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Around the Post with Commander Mike McGrath

Welcome

We welcome our newest members; Patrick Keener, George Dsecez, Joseph Marinello, and MSG Sheldrick McNeal . We welcome you to our Post and thank you for your service to our country. We also again ask everyone to remember that our #1 Mission is to HELP ALL YOUNG VETERANS in every way we can. Our troops are doing a magnificent job for all of us and we must help and support them and their families! LEST WE NEVER FORGET!

OSOT-IL

The recent concert at Cantigny was a great success as our Post sponsored both the Blind and the Spinal cord units. The guys had a great time and a special THANK YOU goes out to Jim and Cathyrne Caracciola and “The Rental Place” for the great job they did to help the Hines guys to be comfortable. We greatly appreciate your efforts.

Carillon

Our Post recently provided a Color Guard to help dedicate the Naperville Carillon. It was a great event Thank you to all the guys who helped out; John Coby, Jeff Close, Jack Shiffler, Terry Jelinek, Charlie Vladika, and yours truly. Hope you all get a chance to go to the top. Wow, what a view!

The Building

We recently got together a “Special Elite Crew.” as our rear steps were given a complete overhaul.... what a great job! Our thanks to Mike and Bob Rechenmacher, Charlie Vladika, Terry Jelinek and Jack Shiffler... and our Commander saw some serious wheelbarrow duty as well. The new steps look great but hear this well! STAY OFF OF THEM!!! .. Remember... the rear entrance is for EMERGENCY only... we expect and appreciate your cooperation on this.

And What's New

Well, please tie a string around your finger and don't forget to send in your dues. Please check our Sr. Vice Commander's column to find out about our special incentive.

DON'T FORGET

- Post Picnic on Sept 8 from 2 to 6...we ask you to please bring a dish or dessert to pass around.
- The 9/11 Shanower Ceremony at 6 PM at City Hall.
- Our Hospital Committee will again begin our Hospital visits to Hines on 9/11 as well. We leave at 6:30 PM sharp and ask that you arrive at our Post at 6 PM.

AND FOND FAREWELL

We bid fond farewell to Mickie Cadigan who will soon be moving out of our area. It's hard to find the right words to express both our deep gratitude and our great friendship for this, "GREAT GAL." Mickie, we'll miss you, we wish you and your family the very best... and yet we know that somehow you'll still be here with us in spirit. May the wind be always at your back... and thank you for all you have done for our Post. What a great example you have set for us all. Mickey's new address will be Mickey Cadigan, 319 Linden Lane, Kirksey KY 42054

SGT ROCK SAYS

Hey GI, the weather will be getting a little cooler (sooner or later) so let's get going on that exercise program... you... yes you GI... let's set a good example and stay in shape.

AND HEY, WATCH OUT BEHIND THE WHEEL... those are kids at the intersections. SLOW DOWN and be alert. Good driving requires concentration and courtesy... patience and preparedness... the kids are back in school... DRIVE ACCORDINGLY..

Well GI, that's it for now... Have a great one... and we'll be seeing you "Around the Post."

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

As stated in last month's Kendall Gram, The push is on for membership renewal. We have a drive going on for early renewing of your membership. National VFW is having a Life Membership drawing in September, October, and November for those who send in their membership dues early. Well, your chances are not that favorable because it is a Nation wide drawing. So, we decided that Judd Kendall will have it's own Life Membership drawing at our December membership meeting. You have to have your membership dues paid by December 1, 2007. Better odds with our drawing. Yes, you will be entered in both.

We as a Post are recruiting members on a monthly basis. We acquired 12 prospective members from our Post Recruiting Tent at the "Rocking for the Troops" concert held this past July at Cantigny. We are also getting the word out there through various contacts and events. You, as Veterans are our greatest sales force. Keep an ear and eye out as they say, with your social and business contacts. Remember, we ask our members to give what time they can to our Committees and our events. We are "Veterans helping Veterans." Do check out the Commander's and Junior Vice Commander's columns for "What's going On."

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

It was another great show of patriotism out at Cantigny with Gary Sinese and the Lt Dan Band. I think it's awesome to see the veterans come in from Hines for such an event. It was great to see people from the Legion and VFW helping OSOT-IL for this event. Aside from the show itself, it was just nice to meet veterans and family of veterans at the tent. Thanks to Big Charlie for all of his efforts on that. Jim Godshall blessed us with his presence and he is always good for a laugh. It was very cool to meet Gary this year and talk to him for a moment and not to downplay that but it was awesome to meet 2 other gentlemen. Sammy Davis a winner of the Congressional Medal of Honor and Michael Kuryla survivor of the USS Indianapolis. Hopefully, you get a chance to watch the story on the Discovery channel and see some of Michael's input to the show. I believe the show was called Ocean of Fear. It amazes me the odds that they overcame and conditions in which they endured. Recently, I had a meeting in Milwaukee at 0700 hours and was looking for inspiration for getting up that early and I reflected on what Sammy and Michael had gone through and somehow that made the trip that much easier.

Over and Out

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On a similar note, a co-worker of mine from Romania recently became a US citizen and he could not be more proud. He told me of stories in which he had American flags in his front yard dreaming of coming to America when the Police made his family take them down. He said that moment changed his life at 5 years old and always made it his dream to move here. He sent a very touching email that was very emotional and made me proud as heck that I am here. Often we come across natural citizens that take this freedom for granted.

Anyway, I look forward to seeing everyone at the Post Picnic for another great event at the Post. Thanks to all of the members that make this Post such a great place to come together and celebrate patriotism and supporting veterans.

More information to come regarding Oktoberfest.

