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**Together Then, Together Again  
with Commander Charlie Vladika**



This month is one of our most involved for the Post and our members. We celebrate Veterans Day honoring all past and present veterans of our nation. There are several activities going on throughout the day. We need volunteers for the school flag raising ceremonies. All District 203 schools will have ceremonies to honor our veterans. Please participate. Also, don't forget our Veterans Day Memorial Service at Veterans Park on Gartner Road by the River. The ceremony starts promptly at 11 am. Wear your cover. We will also be serving our traditional Veterans Day joint dinner along with the American Legion. Check Kendall-Gram articles to see how you can participate in all these activities

Come to our November Members meeting. We would like to see more of our members drop in. Hear first hand how involved our Post is with Veterans and community programs. Again, we are always looking for members to help out with any of our Committees. Try one and see how easy it is to give some time and what the results can bring to you and your Post.

Don't forget the blood drive on November 15!

November 22<sup>nd</sup> is Our Post's Turkey Raffle. Come early and give an hour or two of your time selling chances. This is one of our Post's major fund raisers. Invite a friend or two. The evening is open to the public and the auxiliary will be selling food. There will be special raffles and as always, lots of chances to win a turkey or two for you holiday feast.

A special thank you goes out to the Cress Creek Garden Club members who came to Kendall Hall for a day and sewed 500 Christmas stockings for our troops. Operation Care Package will be filling the stockings and mailing them off to the troops. Way to go, ladies!



Congratulations to past Post Commander Phil Maughan who was appointed a member of the National VFW Programs Committee. Phil already serves as the State Voice Of Democracy chairman, as well as Assistant Quartermaster at our Post.

Here's wishing every Member and their family's the happiest of Holidays. Please keep Our Troops and their families in your Thanksgiving Prayers.

## A ‘Scoche’ more from the Signal Corp by Senior Vice Scott Holley



As Senior Vice Commander my goal is to make sure we continue the mission of the VFW which is: *“To Honor the Dead by helping the Living”*. With the efforts of our dedicated members at Judd Kendall VFW Post 3873 I know we consistently deliver on this promise and for that I thank you.

Membership is going very well for Judd Kendall Post 3873. We are hoping to be 100% by Veterans Day. This would be a great accomplishment for Judd Kendall with the spirit of *“Veterans helping Veterans”* reverberating throughout the Post. I know Judd would be proud. Please continue spreading the word about our Post and our effort to help veterans.

Congratulations to **David R. Vance** who is the winner of the Life Membership drawing at the October Post meeting. For those who did not win, but submitted their annual dues in time for the October drawing....fear not...you are still in for the drawing at the December post meeting. For those members who have not sent theirs in yet, you have until December 1<sup>st</sup> to be eligible for that drawing, so get it in before the holiday spending season starts!

For you newer members, please get involved with our wonderful Post and give what you can....it can be a very fulfilling, rewarding and fun experience! Veteran’s Day in the schools, Turkey Raffle, Visits to Hines Hospitals, Post Christmas Party, to name just a few. There are various other ceremonies throughout the year that are quite an honor to participate in as well. Please ask one of the Officers or chairman of the committees listed in this Kendall-Gram for additional information. You can always see what’s coming up by checking out the Kendall-Gram or by visiting the website at [www.napervfw.org](http://www.napervfw.org). If you are not getting the email communications from Mike Barbour, please provide him with your email by sending him one at: [mbarbour@wowway.com](mailto:mbarbour@wowway.com)

## Aiming High

### Junior Vice Commander John Coby



I’d like to let everyone know that the Turkey Raffle is coming up on November 22. I’m sure this year will be as much fun as years in past! If you have time and can volunteer we’d love to have you in the ranks.

“Hoorah” to the Marine Corps and their Birthday on November 10<sup>th</sup>.

November 11<sup>th</sup> is the American Legion/VFW Dinner. Cocktails start at 5 and the dinner at 6. Please call either Ken Garhan or Terry Jelnick at the Post for advance registration. There will also be a sign up sheet in the canteen.

