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Commander Tom Parker



Memorial Day usually means different things to different people. For many, it signals the start of summer and brings with it a three day weekend, sales in the stores, and an opportunity for cook-outs and picnics. For us, Memorial Day holds a much different meaning and it is our busiest time of the year. Originally established as Decoration Day back in 1868 by members of the Grand Army of the Republic, the last Monday in May was set aside to decorate the graves of Union soldiers who died during the Civil War. Over time, the name changed to Memorial Day and it has been expanded to honor all veterans who died in military service.

We begin our activities each year during the week prior to Memorial Day. Members of the Post and Auxiliary distribute poppies throughout the City, collecting donations that are used to assist veterans in our area during the coming year. Friday and Saturday sees members of the Post, Auxiliary, and other organizations place American flags on the graves of over 2,000 veterans throughout numerous cemeteries in the Naperville area. On Memorial Day itself, we start the day by gathering at City Hall to conduct the first of our ceremonies. We are then shuttled to the various memorials around town where we conduct similar ceremonies. By mid-morning, we are back at the Post to participate in the parade. Following the parade, we have a short ceremony at the Central Park bandshell and then enjoy lunch together at the Post.

Hopefully, many of you will be able to join us during our Memorial Day activities this year. It is very rewarding and we have a great time. We can always use additional help with distributing poppies. There will be sign-up sheets in the canteen for the various locations, so please consider helping, even for just a few hours. The residents of Naperville are very supportive of our veterans and they look forward to seeing us out, especially during this weekend, so they can tell us thanks and make a donation for a poppy. Also, we always have room for one more on Memorial Day as we conduct the various ceremonies and march in the parade, so consider joining us that day. It's a fulfilling way to spend a few hours with fellow veterans and I think you'll be humbled by the thousands that line the parade route to help us observe this special day. And if you aren't able to join us for any of the activities, please take a few minutes on Memorial Day to remember the many brave Americans for whom this day is really about - those who not only answered the call to duty, but made the ultimate sacrifice while doing so.

In April we elected new officers. Auxiliary and Post officers will be installed on May 21st at a dinner at 5 PM at the post. Cost of the dinner is \$5 per person. The new officer list will appear in next month's Kendall-gram and the officers will assume their new positions after the state convention in June.



Judd Kendall VFW Post 3873 – Veteran of the Month

Name: Jim Oftedal

Rank: E5 - Sergeant

Branch of Service: Army

Current Age: 70

Total Years Served: 3

Served from: Jan 1968 - Jan 1971

Places Served: Ft. Leonardwood, MO (Boot Camp)

- o Ft. Leonard Wood, MO (M.O.S. - 76P20 Stock Control)
- o Ft. Lee, VA - (A.I.T. - 76P2G3 - Mechanized Stock Control)
- o Long Binh, Vietnam (1st Logistical Command)
- o Ft. Meade, MD - HQ Computer Operations (Univac 1005 and IBM/360's tape-to-tape)

Job or Specialty:

After initial training for manual record keeping at Ft Leonardwood, a few of my class members were “selected” for the A.I.T. Mechanized Stock Control. It was the Army’s first stock control effort to migrate from pencil record keeping to computerized record keeping for supplies. IBM punch card machines and NCR-500 magnetic stripe/backed ledgers were used. Key punch cards were read and transposed both to printed paper/front of ledger as well as putting the information in the magnetic strips on the back of the ledger.

Fondest memory while serving:

Receiving a call from Red Cross that our daughter, Lisa, was born.

Quotes:

“The flag does not fly by the wind that blows it. The flag flies because each soldier’s last breath blows by it.” unknown

“Only two defining forces have ever offered to die for you...Jesus Christ and the American Soldier. One died for your soul, the other for your freedom.” Lt. Col Grant L. Rosensteel, Jr.



