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# KENDALL-GRAM



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



Merry Christmas and a better New Year to ALL our Post and Auxiliary Members. Please continue to keep our Military in your thoughts and prayers. You may remember how your holiday thoughts carried you back home to family and friends. It is always stressful whether you were in combat or serving somewhere overseas or just stationed stateside. Everyone wants to be with their families on these holidays.

A rousing THANKS to all our members. We are now at 100% paid membership. We were the first Post to achieve this in our District and third in the State. Our membership is over 700 strong. We are still seeking new members, especially, activated and returning Iraq/Afghanistan Veterans. Keep passing the word. A special pat on the back goes out to our Senior Vice Commander, Scott Holley and Quartermaster Terry Jelinek for the time incurred processing the membership applications.

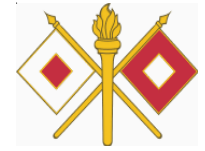
Our Post continues to make a difference in the community. We participated in Veterans Day flag raising's, and trips to the schools to take part in a Living History panel. The latter always makes a lasting impression on the students and those participating. We were there for the dedication of the Riverwalk Veterans Memorial, and for trips to Hines to visit hospitalized Veterans. We sponsor youth sports, scouts. Etc. Etc. Your membership DOES have an impact in our community. Let's continue the great work!

Members of our girl's softball team help out by raking leaves at the VFW.



All the above compliments our Post's hard work. None these programs happen on their own. You know it takes a lot our members' time and pride to make these programs a success. AGAIN, I ask our members to glance through the list of our Post's Committees and think about giving an hour or two of your busy schedule to work on one of them. Call the listed Committee Chairmen and review what is involved. You can and do make the continued success of OUR POST carry forward. We answered the call to duty for our Country, we now are asking that you give again to your fellow Veterans and community. It all falls under the tag line I use at the top of my column.. "Together Then, Together Again".

## 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 effort and for that I thank you.

I am very excited to announce in this months Kendall Gram that we did it! We are 100% for membership. It’s an awesome feeling to achieve this before Veterans Day. We are a very active and proud Post that reaches out to the community every chance we get. People out there know how we help Veteran’s and want to be a part of this great organization. This is a credit to all of you who make this possible. We have over 700 members who all contribute to this success. For those members who might not be so active, I would ask that you come out and participate in one of the many things we do at the Post. One of the more rewarding things is the Hines Hospital visits. We go on a monthly basis on the second Tuesday of each month (Except July and August). It won’t take up much of your time, there are plenty of drivers to get you there and back and a fun and rewarding time is had by all. Most importantly, we are able to bring a little fun and spirit to our fellow Veterans who are hospitalized. If you have any questions regarding the Hines Hospital visits, please call John Shaw at (630) 961-3479.

Please see Junior Vice John Coby’s article for all of the great upcoming events. I want to see a great turnout for the Army–Navy game. (GO Army!!) I just love the little bottles of beer in the ice bucket so I can walk around without the beer getting warm. And the raffles with the Army & Navy stuff make it a lot of fun as well. Also, please make sure and sign-up for the Post Christmas Party which is always a very nice event. As always, I will put together a slide show with lots of pictures from events throughout the year.

**David R. Vance** was our winner in the October raffle for the Life Membership, and we will find out who the winner is for the December raffle at the Post meeting. Please see the January Kendall Gram to see who the lucky one is....it could be you!

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)

Over and Out

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## Aiming High Junior Vice Commander John Coby



**Army/Navy Game** – Be sure to come down to the Post for the Army/Navy game on December 6th. What better way to enjoy the game than to root for your team among comrades. I may be Air Force now but I’ll never forget my Navy roots! (Go Navy!)

**Post Christmas Party** – December 13<sup>th</sup> at 6 is the Post Party. Cost is five dollars a person and the Post will provide the food.

**Thank you** - To all who helped with the Turkey Raffle. What a fun way to help the Post with its largest fund raising event. I’d also like to add that everyone had fun at the Post Halloween events. There were some scary and very original costumes worn at the party. I’m still having nightmares over Jack’s costume!

