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KENDALL-GRAM



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Around the Post with Commander Mike McGrath

Hello and Welcome

We welcome our newest Post Members: Dr. Sudip Bose, Derrick Dillard, Bob McGowan, Rich Mikolajczyk, Matt Mason and Matt Madera. We greatly appreciate your service to our country and are very glad to have you with us. In addition, we want to thank everyone who has helped our Post to have just a great year. We are again an ALL STATE Post. Both our membership and community activities should be a great source of pride to everyone. We've got a great core of comrades who always remember our mission of *Veterans helping Veterans*.

No Fishing

Yes we put away our fishing poles and it looks like the talapia and cod will be safe for another year. But WOW the Friday Night Fish Frys were a great success for our Post again this year. Our sincere thanks to everyone who pitched in and worked so hard to make them so enjoyable. Thank you especially to the House Committee, to Belgio's and to everyone who helped clean tables. Believe me, we couldn't do it without you.

Our thanks also goes out to everyone who helped out and made the guys from the Blind Unit at Hines Hospital feel welcome on their visit. We had some very high class volunteers who made the guys feel right at home and I think they'll look forward to coming again next year. Thanks again to everyone for doing such a great job.

Thank you also to everyone who helped out at our 19th Annual Ham Raffle. It was well enjoyed and the hams and prime ribs as well as all the other "goodies" were outstanding. Thank you especially to Kathy McNally and all the GREAT GALS from our ladies Auxilliary for all their hard work. You gals made everything special!

Elections

Our annual election of officers was held at our April meeting and we want to personally thank you all for your support and friendship. We look forward to another great year ahead and the list of officers are posted in this month's Kendall-Gram. PLEASE NOTE that our Installation Dinner will be held on May 19 and believe me the dinner will be special, so don't miss it. The cost is \$10 per person and the coctail hour begins at 5:30 PM.

Comrades, as you know, May will be a busy month for our Post. In addition to our normal activities, we will be doing Post Grounds Spring Cleanup, selling Buddy Poppies, decorating graves, building our parade float, attending the Memorial Day Parade and observance and lunch and festivities afterward. Please make plans to attend and be involved. Help out as needed. Be sure to check the Kendall-Gram for the correct dates and times. Be sure to attend the meetings as this is a great opportunity for you to get involved and to meet some great people.

Attention to Orders

Congratulations to newly promoted Air Force Colonel, Warren Ward. I was privileged and delighted to have represented our VFW Post at Col. Ward's promotion ceremony at Argonne on April 3rd. The ceremony was emceed by Retired Maj Gen John Borling, a Viet Nam hero and Prisoner of War. The Ceremony was quite inspiring, the promotion was well deserved, and our congratulations to Colonel Ward and his family.



MG (ret)John Borling and Amanda Ward pin the new rank on Lt. Colonel Warren Ward at his promotion ceremony. Looking on is TSgt Jeremy Lemaire, USAF Recruiter from Downers Grove.

We'd also like to congratulate comrade Bill Howland who recently received an award from the French Government for bravery in World War II. Congratulations Bill and well deserved. Bill was also a POW in WW II. Bill, thank you for your service and thank you for all your help at our Post.

Health and Safety ...To Smoke or Not to Smoke

FYI : For those of you who are interested, there will be a free, Quit Smoking Clinic at Edward Hospital starting on May 2. The program is through the Dupage County Dept of Health. Information is available at the Post. Check it out.

Well G.I. looks like that's it for now but wait.... you're asking how you can help? ... Well I'm so glad you asked. Just come over... come to the meetings and for goodness sake help your buddies. .. Volunteer to sell Poppies... You'll meet some great people and have a great time.

And speaking of great, our thanks to Jeff Close for doing a great job on the M1 rifles. Jeff, they're looking good and we appreciate your efforts.

Together Then, Together Again **Senior Vice Commander Chuck Vladika**

Our membership keeps on increasing two, three at a time. We are also continuing to sign up and pay the dues of our active duty members. Check with me or our Quartermaster for specifics. As you can tell, these past months have been very busy for our Post. The Fish Frys turnouts were very good this year, and our annual Ham Raffle was also very successful..

