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FLY NAVY



It's almost time to put the hammock away and meet the beginning of our fall season head on. The Golf Outing and Judd-A-Thon are right around the corner. Those two events kick off our busy season for the next few months. I urge you to take part in these events, visit the Post Canteen once in awhile, attend a monthly meeting and pitch in wherever you feel the urge. It's our Post, and therefore our responsibility to keep it running on all eight cylinders. As your new Commander, I want to hear from you. If there's something you think can be done better, more efficiently and might bring in more new members, I'm all ears. I don't have a magic wand and our resources are not limitless, but there's always room for improvement and I'll do my best to accommodate.

On a similar note, I would like to highlight the epitome of paying it forward. Past Auxiliary President Kathy Briseno called me a few weeks ago with an offer of a Lift Chair for a Veteran. Together we identified a candidate for the chair, and last week Oswald's Pharmacy delivered it gratis to Life Member Wayne Milligan. Hats of to Kathy for living the motto of the VFW: Veterans helping Veterans.

No if you'll excuse me, I need to start training for this year's Judd-A-Thon!



Senior Vice Commander Brian Bryne

The best time of the year is upon us – Fall, Autumn whichever you want to call it. This month will be a great opportunity for us all to reach out and assist a fellow Veteran. The now world famous Judd-A-Thon will take place this month and what a great opportunity to help so many by doing so little (a .1K is all it will take). Additionally, the Hines visits will begin again.

If you are like me and have kids back in school there is a new opportunity for outreach in our community. There are always schools looking for Veterans to share experience, I spent a day last spring at my older daughter's middle school talking about my cultural experiences while I was in the Army and some of the culture shock and nuances I experienced (like eating fish out of the Euphrates River, and roasting a lamb for Christmas dinner); the former is not recommended.

If you look at the news (notice I did not say read the newspaper or look at social media) it's a chaotic time in America. However, one thing we can all agree on as Veterans is we occupy a position of honor in our society and we are a tremendously stabilizing force in our neighborhoods, communities, and workplaces, (I saw in a special on CNBC one morning where someone referred to Veterans as "some of the grittiest people alive").

This month we will start with the Golf Tournament and hold the Judd-A-Thon (and then all the festivities that come with Veteran's Day are not far away). Whether you are a member of the Greatest Generation or a member of Generation X like myself, the fall is a great time to lend a hand.



Junior Vice Commander Jose Jimenez

As you all know, the summer has been flying by quickly and September will be here before we know it. With that being said, in just a few short weeks we will once again be hosting the world famous 0.1K Judd-A-Thon. I hope you've all spent the summer training for what is easily the toughest race in Naperville. This will be our fifth year and we want to continue making each year a greater success, as this is one of our big fundraisers of the year to help raise funds for the VFW National Home for Children. This is a great cause, and should be all the excuse we need to line up competitors and sponsors. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone out for the race with as many competitors and sponsors as they can find. Let's help Cdr. Pablo Araya have a great event this year.



Invitation to Congressman Bill Foster's Service Academy Day

To coincide with the beginning of the school year, the office of Congressman Bill Foster is hosting a Service Academy Day on Saturday, September 8th at Nichols Library in Naperville. This nonpartisan and informational event is an excellent opportunity for young people residing in the Illinois 11th Congressional District to receive information about the Service Academy application process, to hear from Service Academy reps, and to ask any questions they may have. The Congressman will be nominating applicants later this calendar year. With the application deadline being October 31, 2018 this is a time sensitive matter for young people who wish to attend an Academy.

This event is free and open to the public. Students, parents, guidance counselors, and school officials are all encouraged and welcome to attend.

Please feel free to contact me by email at chris.adams@mail.house.gov or by phone at 630-585-7672 should you have any questions or concerns.

Dates to Remember

There are so many important events taking place in September so please take the time to review the dates and mark them on your calendars now!

Sept 1 - Visit the Vets at Monarch Landing 10 AM
Sept 3 - Labor Day Parade, 10 AM
Sept 4 - Hines Community Outreach at the Post 9 - 2 PM
Sept 5 - Free Yoga for Vets 9:30 AM
Sept 5- Aux visit to Community Convelesence
Sept 6 - American Legion Meeting 7 PM
Sept 8 - Visit with the Vets at Brookdale 10 AM
Sept 8 - **Post Golf Outing**
Sept 8- **Karaoke for K9's for Veterans 6 PM**
Sept 10 - Rosh Hashanah
Sept 11 - Visit to Hines Hospital 6:15 PM
Sept 11 - **9/11 Ceremony at the Shanower Plaza 6 PM**
Sept 12 - Free Yoga for Vets 9:30 AM
Sept 13 - VFW Meeting 7 PM
Sept 15 - Visit with Vets at Independence Village 10 AM
Sept 15 - American Legion Dinner 6 PM
Sept 16 - **Judd-A-Thon 10:01 AM**
Sept 19 - Yoga for Vets 9:30 AM
Sept 20- Auxiliary Meeting 7 PM
Sept 22 - Visit with the Vets at Harbor Chase 10 AM
Sept 22 - **Illinois Day at the National Home**
Sept 26 - Free Yoga for Vets 9:30 AM



CALLING ALL GOLFERS. . .

The 2018 Judd Kendall VFW Golf Outing will be held on Saturday, September 8th 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 is posted in the canteen. We're looking for 12 foursomes this year!!

