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Commander Tom Parker



November is here and that means that we have reached one of our busiest times of the year. There are a number of events this month and I won't beat around the bush. To make these events successful, we need all the help we can get. Veterans Day is just around the corner and as in years past, we will have the opportunity to visit with the various schools in the community as they hold their individual Veterans Day celebrations. This year, we are getting more requests than ever and we need veterans to help us cover all the schools. These visits don't require a lot of time. We show up at our assigned school, participate in their ceremony, and spend a little time with the students as they extend their thanks and appreciation for what we've done to make this country so great. Not only is it a humbling experience, but it's a great opportunity to show our schools and community who we are and share in their celebrations of a day that recognizes us and our military service. The schools and kids go all out to make it a special day for us and it's a great way to spend a few hours of your time and well worth the experience.

On Veterans Day, we will once again conduct our annual Veterans Day ceremony at Veterans Park. The ceremony will begin at 11:00 a.m. That evening, we will participate in the Veterans Day dinner at the Post. Hopefully you can make it to one or both of these events, as they both provide an opportunity to spend some time with fellow veterans and get to know a few folks you might not have met before. If you are coming to the dinner, please RSVP to Wayne Fischer at 630-240-8868.

On the 18th, we'll once again be conducting our annual Turkey Raffle. Of all the events we have each year, this continues to be one of our biggest fundraisers. Members in the community look forward to this event each year and the Post is filled with people from all around the area. These folks know they will be contributing to a worthy cause, they'll more than likely leave with a turkey or other raffle prize, and they'll certainly have a great time. On our end, it's a lot of work, but the effort is well worth it. All of the revenue from the Turkey Raffle is used throughout the year to cover our annual operating expenses. This is what enables us to keep the Post up and running as we pay our bills, make repairs, and continue making improvements to the building. Every year we need volunteers to help sell raffle tickets and to help make sure winners get their prizes. This year is no different. Generally, there are more people wanting to buy tickets than we have ticket sellers. Last year, several of our WWII members worked the floor the entire time, which can be exhausting even for the younger folks. If you can volunteer just one hour of your time that evening to work a shift, it will make it easier on everyone and it will make the night a little more enjoyable for everyone who comes out to help. If you've been wanting to do something with the Post and don't have a lot of time, this could be the opportunity you've been looking for. If not for me, do it for the WWII veterans so they can take a break. Show up, let us know you're there, and in true military fashion, we'll find something for you to do.

Senior Vice Commander Pablo Araya

Thanks to all who took part in this year's Judd-A-Thon. If you haven't already heard, the event raised nearly \$18K, and after expenses, Commander Parker presented the folks at The National Home with nearly \$17K in proceeds. In the four year history of the grueling race, you've all helped raise nearly \$70K for a very worthy cause. My sincerest thanks.

I'd like to follow those words of appreciation with another heartfelt thanks in a couple of months when, due to all of your help, we achieve 100%, and more, of our membership goals. We're currently knocking on 92%. Talk to those young men and women you see exiting their cars at the health club, grocery stores or mall, and whose cars proudly display a service plate or bumper sticker. Invite them to visit the club. Once they do, they'll be hooked. Getting them through the door is the hard part, but I know each and everyone of you can do it.

Fly Navy!



Junior Vice Commander Dave Angelus

Unfortunately our very warm fall is coming to a close quickly.

Driving around our town, we see the last remaining farmers been busy with the fall harvest. That being said there are lot of activities that are happening around the post.

Area schools will celebrate Veterans Day on November 10 and there are plenty of opportunities to visit one or more schools and participate. On Nov 18th we will have our annual Turkey Raffle. The raffle starts at 6:00 pm. We have plenty of turkeys and prizes to give away. Last year someone even walked away with an autographed picture of "Da Coach" We have gone through some considerable effort making some updates to the post. The old sound system from the 60's has been retired and we have updated it with a modern PA system. We have even added speakers downstairs so that during the turkey raffle everyone will be able to hear what is going on. The ever popular booze table has been also updated for a third round this year. Bob Bronson will be the MC again and has promised not to sing or lose his voice. A good time will be had by all. Following our annual turkey raffle we will have our annual Army-Navy game and post Christmas party.