Congratulations to our newly elected Post Officers. Inquire about becoming a participant in one or two of our committees. We are always looking for any member who can give what time they can. It's another way of getting involved in the Post and meeting your members. See the Commander or myself for more information.

We are always looking for help fixing up the physical workings of the Post's building, and the grounds. Be sure to check the calendar for upcoming events. Join us for the Memorial Day Parade, Posting Flags on our fallen comrades graves, or helping out before and after the Parade. Join us in making this years Parade another success. Again, check our Junior Vice's Dates to Remember.

Our 2007-2008 Officers

The following is the newly elected slate of post officers

Commander	Mike McGrath
Sr Vice Commander	Charlie Vladika
Jr Vice Commander	Scott Holley
Quartermaster	Terry Jelinek
Asst Quartermaster	Phil Maughan
Adjutant	Bob Bronson
Judge Advocate	John Shaw
Surgeon	John Dawley
Officer of the Day	Jack Shiffler
Service Officer	Ken Garhan
Guard	Harry Brozynski
Chaplain	Jay Johnson

Trustee 3 year George McKissick

House Committee Mike Rechenmacher



A 'Scoche' more from the Signal Corp by Junior Vice Scott Holley

Another successful year of the Fish Fry's come to an end. Thanks to **Belgio's** for doing a great job with the chow! Also, thanks to the Kitchen Committee for all that you do to make it successful. It's always good to see the families come in and enjoy a night out at the Post. Last, it wouldn't be successful without the volunteers. The work they do makes the event enjoyable, keeping the hall clean, helping to seat people, helping with kids and everything else. This is what drives the word of mouth and keeps them coming back.

The Ham Raffle was also another great event at the post. We went through all the hams and more prime ribs than you can shake a stick at. Thanks again so much for the **Hooters Corporation** and Mandie and Jenny for coming out and helping out with the event. They make it a lot of fun and the crowd really appreciates their enthusiasm. There are so many other people that work very hard and endless hours to make this a success. The Women's Auxiliary, Terry and Sue Jelinek, Jack Shiffler and Lew Breese as the Masters of Ceremony, Julie Breese for helping downstairs (and for putting up with Lew), and so many others. For those who missed the event, you'll have to watch the calendar for the Turkey Raffle this fall and make sure you come down. Congratulations to Rod Scofield on all of his winnings!

We are entering a very busy time of year with the Installation Dinner, Memorial Day activities including Poppy Sales, Grave decorations, and the Parade. All Veterans are urged to march in the parade, whether they are a member of a Veterans' organization or not. I look forward to seeing all of you out supporting the Post and our effort to support veterans!

Over and Out

Gary Sinese and the Lt. Dan Band

Gary Sinese and the Lt. Dan Band will once again be performing in a benefit concert for Operation Support Our Troops on Saturday July 21st at Cantigny. If you want to volunteer to help, contact Bob Bohr at gbbobby@aol.com or 630-841-9147. Tickets are available on OSOTIL.com website after May 3rd.

Memorial Day Schedule

- 7:30 - Meet at City Hall - buses will be available to take Veterans to the various ceremonies
- 8:00 – Flag raising and service at 9/11-Cmdr. Dan Shanower Memorial – (taps & volley)
- 8:30 – Service at Veterans Park (Gartner Rd.) – (taps & volley)
- 8:50 – Service at Burlington Park Doughboy Monument – (taps & volley)
- 9:15 – Service at St. Peter & Paul Cemetery (taps & volley)
- 10:00 – Service at GAR Monument in Naperville Cemetery – (taps & volley)
- 10:30 – Advance section of parade steps off from Jackson and Ewing
- 10:40 – Service at plaza, corner of Webster & Jackson
Main Parade steps off from Jackson & West St., East to Washington, North to Jefferson, East to Brainard, North to Van Buren, West to Court Place, North to Benton, East to St. Peter & Paul parking lot.
- 12:15 – Program at Community Concert Center
Selections by Naperville Municipal Band
Invocation – Star Spangled Banner
Municipal Band – Medley of Service Songs
Service at Blackhawk Monument – prayer, volley, taps & Star Spangled Banner
Municipal Band – Patriotic Medley
- 12:45 – 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!!

