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Around the Post with Commander Mike McGrath

First and Foremost

A very huge and most sincere THANK YOU to all of the gals from our Auxiliary who worked so hard and did such a great job, "doing lunch" for over 300 people after our Memorial Day Parade. And we'd especially like to thank Sue Jelinek who did such a great job preparing everything on Monday morning. THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR DEDICATION AND HARD WORK. GREAT JOB and MUCH APPRECIATED! Thank you to Vern Blum and Jack Shiffler and all the guys who helped decorate the graves as well.

The Parade was great... we thank all who participated. We had quite a special group this year which included Veterans from Afghanistan and Iraq as well as Viet Nam, Korea, and WWII. We're honored and fortunate to be a part of such a Great Post in a great supportive community. There's just no better place to be than Naperville USA.

And Wow

Our 2007 Poppy Campaign is going to be our best ever... far surpassing last year. Please check the Poppy report which follows later in the Kendall Gram for the details... and ... Thank you to all who participated and especially to Mike and Jan Barbour for all their hard work as well.... WHAT AN OUTSTANDING ACCOMPLISHMENT!

Our thanks also to Tom Benton and to all the guys who did the Eighth Grade School Awards. Your efforts are much appreciated.

Golf Anyone?

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Post Golf Outing on June 2. We all had a great time. Thanks to Jack and Terry for putting it all together... and WOW...were those steaks ever good. Our Ghost Rider Naval Sea Cadet Squadron was looking good at the awards ceremony on June 2 and we thank Del and Mary for all their hard work.

We thank LTC Jack Amberg for inviting us to The Union League Club breakfast on 6/14 (the 232nd birthday of the US ARMY) to hear the Army Surgeon General speak about improvements being made in Veterans care... we'll be watching with great interest on that subject.

OSOT

DO NOT forget this year's OSOT benefit concert on Saturday 7/21 at Cantigny. There are tickets available in the Canteen. This is a very worthwhile event as it helps raise money to HELPOUR TROOPS OVERSEAS. We hope to see you there.

And Sgt Rock Says

Keep physically fit GI.. for example; walking, jogging biking and stretching can help reduce stress and bring in a sense of well being. Many of our WWII guys exercise every day. How about you?

Safety

Hot weather and mosquitoes... yes it's that time of year... so take appropriate precautions.

Attention AFGHAN and IRAQI Vets

In the coming months our post will begin an initiative to reach out to you and let you know we are interested in helping you. We'd like some feedback as to what's most important to you. Shortly we'd like to establish a Post Iraq and Afghanistan Liaison Officer to work with the younger Vets. Stay tuned and **THANK YOU ENORMOUSLY FOR YOUR SERVICE!**

Well GI

Looks like that's it for now. Here's hoping you have some **GREAT R & R** this summer. Thank you for all you do and we'll be seeing you, "Around the Post".

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

I want to begin by thanking all of our members. We have ended our Post's fiscal year at a whopping 106% paid membership. This really is going over the Top!!!! Now I have to be realistic, Yes, we are starting a new year and that means it's ReUp time again. I'll be hammering away at a new drive for us to hit 100% by December of this 2007 year. Look, I missed a weekend trip to Berwyn last year. Our Commander said he would give me a paid expenses weekend in Berwyn if we hit 100% by November, 2006. We missed that by a few weeks. Now the quest is making our goal by December and I will get a road trip to Peoria. With this incentive I have begun our drive to succeed.

All kidding aside, thank you and do consider a early renewal of you membership. Pass on the word too, that we are always looking for new members.

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

This is a relatively slow time of year at the post as far as activities, so I thought I would take this time to thank everyone for all of their efforts for bringing a great deal of pride and respect to Memorial Day Weekend. I am often humbled by the things we do at this post to keep patriotism a priority, helping veterans, attending services, the Hines Hospital visits, various events. On top of all of those great things we do, we also have a great place to call our home to hold events and just hang out amongst some of the best comrades.

Congratulations to the Women's Auxiliary on their 60 Year Anniversary! The dinner was a great way to celebrate all that you do and stand for! You bring so much positive energy to everything you do. Thank you so much!

