

THE KENDALL-GRAM



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FLY NAVY

Commander Pablo Araya



I would like to begin this column with a heartfelt Hail and Farewell to Tom Parker and Marcy Maughan. First the Farewell: after 18+ dedicated years of editorial scrutiny where she polished, refined, and enhanced columns for the Kendall-Gram, submitted by dozens of past and current Post Officers, Marcy has turned over the reins to former Post Commander Tom Parker. Thanks for stepping up Tom - a loud Hail to you! You have big shoes to fill, as Marcy's tenure saw many State level awards for Best Newsletter. I appreciate you "volunteering" more than you can imagine. And I expect nothing less than a Pulitzer during your editorial steerage of the good ship Kedall-Gram. Thank you to both of you for your commitment to duty.

There is no better feeling than the joy of giving. That's what makes the Christmas season so festive, right? In early December, Thys Vandervelde, Kristen Jungles and I felt that joy three times over, during our surprise classroom visits to award our 2018 Voice of Democracy winners. Awarding checks (not scholarships...just cold, hard cash!) to Allison Conwell, Sarina Tajuddin, and Hersch Pathak brought big smiles to us, the winners and the students in the classrooms where the awards were announced. Thanks, Thys, for all your work on this worthwhile program!

As we bring down our Christmas decorations and store them for another year, I give thanks to all our Post and Auxiliary members who helped make 2018 an unforgettable year. I look forward to starting 2019 with a bang at our 75th Anniversary Celebration and Judd Kendall Recognition Dinner/Dance on January 11th. If you haven't purchased your tickets, I suggest you do it today, as there is limited seating and availability.

See you next year, and Fly Navy!

Senior Vice Commander**Brian Byrne**

Welcome to 2019. Currently, the Post is just shy of 93% towards our membership goal for the year. We are half way through the membership year, but still have time to reach our goal. As we've asked in the past, keep your eyes open for potential new members. If you see anyone with a military bumper sticker, license plate holder, baseball cap or anything else, thank them for their contributions and asked them how and where they served. You may uncover a potential member who isn't aware of who we are and what we do. And for our yearly members, please renew your membership and consider upgrading to a Life membership.

I know almost everyone is recovering from the holiday season, but another very special celebration is upon us – the Post's 75th Anniversary, which will take place on January 11th. This is a milestone for the Post that dates back to 1944, when the Post was first formed. In terms of history, this was a special time. It was the beginning of the end of World War II and it was the beginning of the Greatest Generation making America what it is today. Obviously, this was a number of years before I was born, however, I am not too young to remember how Naperville has grown through the years and how the Post has always had a special role in the community. The 11th will be a night to remember as we celebrate that special role.

Dates to Remember

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| Jan 1 – New Year's Day | |
| Jan 2 – Auxiliary visit to Mill Street, 2:00 pm | Jan 17 – Auxiliary Meeting, 7:00 pm |
| Jan 4 – Hines Outreach Team, 9:00 am—2:00 pm | Jan 19 – Visit with Vets at Independence Village, 10:00 am |
| Jan 5 – Visit with Vets at Monarch Landing, 10:00 am | Jan 21 – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day |
| Jan 6 – Take down Christmas decorations, 1:00 pm | Jan 23 – Yoga for Veterans, 9:30 am |
| Jan 8 – Hines Hospital Visit, 6:15 pm | Jan 26 – Visit with Vets at Harbor Chase, 10:00 am |
| Jan 9 – Yoga for Veterans, 9:30 am | Jan 27 – District 19 Patriot's Pen Awards Lunch, 1:00 pm (Batavia) |
| Jan 10 – VFW Meeting, 7:00 pm | Jan 30 – Yoga for Veterans, 9:30 am |
| Jan 11 – 75th Anniversary Celebration, 6:00 pm | |
| Jan 12 – Visit with Vets at Brookdale, 10:00 am | |
| Jan 12 – District 19 VOD Awards Dinner, 6:00 pm | |
| Jan 16 – Yoga for Veterans, 9:30 am | |

* **NOTE:** Due to New Year's Day falling on the first Tuesday of the month, the Hines Outreach Team will be at the Post on Friday, the 4th.

Auxiliary Report from President Kathy McNally

The first of the New Year gives us an opportunity to think about our personal achievements. Did you do everything you could last year for our Veterans? Are you thinking about spending more of your personal time in devotion to our Veterans? This time of the year is your clean slate. Why not attend an Auxiliary meeting sometime this year? We are a fraternal organization. You as a member are warmly welcomed!

Our reports on the Turkey Raffle are complete. Please join us in congratulating Turkey Raffle Chair Kristen Jungles and her committee: a record of almost 50 percent over last year's totals. We are grateful to all for each and every effort. These proceeds immediately and directly flow to our local Veterans and their families. That is our mission.