## Dates to Remember

December 6<sup>th</sup> – Army-Navy Game  
 December 9<sup>th</sup> – Hines Hspital Visit, 6:30 PM  
 December 11<sup>th</sup> – VFW Meeting, 7 PM  
 December 13<sup>th</sup> Post Christmas Party 6 PM  
 December 14<sup>th</sup> – Children’s Christmas Party, 2-4 PM  
 December 18<sup>th</sup> – Ladies Auxiliary Meeting, 7 PM  
 December 21<sup>st</sup> – Life Members Breakfast, 9 AM  
 December 22 - First Day of Hannukah  
 December 25 - Merry Christmas!  
 January 1st, Happy New Year 2009!  
 January 8<sup>th</sup> – VFW Meeting, 7 PM  
 January 13<sup>th</sup> – Hines Hospital Visit, 6:30 PM  
 January 15<sup>th</sup> – Ladies Auxiliary Meeting, 7 PM  
 Upcoming: Superbowl Party!

## Dates of Interest

December 7<sup>th</sup> 1941 – Pearl Harbor Attacked  
 December 10<sup>th</sup> 1950 – Wonsan-Hungnam Campaign Ended  
 December 16<sup>th</sup> – 1944 – Battle of the Bulge Began  
 December 24<sup>th</sup> 1964 – USAF Began Strike on Laos  
 December 31<sup>st</sup> 1946 – Official End of WWII

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## Auxiliary Report by Kathy McNally

With a terrific Veterans Day and the great Turkey Raffle behind us, of course it can only mean Christmas is right around the corner! Will you be gathering with family and friends over the next few weeks? Will you have plenty of good food and warm company? We are all caught up in this very busy time of year, but will you also pause to think about what you can do to help our Veterans and Soldiers during this festive season? Perhaps you can purchase a few extra grocery items for the Support Our Troops mailings, or join us on the December Hines Hospital visit. Remember why you joined the Auxiliary, and also remember that our mission to our Veterans and Soldiers doesn't take a break for the holidays.

One of the festive occasions you should have on your calendar is the VFW Christmas Cocktail Party on Saturday, December 13th. As in past years, it promises to be a warm evening of conviviality, no matter what the weather! Please join us for Christmas cheer.

Santa has promised to pay a visit to all good boys and girls of the Post and Auxiliary on Sunday, December 14th. Again we have young ones in our midst, so the Ladies will host a Children's Christmas Party from 2:00 to 4:00 PM. Barbara McKissick has kindly agreed to manage the arrangements. Call me at (630) 305-8196 to let us know how many boys and how many girls you'll bring to the party so that Barb and her elves will be ready.

In looking back at our November, we must give grateful thanks to the Sisters who worked so hard to help in the kitchen on Veterans Day, and to our Sisters who solicited donations, worked on the floor and in the kitchen during the Turkey Raffle. We'll soon be discussing where our donations will be spent, and wouldn't you like to be a part of that discussion? Why not make it your New Year's resolution to attend a few meetings in 2008?

Our December auxiliary meeting on Thursday, December 18th will be an abbreviated business meeting. So come prepared for the White Elephant exchange and bring a small dish to pass if you like. The Auxiliary will provide the main meal.

With all best wishes to our Sisters and families for a truly Blessed Christmas and a healthy and successful New Year.



The Officers and their families of  
Judd Kendall VFW Post 3873 and its Auxiliary  
wish to extend our warmest holiday greetings  
to all of our members.

We cordially invite all members, spouses or guests  
to join us on  
December 13, 2008  
at 6:00 P.M.

For our annual Holiday Cocktail Party.

Proper Attire requested  
Cash Bar (as last year)  
Cost: \$5 per person  
Sign up sheet in Canteen



**Fall Highlights**



The Post Running/Walking team completed its successful season with a 5K Run/Walk at Cantigny on November 3, and a 5k Run at Westchester on November 9. Members of the team include (r-l) Rita Koslo, Phil Maughan, Marcy Maughan, Terry Stone, Pablo Arayo, Fran McGrath and Mike McGrath.

Veterans Day ceremonies at Veterans Park on November 11 included a fine showing of area Veterans.



Veterans Day at Veterans Park.

October Fest at our Post. The blind unit from Hines Hospital came to enjoy the camaraderie, festivities and the food.



**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**

	<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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