

THE KENDALL-GRAM



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Commander Todd Schuneman



The Veterans of Foreign Wars has announced the inaugural **VFW Day of Service**, which will be a dedicated day of service led by VFW members throughout the country and the world.

The Day of Service will be on May 7, 2022, as the start of veteran-led community service projects, which will take place throughout the month. The idea for a Day of Service is an outgrowth of the “Still Serving” campaign which began in 2020. The purpose of Still Serving is to recognize the ongoing dedication of veterans and service members who continue to serve their communities. The Day of Service will be led by veterans and will collaborate in concert with other organizations and civic groups. The Day of Service is open for anyone to participate.

Civic health surveys have shown that veterans are more likely than civilians to volunteer in their communities, donate to charities, register to vote, and are involved in their communities and local government at a greater rate than their civilian counterparts.

Commander-in-Chief Fritz Mihelcic has weighed in on the subject and said, “The positive feedback from VFW members and the communities we serve tells us the stage is set to expand our Still Serving initiative. We have already seen how the campaign amplifies the volunteer efforts and camaraderie of America’s veterans. The time is now to take its visibility to the next level.”

Our Post will be participating in this Day of Service. I have a couple of ideas but am open to suggestions about how we best volunteer our time in the community that day. If you have any thoughts about this, please let me know.

Senior Vice Commander**Leo Jaime**

95%! We are getting closer, but still need you to continue beating the bushes. Flush out and ask our fellow veterans to join our ranks or renew their annual membership or better yet, convert to Life Membership. I am confident that by the time this article goes to print we will be steps away from reaching our annual membership goal of 100%. Reach out and touch a veteran, in a civil manner, and speak of the benefits of joining the best Post in Illinois. It's no secret that we have a great thing going in Naperville – and I'm not just referring to our bar, although it helps - but we need fresh bones to keep it that way. We need our membership to continue to grow and support the various causes and initiatives that make us great.

March is a great month. It waves Winter away and brings a hint of Spring, with warmer weather and longer days. Soon we'll walk in the St. Pat's parade, and hopefully be able to enjoy a sense of normalcy we have not seen in two years. Also, during March, we start to put together the slate of officers for the coming year. In addition to filling leadership positions, we'll be looking for volunteers to fill several of our committees-chair and support positions. You've surely heard our Commander mentioning open positions during the last few monthly meetings. The time is now to seriously consider getting more involved in the Post activities and to provide new insights and fresh ideas on how we can continue to best support our fellow veterans and our community. Most of us don't don a uniform these days, but we can still serve our country by ensuring all veterans and their families are taken care of. Participating in one of the Post committees is perhaps one of the most rewarding experiences of my adult life, and I'm sure it will be for you as well. Please call me or see me during our next meeting and I'll share some of those moments – warning: I tend to get more interesting and long winded in the Canteen.

Dates to Remember

Mar 1 – Hines Outreach Team Visit, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Mar 2 – GI Yoga, 9:30 am

Mar 9 – GI Yoga, 9:30 am

Mar 10 – VFW Meeting, 7:00 pm

Mar 12 – Visit Vets at Brookdale, 10:00 am

Mar 13 – Clocks Move Forward, 2:00 am

Mar 16 – GI Yoga, 9:30 am

Mar 17 – Auxiliary Meeting, 7:00 pm

Mar 19– Visit Vets at Independence Village, 10:00 am

Mar 19 – Legion Dinner, 6:00 pm

Mar 23 – GI Yoga, 9:30 am

Mar 26 – Visit Vets at Story Point, 10:00 am

Mar 29 – National Vietnam War Veterans Day

Mar 30 – GI Yoga, 9:30 am

Junior Vice Commander

Mike McGrath



“Fish Aren’t Biting – Fish Fries On Hold”

Alas, the tilapia must be hiding and we’re not “codding” you. Our world-famous Judd Kendall Friday Night Lenten Fish Fries are on hold until mid-March due to a lack of “fishability.” We hope supply chain issues and the availability of food items improve so that we can get our fish fries back up and running. In the meantime, we will continue to have pizzas available in the Canteen, especially on Friday nights. Do stop by, say hello, and stick around for a pizza – meatless options are available. It’s a great way to beat the winter “blahs” and spend some time with friends.

