Oh, what a night! Thanks to all who came to our karaoke fundraiser on October 23. The American Legion and the VFW Post and its Auxiliary sponsored the event which raised over \$2,000 for the Midwest Shelter for Homeless Veterans. Raffle Royalty (Bertha) did not disappoint. Thanks to all ticket sellers (especially Commander Todd) and those who helped make this a successful event. And of course, to all who lent their voices, well, what can I say. Truly entertaining.

Our biggest fundraiser event of the year, our annual Turkey Raffle is back in-person this year. Join us Saturday, November 20 at the Post. Get there early to get a seat. Lots of prizes, prime ribs, and...turkeys. Mark your calendars! There will be food available for purchase (Dark Horse). Good old fashion fun for family and friends.

Veterans Day is Thursday, November 11. Please see the calendar in this Kendall-Gram and local newspapers for details on services held in Naperville and our Post to honor our veterans.

Lastly, since our last Painting on the Porch this past month was so successful, we are doing it again. Make plans to join us on Wednesday, December 15 on the porch. Sign up online on [www.pinotpalette.com](http://www.pinotpalette.com) or call 331.457.5440. The Post Christmas Party will be on Saturday, December 4 and the kids' Christmas Party will be on Sunday, December 5. More details in the December Kendall-Gram.

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## Did You Know?

Farmer Veteran Coalition (FVC) is a national organization with the mission to provide farmers and food leaders viable employment and meaningful careers through the collaboration of farming, the food industry, and military communities. We believe that veterans possess the unique skills and character needed to strengthen rural and urban communities to create sustainable food systems. We believe that agriculture offers purpose, opportunity, and physical and psychological benefits.

In November 2019 Illinois became a formal state chapter of the National Farmer Veteran Coalition. Homegrown By Heroes (HBH) is the **official farmer veteran branding program of America**, administered nationally by FVC. It certifies ranchers, farmers, and fisherman of all military eras to sell their product as veteran owned and produced. The label informs consumers that agricultural products donning the logo were produced by U.S. military veterans, and it allows veterans to differentiate their farm and ranch products in the marketplace. Homegrown By Heroes-Illinois Products is the state brand.

If interested in learning more about this program, please contact Auxiliary member, Veronica Porter at [veronicasporter@gmail.com](mailto:veronicasporter@gmail.com).





# Join us Thursday, November 11th for our annual Veterans Day/Thanksgiving Dinner!

Social hour begins at 5:30 PM Dinner starts at 6:30 PM

**Location:** Judd Kendall VFW Post  
908 W. Jackson Avenue  
Naperville, IL 60540

The Cost is \$15.00 per person, \$7.00 for kids, and children under 6 Eat Free!

Reservation Deadline: **Friday, November 5th**

**RSVP to: Gary Michalowski - Call or Text 630-988-0106 or  
email: [gmichalowski@sbcglobal.net](mailto:gmichalowski@sbcglobal.net)**

Payment will be at the door: credit card, cash, or check (payable  
to "American Legion Post 43")

**Menu:** BELGIO'S catering – Oven roasted turkey breast, mashed potatoes and  
natural gravy, green bean casserole, traditional stuffing, cranberry sauce, dinner rolls  
Dessert will be 1/2 chocolate and 1/2 white cake

**Note:** Please wear a mask if you have not been Vaccinated



HAPPY VETERANS DAY



# Post 3873 Calendar of Events November 2021



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2 10:00 am - 2:00 pm Hines Community Outreach Team Visit	3 9:30 am - Yoga for Vets	4	5	6
7 Daylight Saving Time Ends (clocks change) 	8	9	10 9:30 am - Yoga for Vets 5:30 pm - Marine Corps Ball USMC Birthday	11 11:00 am - Veterans Day Ceremony 5:30 pm - Veterans Day Dinner	12	13
14	15	16	17 9:30 am - Yoga for Vets	18 7:00 pm - Auxiliary Meeting 	19	20 10:00 am - Visit Vets at Independence Village 6:00 pm - Turkey Raffle
21 1:00 pm - District 19 Meeting	22	23	24	25 Thanksgiving Day	26	27 10:00 am - Visit Vets at Story Point
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.

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

**Post Information**

Mailing Address: Judd Kendall VFW Post 3873  
908 W. Jackson  
Naperville, IL 60540

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

Website Address: [napervfw3873.org](http://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
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Adjutant	Matt Hoyt	(630) 362-5564
Judge Advocate	Lawrence Goss	(630) 728-9641
Surgeon	Bill Howland	(630) 369-0087
Service Officer	Dennis Lukavsky	(630) 272-9064
Officer of the Day	Lou Kuelto	(630) 898-8760
Guard	Roger Budny	(630) 205-8745
Chaplain	Bob Grember	
1-Year Trustee	Bob Bronson	(630) 886-9102
2-Year Trustee	Craig Frier	
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
Honor Guard	Jim Oftedal	(630) 357-4030
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
Scout Liaison	Todd Schuneman	(815) 791-4178
Social Media	Dave Angelus	(630) 596-3245
Voice of Democracy	Leo Jaime	(773) 441-3887

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President	Kathy Thornton	(630) 667-6704
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