Jaycees Honor Veterans on Labor Day

All Veterans are invited to join the Napeerville Jaycees on Labor Day for food and entertainment. This year on Labor Day after the parade the Jaycees will host Veterans at their Entertainment Stage on Jackson Avenue. Please plan on haaving a fun afternoon with your significant other! If you have any questions, please contact Marty Walker at mwalker243@yahoo.com

The VFW National Home for Children by Mike McGrath

Illinois Day

Our upcoming visit to the National Home for Children will be on Saturday, September 22 with Illinois Day activities beginning at 10 AM (Michigan time) with lunch at noon followed by the program at 1 PM Also, as in the past, there will be a get together on Friday evening, September 21 at the nearby VFW post in Charlotte, Michigan for those Comrades arriving on Friday. Festivities start at 5 PM (Michigan time)

Local motels are available but are filling up fast as this is a very popular trip, a great time of year and a beautiful area !!!
Don't wait ! Local motels are as follows ... please make your own accommodations ...

Note ... ask for the VFW (military) discount.

Holiday Inn ... 517 541 5000
Comfort Inn ... 517 543 7307
America Inn ... 517 543 8288

Thank you again to everyone for your great support and hope to see you there ! A few brief facts about the National Home.

WHO WE SERVE

Since the National Home's founding in 1925 our community is open to families of active duty military personnel, veterans, and, recognizing that the effects of war can last for generations, descendants of members of the VFW and its Auxiliary. The family can be one or both parents with one or more children.

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Families may live in the National Home's community for up to four years at no cost, during which time services like housing, education, daycare, food, health care, recreation, and a case manager are available. Families can work to identify what they need and want to accomplish to find happiness that war has taken away.

A TERRIBLE TOLL

War takes a terrible toll on American military and veteran Families at the National Home serve as a living memorial to our veterans by helping them and/or their families get back on their feet.

HELPLINE

Could this be of help to someone you know ? If so, please call our military and veteran family helpline at 800 313 4200.

9/11 Memorial Service

On behalf of the 9/11-2018 Memorial Service Committee, we would like to invite everyone to attend the 9/11 Memorial Service to be held on Tuesday September 11th, 2018 at the CMDR Dan Shanower/September 11th Memorial on the Riverwalk next to City Hall starting at 6 PM. In the event of bad weather this will be held in the City Council Chambers.

As this is the 17th Anniversary of the attack on our Country, this will again be a very special event as we pay our respects to all of those innocent men and women that were lost because of that dreadful attack on our Country and those lost fighting in harm's way to protect our freedoms ever since.

Please plan to attend this very special Ceremony. Our guest speaker for this year will be Kris Habermehl, who works for Chicago CBS TV and is a volunteer fireman for the Kirkland Fire Department.

Auxiliary Report by Kathy McNally

September! The fresh smell of clean blackboards, clean classrooms, new books and new binders. I remember this month as being a new start for the year. Let's carry this thought to a new beginning for YOU, dear Brothers and Sisters. Have you read about our activities but hesitated to join, thinking, "Oh, I don't matter. They'll have enough hands." Or, hesitated to join a meeting because you don't personally know the officers? Ours is a fraternal organization. We are Brothers and Sisters through Veterans Service. You are not a stranger to anyone in this organization!

We have quite a few members who have joined our organization but have not yet been initiated. Are you fearful of having to wear a bathing cap and getting your nose colored blue? Fear not! Our initiation process is a simple introduction to our ways and means, with a beautiful explanation of our Auxiliary Pin (a gift to you) and an all-membership pledge to our organization.

Membership Chair Kathy Thornton and her assistant Julie Berkowicz will be reaching out this year to wives and husbands of our VFW Post members. They are automatically eligible through their spouses. Are you a spouse, reading this column? Reach out to us! We have great camaraderie - and to those who haven't been to a meeting in a while, your first refreshing beverage at the Canteen after the meeting is on the house!

Your next chance to attend a stellar event is our Judd a Thon. It's a "grueling" 0.1 K (or about the length of a football field) race which raises funds for our VFW National Home (<http://www.vfwnationalhome.org/>). It is a party beyond parties with costumed participants (watch for style maven Mike Barbour and his evening wear line), snacks, massage tables, flyover by Lima Lima, and after-party with a kids bounce house and more. We will need many hands to make light work here. Interested in helping?

Here's hoping to get re-acquainted with you and see you at a meeting or event soon. Put your good foot forward for a new September start!

The Judd-a-Thon is Here!

On September 16, our Post will hold its fifth annual Judd-A-Thon – a "grueling" 0.1K Run/Walk. No, that's not a typo: 0.1K is about 110 yards, and it's all we ask of the race participants. All ages are welcome. We'll have a radio station on site broadcasting the event, massage tables set up for post-race muscle re-hab, t-shirts, race number bibs, and goodie bags for all participants. Best of all, each runner gets a small oval sticker to put on their car window, letting the world know they completed a 0.1K run! We have a Marine Drill Instructor who warms up the runners in a scene right out of Full Metal Jacket, followed by the National Anthem and a Lima Lima flyover. There are raffles, kids activities and awards. There's even a costume competition.

This is a fundraiser in which 100% of all net proceeds support the VFW National Home for Children. For background, the National Home was founded in 1925 as a place where the families left behind by war could remain together, keeping the family circle complete, even when their serviceman did not return home. The National Home has evolved over the years to address today's additional challenges of re-integration, post-traumatic stress, unemployment and rehabilitation. The focus, however, remains on the children.

So sign up today at: napervfw3873.org. Cost is \$20 or \$25 day of race. You get a wonderful experience plus a T shirt, a decal, a chance to run the race, and a big THANK YOU for helping the VFW National Home for Children. What better way to spend your money is there than helping children?

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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