Our long-time Kendall-Gram editor, Marcy Maughan, is retiring. How can we thank her for all she has done? Did you know that our Kendall-Gram has received multiple awards over the years under her 20 plus year management? Did you know that Marcy has labored over time in many challenging situations whilst supporting husband Phil Maughan on his road trips? She has admitted meeting deadlines in hotel rooms, airports, leafy jungles (kidding) and other remote locations, just to bring you the best news of our Post. Let's give Marcy our best and grateful thanks for all she has done to bring our Post to the forefront.

Note your calendars for a most important date this year: Friday, January 11th, 6:00 pm -- The Diamond Anniversary Celebration of our Post and, more importantly, the commemoration of First Lieutenant Oliver "Judd" Kendall's death 100 years ago. Oliver Julian Kendall, a 28-year-old known as Judd, was captured May 25, 1918, while leading an infantry patrol of 5 men to string barbed wire near the front of American defensive positions. With full knowledge of what days later would become the first American offensive of the war, an attack on the village of Cantigny (France), Kendall refused to talk to those who had taken him prisoner. "It is believed here that your son was killed by the Germans near Cantigny within two or three days of his capture for refusal to answer questions that would lead to the discover of the proposed attack," Col. E.J. Atkisson wrote in a letter to Kendall's mother in August 1919. There were more than 12,000 soldiers who were saved by his silence. His ultimate sacrifice for our freedom is the reason we are organized here today.

Think about that as you recall why you joined the Auxiliary. Today's Judd Kendall needs your energy and support. See you soon?

The VFW National Home for Children by Mike McGrath

The National Home's 2018 Christmas party was a blast as Santa brought gifts to over 100 children at the Home. Be sure to check out the photos on the National Home for Children website's blog at vfnationalhome.org.

Also, a big thank you goes out to our VFW Service Officers for helping families in need. Many of our current residents have come to the Home via recommendations from caring Service Officers.

Finally, don't forget the VFW National Home Helpline for those that are in need and might benefit from what the Home has to offer. The telephone number is (800) 313-4200.

Thank you and blessings to all in the New Year.

Voice of Democracy by Thys Vandervelde

Recently, Post Commander Pablo Araya, Auxiliary Representative Kristen Jungels, and Voice of Democracy Chairman Thys Vandervelde presented checks to this year's Post winners of the Voice of Democracy audio-essay competition. Presentations were made to the winners in their classrooms in front of their teachers and peers.

1st Place: **Allison Conwell**, Naperville North High School. Allison received a check for \$1,000, a VOD Certificate, and a Gold Medal. Allison will represent our Post as she competes at the 19th District competition.



2nd Place: **Sarina Tajuddin**, Nequa Valley High School. Sarina received a check for \$500, a VOD Certificate, and a Silver Medal.



3rd Place: **Hersch Pathak**, Naperville Central High School. Hersch received a check for \$250, a VOD Certificate, and a Bronze Medal.



The 2019 DuPage Veterans Foundation Fundraiser

Yes, you read that right. We will again be holding our Annual “Honor Flight Chicago” fundraiser on Saturday, May 4th at the Calamos Hanger at the DuPage Airport. As we draw closer, more details will be forthcoming.

Last year we raised \$30,000 and again, Governor Rauner donated \$10,000. All of this went directly to Honor Flight Chicago. Because he was invited and spoke at our fundraiser, we get credit for the Governor’s donation . This means that our event generated a total of \$40,000 to support our WWII and Korean Era Veterans that will be honored at the Memorials in Washington DC.

This year, Honor Flight Chicago is opening up to our Vietnam Era Veterans to start taking flights. If you are a Vietnam Era Veteran, be sure to go online to “honorflightchicago.org” and follow the prompts to submit your application.

As in years past, we are looking for volunteers, donations of silent auction items, and of course, “cash”. Any amount is appreciated and all proceeds go to honor our veterans on their special day to see their Memorial dedicated to their fellow men and women that served in their era.

- Wayne Fischer, DuPage Veterans Foundation Board Member

Honor Guard by Jim Oftedal

The joint VFW Post 3873 and American Legion Post 43 Honor Guard continues to provide Military Funeral Services for all communities adjacent to Naperville. Here, the Honor Guard is pictured during the performance of their duties on December 3, 2018 at Assumption Cemetery in Wheaton.



Pictured (from left): Don O’Reilly, Jim Frego, Rich Goulet, Jim Vahle, Bill Ott, Bob Grember, Lew Breese, Tinny Bixel, Rich Yndestad, and Jim Oftedal.