Don't forget to support Operation Support our Troops, Illinois by coming out to Cantigny on July 21st for a great concert from Gary Sinese and the Lt Dan Band. Last years concert was an awesome experience and a great show. The torrential downpour did not dampen anyone's spirit before the concert. I'm sure this year will be as great as last year. Tickets can be purchased in advance at the canteen for \$20. My wife missed out last year but doesn't want to miss this year for anything. I hope to see you out there!

If you are looking for something to do this summer, I put a list of summer events out on the website for the Chicagoland area. You will find it on www.napervfw.org under events. I hope you find this useful.

Over and Out

Dates to Remember

June 30th – July 4th – Naperville Ribfest
 July 4th – Fireworks at the Post
 July 10th – **NO** Hines visit
 July 12th – Post Meeting
 July 19th – Auxiliary Meeting
 July 21st – Rockin for the Troops concert 7:30 @ Cantigny
 August 9th – Post Meeting
 August 14th - **NO** Hines visit
 August 16th – Auxiliary Meeting
 August 19th – Life Members Breakfast

Dates of Interest

July 1st 1970 – Siege of Fire Base Ripcord Began
 July 2nd 1926 – US Army Air Corps Established
 July 2nd 1950 – Korean War's only US Sea Battle
 July 2nd 1967 – Operation Buffalo Began
 July 4th - Independence Day
 July 5th 1950 – Battle of Osan
 July 9th 1966 – Battle of Minh Thanh Road
 July 13th 1950 – Battle at Kum River Began
 July 13th 1953 – Battle of Kumsong River Salient Began
 July 16th 1967 – Operation Kingfisher Began
 July 17th 1952 – Battle for Old Baldy Began
 July 19th 1950 – Battle of Taejon Began
 July 24th 1953 – Final US Ground Combat of Korean War Began
 July 28 - World War I Began in 1914

2007 BUDDY POPPY CAMPAIGN**Mike and Jan Barbour**

The 2007 Buddy Poppy Campaign is now history. To say it was a rousing success is an understatement. What is a campaign? It is a connected series of operations designed to bring about a particular result. Our campaign had a goal, \$25,000 in monies collected, personnel who helped, 30,000 poppies put on the street and a positive result.

When I said our goal was \$25,000 people said I was crazy. I know our Post and I know Naperville. Guess what? As I write this for the newsletter we are at \$23,500 with more money coming in and the corporate checks will be arriving soon. We **DREAM BIG** at our Post and we usually do what we say we will do. Jan and I want to thank everyone who helped make this campaign such a success.

Before I pass out individual kudos let us both thank and support the following merchants who so graciously allowed us to sell Poppies:

Naperville Jewel Stores
 Naperville Dominick's Stores
 Casey's
 Trader Joe's
 Buikema Ace
 Binnys

We also need to thank Magnetrol, a manufacturing concern in Downers Grove who gave us a check for \$2200 that will be used for Hines Hospital Spinal Care Unit.

Our local hero, Laury Dobson was the Lead Dog again. Laury collected \$7055. Laury's posse helped him. He had ladies separating poppies, the Poppy Princess was making signs, writing letters and thank you cards, the ladies at Casey's were bringing him water, sandwiches and checked on his well-being. All this for a SEABEE, hard to believe isn't it?

Laury was followed by Lee Lindbergh who turned in 15 cans for a total of \$1323, followed closely by Jeff Close who collected \$1181.

The Ladies Auxiliary set a record this year. They were led by the ACE team which had Judy Chapleau and Kathy Thornton as the Lead Dogs for the Auxiliary. They collected \$1738 at the Buikema ACE on Washington Street.

We have a new award this year and it is called the **RED BARON AWARD**. It is given to all Poppy Campaigners who have sold \$500 or more in Poppies for the year. Those who qualify for the award this year in alphabetical order are:

- Judy Chapleau
- Jeff Close
- Laury Dobson
- Lee Lindberg
- Deb Obourn
- John Shaw
- Barney Siwek
- Don Swanson
- Kathy Thornton



THE RED BARONS' ACCOUNTED FOR OVER \$14,000 IN SALES FOR THE 2007 POPPY CAMPAIGN. OUR HATS ARE OFF TO YOU LADIES AND GENTLEMEN! JAN AND I AND THE COMMANDER HAVE SELECTED A DISTINCTIVE AWARD FOR YOU. They will be awarded as soon as we receive them.