Chicago Winter Stand down by Paul Bezazian

There will be a Homeless Veterans Standdown in the city of Chicago on November 17th, 2017. This event will be held at the Northwest Armory, 1551 N. Kedzie Ave. (On the southeast corner of Kedzie & North ave.) The set-up day will be Thursday, Nov.16th, starting at 0800 hrs. We will work throughout the day until we are done. Lunch will be provided. Coffee, bug juice & water will be available all day. The Standdown will be on Friday, Nov.17th., when the Veterans will be able to enter the armory. The volunteers will start at 0600 hrs on friday. We will be serving hot breakfast sandwiches, juice, coffee, breakfast bars to the Veterans before they enter the armory. There will be flu shots, eye care, haircuts, medical, employment, housing, utility help, VA assistance, and other vendors available. Winter clothing, sleeping bags, boots, hats, gloves, ect., will be passed out. Uplink cards will also be given to the Veteran. There will be National Home pamphlets available to Veterans who qualify.

A lot of resources go into this event. It takes many people to set-up, work & clean up. We are asking if you can help out, even for a couple of hours, it would be much appreciated. We have jobs sitting down if you cannot stand. We need help on both days. We will be collecting soft used clothing. If you have used clothing, please, please, please bring it on Thursday, Nov. 18th. For more information, go to our web site at www.chicagostanddown.org or call the Forest Park Vet Center at 708-457-8805 to volunteer. Thank you for supporting this Veterans Service Program.



Veteran of the Month

Name: George Hogrewe
Rank: RRM 1/c
Branch of Service: Navy
Current Age: 94 as of Nov 18
Total Years Served: 3 years, 2 months, 1 Day
Served from: 1942-1945

Places Served: USNTS, Great Lakes
 NTS (Radio) Northwestern, Evanston
 USS Detroit (cl-8) Pacific

Job or Specialty: Copying Encoded Morse Code Messages (Fox SKeds)

Fondest Memories while serving: Wow- Rough seas in the Aleutians. Shellback initiation when we crossed the equator; Riding through one of Admiral Halsey’s typhoons (between Okinawa and Tokyo); Japanese surrender in Tokyo Bay with huge flight of corsair fighters followed by two ROARING low flying pass over by a group of B-29’s.

Quote: For neer’er can sailor salty be until he sailed the Bering Sea! (author unknown)



Dates to Remember

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| <p>Nov 1 - Yoga for Vets, 9:30 a.m.
 Nov 2 - American Legion Meeting, 7 PM
 Nov 4 - 5K Run/Walk, Cantgny, 9 a.m.
 Nov 4 - Visit Vets at Monarch Landing, 10 a.m.
 Nov 5 - Daylight Savings Time Ends
 Nov 7 - Hines Community Outreach, 9:30-2:30
 Nov 8 - Yoga for Vets, 9:30 a.m.
 Nov 9 - VFW meeting, 7 PM
 Nov 10 - Marine Corp Birthday
 Nov 11 - Veterans Day ceremonies At Veterans Park, 11 am
 Nov 11 - Veterans Day Dinner, 6 PM, RSVP required
 Nov 14 - Visit to Hines Hospital, 6:15
 Nov 14 - Taco Tuesday 5:30 - 7:00
 Nov 15 - Yoga for Vets 9:30 PM
 Nov 16 - Auxiliary Meeting, 7 PM
 Nov 16 - 17 - Stand Down</p> | <p>Nov 18- Turkey Raffle, 6 PM
 Nov 18 - Visit Vets at Independence Village, 10 a.m.
 Nov 23 - Thanksgiving Day
 Nov 23 - Turkey Trot, 5K run/Walk, 8 am, Central High School
 Nov 25- Visit Vets at Harbor Chase, 10 a.m.
 Nov 29- Yoga for Vets, 9:30 a.m.</p> <p>Note: There will be no GI Yoga on Nov 22, and no visit to the Brookdale Veterans this month due to the Thanksgiving holiday.</p> |
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Veterans Day 2017 by Terry Jelinek

We will be conducting flag raisings at all of the District 203 schools on Friday, November 10th. The day will start with a breakfast at the District office located at the corner of Webster and Hillside at 7 am (Invites will be out shortly). If you are planning to attend and you have not already been in touch with me, please give me a call so that I can give the District your name and address so that they can mail you a personal invitation to the breakfast and I can assign you a school to go to. (My number is 630-357-5366). I will have the time for each school at the breakfast.

After breakfast we will all head out for our respective schools. Please remember to wear your Legion/VFW cover. If you decide that morning you can attend just come to the District Office for breakfast and see me there and I will assign you a school. It looks like District #204 is not going to be doing ceremonies other than a couple of schools so that should make things a little easier for us.

