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Commander Tom Parker



Two years ago, I assumed the role of Post Commander. I remember wondering right after adjourning my first meeting “what have I gotten myself into?” I was worried about the many things I didn’t know and I wondered if I’d be able to work my full-time job and have time to complete all the “Commander things” that I knew would be coming up. I also thought that one year, possibly two, seemed like a long time. Today, I look back on that evening and wonder where the time has gone. As I write my column today, I know that it will be my last one as your Commander. When the State Convention ends in mid-June, I will pass the gavel to your next Commander, Pablo Araya.

I would like to thank our past National Commander George Cramer and past State Commander/ Post Quartermaster Phil Maughan for their ongoing guidance and support. They, along with the many other past Commanders, kept me out of trouble and provided me with a wealth of knowledge that enabled me to do my job better. To the many committee chairmen, thank you for all your hard work throughout the year. Without your efforts and focus, we wouldn’t be able to achieve the vast number of things we do each year. Thanks also to the many members that always volunteer to take on the various duties and tasks that happen behind the scenes. What you do makes a profound difference in our ability to help veterans and maintain such a strong presence in the schools and community.

I’d also like to thank Kathy Thornton and the members of the Auxiliary for their dedication and support. I appreciate their assistance with many of the activities we’ve participated in and without a doubt, much of our success has been due to the outstanding relationship our two organizations share. I also want to thank the Auxiliary for their willingness to take the lead in our shared vision of incorporating more family and kid friendly events into what we do. The children’s Christmas Party and Easter Egg Hunt were both huge successes and well attended. Thank you for continuing to support the Post and to work so hard to make our groups the envy of other Posts throughout the state.

Finally, I’d like to thank all of you, our members. Thank you for your confidence in me over the past two years. It has been a distinct privilege and a pleasure to represent you and the Post at the many events and functions we’ve been involved in. Your efforts, dedication, and professionalism have truly made my job easy and very rewarding. I have full faith that you’ll support Pablo and his efforts just as you did me.

And those worries two years ago? Today I realize I had nothing to worry about after all. See you around the Post.

Senior Vice-Commander Pablo Araya

As I wrote in last month's column, I was confident that we would hit our membership goal of 100% this year. Well, I'm proud to congratulate all of you who paid your dues in a timely fashion, or recruited a new member, because we not only made goal, but we surpassed it. Thank you! Like everything else about Judd Kendall, the work is easy when everyone pitches in. Which begs the question each of us should ask ourselves: "What have I done for the Post lately?" "At last count, we are an organization of 710 members. Imagine what we could accomplish if even one half of our 710 members actively participated in events, programs, meetings or even visited the Post regularly.



As I've written in past columns, our Post exists because of its members, for its members and for those that will someday be members. The recruiting effort never stops, whether we miss, make or surpass membership goals. And our involvement in all things veteran related should never cease, as well. Pitch in, Recruit, Promote...that's the Judd Kendall way!

Mike McGrath - Senior Vice President of the National Home for Children

Become a Life Member of the VFW National Home for Children. You can create a lifetime bond between yourself and the national home's ongoing mission of caring for children and families. There are two types of life memberships; Life Member and Associate Life Member.

Life Member ...

VFW and VFW auxiliary members and organizations are eligible to become Life Members of the VFW National Home for Children. They are eligible to vote for trustees who represent their district and approve any proposed change to by laws and articles of incorporation (note: we are in National Home District 8) Life Members will receive a certificate and wallet card

Associate Life Member ...

Any individual or organization who wishes to support the mission of the National Home can become a member and although not eligible for voting will also get a certificate and wallet card.

Cost...

Currently both Life Memberships and Associate Life Memberships are \$ 35.00 or \$ 40.00 including the life member pin (a great gift idea).

* Please note ... Memberships will increase on January 1, 2019 to \$ 50.00 including the pin.*

Applications are available at our post. Thank you all for all you do.

THANK YOU

So many people are involved in Post activities in the month of May in both the VFW and the Auxiliary.. Post members gave out awards at the 203 and 204 schools. Post and Auxiliary members helped with the very successful plant sale and helped again with spreading mulch and planting the flower beds and pots around the VFW. Members put flags on the graves of our departed brethren. People distributed poppies. They attended the ceremonies before the parade and then marched or rode in the parade. People visited nursing and retirement homes and went to Hines Hospital. It is wonderful to see such involvement. Your presence truly makes a difference.

And if you weren't involved this year, we welcome your involvement in the months and years ahead at all our ceremonies and projects. Come out and join it!



Veteran of the Month

Name: John W. Kunsch
Rank: 1st Lt
Branch of Service: U.S. Army
Current Age: 77
Total Years Served: 4 years
Served from: 1963-1966

Places Served: Basic training at Fort Knox, advanced infantry training at Fort Dix, and then officer training school at Ft. Benning. In Vietnam I was a combat platoon leader with the “Big Red One” of the First Infantry Division. I was honorably discharged as a 1st Lt. and received a Bronze Star Medal with V device for Valor.



Fondest Memory while Serving: Participating with my Platoon, Company B, 2/16 in a three day mission on a combat operation with the Vietnamese Officer Candidates. On this field exercise in Viet Cong territory we provided security for a small group of Army Advisors of the US Special Forces who were training these Vietnamese Officer Candidates.