Busses will take veteran's and Military units back to City Hall for their vehicles or directly back to Judd Kendall VFW Post 3873 where lunch and refreshments will be provided for participants and their families.

Grave Decoration

Grave decoration will be on Friday, May 25th, for St. Peter and Paul cemetery and on Saturday at 0900 for Naper Cemetery. For the Ladies Auxiliary, it will be Friday, May 25th, after school. They will meet at the VFW.

Important Notice

DUE TO THE PARADE, THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NO PARKING ALLOWED IN THE VFW PARKING LOT ON THE MORNING OF MAY 28TH. YOU WILL BE TOWED!!! PLEASE PARK AT CITY HALL OR THE CONCERT CENTER. REMEMBER THAT THE CANTEEN DOES NOT OPEN UNTIL THE COLORS ARE RETURNED TO THE POST!

Poppy Sales

Poppies will be distributed at the train stations on Wednesday, May 23rd. Poppies will be distributed in the city of Naperville from May 24th - 27th. Have you volunteered yet? We honor the dead by helping the living and Poppies do just that. Isn't it time you volunteered an hour or two to help the disabled veterans?

Memorial Day Note

Anyone needing a ride for the Memorial Day parade should contact Terry Jelinek at 357-5366 or Jack Shiffler at 357-4615. The cars will be at Jackson and Ewing at 0930. If they want to ride the bus or trolley for the morning services, they need to be at City Hall at 0730

In Flanders Fields by Colonel John McCrae



In Flanders Fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses row on row
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up the quarrel with the foe:
To you, from falling hands we throw
the torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep; though poppies grow
In Flanders field



Boy Scout Troop Pancake Breakfast

Boy Scout Troop 111 Pancake Breakfast is Saturday, May 12, 7:00am - 1:00pm (held at Judd Kendall VFW Post 3873)
All you can eat - pancakes, sausage, coffee, milk, juice.

Individual ticket: \$3.00

Family (up to 5): \$10.00

Free raffle ticket to all VFW members!

Our continued thanks for all you do to support our troop. We look forward to seeing the many wonderful men and women of your post. Please contact me, Eva Flewelling, Pancake Breakfast Committee Chairman for any further information.

Dates to Remember

- May 8th – Hines Hospital Visit
- May 8th - Plant Sale Pickup 1-6 PM
- May 10th – Post Meeting, 7 PM
- May 12th - Boy Scout Pancake Breakfast 7 AM- 1 PM
- May 16th - Post Cleanup and Planting with the kids from Kennedy Jr. High, 10 AM
- May 17th – Auxiliary Meeting, 7 PM
- May 19th - Installation Dinner 5:30 PM, cost is \$10 per person
- May 20th - Armed Forces Day
- May 22 - Planting of Veterans Park on Gartner Rd, 9:30 AM.
- May 23 - Poppy Sales at the Train Station
- May 24 - 27 - Poppy Sales in Naperville
- May 26th – Grave Decorations for Memorial Day
- May 28th - Memorial Day Ceremonies, Parade, and luncheon
- June 2nd – Golf Outing, sign up in the Canteen
- June 12th – Hines Hospital visit
- June 14th – Post Meeting
- June 16th - 60th Anniversary Judd Kendall Auxiliary
- June 17th – Life Members Breakfast
- June 22 - 24 - State Convention

Dates of Interest

- May 1st 1970 – Cambodia Campaign Began
- May 5th 1968 – Mini-Tet Began
- May 8th 1945 – V-E Day: German Unconditional Surrender Signed
- May 8th 1972 – US Navy Mined North Vietnamese Ports

BUDDY POPPY NEWS

Well Comrades and Sisters not much more can be said about Buddy Poppies. The sign up sheets are posted in the canteen; the poppies are available for pick up in the card room. Our goal is \$25,000 this year and we can reach that goal with your support. As I have said many times in the past few months the only thing that limits our success is butts on the street. If you can't make it to the post to signup call one of the following comrades or sister for information:



Mike & Jan Barbour	527-0738	Southern Region
Mike and Jan Barbour	527-0738	Central Region
John Baber	420-7594	Northern Region

IF YOU CAN'T FIND 2 HOURS TO GO OUT AND DISTRIBUTE POPPIES WE WILL ALWAYS TAKE A CHECK. MAKE THE CHECK OUT TO:

POST 3873 POPPY RELIEF FUND

A good rule of thumb is that every 2 hours yields \$75 to \$100 in Buddy Poppy Sales.