Another important event at the Post is the Blood Drive on November 15<sup>th</sup> between 8-2. Nina assures me it won’t hurt a bit.

### Dates to Remember

November 4 - Visit to Hines Hospital, 6:30 PM  
 November 10<sup>th</sup> – Marine Corp Birthday and Ball  
 November 11 - Visit to all 203 Schools  
 November 11 - Veterans Day Ceremonies  
 at Veteran Park, 11AM

November 11<sup>th</sup>- American Legion/VFW Dinner, 6 PM  
 November 13<sup>th</sup> – VFW Meeting, 7 PM  
 November 15<sup>th</sup> – Blood Drive 8-2  
 November 17, 18,19, Shop and Share Days  
 (see coupon on page 5)  
 November 20<sup>th</sup> – Auxillary Meeting, 7 PM

November 22<sup>nd</sup> – Turkey Raffle, 6 PM  
 November 30<sup>th</sup> – Decorate the Post for Christmas  
 December 6<sup>th</sup> – Army-Navy Game  
 December 9<sup>th</sup> Hines Hospital Visit  
 December 11<sup>th</sup> – VFW Meeting  
 December 13<sup>th</sup> – Post Christmas Party  
 December 14<sup>th</sup> – Children’s Christmas Party  
 December 18<sup>th</sup> – Auxillary Meeting  
 December 21<sup>st</sup> – Life Members Breakfast

**Dates of Interest**

November 1<sup>st</sup> 1950 – Northernmost US action of Korean War  
November 2 - Daylight Savings Ends  
November 3<sup>rd</sup> – 1967 – Battle of Dak Begins  
November 8<sup>th</sup> 1950 – First all Jet combat in History  
November 10<sup>th</sup> US Marine Corps Established  
November 11<sup>th</sup> – 1918 – Signing of WWI Armistice  
November 27<sup>th</sup> - Thanksgiving day  
November 27<sup>th</sup> – 1950 – Battle of Chosin Reservoir Began

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**Veteran's Day 2009**

This year we will once again go to all of the schools in District #203 and assist them in their annual Veteran's Day programs. This year, however, we will actually do it on Veteran's Day. Yes this year, Tuesday, November 11<sup>th</sup> will start off at the district #203 Administration building where we will be treated to a very nice Continental breakfast and a short program. Everyone should plan to arrive by 6:45 am so you can get your coffee, juice etc. before the program begins promptly at 7am.

The program will be wrapped up so that everyone can leave for their respective schools at 8am. All of the schools have been instructed that all Veteran's attending the programs need to leave by 10:30 so that they can make it back to Veteran's Park for our 11am program.

Since we will be having a breakfast in the morning and our traditional Veteran's Day dinner that evening we will not be having lunch this year. The dinner will begin with cocktails at 6 pm followed at 7 pm with dinner. We will have a turkey dinner with all of the trimmings. The cost of the dinner is \$12.00 per person and reservations can be made through Terry Jelinek (630-357-5366) or Ken Garhan (630-355-2493).

We will be calling to confirm participation at the various schools in the next week or so. If you have never participated and would like to this year please call Terry Jelinek as soon as possible so that we can assign you to a school.

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**Premier Boys State and Illini Girls State**

Premier Boys State will be held from June 6 – 12, 2009 and Illini Girls State will be held from June 14 – 20, 2009 at Eastern Illinois University in Charlestown, Illinois.

Boys and Girls State is a seven-day hands-on experience in the operation and fundamentals of government. The Program brings together the best and brightest high school students – during the summer before their senior year – to help lead them down the path of individual success and leadership through doing, not just learning.

This is a wonderful experience for all who attend. If you know of someone who is completing their junior year of high school please let them know about this program. They can find out more by going to [www.illinoisboysstate.org](http://www.illinoisboysstate.org) and [www.eiu.edu/~girlstate/](http://www.eiu.edu/~girlstate/) respectively or have them contact Terry Jelinek at 630-357-5366 for more information. Naperville American Legion Post #43 will cover enrollment and transportation costs.