St. Patrick’s Day is right around the corner and the leprechauns and limericks can hardly wait. I hope to see you at the parade or the 5K that day. Also, don’t forget that March 29 is National Vietnam War Veterans Day.

Keep up to speed with what’s going on around the Post by reading the award-winning Kendall-Gram and watch for further information about upcoming events in the email blasts. Thanks for all you do and we’ll be seeing you around the Post.

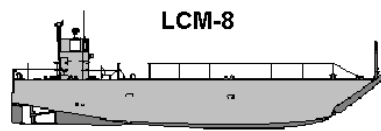
Auxiliary Report from President Kathy Thornton

So great to see everyone at our last Cary-oke night (Hot time in the Old Town) on February 5th. Everyone enjoyed a hot Todd-y and belted out some favorite tunes. A good time was had by all!

Save the dates:

- Saturday, March 26 at 6:00 pm in the Canteen: [K9s for Veterans Fundraiser/Karaoke event](#). Look for more details in this Kendall Gram. Cash bar, raffles, 50/50, Texas Roadhouse buffet. Tickets \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door. I understand one or two of the service dogs will be on hand that evening, with their veterans. What a great paws, I mean cause, to raise money for!
- Sunday, April 10 from 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm: [EASTER EGG HUNT](#) for children under 12 on the back porch and front lawn (weather permitting). Must RSVP to kmrthornton@sbcglobal.net with children’s name(s) and age(s) by April 3. Looking for volunteers to assist day of. Contact President Kathy Thornton kmrthornton@sbcglobal.net to volunteer. Help needed and is welcome!
- Don’t forget our 1st Tuesday of the month Auxiliary Social Hour starting at 5:00 pm in the Canteen.
- Auxiliary meets the 3rd Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm upstairs at the Post (or via Zoom). Join us!

Praying for our military, especially at this time. Please keep them and all our veterans in your prayers.

Service Officer Updates**Dennis Lukavsky**

Here is a summary of some benefit information that came up last month. Some of you may have interest in one or more of these items. The VA frequently updates its compensation rules, so it's important to stay abreast of those changes. You definitely want to make sure you take advantage of all the benefits available to you.

1. Retroactive Benefit for VA Service-Connected Compensation: Does the VA's Retroactive Benefit, commonly referred to as Back Pay, cover you from the time you incurred an injury or illness in the military? What if a veteran was denied a previous claim and laws change like they did with Agent Orange? Will the VA compensate you for all that time? To find out the answers to these questions and others, watch this video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g_fHkJCv90

2. Veterans and Active Duty can Take Advantage of The Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program: Veterans and Active Duty service members can get one step closer to student loan forgiveness through the Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program. Applications must be submitted by October 31, 2022.

https://blogs.va.gov/VAntage/99648/veterans-active-duty-can-take-advantage-of-public-service-loan-forgiveness-program/?utm_source=middle&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=VetResources&utm_id=26JAN2022

3. VA Proposes Changes to Schedule for Rating Disabilities: The VA is proposing changes to the [VA Schedule for Rating Disabilities](#), specifically pertaining to the respiratory, mental health, and auditory systems of the body. Veterans receiving benefits in the body systems will NOT have their rating impacted by these changes to the rating schedule.

4. AARP Online Job Center: AARP is offering a new [Job Center](#) to help veterans and their spouses find employment. The job center is specifically designed to help veterans and spouses leverage their military skills to effectively find employment in today's work force.

Finally, a reminder that the Hines Outreach Team visits the Post the first Tuesday of each month from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. If you need first-hand, experienced help with compensation or health benefits, come talk directly with the experts. They are here to help you and will do an excellent job.

**EASTER EGG HUNT****(CHILDREN AGE 12 AND YOUNGER)****SUNDAY, APRIL 10TH****1:00 PM – 2:30 PM****RSVP TO****KATHY THORNTON****KMRTHORNTON@SBCGLOBAL.NET**

Post Annual Plant Sale

It is time for the VFW Annual Plant Sale. This will be the 21st year and we are offering a combination of our regular annuals and some new plants for everyone to try. We will have flats of annuals, grasses, geraniums, gorgeous hanging baskets, and other plants. The order form is included in the Kendall-Gram this month and is available on the Post website under the Plant Sale tab. Order forms are due back at the Post on March 31st. If you'd like to see what the plants look like prior to ordering, photos are included in the online version of the Kendall-Gram and on the Post website.