The rookie of the year this year for the men is John Shaw and for the ladies it is Deb Obourn.

The winner of the Frank Stromberg Screwdriver Award goes to Phil Maughan. Frank used to use a screwdriver to jam the money into the can and scare the hell out of people. Mild-mannered Phil actually used a key for 2007. I will make him a can for next year. It took hours to unfold the money

Lastly, I would be remiss if I didn't thank the Poppy Princess for all she did to make the campaign a success. From counting Poppies and bagging them to being Laury Dobson's personal hand maiden she was always there. Thank you Jan, I have a special present for you.

Once again, the Poppy Princess and I thank you for the efforts you have expended this year. We had some new Poppy campaigners to fill the ranks of those who couldn't come out due to physical problems. Just about everyone said they had a good time and had some great stories to tell. Next year will be even better! Have a great summer!

September 11th Ceremony

We will be conducting a special Ceremony on September 11th, 2007 at our **September 11th/Cmdr Dan Shanower Memorial** between City Hall and the Riverwalk. We will begin at 6pm sharp and this Ceremony is open to the public. This special ceremony is held every year on 9-11 to "**Honor and Remember**" all of the innocent people that died on this fateful day in 2001, including our own Navy Comdr. Dan Shanower. The VFW and American Legion in conjunction with the Naperville Police and Fire Dept. will provide a combined Color Guard. As this day draws near we will have more information to share. For now, be sure to mark you calendar and plan to join the Naperville Community as we again remember that "**Freedom is not Free**".

Auxiliary Report by President Kathy McNally

Our 60th Anniversary celebration was a huge success! Thanks to our Three Amigos for putting on a fabulous buffet (Ken Garhan, Terry Jelinek, Chuck Vladicka) and to Sue Jelinek for organizing them. A big thanks to Marcy Maughan for the invitations, and to Jan Barbour for the centerpieces, the party favors and hall decorations. Jan also created Buddy Poppy roses for corsages for our special guests and honored charter members! We were thrilled to have Vernetta Heim and Ruth Jenko in attendance as Charter members. We were able to speak with Lucille Fischer and Margaret Schultz who were unable to travel to the meeting. Yvonne Rich Wood is the fifth Charter member who is still active in our membership. These founders have shown us through their example that even after 60 years, our mission has stood firm. We owe them our thanks and we honor them for their contribution.

In addition to the 60 year recognition pins, we awarded pins to our Sisters in attendance for their years of service, from 5 years to 25 years. We were honored also to have Mayor George Pradel and his wife Pat join us as well as Department President Maureen Hayden and District President-elect Mercie Woulfok and her husband Royal, as well as past National Commander George Cramer and our own honored Commander Mike McGrath. The table of history will be on display at our summer meetings, so please stop by and join us any third Thursday this summer at 7:00 pm!

No rest for the weary, though. At press time we are headed to the Department Convention in Peoria and we look forward to the fun and comradery as well as the recognition for our Auxiliary and all the good work to which you have contributed this year. In your monthly Ladies Auxiliary magazine, you may have noticed the article about the National Department Presidents' mid-year conference, at which VFW Commander-in-Chief Gary Kurpius addressed the delegates. He honored the Auxiliary Sisters as compassionate and strong with a strong sense of duty for country, community and fellow human beings. Gary went on to say that recruiting more members is important: "New recruits will ensure that the needs of the next generation of veterans, active duty, Guard and Reservists and their families are met. We must never be content to rest on past laurels, but always look to the future and push ahead toward a common goal." Collectively we make a difference for those who are unable to do so individually.

So from the past to the future, we continue to push toward the common goal and mission we share with those 57 Sisters who gathered together, upstairs in the club rooms of the old Naperville City Hall, on Tuesday, June 17, 1947. below is the list of Auxiliary Chairman and their committees. Want to get more involved? Call anyone of the chairman listed below, or the officers and volunteer.