## Please Give your Gift of Life Nina Petru, Blood Drive Chairperson

There are 4.5 million American lives saved each year by blood transfusions. Ninety percent of the population will need donated blood in their lifetime. Yet fewer than three percent of eligible donors regularly give the gift of life. Blood is the only gift one human being can give to another that cannot be manufactured, and currently, there is no substitute. There is no upper age limit to donate, and most medications are accepted



The fall Post Drive will be held on Saturday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, from 0800 – 1400. You can call 847.803.7943 to schedule your donation appointment, or just walk in. There will be a pancake breakfast as well as turkey raffles every half hour for anyone that donates. See you there, and bring a friend!

## Auxiliary Report by Kathy McNally

Does this time of year make you yearn for the holidays and the visits we'll get from children and grandchildren? It does me, too. Although holidays are hectic, it's usually our job to maintain order, cook delicious meals, keep the house and clean towels going! If you were ever exposed to Mary Kay Ash, of Mary Kay Cosmetics, you know her company mission is "God first, family second, career third." I'd like to update her motto to include "God and Country first," and invite you to renew with us our commitment to our God, Country and families. This is a terrific time to become involved in your Post and join hands with your sisters...as our ritual puts it, so that..."our Country will be better that we have existed."

If you have not already done so, please remember to renew your annual membership. Our calendar year begins on July 1st and dues are due now.

Another painless contribution: Jewel Shop 'n Share days. Please clip out the coupon in this Kendall Gram and remember to stock up on your holiday goods at Jewel on November 17-19 with the coupon. Feel free to copy and share the coupons with your friends and neighbors. The Ladies receive a percentage of your total sales - at no cost to you!

One of our biggest fundraisers is coming up - THE ANNUAL TURKEY RAFFLE. Do you have any items we can use for the Ladies' auction? We can use all hands on deck on Saturday, November 22nd. Can you spare an hour that evening to help sell tickets for special raffle items? How about a one hour shift in the kitchen to help dish out Melba's Famous Italian Beef sandwiches to the hungry crowd? That's all we ask — one hour — and then you can put your feet up and enjoy the rest of the evening at the Ladies Aux table! Bring your knitting, we'll have card games, it'll be fun. I PROMISE! A terrific time to renew old friendships with your Sisters and your commitment to our Veterans.

And although you'll receive our No-Bake Bake Sale letter from us soon, we encourage those sisters who are local to bring baked goods to the Turkey Raffle.


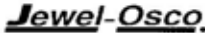
October happenings were fun - were you there? Oktoberfest at the Post was well attended. A good time was had by all! And live music, provided by Herr Keller and his Oopmah Band, is always great! We invited the Veterans from the Blind Unit of Hines Hospital and they thoroughly enjoyed the outing and the German food..

October Movie Night was another rousing success on the back porch "Lodge." With the crisp evening weather finally here, it is a great place to hang out! It was great to see our Journey to Honor WW II veterans well represented, too. Thanks to Terry Jelinek and his committee for hosting these movie events. Watch next year's calendar for more!

December happenings - Turkey Raffle means Christmas can't be far behind! Mark your calendars for The Post Christmas Party, Saturday, December 13th. Our Children's' Christmas Party is on Sunday, December 14th from 2:00 to 4:00 PM. Please call me at (603) 305-8196 and let me know how many children or grandchildren or nieces or nephews will attend so Santa can be sure to have enough gifts for everyone. Our own Ladies Auxiliary brief business meeting and Christmas social is Thursday, December 18th at 7:00pm.

Our next Auxiliary meeting is Thursday, November 15th at 7:00pm. Please call if you need a ride as we have carpools for every event! Hoping to see you soon...

As you gather your dear ones around your holiday table this Thanksgiving, let us all give thanks for the freedoms we enjoy and our ability to contribute to the betterment of our community. Wishing you and yours a Blessed and Happy Thanksgiving!

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**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. To avoid a conflict with our Veterans Day dinner, we will be visiting Hines on November 4th. We hope you will join us then.

**Canteen Hours**

	<b>Open</b>	<b>Close</b>
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	11:00 AM	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 third of the month for next month's publication.

**Kendall-Gram**

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