Pickup day is May 6, from 1:00 pm – 6:00 pm. We hope if you ordered in the past, you will order from us again this year. If you haven't ever ordered, give us a try. This is the perfect way to support the Post and get something back in return. Our flowers are healthy, beautiful, and reasonably priced. Please give us a chance!

Naperville's Citizen of the Year

Naperville American Legion Post 43 began naming a Citizen of the Year in 1986. Because of COVID-19, we did not have a Citizen of the Year for 2021, but we will be awarding a single Citizen of the Year award for 2022. We are again asking for community assistance to identify deserving candidates, and we especially would like input from our own American Legion and VFW members.

Nominees must be Naperville residents; and their service must have been performed in a volunteer capacity, rather than as part of compensated employment.

Anyone may nominate a candidate by sending a letter or email that includes a comprehensive description of the services the nominee performed, the time frame, duration, and significance of the service to others, and the category they are being nominated for, along with the name and contact information for the nominee and the person offering the nomination. Letters from others endorsing the nominee are encouraged.

Naperville is blessed with people who serve their fellow citizens. Typically, the judges have a very difficult task. Comprehensive information, attachments, and endorsements may be included, and are of great help to the committee in selecting the winner. Nomination may be mailed to The American Legion Post 43, Citizen of the Year, Post Office Box 4, Naperville, 60566 or emailed to r.yndestad@yahoo.com to arrive no later than March 31, 2022.

The winner will be announced in the local media and honored at The American Legion's Awards and Recognition Banquet on April 16, 2022. So, fire up your keyboard; sharpen your pencil; and make sure the selection committee knows about your candidate.

Want information on recent Citizens of the Years and their contributions? Go to our Post website at: naperlegion.org

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Post 3873 Calendar of Events March 2022



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 10:00 am - 2:00 pm Hines Community Outreach Team Visit	2 9:30 am - Yoga for Vets	3	4	5 10:00 am - Visit Vets at Brookdale
6	7	8	9 9:30 am - Yoga for Vets	10 7:00 pm - VFW Meeting	11	12
13 Daylight Savings Time Begins (clocks change) 	14	15	16 9:30 am - Yoga for Vets Purim Begins	17 7:00 pm - Auxiliary Meeting St. Patrick's Day	18	19 10:00 am - Visit Vets at Independence Village 6:00 pm - Legion Dinner
20	21	22	23 9:30 am - Yoga for Vets	24	25	26 10:00 am - Visit Vets at Story Point
27	28	29 National Vietnam War Veterans Day	30 9:30 am - Yoga for Vets	31 Plant Sale Order Forms Due		

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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908 W. Jackson
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
Jr. Vice Commander	Mike McGrath	(630) 357-2680
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Ass't Quartermaster	John Shaw	(630) 961-3479
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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 Kueltzo	(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	Dennis Regan	(630) 361-4644
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

Auxiliary Officers

President	Kathy Thornton	(630) 667-6704
Sr. Vice President	Bernadette Budny	(630) 717-9471
Jr. Vice President	Darlene Kwarta	
Treasurer	Leo Hart	
Secretary	Nancy Marinello	(630) 464-3696
Chaplain	Maryann Groner	(630) 363-8138
Guard	Mary Davidowski	
Conductress	Lucy Hoy	

VFW PLANT SALE 2022

Orders are due March 31, 2022: Pickup on Friday May 6, 2022 from 1 - 6 PM

Note: The VFW is NOT responsible for any plants not picked up by 6 PM on May 6

Name: _____

10" Hanging Baskets \$16.00

- 1 Bacopa _____
- Begonia Turberous
- 2 Orange _____
- 3 Red _____
- 4 Yellow _____

