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# KENDALL-GRAM



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## Commander Tom Parker



The new year is here and as we look back at what we accomplished as a Post in 2016, there are many noteworthy achievements. Perhaps one of our biggest achievements was raising over \$20,000 at the 3rd annual Judd-a-Thon 0.1 k run. The proceeds were used to help fund various projects and programs at the National Home for Children so that the National Home can continue to provide quality assistance to veterans and their families who are in need. We also saw another banner year for participation in the Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen programs, where we awarded three high school students and five junior high/middle school students a share of thousands of dollars in prize money. We had wonderful participation in our Poppy Drive and Turkey Raffle programs where we raised funds to continue providing assistance to local veterans. We had tremendous participation in our Memorial Day and Veteran's Day events as we honored veterans and promoted patriotism throughout the community.

The truth is, I could go on and on about all the wonderful things we did last year in order to fulfill our goal and mission of helping veterans. And while we can be proud of our accomplishments last year, it is time to start looking forward to 2017. Our Fish Fries will be starting again soon and shortly after they end, we will turn our focus to Memorial Day and the many other events that will occur throughout the year. For those that have attended some of our recent meetings where members of the District 19 staff also attended, you have heard them comment on the reputation of our Post throughout this area. We are well known and admired for all that we do and accomplish. I trust that we will have another great year of doing what we do best - helping veterans and promoting patriotism within the community.

The beginning of each year provides us with new opportunities. As we all make our New Year's resolutions, please resolve to participate in at least one event this year. Whether it's attending one Fish Fry, helping with the Poppy Drive for a few hours, or just walking with us in the Memorial Day parade, make 2017 the year that you come out to at least one event. You'll enjoy the camaraderie and just imagine how much more we can accomplish this year if we each contribute just a few hours.

Thank you to all who continue to be a part of this great organization and I wish you all the very best for a great 2017.

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## Senior Vice Commander Pablo Araya

Well the emails keep pouring in, some funny, some mean spirited but mostly all good natured, and congratulatory to the Army for breaking their fourteen year losing streak. And who am I to begrudge them their small, silly little victory? Especially when it was the Post that won big on December 10th.



Julie Carballo, the North Central College Veteran and Military Student Services Coordinator, was invited to the game and she brought a few of her students along. Navy's loss was Judd Kendall's gain: two Army and one Navy Student Veterans joined our Post. Additionally, a neighbor of Julie's, a Korean Vet transferred his Life Membership to 3873. Heck, even Julie's husband, Tony signed up. So while Navy's 18th string Quarterback and O-Line, almost eked out a victory, the Post was infused with some young, fresh members, as well as an older, experienced hand. Extend a warm Judd Kendall welcome to these new members next time you see them at the Post. Not including these Gents, the Post is at 90.56% of membership goal, so we still have our work cut out for us. And just think, 364 days until the Navy redeems itself!"

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## Junior Vice Commander Dave Angelus

I'd like to congratulate the United States Military Academy on a solid win over arch-rival Navy. It has been a long time coming. That was one of the most exciting games I have seen in recent years. Everyone was on the edge of their seat until the end of the game. 2016 has certainly proved to be a very exciting year.



In addition to coordinating and running several events at the post, I am going to take on some new projects for 2017. I'd like to improve some of the infrastructure at the post. Notably, the speaker systems in the hall is working marginally at best. There is several new technologies that we will be able to incorporate that will allow us to control the individual volume of each speaker as well as to be able to broadcast in the canteen and allow any information to be shown on the TV's downstairs. We will also upgrade the AV closet to for easier use and incorporate some wireless headsets. The speaker system used for the meat raffles in the canteen will also get a R & R done on it as well. Once that is complete, I would also like to update the business office in back of the canteen. We are looking to upgrade the furniture as well as put in some carpeting.

Once Christmas and the other holidays are complete we will start again in February with our annual Fish Fries. We were able to make some changes last year and increase the overall profitability. Based on our lessons learned from last year we will also be making some improvements and should have a good year.

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## VFW NATIONAL HOME FOR CHILDREN BY MIKE MCGRATH 4-H ... THE VFW DYNAMOS



The 4-H program is available to young people who are eligible by age and have parental permission. The Dynamos are members of Eaton County and participate in the annual Eaton County Fair held in Charlotte Michigan. The animal program requires a large time committment and lasts 3 to 4 months. Youths who sign up for the animal program currently raise either a hog or a rabbit, which are sold at the county fair by auction. Providing care for animals gives young people a sense of responsibility, work ethic and showmanship while learning the core values of the 4-H. In addition, this provides them an opportunity to earn money for their efforts. Other 4-H projects include sewing, crafts and cooking.