Photo by Jim Hoch



Veteran of the Month

Name: Lawrence Goss

Rank: Captain

Current Age: 51

Branch of Service: Army/IL Army National Guard

Total Years Served: 16

Job/Specialty: Cavalry Scout, CH-47D Helicopter Pilot, C-12 Pilot

Places Served: Germany, Iraq, Afghanistan

Fondest Memory While Serving: Homecoming from Iraq deployment

Favorite Quote: God will never give you more than you can handle



Christmas Party for Kids

On December 9th, the Auxiliary hosted a Christmas Party for children and grandchildren of Post and Auxiliary members. In addition to games, crafts, and snacks, the kids had the chance to meet with Santa, who made a special trip to the Post. Each child received a special gift from Santa and had the chance to let him know how good they've been throughout the year. It was also a great opportunity to let Santa know what they all hoped to receive on Christmas morning.

Band of Brothers and Sisters Breakfast

In even numbered months, the Post hosts a breakfast for members, other veterans, and family and friends. It is a great opportunity to share a meal with others who share an interest in supporting veterans and the many things we do at the Post. The next Band of Brothers and Sisters Breakfast is scheduled on February 10th at 9:00 am. The breakfast occurs in the upstairs hall and is free to attend.

At the December breakfast, everyone was treated to a surprise visit from a very special guest. Clockwise from the top left, Santa speaks with the Geraci brothers to ensure they've been good all year. The same discussion was had with Joe Marinello, Ken and Dorothy Garhan, and Wayne Fischer, but with much different results.



Turkey Raffle

The Post and Auxiliary held our annual Turkey Raffle on November 17th. As in years past, there was a tremendous turn out from the local community as people hoped to win turkeys, prime ribs, and various other prizes from the many raffles held throughout the evening. The evening proved to be one of our best years as we raised money to cover our operating expenses for the coming year. Many thanks to all who attended, especially to those that helped sell raffle tickets and help distribute prizes. (Photos by Jim Hoch)



Editor's Note

As has been previously noted, an editorial legacy has come to an end. After almost twenty years, Marcy Maughan has stepped down as the editor of the Kendall-Gram. As the new editor, I realize I have some pretty big shoes to fill. Expectations are high and my learning curve is pretty steep right now. Marcy has been very helpful in our transition and has shared her knowledge, tips, and lessons learned from so many years of putting this publication together each month. I am grateful for her assistance and wish to extend my thanks for her efforts in providing us with an award-winning newsletter for so many years.

As I take on my new role as your Kendall-Gram editor, you may notice a few changes. The look will be slightly different due to the software I'm using, but I'm trying to keep things similar to what you've become accustomed to seeing each month. There may be little tweaks here and there as I figure it all out, but my goal is to provide the same high-quality newsletter that we've grown to routinely expect.

75th Anniversary Celebration

You are cordially invited to the
Diamond Anniversary of the
Charter of
Judd Kendall VFW Post 3873

Tickets can be purchased in the Canteen during hours of
operation

Date: 11 January 2019

Time: Cocktails at 1800 hrs with Dinner at 1900 hrs

Location: 908 West Jackson Avenue

Naperville, Illinois 60540

Attire: Mess Dress or Cocktail Attire please

Cost: \$25 per guest



Post 3873 Calendar of Events January 2019



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5
			2:00 pm - Auxiliary to Mill Street		9:00 am - 2:00 pm Hines Mobile Outreach Team Visit	10:00 am - Visit Vets at Monarch Landing
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
1:00 pm - Take Down Christmas Decorations		6:15 pm - Hines Hospital Visit	9:30 am - Yoga for Vets	7:00 pm - VFW Meeting	6:00 pm - 75th Anniversary Celebration	10:00 am - Visit Vets at Brookdale 6:00 pm - District 19 VOD Awards Dinner
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
			9:30 am - Yoga for Vets	7:00 pm - Auxiliary Meeting		10:00 am - Visit Vets at Independence Village
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
			9:30 am - Yoga for Vets			10:00 am - Visit Vets at Harbor Chase
27	28	29	30	31		
1:00 pm - District 19 Patriot's Pen Award Lunch (Batavia)			9:30 am - Yoga for Vets			

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	3:00 p.m.	10:00 pm/Midnight
Fri—Sat	Noon	10:00 pm/2:00 am
Sunday	Noon	5:00 pm/6:00 pm

If at any time between the first close hour and the second, listed above, there are no more than four customers in the Canteen, 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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Buddy Poppy	Bob Colby	(630) 301-2664
Building	Mike Rechenmacher	(630) 961-1377
Color Guard	Jim Sarns	(630) 234-6292
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
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Membership	Brian Byrne	(630) 901-6758
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National Home	Mike McGrath	(630) 357-2680
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