Begonia Dragon Wing

- 5 Red _____
- 6 Pink _____

7 Begonia Bossa Nova

Jamesbrittania Safari

- 8 Dawn _____
- 9 Sky _____

Calibrochia

- 10 Blue _____
- 11 Orange _____
- 12 3Color Mix _____

13 Geranium Pink _____

14 Geranium Red _____

15 Geranium Ivy Red _____

16 Geranium Combo Red _____

17 Euphorbia Diamond _____

18 Fushia _____

19 Fern, Boston _____

New Guinea Impatiens

- 20 Red _____
- 21 Pink _____
- 22 White _____
- 23 Violet _____

24 Petunia Red _____

25 Petunia Blue _____

26 Petunia 3Color Mix _____

27 Sunpatiens Red _____

28 Sunpatiens Pink _____

Flats of 48 plants \$16.00

- 29 Alyssum White _____
- 30 Alyssum Mixed _____
- Begonia Green Leaf**
- 31 Begonia Green Leaf Pink/Rose _____
- 32 Begonia Green Leaf Mixed _____

Begonia Red Leaf

- 33 Begonia Red Leaf Pink/Rose _____
- 34 Begonia Red Leaf Mixed _____

35 Cleome _____

36 Impatiens Orange _____

37 Impatiens Lt Pink _____

38 Impatiens Dk Pink _____

39 Impatiens Red _____

40 Impatiens Lt Mixed _____

41 Impatiens Dk Mixed _____

42 Marigold Short Yellow _____

Petunia

43 Petunia Deep Blue _____

44 Petunia Red _____

45 Petunia Patriotic Mix _____

46 Portulaca Mix _____

47 Salvia Red Tall _____

48 Salvia Victory Blue _____

Snapdragons

49 Snapdragons Short Mix _____

50 Snapdragons Tall Mix _____

Total # Flats _____

Total \$ Amount _____

Geraniums 4.5" Pot \$4.50

- 51 Geranium Red _____
- 52 Geranium Dk Pink _____
- 53 Geranium Lt Pink _____
- 54 Geranium Violet _____
- 55 Geranium White _____

Total 4.5" Geraniums _____

Total \$ Amount _____

Geraniums 6" Pot \$7.50

- 56 Geranium Red _____
- 57 Geranium Pink _____
- 58 Geranium White _____

Total 6" Geraniums _____

Total \$ Amount _____

Accessory Plants 3.5" \$3.50

- 59 English Ivy _____
- 60 Spikes _____
- 61 Vinca Vine _____

Total 3.5" Plants _____

Total \$ Amount _____

Specialty Grasses 6" \$7.50 ea

- 62 Purple Fountain _____
- 63 Fireworks _____
- 64 Cyperus, Prince Tut _____
- 65 Skyrocket _____

Total # Grasses _____

Total \$ Amount _____

Total # Hanging Baskets _____
Total \$ Amount _____

Page 1 # Plants Amount _____
Page 1 \$ Amount _____

4.5" Pots \$4.50

- 67 Angelona _____
- 68 Bacopa _____
- 69 Begonia Dragon Wing Red _____
- 70 Bidens Campfire _____
- 71 Coleus Kong _____
- 72 Coleus Sun _____
- 73 Dahlia Burgandy _____
- 74 _____ White _____
- Gerbera Daisy**
- 75 _____ Yellow/Gold _____
- 76 _____ Pink/Red _____
- 77 Lantana _____
- 78 Mezzo Trailing Red _____
- New Guinea Impatiens**
- 79 _____ Red _____
- 80 _____ White _____
- Petchoa SuperCal**
- 81 _____ Blue _____
- 82 _____ Cherry _____
- 83 _____ Terra Cotta _____
- 84 _____ Lavendar _____
- 85 _____ Yellow _____
- 86 Sedum Lemon Coral _____
- 87 Setcresa _____
- 88 Strobilanthus _____
- 89 Sweet Potato Lime _____
- 90 _____ Blackie _____
- Verbena Superbena**
- 91 _____ Raspberry _____
- 92 _____ Violet Ice _____
- 93 _____ Imperial Blue _____
- 94 Supertunia Blue Skies _____
- 95 _____ Limoncello _____
- 96 _____ Black Cherry _____
- 97 _____ Giant Pink _____
- 98 Wave Petunia Red _____
- 99 _____ Purple _____
- 100 _____ Pink _____
- 101 Zinnia Yellow _____
- 102 _____ Cherry _____
- 103 _____ White _____