Please continue supporting the Troops and keeping those in harms way in your prayers and never forgetting the ones who made the ultimate sacrifice.

Dates to Remember

September 3 - Labor Day
 September 8th – Post Picnic (2 – 6)
 September 11th – Hines Hospital Visit
 September 11th – 9/11 & Shanower Ceremony
 September 13th – Post Meeting
 September 20th – Auxiliary Meeting
 September 30th – Municipal Band Winter Concert
 October 7th – Navy League Dinner
 October 8 - Columbus Day
 October 9th – Hines Hospital Visit
 October 11th – Post Meeting
 October 18th – Auxiliary Meeting
 October 21st – Life Members Breakfast
 October 21 – Oktoberfest (3-6)
 October 31st – 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 1814 – “Star Spangled Banner”
 Written by Francis Scott Key
 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 Auxiliary
 Organized
 September 18th 1947 – US Air Force Established
 September 18th 1950 – Inchon Operation and
 Liberation of Seoul Began
 September 29th 1899 – VFW Established, 1899

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 rain or shine and this Ceremony is open to the public. If there is inclement weather we will conduct the Ceremony in City Hall as we did last year. Be sure to wear your cover.

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.

In addition, our own Naperville Municipal Band will participate. 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 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!

Our Post Picnic will be held on Saturday, September 8th. 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!

On Tuesday, September 11th, the Post - along with the American Legion and the Naperville Police and Fire Departments - will conduct a special remembrance ceremony at 6:00 PM at the Commander Dan Shanower Memorial, between City Hall and the Riverwalk. We must never forget...

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 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 July and \$1,000 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 20th, October 18th, November 15th, December 20th (our annual pot luck and white elephant exchange).

Be sure to watch in September for Ken Burns' series - The War - a seven part series which tells the story of the second World War through the personal accounts of men and women from four American towns. Read more about it at <http://www.pbs.org/thewar> What a terrific lesson plan to start our new fall year in helping Veterans. What will your notebook primer reflect at the end of this year?

DuPage County Salute To Veterans

DuPage County Salute to Veterans will be held on November 8, 2007, at the DuPage County Historical Museum, 102 East Wesley Avenue, Wheaton, Illinois, 630.682.7343, from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm. The building is Handicap Accessible. (The museum is located at Wesley at Main, one block north of the train tracks; it is the building that looks like a castle),

This will be a community salute to the veterans of DuPage County with a special presentation to the veterans of Vietnam. All veterans, current military personnel and their families are welcome. The community at large is also welcome to say the "Thank You" to the veterans of Vietnam that they should have had when they returned home.

Presented by the DuPage County Historical Museum Association. For information please Contact Veronica Porter, President, DuPage County Historical Museum Association, 630.717.0716.

Invitation to Visit the Pritzker Military Library

The Pritzker Military Library invites the members of VFW Post 3873 to visit the Library at its location in Chicago's Streeterville neighborhood at 610 N. Fairbanks Court, just minutes away from the Magnificent Mile and Navy Pier, or on the internet at www.pritzkermilitarylibrary.org.

Founded by COL James N. Pritzker IL ARNG (Ret.) in October 2003, the Library continues to grow as a national resource for military history, especially as it relates to the role of the Citizen Soldier as an essential element for a democratic society. The Library has over 25,000 books on military history as part of a collection that includes over 36,000 items. Also represented at the Library are feature films, documentaries, and the Library's own series of programs; over 6000 glass plate negatives and photographs from the Civil War era through the Vietnam War; an artifact collection that includes uniforms, insignia, and military equipment; 6 electronic databases on military history and art history; and a large collection of periodicals covering all aspects of American military history. Currently, the collection's strongest areas are World War II and the American Civil War.

The Pritzker Military Library is committed to providing free, quality programs that encourage thoughtful discussions and life-long learning for the public. In addition to gallery exhibitions and interviews with leading military authors and scholars, the Library also produces Medal of Honor with Ed Tracy, where recipients of the Medal of Honor tell their personal stories of courage under fire, and Chicago's only monthly public affairs forum on military topics, Front & Center with John Callaway. The Pritzker Military Library's programs are professionally produced, web-cast live via the internet, made available in a downloadable podcast format, and archived on the Library's website. Selected programs are later aired on the local PBS affiliate, WYCC (Channel 20).

Enrollment as an Online Member is free and provides access to the complete online catalog of the collection, as well as registration for events over the internet. As a non-profit organization, the Library relies upon donations from its supporters. For an annual subscription of \$125, an individual can become an Associate Member of the Library. Associate Members may borrow most library materials for personal use, and are invited to attend special "members-only" receptions with guests and visiting authors. They also receive advance notice of events and a subscription to the newsletter, Frontline. Groups who share the Library's vision of honoring and preserving the heritage of the Citizen Soldier are invited to join as Partners in sponsoring special events or receptions with the library facilities.

All donations of books and related materials to the collection are greatly appreciated, but memoirs, personal papers (letters home and to the front, orders, etc.), transcripts of oral histories, unit histories/unit yearbooks, and original photographs taken while in the service have particular value and power for telling the stories of the men and women who served.

To make a research inquiry, schedule a tour of the facility, or discuss a gift in kind donation, please contact Theresa A. R. Embrey, Senior Librarian. For further information about the mission and programs of the Library, or rental of library facilities for special events, please contact Ryan Yantis, Executive Director.

The Pritzker Military Library can be reached by telephone at 312-587-0234, and on the internet at www.pritzkermilitarylibrary.org. You can also ask Phil Maughan at one of the upcoming Post events why he is a library supporter.

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 hope you will join us.

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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