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Together Then, Together Again with Commander Charlie Vladika



Feels like our summer has just flown by! Our Post has been busy during these supposedly lazy days of summer. We were very well represented at the annual OSOT. IL Cantigny Concert featuring Gary Senise and his Lt. Dan Band. Our Post's VFW tent was very prominently under the Jumbotron next to the stage. Many concert goers stopped by to say hello. Hines Veterans from the Spinal unit, the Blind Unit and Veterans from North Chicago VA were in attendance again this year. About 50 Veterans with attendants came to the concert in special busses. Thanks to Mike McGrath, John Shaw and their helpers. One special Blind Veteran was asked to come on stage for the presentation of the colors, pledge of Allegiance, singing of the National Anthem, and the playing of Taps. Wow, very well done. The color guard was all female soldiers this year. That reminded people that women as well as men are guarding America today.

I had a chance to talk to the blind Veteran before he went forward with the color guard, He was in Afghanistan when his vehicle was hit by an I.E.D. just seven weeks earlier to his admittance to Hines. Makes us all stop and remember that our soldiers are constantly in harms way. The blind soldier's only concern was for his buddies. Sure makes our daily troubles seem small. Let's always keep them in our prayers!

Check our Junior Vice Commander's article for information concerning our Post's Sept. 13th Picnic. There is word that we will have a special surprise entertainment at the picnic. Everyone is invited to attend. See you there.

Also mark your calendar for Sept. 7th, 10:30 am at the Post. We will be hosting the group from *Armed and Ready*. Representative from the Veterans Administration and other groups will be providing information concerning Veterans benefits with emphasis on Health, Education, monetary, and other sources that Veterans, past or currently serving need to know. Get the word out to families of Veterans that you know that this is also very important to them.

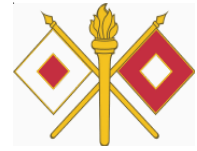
Don't forget our paid Life Membership drawing for those continuous dues paying members who have their dues paid by October 1st, 2008. Another drawing will be held for a paid Life Membership December 1st.

Let's get involved comrades; we have committees that need filling. This does not require more than a couple of hours per month. The committees are listed in the Kendall-Gram. Find something that interests you; call the chairman and volunteer your services. What you put into the volunteerism is nothing compared to what you gain from the experience.

September 11th Ceremony

We will again hold the "September 11th Ceremony in remembrance of those lives lost in the attack on our Country on 9-11-2001. This year, the Exchange Club of Naperville will be handling this event and, as in the past, the VFW and American Legion will provide the Color Guard. This year's theme is *Preparedness*, and Police Chief (and Post member) Dave Dial will be the guest speaker. The Ceremony itself is scheduled for Thursday, September 11th starting at 6:30pm at the Dan Shanower/September 11th Memorial along the Riverwalk. Please mark your calendar as we look forward to a large contingent of Veterans to be there. If there is inclement weather we will hold the Ceremony in the City Council Chambers as we have done in the past.

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”*. Please come down to enjoy our wonderful Post at one of our many events. Also, consider signing up as a Life Member and start coming down to the Life Member breakfasts. You can always see what’s coming up by checking out the Kendall-Gram or by visiting the website at www.napervfw.org.

Time to renew your VFW membership! The annual dues are \$35 to extend your support and membership through the next year. For those members who pay annually, this is a great year to get your dues paid early!!! The Post has put together a great opportunity for you. We are going to have 2 raffles in which the Post will pay the winner’s Life Membership. To be eligible, your \$35 annual membership dues must be received by October 1st, 2008. The first winner will be announced at the October meeting which is October 9th. You will also be eligible for the second drawing at the Post meeting on December 12th. If you miss the October 1st deadline, you can still be eligible for the second drawing by sending your annual payment in by December 1st.

Aiming High by Junior Vice John Colby

I’d like to remind everyone that the Post Picnic is the 13th of September from 2-6. Please bring a side dish and be ready to have a great time! Everyone is invited to attend.



Happy Birthday to our Air Force Veterans who celebrate their service’s birthday on September 18th.

Please note that the September VFW meeting has a delayed time of 8 pm, due to the 9/11 Memorial Service. And note that the VFW organization will be 109 years old on September 29th. That’s 109 years of Veterans Serving Veterans!

Oktoberfest is coming soon, more on that later.

Dates to Remember

September 1st - Labor Day
 September 7th Armed and Ready – 10:30 am
 September 9, Hines Hospital Visit, 6:30 PM
 September 11th 9/11 Ceremony 6:30 pm
September 11th VFW Meeting Delayed to 8 pm
 September 13th Post Picnic 2-6 pm
 September 18th Auxillary Meeting
 September 18th - Air Force Birthday
 October 1st - payment deadline for first raffle
 October 9th – VFW Meeting
 October 12th Navy League Dinner 4-8
 October 14th – Hines Visit
 October 16th – Auxillary Meeting
 October 19th Life Members Breakfast 9:30 am
 October 19th Oktoberfest 4-8 pm
 October 27th thru 29th – Auxillary Shop and Share
 October 31 – Halloween Movie Night

Dates of Interest

September 1st 1952 – Largest All-Navy Raid
 September 2nd 1945 – V-J Day : Japan signed Formal Surrender
 September 11th 1967 – Siege of Con Thien Began
 September 11th 2001 – Attack on NY and Pentagon
 September 13th 1951 – Battle of Heartbreak Ridge Began
 September 14th 2002 – Operation Enduring Freedom Begins
 September 14th – Francis Scott Key Writes “Star Spangled Banner”
 September 14th 1966 – Operation Attleboro Began
 September 15th – 1950 – Inchon Landing
 September 16th 1950 Naktong Perimeter Breakout Began
 September 17th 1787 – US Constitution Approved
 September 17th 1914 – VFW Ladies Auxillary Organized
 September 18th 1947 US Air Force Established
 September 18th 1950 Inchon Operation and Liberation of Seoul Began
September 29th – VFW Established, 1899

Armed and Ready Poster goes on this page

Auxiliary President Kathy McNally

Those lazy, hazy days of summer are now waning...and with hopefully cooler days ahead, we look to fall activities around the Post. Remember how it felt on the first day of school in your stiff new shoes with your slate-clean notebook primer, resolved to get a good start on the year? Relive those days and get a good start here at the Post!