Our Veterans Day Memorial service will be held at 11 am at Veterans Park located on Gartner Rd. You may park across the street in the church parking lot. Please plan on arriving at least fifteen minutes early.

Later that night we will have our Veterans Day social. Our social hour will commence at 6 pm followed by our traditional Turkey dinner at 7 pm. It is very important that you RSVP to Wayne Fischer (630-240-8868) so we have an accurate head count and do not run out of food.

VFW NATIONAL HOME FOR CHILDREN ... By Mike McGrath

Thank you to all on Veterans Day. Through the years, the VFW National Home for Children has grown from an old farm house to a 600 plus acre campus with playgrounds, parks, single family homes, a community center, gymnasium, a childcare facility, guest lodge, chapel and administrative offices. Because there is no government funding, it is largely through our dedication and donations that this has been accomplished.

Over the years the National Home has evolved to meet the changing needs of America's military and veterans' families. We continue this mission today. Through it all, one thing has remained constant; the National Home's commitment to honor our Nation's veterans and active duty military by providing help and hope for their children and families. Thank you and best to all on Veterans Day. And please remember THE HELPLINE is 800 313 4200.

Midwest Shelter News

Dorothy Kulir and her sister, Bertha Novaczyk, weren't planning on going to the Midwest Shelter for Homeless Veterans in October but ended up receiving 142 rolls of toilet tissue which was collected at the last Auxiliary meeting and was on the MSHV list of items they needed. So, along with these, they also delivered 5-sets of dishes, 3-set of pots and pans, 5-kitchen trash cans, and much more. John, once again, welcomed them with a big smile on his face.



Yoga for Vets Celebrates 4 Years of Yoga Classes

On October 18th, after our regular Wednesday morning yoga class, students and teachers gathered to celebrate the anniversary of GI Yoga. There were snacks, hearty soup, and coffee offered. Both newer students and students who have been coming since the very first class spent time getting to know each other. The benefits provided by yoga are numerous, including flexibility, strength, and balance. Veterans, their family members and care givers, are welcome to participate in any of our classes; many students come to multiple classes per week. Currently, GI Yoga has four classes per week; two in Naperville, one in Wheaton, and one in Winfield. The schedule of classes can be found at www.giyoga.org

If you can breathe you can do yoga! If you have any questions, please contact Kate Fleming at kdflemingyoga@gmail.com



Happy 70 Birthday to VFW Post 3873 Auxiliary! Submitted by Kathy McNally

There was a small but mighty group of Auxiliary Members who gathered to celebrate our 70th Charter Year with an Ice Cream Social at the Post on October 15. We honored those members in attendance for their years of service: Mary Lou Miller, 15 years; Madonna Breed, 5 years; and Nancy Marinello, 5 years. Special recognition was made to one of our first male Auxiliary members, Tom Kulak. A 70th Charter Year raffle basket was donated by Bertha Novacyk, and Trish Krenick drew the lucky ticket! We also paid tribute to long-standing Life Members Dorothy Kulir, 35 years; Dorothy Garhan, 30 years; Jenny Dawley, 15 years; and Barb McKissik, 15 years. Remaining Charter Member Vernetta Heim and 69-Year Member Ginny Arbogast were unable to attend but their greetings were read to the members in attendance. All agreed that, 70 years later, we will continue to set a shining example in their honor. Photo courtesy of Jim Hoch.



Happy Birthday to the United States Marine Corp on November 10th!

Auxiliary Member of the Month-November

The next time the VFW prints a calendar, our Auxiliary Member of the Month would have to be Miss November. **Jenny Dawley's** devotion to our veterans goes far beyond the designated Veterans Day. If you have recently had surgery you probably woke up to "How ya'll doin'?" Jenny is there at all hours helping veterans and their families through difficult times. Her southern hospitality and encyclopedic medical knowledge fill the void, answer questions, give hope and make sure there is plenty of food in the house. Her boundless energy has led many to believe she doesn't sleep. She has met Clint Eastwood, Jim Belushi, Dick Portillo and Brian Wilson and politely asked them who they were. When she is around, you can't miss her. She has a wonderful story to tell, a diet Dr. Pepper in her hand, and her purse and shoes always match. We are so thankful to have Jenny.