Running Team by Pablo Araya

I would like to thank all of you who gave me so much moral support while I was training up for the Bataan Memorial death March. Slogging through the seemingly endless sand last month, at the White Sands, New Mexico, Missile Range, and it's accompanying 88 degree heat, the Post and you all crept into my periodically dark thoughts. I did not want to let you down, but at the halfway point, I was not, by any means certain, that I would even complete the march. Thankfully, I was surrounded by Team Black and Blue, made up of three Army Veterans and a Squadron Mate from my USS MIDWAY (CV-41) days. In those tough rucked 26.2 miles, I learned a valuable lesson in teamwork. For the first time in my life, I found myself the weak link a group, holding back four hard chargers that were going for broke. They did hold back, though, and helped me with my load, gave me constant encouragement and after 9 hours and 37 minutes, we crossed the finish line as a Team to Booker T and the MG's, "Green Onions."

I've always respected every branch of our Armed Services, and appreciate the different roles each plays in our country's defense. But after the BMDM, I have a new found, deep-seated respect for the "grunt"; the men and women of the Army and Marine Infantry Units that ruck as a matter of course and survival, carrying far more than our 35 lbs.

Pictured are Team Black and Blue Members: Bob, Pablo, Sara, (Post 3873 Life Member), Sal, and Matt (Post 3873 Life Member)



Honoring our Fallen Veterans-2017 by Wayne Fischer

Memorial Day is just around the corner and we are finalizing plans to **Honor our Fallen Veterans** here in Naperville. To properly do this we will again be decorating the gravesites of all of our 2000+ interred Veterans in Naperville area cemeteries. Given the number of flags that must be placed, we will need volunteers to help, starting with St Peter and Paul Cemetery on Friday, May 26th at **8 a.m.** We will not have the advantage of having our Youth assist here, so please try and make it out to help. Then on Saturday, May 27th we will do The Naperville Cemetery starting at **9 a.m.** We will also need 4-5 folks to do several other smaller local cemeteries on Thursday the 25th. Just let me know if you can assist. Normally on Saturday at Naperville Cemetery we have both our Posts' Scout Troops; Naval Sea Cadets "Ghost rider" Squadron and others to assist also. Last year we had a tremendous turn-out and we are looking forward to even more volunteers this year. If you are a Veteran, feel free to bring other members of your family. This is a very special event that we do for our **Fallen Comrades** come rain or shine. Our Cemeteries are all mapped and updated each year, but it always seems that a few do move around. But we always locate them.

Then on Tuesday, May 30th, we will plan on picking up the flags at all cemeteries starting with St Peter & Paul at **8 a.m.** and Naperville Cemetery after that. Help is always greatly appreciated then also. If you have any questions please call me at 630-240-8868 or email me at wayne.l.fischer@gmail.com. You will not need to sign up-just show-up.

Plant Sale

Plant sale pickup will be May 9 from 1-6 PM. We will be conducting the plant sale from the front yard of the Post instead of behind the Post to eliminate all the hills. (Thank you Sue Jelinek for this brilliant suggestion!) there is still ample parking and it will make all our jobs easier. I still need lots of help unloading the truck at 7 a.m. and getting the flowers in order and counted. From 8:30 till noon we will be pulling the orders and arranging them in alphabetical order. This is the time I need the most help. don't worry if you can't tell one plant from another, they will all be marked. And double checked. Just come and volunteer however much time you can. In the afternoon we help people find their order and help them load their cars.

Thank you to everyone who ordered from the plant sale. You help to make the grounds of the Post beautiful!