On Thursday, September 11th, the Post - directed by the Exchange Club -and along with the American Legion and the Naperville Police and Fire Departments - will conduct a special remembrance ceremony at 6:30 PM at the Commander Dan Shanower Memorial, between City Hall and the Riverwalk. We must never forget...

Our Post Picnic will be held on Saturday, September 13th. Ladies, will you bring a dish to share? Our internationally acclaimed chef, Scott Holley, will be the main man on the grill. Please join us!

Hines Hospital visits will begin again this month - always the second Tuesday of the month. Do you knit or crochet? We are always looking for lap robes for our patients. Why not join us for a visit to some very special Veterans this fall? We are also forming a sewing circle to help Operation Support Our Troops Illinois to provide pajama bottoms to troops who are hospitalized overseas. See the following patterns on line:


- Free Pant Pattern: <http://www.mediatinker.com/blog/archives/008262.html>
- Simplicity Pattern: <http://www.ecrater.com/product.php?pid=842127>
- McCall's Pattern: <http://www.ecrater.com/product.php?pid=377040>

Material which can be used would be a solid navy blue or black or prints that are appropriate for a man/woman to wear. This is an ongoing project. If you sew, won't you help us?

The auxiliary would like to extend our sympathy to a former Auxiliary officer, Dorothy Kulir, on the passing of her husband Joe. Joe was not able to be active in the last couple of years due to poor health, but he and Dorothy were regulars around the Post for many years. We are sorry to lose him.

We came home from the June convention this year with many awards and accolades. Come to the next meeting to see our awards and to help us to "give away" more money. We allocated more than \$2,000 in August. Wouldn't you like to have a say in where that money goes? Our meetings for the remainder of the year (always the third Thursday at 7:00 PM at the Post): September 18th, October 16th, November 20th, December 18th (our annual pot luck and white elephant exchange). New school shoes and primer not needed! Come as you are...and see you around the Post soon.

Don't forget our Shop and Share days for October.. Just clip the coupon and take it shopping with you. Thanks

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GROUP NUMBER	STORE NUMBER				DOLLARS		CENTS	
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<p>PLEASE SIGN THIS SLIP AND TURN IT IN TO YOUR CHECKER WHEN YOU SHOP. PARTICIPANTS CAN MAKE PURCHASES AT ANY JEWEL-OSCO ON THE DATE ABOVE. IDENTIFICATION SLIPS ARE NOT TO BE DISTRIBUTED IN FRONT OF ANY JEWEL-OSCO.</p>								
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Taps

We would like to extend our sympathy to the family and friends of Joe Kulir, who passed away this month. His contributions to his country and to the Post will be missed.

We would also like to extend our sympathy to the families of the two Naperville soldiers killed in action this past month. Lance Corporal tony Mihalo, the son of Debbie Wolfe, and a 2004 graduate of Naperville North was killed by an IED in Afghanistan on August 14th, 2008. Army Corporal James M. Hale attended Naperville Central High School. He was killed by an IED in Baghdad, Iraq on August 13, 2008. Please keep both families in your prayers.

Alzheimer’s Memory Walk

The Alzheimer Association’s Memory Walk is taking place on September 28th. Walk with su to raise awareness and funds for research programs and services for Illinois residents affected by Alzheimer’s disease

Sunday, September 28th
Naperville Riverwalk Grand Pavilion
Check in: 8 AM
Walk begins at 9 AM and ends at noon
5 K (3.1 miles)
No Registration Fee to Walk

For more information check the following website: www.NapervilleMemoryWalk.kintera.org/2008

EXPERIENCE UIC!

IF YOU HAVEN'T VISITED
UIC RECENTLY—YOU DON'T
KNOW WHAT YOU'RE MISSING!









Visit UIC on Sept 6 – and bring the family!

For a very special day of fun, free entertainment and thought-provoking discussions

- Participate in discussions with UIC experts on health, finance, green living and politics
- Picnic on the lawn
- Visit a replica of the Vietnam War Memorial
- Enjoy outdoor music and dance classes
- Take architectural tours of the campus
- Plus, there will be games and sports clinics for the kids

Visit www.uic.edu to register.

Pre-registration is strongly encouraged for discounted lunch and parking.

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- 1:00** • Planning for Bicyclists in Chicagoland
• Living with Asthma in Chicago
• Frontiers of Cancer Research
• Keeping Lake Michigan Clean and Free
- 2:00** • How to Remain Valuable during a Recession
• Heroes & Heartbreaks—providing relief to victims around the world
- 2:30** • Preventing Cancer and Depression
• Vietnam: Then and Now
- 3:00** • UIC’s Innovative Violence Reduction Program
• If Exercise is “Good Medicine” Why is it so hard to take?
• Retired, Now What?
- 4:00** • Medication Safety—Dangers in Your Medicine Cabinet
• How to Network at Every Stage of Your Career
• Politics: What’s up Now?

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 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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