More about the Dynamos later this summer and next time, we will discuss the Life Skills program.



## Judd Kendall VFW Post 3873 – Veteran of the Month

**Name:** Glenn Granat

**Rank:** Sgt.

**Branch of Service:** Army

**Current Age:** 60

**Total Years Served:** 3

**Served from:** 1975-1978

**Places Served:** Basic Combat Training: Ft. Polk , Louisiana.

- \* Infantry School: Ft. Polk Louisiana.
- \* Jump School: Ft. Benning Georgia
- \* Stationed at Ft. Bragg North Carolina.
- \* Assigned to 1/504 Charlie Co. Parachute Infantry Regiment of the 82nd Airborne Division.
- \* Trained on T-10 and MC1-1 parachutes.
- \* Completed 31 successful static line parachute jumps.
- \* Jumped from C-141, C-123, C-130 and UH1H Huey.
- \* Jungle Warfare Training: Ft. Sherman Canal Zone, Panama.
- \* Artic Warfare Training: Ft. Wainwright Alaska.
- \* Desert Warfare Training: Ft. Irwin California.
- \* Nuclear, Chemical and Biological Warfare Training. Ft. Bragg North Carolina.
- \* The Army Maintenance Management Systems. Ft. Bragg North Carolina.
- \* Amphibious Warfare Training. Little Creek Virginia.
- \* Non-Commissioned Officers Academy: Ft. Bragg NC

**Job or Specialty:** MOS: 11B1P: Airborne Infantry.



**Fondest memory while serving:** After receiving our jumps wings after our 5th jump at Ft. Benning and officially becoming Paratroopers, we were trucked back to the Company Training area and there were World War 2 Paratroopers waiting for us with steaks and beer! AIRBORNE!

The first time I came home on leave in my Paratrooper uniform, my dad picked me up at O'Hare airport and took me the Orland Park Fire House to see his brother/my Uncle Art who the Fire Chief and a World War II Veteran.

**Quote:** I have 3 of them.

“Show me a man who will jump out of an airplane and I’ll show you a man who will fight for his country”. General James Gavin. World War 2 Commander of the 82nd Airborne Division.

“Uncommon Valor was a Common Virtue”. World War II Secretary of the Navy James Forrestal regarding the U.S. Marine raising of the Flag on Iwo Jima.

“Nuts”. World War II Assistant Division Commander of the 101st Airborne General Anthony McAuliffe’s response to the German Commander who demanded that General McAuliffe surrender his encircled troops during the Battle of the Bulge.

Airborne - All the Way



## Dates to Remember

Jan 1 - New Year's Day  
Jan 3 - Hines Mobile Unit at Post, 9-2:30 PM  
Jan 4- Yoga for Vets at Post, 9:30 a.m.  
Jan 4- Aux to Community Convelescent  
Jan 5 - American Legion Meeting, 7 PM  
Jan 7 - Visit vets at Monarch Landing, 10 a.m.  
Jan 8 - Take down Holiday Decorations, 1 PM  
Jan 10- Visit to Hines Hospital, 6:15 PM  
Jan 11- Yoga for Vets, 9:30 a.m.  
Jan 12 - VFW Meeting, 7 PM  
Jan 14 - Visit vets at Brookdale, 10 a.m.  
Jan 14 - District VOD Banquet  
Jan 16 - Martin Luther King Day  
Jan 18 - Yoga for Vets, 9:30 a.m.  
Jan 19- Auxiliary Meeting, 7 PM  
Jan 21 - Visit vets at Independence Village, 10 a.m.  
Jan 21 - Legion Dinner at the Post, 6 PM  
Jan 25- Yoga for Vets, 9:30 a.m.  
Jan 29 - Patriots Pen Pizza Party at Montgomery Post  
Jan 31 - taco Tuesday - 5:30-7:30 PM

Made a New Years Resolution to get in better shape? Join other Veterans and their families every Wednesday for the free Yoga for Vets class held here at the Post. There are also classes every Saturday at the Rubin Senior Center in Downtown Naperville at 9:30 a.m.

Or you could join the Post Running and Walking Team at various events held during the year. Contact Phil Maughan or Pablo Araya for more information.