**Memorial Day Schedule
May 29, 2017**

- 7:45 – Flag raising and service at 9/11-Cmdr. Dan Shanower Memorial – (taps & volley)
- 8:15– Service at Veterans Park (Gartner Rd.) – (taps & volley)
- 8:35 – Service at Burlington Park Doughboy Monument – (taps & volley)
- 9:00– Service at St. Peter & Paul Cemetery (taps & volley)
- 9:45 – Service at GAR Monument in Naperville Cemetery – (taps & volley)
- 10:15 – Advance section of parade steps off from Jackson and Ewing
- 10:25– Service at plaza, corner of Webster & Jackson
Main Parade steps off from Jackson & West St., East to Washington, North to Benton, East to Court Place (Veterans & Military Units), East to St. Peter & Paul parking lot.
- 12:00 – Program at Community Concert Center
Selections by Naperville Municipal Band
Invocation – Star Spangled Banner
Municipal Band
Service at Blackhawk Monument/Silver Star Memorial – prayer, volley, taps & Star Spangled Banner
Municipal Band
- 12:30– Dismissal – If it is raining at 9:00 – decision to cancel will be made at that time by Parade committee and Naperville Police Department
Memorial Day Parade has been a Naperville tradition for over 80 years. Let us all thank a veteran on this special day!!

Veteran’s Wishing to Ride in a Car:

Any veteran who wants a vehicle to ride in this year’s parade please contact Terry Jelinek at 630-357-5366 before May 15th or make sure that you sign up at a Post meeting when the Car Rider sheet is passed around. We encourage all veterans to participate but if you do not sign up we can not guarantee you a car but there is always the Trolley.

2017 Buddy Poppy Campaign, May 24-28.

Buddy Poppy Distribution is the week prior to Memorial Day. Campaign chair people are Nancy Marinello, nancymarinello@yahoo.com, 630-464-43696 ; and Bill Wood, BillWood22@hotmail.com, 630-901-9663. Sign up sheets are posted on the wall in the Canteen.

Either sign up at the Canteen or contact Nancy or Bill by phone to reserve your spot. Two hour time slots are available. They are before 9 a.m.; 9-11 a.m.; 11-1 p.m.; 1-3 p.m; and 3-5 p.m.

Nancy Marinello's locations (south)

Jewel, 75th and Naper Blvd
 Mariano's, 75th and Naper Blvd
 Douglas Ace Hardware, 75th and Naper Blvd
 Trader Joe's, Gartner Plaza
 Colonial, Gartner Plaza
 Parking deck entrance/exit by elevators, Van Buren Street
 Starbucks, Jefferson and Main
 Washington/Chicago Avenue corners (not in front of Barnes and Noble)
 Restaurants on Chicago Ave between Washington and Main (lunch and dinner) 11-1 p.m. and 6-8 p.m.
 Restaurants on Jefferson between Washington and Main (lunch and dinner) 11-1 p.m. and 6-8 p.m.

Bill Wood Locations:

Naperville 5th Avenue Train Station
 Route 59 Train Station
 Jewel at Ogden and Aurora Ave
 Buikema's Ace Hardware, Wheaton, South Loop Drive
 Crosstown Pub and Grill, 909 E Ogden Ave

Please volunteer to distribute Poppies. We need your support. Your fellow Veterans need your support!

Dates to Remember:

May 2- Hines Outreach	May 20 - Blood Drive 8 -1 p.m.
May 3 - Yoga for Vets, 9:30 a.m.	May 20 - Visit Vets at Independence Village, 10 a.m.
May 4 - American Legion Meeting, 7 p.m.	May 20 - 19th District Spring Awards Program at our Post
May 6 - Visit with Vets at Monarch Landing, 10 a.m.	May 21- District 19 meeting at Montgomery
May 9 - Plant Sale Pickkup 1-6 p.m.	May 21- Installation of Post and Auxiliary Officers
May 10 - Yoga for Vets, 9:30 a.m.	May 24 - Yoga for Vets, 9:30 a.m.
May 11 - VFW Meeting, 7 p.m.	May 24-28 -Buddy Poppy Distribution
May 13 - Visit with the Vets at Brookdale	May 26 -27 Place flags at Cemeteries
May 14 - Mother's Day	May 27 - Visit with Vets at Harbor Chase
May 17 - Yoga for Vets, 9:30 a.m.	May 29 -Memorial Day Parade and Ceremonies
May 18- Auxiliary Meeting, 7 p.m.	May 30 - Remove flags from Cemeteries, 8 a.m.
	May 30 - Taco Tuesday
	May 31 - Yoga for Vets, 9:30 a.m.