Auxiliary Report by Kathy McNally

Greetings from New Orleans! In my travels for work I am sometimes fortunate enough to actually enjoy some it. We just returned from a tour of the infamous Ninth Ward of New Orleans, where most of the media typically portrays the state of the Crescent City. It was very sad to see block after block of homes that were moved off their pilings, homes that had caved in due to the force of the water, and concrete steps where homes once stood. It seemed like a war zone.

Seeing this devastation brought to mind what our Veterans have experienced during tours of duty through all our wars - human suffering and devastation that is incomprehensible to those of us fortunate enough to live in safety and comfort. Although government aid has been slow to help the New Orleanians, there are organized groups, such as church groups, youth groups and private corporations, that continue to push forward in bringing the city back to pre-Katrina status. And just as there is government aid for our Veterans through the Veterans' Administration, which also may be slow to come, our little group of Ladies is well suited to aid our Veterans. When you reach out to aid our committees and support our meetings, you are directly helping our Veterans and their families who, like the New Orleanians, need our help.

And with May being such a busy month, there will be plenty of opportunity to give a hand. Our next meeting is Thursday, May 16th at 7:00 PM. Installation of our new officers is Saturday, May 19th at 5:30 PM. And we'll be decorating our Sisters' graves again this year on Friday, May 25th after school. We have a committed group of young people including Girl Scouts and Cub Scouts - but all young people are welcomed! We meet at the Post for our assignments, then rejoin on the back deck afterwards for treats and a special guest speaker. All this leads up to our Parade and Luncheon on Monday, May 28th. If you can't march, you can ride the Ladies Auxiliary trolley! Meet at the Centennial Beach parking lot at 10 AM if you want to ride the trolley. Not to forget — we'll end spring and kick off summer at our 60th Anniversary Charter Dinner on June 16th.

Please consider coming out to a meeting, the Parade or luncheon. Volunteers are a very powerful force that make a difference on all our lives — and especially for our Veterans and their families.

We're off to the New Orleans World War II Museum for the afternoon. Cecil "Scott" B. DeMille is bringing the movie camera along so next time we see you at the Post, he'll be glad to share the pictures!

Plant Sale Report

We sold \$5430 worth of plants this year. The point of the plant sale is not to make a lot of money but to be able to plant the VFW grounds with flowers. And we will be able to do that again this year, thanks to all of you who ordered flowers and plants from the plant sale.

Plant Sale pickup is May 8th, from 1-6 PM. Picking up your plants is your responsibility, so please mark this date on your calendar and remember to come pick up the flowers that were ordered.

We will be planting the VFW on Wednesday, May 16th. The kids from Kennedy Jr. High will be here to do the heavy work. I will need a few volunteer supervisors to help direct the kids' enthusiasm. We will need volunteers for about two hours, from 10:00 till noon. If you can volunteer, please give me a call at 357-3440.

We will also be planting Veterans Park on Gartner Road at 9:30 AM on Tuesday, May 23rd. It takes approximately 1 to 1-1/2 hours to plant the flower beds at the park. All help is greatly appreciated.

Hines Hospital Visits

The Chairman of the Hospital Committee, Mike McGrath, would like to remind everyone that the Post visits the Hines VA Hospital every second Tuesday of the month. We will not be going during the months of July and August but our visits will resume in September. We hope you will join us then.

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	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.

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Chaplain	Jay Johnson	355-5522

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1 year	Mike Rechenmacher	961-1377
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Color Guard	John Scofield	851-6229
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Grounds	Phil Maughan	357-3440
Hall Rental	Barb Crabb	357-0256
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Secretary	Penny Laskey	
Chaplain	Ginny Arbogast	355-5406
Guard	Mildred Bradlee	355-0413
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Join us for all the Memorial Day ceremonies!

Volunteer your time to distribute Poppies!

Sign up for the Spring Golf Outing on June 2nd!
Sign up and details available in the Canteen