Total # 4.5" Pots _____
 Total \$ Amount _____

VFW PLANT SALE 2022 **PAGE 2**
 Orders are due MARCH 31, PICKUP ON FRIDAY MAY 6, 2022 - 1-6 PM
 VFW is NOT responsible for orders not picked up by 6 PM

Veggies \$3.50

Peppers

- 104 _____ Bell _____
- 105 _____ Jalapeno _____
- Tomatoes**
- 106 _____ Cherry _____
- 107 _____ Big Beef _____
- 108 _____ Sauce Type _____
- 109 _____ Better Boy _____

Total # Veggies _____
 Total \$ Amount _____

Herbs \$3.50

- 110 _____ Basil _____
- 111 _____ Oregano _____
- 112 _____ Parsley _____
- 113 _____ Rosemary _____

Total # of Herbs _____
 Total \$ Amount _____

Page 1 Total # of Plants _____
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Page 2 Total # of Plants _____
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Total # Plants on Both Pages _____
Total \$ Amount on Both Pages _____

Name _____
 Phone Number _____

All orders must be received by March 31: Pick up on Friday May 6, 2022
 Orders can be dropped off or mailed with your check to:

VFW Plant Sale
908 Jackson Avenue
Naperville IL 60540
Checks should be made payable to the VFW

For questions or information, call Marcy Maughan 630.357.3440
 or by email at marcymaughan@wowway.com

Thank you for your support of the VFW.

1 - Bacopa



10 - 12 - Calibrochia



18 - Fushia



29 - 30 - Alyssum



2-4 - Begonia Turberous



13 - 14 - Geranium



19 - Fern, Boston



31 - 32 - Begonia Green Leaf



5 - 6 - Begonia Dragon Wing



15 - Geranium Ivy



20 - 23 - New Guinea Impatiens



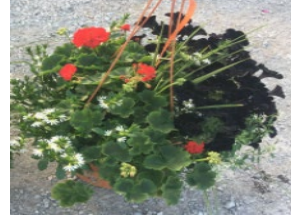
33 - 34 - Begonia Red Leaf



7 - Begonia Bossa Nova



16 - Geranium Combo



24 - 26 - Petunia



35 - Cleome



8 - 9 - Jamesbrittania Safari



17 - Euphorbia Diamond



27 - 28 - Sunpatiens



36 - 41 - Impatiens



42 - Marigold Short



51 - 58 - Geraniums



63 - Fireworks



69 - Begonia Dragon Wing



43 - 45 - Petunia



59 - English Ivy



64 - Cyperus, Prince Tut



70 - Bidens - Campfire



46 - Portulaca



60 - Spikes



65 - Skyrocket



71 - Coleus Kong



47 - 48 - Salvia



61 - Vinca Vine



67 - Angelona



72 - Coleus Sun



49 - 50 - Snapdragons



62 - Purple Fountain



68 - Bacopa



73 - 74 - Dahlia



75 - 76 - Gerbera Daisy



81 - 85 - Petchoa SuperCal



89 - Sweet Potato - Lime



98 - 100 - Wave Petunia



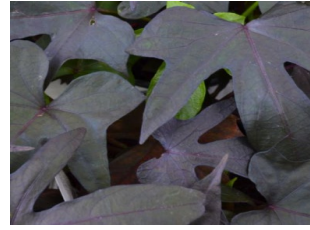
77 - Lantana



86 - Sedum Lemon Coral



90 - Sweet Potato - Blackie



101 - 103 - Zinnia



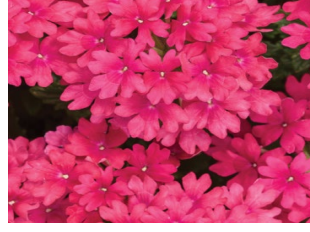
78 - Mezzo Trailing



87 - Setcresa



91 - 93 - Verbena Superbena



104 - Pepper - Bell



79 - 80 - NewGuinea Impatiens



88 - Strobilanthus



94 - 97 - Supertunia



105 - Pepper - Jalapeno



106 - 109 - Tomatoes



111 - Oregano



113 - Rosemary



110 - Basil



112 - Parsley



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