Photo courtesy of Jim Hoch



THE JUDD-KENDALL VFW POST 3873 FALL BLOOD DRIVE

HAS BEEN MOVED TO SATURDAY, JANUARY 13TH

THIS WILL BE A REPLENISHMENT BLOOD DRIVE BEING HELD IN THE

MEMORY OF MICHAEL KAROS

MICHAEL IS A MEMBER OF THE RECHENMACHER FAMILY. HE LOST HIS LONG AND COURAGEOUS BATTLE AGAINST CANCER SHORTLY AFTER GRADUATING FROM COLLEGE OF DUPAGE. THIS IS A DAY TO REMEMBER MICHAEL.

WE ALL HAVE A LOVED ONE WHO HAS OR IS STILL FIGHTING THE BATTLE AGAINST CANCER. THIS WOULD BE THE PERFECT OPPORTUNITY FOR REMEMBERING NOT ONLY MICHAEL, BUT TO HONOR EVERYONE WHO HAS EVER FOUGHT THE FIGHT.

YOU CAN CALL LIFESOURCE AT 1.888.427.4836 OR LOG ONTO www.lifesource.org TO SCHEDULE YOUR APPOINTMENT. . . .OF COURSE YOU MAY ALSO WALK IN.

38,000 BLOOD DONATIONS ARE NEEDED EACH DAY. WILL YOU HELP??

Auxiliary News by Kathy Thornton, President Auxiliary VFW Post #3873

The month of November goes hand in hand with an opportunity to thank our many veterans for their service. So be sure to thank a veteran when given the opportunity. It's the least we can do.

Get ready for a flurry of activity here at the Post, because November and December are wild and crazy, but in a good way. Fundraising for our Post/Auxiliary kicks into high gear just in time for the Holidays!

First of all, there is "Painting on the Porch at the Post" Here is the picture we will be painting on **Wednesday, 11/15** at the Post. Cost is **\$39 per painter**. Pinot's **donates \$10** for every painting. What a painless fundraiser! Thank you, Pam at Pinot's

Palette (and fellow Auxiliary member)! Join us after 6:30p for a of glass of wine (or two); feel free to bring a favorite appetizer to share. Painting will start at 7p. Space is limited, so sign up early! **All are welcome; you do not have to be a member to paint! Makes a wonderful Christmas gift!** To sign up (and to get a better idea of the picture we will paint), click on <https://www.pinotpalette.com/naperville/event/182262>, or go to Pinot's Palette website and click on event calendar, go to November calendar and sign up! Or contact me if issues with online sign up.



Moving onto our biggest fundraiser at the Post-the Turkey Raffle, Saturday, November 18 at 6p. Come early to secure a seat. Many hands will make this night go smoothly, so please consider volunteering an hour or so, and then enjoy the rest of the evening with your family and friends. If you would like to donate to our Auxiliary Raffle, contact me at kmrthornton@sbcglobal.net or call my cell at 630.667.6704. Some suggestions: are you a ticket holder for Cubs, Sox, Bears, Bulls, Naper Settlement, Concert venues, etc? Please consider donating a pair of tickets. These are big ticket items, as everyone wants to support the home teams. Perhaps donate a gift card, or put together a fun basket with friends. Approach your daily contacts for a donation (hair salon, favorite restaurant, etc). All proceeds for this event go to the many programs offered by the Post and Auxiliary for our veterans and their families. We will be reaching out to members for donations for our "NO BAKE" BAKE SALE.

A big shout out to all who attended our 2nd annual Flip Flop Night! And thanks to the many volunteers who were able to help sell tickets, secure acquisitions and clean up. And Raffle Royalty, you knocked it out of the ball park! Proceeds for this event were split between Smiles for Veterans and the Auxiliary. Side note: we are currently at 89.8% in membership (this close). Have you MALTA'd? Please pay your dues online now, if you haven't done so already. Thank you! Reach out to me if any questions on the new online process. Thanks! Have a wonderful and blessed Thanksgiving with your family and friends. So much to be thankful for!

Be sure to save the date for the Post and Auxiliary's Family Christmas party on December 17. More details to follow in next month's Kendall-Gram.



Grounds Committee by Marcy Maughan

Many thanks to the girls from Kennedy Jr High who showed up (with advisor Ellie Reitz) to transplant lily bulbs from a too shady bed to a sunnier location. The girls dug up and transplanted 43 lily bulbs. Can hardly wait to see the bulbs bloom next summer! Thanks everyone!

I would also like to give a shout out to Mike Rechenmacher who has cut the grass all summer and to Jimmy Walsh who has been pulling weeds from the various flower beds. Thanks, guys!

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.

Kendall-Gram

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Invite your friends and neighbors
and

Come on Down for a Fun Filled Evening