Quote: If you are going to be one, be a Big Red One!



New Officers of the Post

Commander: Pablo Araya
Senior Vice Commaner: Brian Byrne
Junior Vice Commander: Jose Jimenez
Adjutant: Jorge Hernandez
Quartermaster: Phil Maughan
Asst Quartermasters: John Shaw and Terry Jelinek
Chaplain: Jim Oftedal
Judge Advocate: Jeff Martinez
Surgeon: Bill Howland

1 Year Trustee: Bob Bronson
2 Year Trustee: Lloyd McKee
3 Year Trustee: Tom Parker
Service Officer: Mike Barbour
3 year House Committee: Ron Beatta
2 year House Committee: Bob Colby
1 year House Committee: Scott Holley

Dates to Remember

May 31- 15 Departments from Hines Hospital will be at Building 421 in the DuPage County Complex for Hines Hospital Day hosted by the Dupage County Veterans Assistance Commission.

June 2 - Visit the Vets at Monarch Landing, 10 AM

June 5 - Hines Community Outreach at the Post 9:30-2 PM

June 6 - Free Yoga for Vets 9:30 AM

June 7 - American Legion Meeting 7 PM

June 7 - First Municipal Band Concert, 7:30 PM *Another Opening, Another Show*

June 9 - Visit with the Vets at Brookdale

June 9 - **Post Pig Roast 4:30 PM**

June 10- Life Member Breakfast 9 AM

June 12 - Visit to Hines Hospital 6:15 PM

June 13 - Free Yoga for Vets 9:30 AM

June 14 - Army Birthday

June 14 - Flag Day - You fought for it; Fly it proudly!

June 14 - VFW Meeting 7 PM

June 14 - Municipal Band Concert 7:30 PM *Family Night*

June 15 and 16 - State Convention in Springfield

June 16 - Visit the Vets at Independence Village

June 17- Father's Day

June 20 - Free Yoga For Vets

June 21 - Auxiliary Meeting 7 PM

June 21 - Municipal Band Concert 7:30 PM *In the Good Ol' Summer Time*

June 23 - Visit the Vets at Harbor Chase 10 AM

June 27 - Free Yoga for Vets 9:30 AM

June 28 - Municipal Band Concert 7:30 PM *Patriotic Salute and 1812 Overture*

**Auxiliary Member of the Month for June**

As the Auxiliary's fiscal year comes to a close it seems only fitting to honor the person who has led us through the past two years of service to the VFW and our veteran community. Our President, **Kathy Thornton** has managed to juggle home, family (and it's a really big family) full and part time jobs and Auxiliary responsibilities in such a way as to grow our membership to over 200 members She has created and organized fundraisers for numerous causes, suggested new ideas and put forth constant effort to see that things get done. She will now step away from the podium and assume another role as Treasurer. We are grateful to Kathy for all she has done as President and know she will continue to serve the Auxiliary and the Post as best she can. Thank you, Kathy.

Auxiliary Report by Kathy Thornton

THANK YOU to all members of the Auxiliary and Post who helped out over the Memorial Day weekend. Thank you to those who distributed poppies, decorated the graves of our deceased Post and Auxiliary members at SSPP and Naperville cemeteries, walked or rode in the parade, and/or helped out at the Post luncheon. Your support of our mission to our veterans and their families is so appreciated. Ours is a debt that can never be repaid to our veterans for all they have given and continue to give.

The 2nd Tuesday of every month (except July and August), members of the Post and Auxiliary, along with friends, ride a bus into Hines to play Bingo and visit with the veterans in the spinal cord unit. Lately, some young men and women have been joining us, students courtesy of Naperville Central High School and Naperville North High School. They are a welcome addition to our group. When asked why they come, one student remarked "It was incredibly rewarding to give back to these veterans, as we know they have sacrificed more than we could ever repay". Well said, my new friend well said! Thanks to all who come out and play monthly. Consider joining us for Bingo; you too will walk away with a sense of accomplishment and gratitude.



New Auxiliary Officers for 2018-19

President: Kathy McNally
Senior Vice President: Kristen Jungles
Junior Vice President: Lucy Hoy
Treasurer: Kathy Thornton
Chaplain: Bernadette Bundy
Guard: Magaret Linnert
Conductress: Bertha Novacyk
1st Trustee: Mary Ann Groner
2nd trustee: Sheila Freund
3rd Trustee: Brenda Hassler

Standdown

There will be a summer standdown at the General Jones armory in Chicago on June 8. Plans for the Post have not been finalized but some members of our Post will be going on Friday to serve. If you want to help or for further information contact Quartermaster Phil Maughan.

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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Ass't Quartermaster	Terry Jelinek	357-5366
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Judge Advocate	Jeff Martinez	205-9364
Surgeon	Bill Howland	369-0087
Service Officer	Mike Barbour	240-1645
Officer of the Day	Lou Kuelczo	898-8760
Guard	Tom Scott	815-577-7748
Chaplain	Mark Anderson	815-806-5590

Trustees

1 year	Llyod McKee	922-8804
2 year	Bob Bronson	978-2143
3 year	Ron Beata	717-9007

Committee

Americanism		
Blood Drive	Nina Petru	871-9596
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Color Guard	Jim Sarns	234-6292
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Grounds	Phil Maughan	357-3440
Honor Guard	Jim Oftedal	357-4030
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