Committee Chairman for the Auxiliary

| | | |
|--------------------------------|------------------|----------|
| Buddy Poppy | Jan Barbour | 527-0738 |
| Community Service | Giny Arbogast | 355-5406 |
| Graves Registration | Dorothy Garhan | 355-2493 |
| Hospital | Mickey Cadigan | 355-4895 |
| Junior Girls Unit | Penny Laskey | 969-6569 |
| Membership | Debbie Obourne | 357-2709 |
| Patriotic Instructor | Ginny Arbogast | 355-5406 |
| Patriotic Art/VOD | Jan Barbour | 527-0738 |
| Publicity/Kendall-Gram | Marcy Maughan | 357-3440 |
| Public Relations | Donna Morsovillo | 302-2638 |
| Veterans and Family Support | Melba Scofield | 355-1575 |
| VFW National Home for Children | Miriam Ferguson | 983-1676 |
| Youth Activities | Kathy McNally | 305-8157 |

Trustees

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|------------|-----------------|----------|
| One year | Miriam Ferguson | 983-1676 |
| Two year | Dorothy Garhan | 355-2493 |
| Three year | Sue Jelinek | 357-5366 |

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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| Jr. Vice Commander | Scott Holley | 369-1912 |
| Quartermaster | Terry Jelinek | 357-5366 |
| Ass't Quartermaster | Phil Maughan | 357-3440 |
| Adjutant | Bob Bronson | 978-2143 |
| Judge Advocate | John Shaw | 961-3479 |
| Surgeon | John Dawley | 428-3494 |
| Service Officer | Ken Garhan | 355-2493 |
| Officer of the Day | Jack Shiffler | 357-4615 |
| Guard | Harry Brozynski | 961-9245 |
| Chaplain | Jay Johnson | 355-5522 |

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| 1 year | Phil Maughan | 357-3440 |
| 2 year | Mike Barbour | 527-0738 |
| 3 year | George McKissick | |

| Committee | Chairman | Phone |
|---------------------|-------------------|--------------|
| Americanism | Jack Shiffler | 357-4615 |
| Blood Drive | Bernie Berkes | 357-0547 |
| Buddy Poppy | Mike Barbour | 527-0738 |
| Building | Mike Rechenmacher | 961-1377 |
| Color Guard | John Scofield | 851-6229 |
| Eighth Grade Awards | Tom Benton | |
| Grounds | Phil Maughan | 357-3440 |
| Hall Rental | Barb Crabb | 357-0256 |
| Hospital | Mike McGrath | 357-2680 |
| | John Shaw | 961-3479 |
| House | Ken Garhan | 355-2493 |
| | Mike Rechenmacher | 961-1377 |
| | Bob Tallon | 357-8134 |
| Kitchen | Ken Garhan | 355-2493 |
| Life Membership | | |
| Membership | Charlie Vladika | 357-8615 |
| Legislative | Frank Haynes | 357-2906 |
| National Home | | |
| Nursing Home | | |
| Public Relations | Mike Barbour | 527-0738 |
| Safety | Jim Morsovillo | 204-0599 |
| Voice of Democracy | Mike Barbour | 527-0738 |
| Youth Activities | | |

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| Junior Vice | Jenny Dawley | 428-3494 |
| Treasurer | Debbie Obourne | 357-2709 |
| Secretary | Jan Barbour | 527-0738 |
| Chaplain | Dorothy Garhan | 355-2493 |
| Guard | Mary Lou Miller | 355-0413 |
| Conductress | Fran McGrath | 357-2680 |

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2007 Golf Outing

Rockin For The Troops

Rockin For the Troops, 2007 will take place on July 21st, 2007 at 7:30 PM at Cantigny Park in Wheaton. Tickets are \$20 and are available in the Canteen. Gary Sinese and the Lt. Dan Band will be performing, along with special appearances by Dennis Miller and Big John Howell, and the Born to Boogie Band. Tickets are also available on the OSOT-IL website or can be purchased at the Naperville Jewel Food Stores. All proceeds from the concert will benefit Operation Support Our Troops-IL, which to date has sent over 12,000 packages to soldiers stationed in Iraq and Afghanistan. For more information see the OSOT-IL website.