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## Key Cards

Time to exchange your old key card to the Canteen with this year's model. Just bring in the old one and the bartenders will exchange it for the latest model! And if you haven't paid your 2017 dues, this would be and excellent time to do so. Our Post does so much for Veterans that you really want to be a part of the many activities we offer.

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## VOD Winners by Thye Vandervelde Chairman

As this year's VFW Post 3873 chairman of the Voice Of Democracy, it is my great pleasure to announce this year's post winners.

Students participating in the Voice of Democracy competition begin by competing at the local VFW Post level. Our 1st place winner advances to the District level, that winner to the State level, and the state winner to the National level to compete for additional scholarship monies and the chance to win a \$30,000 scholarship.

This year's winners are:

First place and the recipient of \$1000 is Matthew Canty from Waubonsie Valley High School.

Second place and the recipient of \$500 is Christopher Danner from Metea Valley High School.

Third place and the recipient of \$250 is Kavya Anjur from Metea Valley High School. Congrats to Kavya as she was also a winner last year.

Presentations for the 3 winners will be held at their respective schools. Also, our 1st place winner was recognized at our December post meeting.

As in the previous years, our judges were all very impressed with all of the essays and we are very proud of these young people. They all did a great job. A BIG thank you to ALL of the post and auxiliary members who helped judge these essays.

**Auxiliary Report by President Kathy Thornton**



My thanks to the members of our VFW Post and Auxiliary for their unwavering and tireless support of all veterans. May this new year hold the same commitment and promise for our veterans, community and country as years past. Pray our incoming government be ever mindful of the sacrifices made by our veterans and those currently serving in our Armed Forces. May they lead with courage, wisdom and care. Happy New Year to all of you and your families.

Thank you to all those who donated to the Turkey Raffle for the Auxiliary baskets! So many members were so creative in putting together these wonderful raffle prizes. Thanks to those very valuable raffle royalty Auxiliary members! Thank you also the list of local businesses who added to the mix:

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|--------------------------|------------------------------------|
| * Anderson Book Shop     | * Lyft                             |
| * Braconis Pizza         | * Maplebrook Computers             |
| * Beau Chevaux           | * Naperville Trolley               |
| * Buffalo Wild Wings     | * Naperville Sweets and Nuts       |
| * Chicago Wireless       | * Pinot's Palette                  |
| * Culvers                | * Rayme's restaurant               |
| * Giordanos              | * Rocky Mountain Chocolate Factory |
| * Hand and Stone Massage | * Rosebud                          |
| * Hotel Arista           | * Starbucks                        |
| * Hotel Indigo           | * Sun Nails                        |
| * Jimmy Johns            |                                    |

Please patronize them, and thank them for their contribution to our Turkey Raffle! And if you are a business and somehow didn't make the list after you contributed, please let us know.



Turkey Raffle prize winners. Picture by Jim Hoch



The Auxilliary recently held a Painting on the Porch fundraiser. Our modern day Picasso's, shown left to right are: Fran MMcGrath, Dorothy Garhan, Carla Vahle and Marcy Maughan. Thanks to all who



**Hines Hospital Visits**

The Chairman of the Hospital Committee, John Shaw would like to remind everyone that the Post visits the Hines VA Hospital every second Tuesday of the month. We will not be going in July and August, but our visits resume in September. We leave the post at 6:15 in the evening and return at approximately 9:15 PM. Transportation is provided. Everyone is invited. Why not come and spend some quality time with some very appreciative Veterans?

**Canteen Hours**

	Open	Close
Mon-Thurs	3:00 PM	10:00 PM/Midnight
Friday	Noon	10:00 PM/2:00 AM
Saturday	Noon	10:00 PM/2:00 AM
Sunday	Noon	5:00 PM/6:00 PM

If at anytime between the first close hour and the second close hour 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. This includes any children in the bar!

Remember: THE BARTENDER IS BOSS!

**Submission Policy**

The Kendall Gram encourages Post members to submit articles and photos. Simply give the article or photo to the on-duty bartender. It is important that you put your name and phone number on the item in case there are any questions. Please ensure that names are legible. Your article may be edited for clarity and space considerations. All photos MUST have the following information with it: where and why the picture was taken, and who is in the picture. Photographs without captions will not be used. Please submit all articles by the tenth of the month for next month's publication.

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### Ready Vet Run by Pablo Araya



Jeff Martinez, Pablo Araya and Phil Maughan ran the Thanksgiving Turkey Trot. Not pictured is Jack Amberg who also ran the race.