**CALLING ALL GOLFERS. . .
 SAVE the DATE!!!**

The 2016 Judd Kendall VFW Golf Outing will be held on Saturday, June 3rd at the Springbrook Golf Course right here in Naperville. The fee remains the same at \$100 per golfer which includes 18 holes with a cart, lunch at the turn, buffet dinner, a couple adult beverages and PRIZES>>>PRIZES!! Mark your calendars. The sign-up sheet will be posted in the canteen the first week of May.

**VFW National Home for Children by Mike McGrath
 Great News for the Dynamos, the hogs are coming in!**

Yes, the National Home's 4- H crew called the *VFW Dynamos* will begin work on this year's 4-H program in preparation for the upcoming fair in July. A popular project this year will be for them to work with hogs. And to be sure; there will be other non - livestock entries (like painting) as well ... Should be lots of fun to see when displayed and we'll keep you posted.

... And " did you know that our National Home for Children also offers "life skills " classes to residents on subjects ranging from cooking, sewing, and gardening, to budgeting, and financial planning." These kinds of programs are designed to

help the kids be successful later on in life out in the real world.

More next time on the National Home’s upcoming annual “Community Celebration” And thank you to everyone for your great support.



BE A WINNER !!! DONATE NOW !!!!

Saturday, May 20th from 0730 – 1330

***You can call LifeSource at 1.888.427.4836
or log onto www.lifesource.org to schedule your appointment.
Of course the easiest way is to just walk in.***

***If you cannot make it to the drive, you can also donate
at the Naperville Donor Center, which is located at 2702 Aurora Ave.
(just down the street from Menard’s).***

By using Code 073C, the post will receive credit for your donation.

38,000 Blood Donations are needed each day. . . .See you there!

Memorial Day 2017 by Auxiliary President Kathy Thornton

Memorial Day is a BIG part of why we do what we do: honor our Veterans (both living and deceased). Please consider joining us in the many ways we do so at the Post:

Would love to see Auxiliary members in full force in the parade this Memorial Day. Anyone interested in marching with us IN the parade, look for the trolley in the Beach parking lot around 945a-10a on Monday, 5/29. You can walk or ride in the trolley, it’s up to you! Parade starts at 1030a. Blue shirts / white slacks attire, if you have them. We won’t turn you away! We also are looking for Poppy distributors. Signup sheets at the Post in the Canteen. Consider giving an hour or two of your time.

Anyone interested in assisting to put flags on our deceased members’ graves for Memorial Day, please contact me at 630.667.6704 or email kmrthornton@sbcglobal.net. We will be doing this Friday evening 5/26 (SSPP Cemetery) and Saturday morning 5/27 (Naperville Cemetery). Please consider helping out. Many hands make light work. The bell tolls ... Please look at the Memorial Day Schedule posted in this newsletter. It highlights the activities for this very solemn day. Please consider attending the event(s) which serve to honor our veterans.



The Judd Kendall Sidecar and Rock Glass

A special recipe “the Sidecar” was invented during WWI, (the Great War) when a U.S. Army Captain (whose name is lost in history) was chaperoned to and from his favorite Parisian bar in the sidecar of a motorcycle. Corda has worked very hard coming up with our own Sidecar recipe so we can toast to our favorite WWI hero and namesake of our post!

(Brandy/Triple Sec/Lemon Juice/Shaken with ice/sugar rimmed glass & garnished with an orange slice)

For the low cost of \$10 you get a brand new “take home” rock glass with the likeness of Judd Kendall on it filled with a Judd Kendall Sidecar or other “call drink”. Equivalent drink tokens are provided if you want to purchase the glass only. In other words, if you want the glass you are in for 10 bucks.

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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Lending Library

Our Post now has a Lending Library located in the Canteen. Feel free to borrow a book and then return it. Also feel free to donate books you have read that you feel may appeal to others. The bookcase and initial books have been donated by Jim Stoffregen, an American Legion Member. Thank you Jim for your generous donation.

