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



Happy New Year Comrades!

Hope your New Year is starting off well? Politics aside, let's hope common sense and some good old American know how gets us moving to a more positive and prosperous well being. I think back to my Father and Mother reliving their experiences during the "Great Depression". I asked my Dad how he made it through all the worry and hardships. His reply was "You DO just take it a day at a time, push forward, and don't let it take over your life." I think now how they and the many others of that time in our history DID make it through their tough times and moved on to really become the "Greatest Generation".

As Veterans, making one of our monthly trips to Hines does put into perspective just what is important in one's life and how our brief visits mean so much to these Veterans. Do make the time to join us on these visits. We leave the Post every second Tuesday of the month, 6:15 PM and return by 9 PM.

Try to make our monthly Post meetings the second Thursday of each month. You will find out first hand how involved our Post is in Veterans and community programs. Again, check out our list of Committees listed at the end of the Kendall-Gram. Call one of the Committee Chairmen and ask them what their Committee does and see if you would like to give some of your busy time to help out. These Committees make our Post great. Your participation will make it better.

Also, thank our Ladies Auxiliary for their time and efforts. We wouldn't be where we are without their support and help. Thanks for all the work they put in for the Children's Christmas Party. I am sure the children all had a great time.



Thanks to everyone who helped out with the recent blood drive, who helped with the Army Navy game, and who helped out at the Christmas Party. The Post operates most effectively when everyone pitches in to do their part.



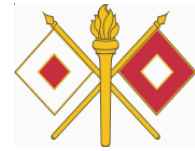
Officers of tthe Post and Auxiliary celebrate the Season with the members of the Post at the Christmas Party



Throughout this New Year, always keep in your prayers and thoughts, the men and women in our military who are selflessly protecting our Freedom's whether they are serving in harms way or stationed throughout the World. And, never forget those who have made the ultimate Sacrifice.

A Scoche more from 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 promise and for that I thank you.



For membership, we are at 101%. Thanks to all of our members for making this the great Post that it is. We are a very active and proud Post that is recognized within our community and beyond.

Please see Junior Vice John Coby's article for all of the great upcoming events. Though we didn't have quite the turnout we had from last year for the Army – Navy game, those of us who did show up had a great time as always. (Despite the beating that Army took) Don't worry Rich, we'll get em next year!

I hope everyone enjoyed the **Post Christmas Party**. Thanks for everyone who contributed to decorating the Post, preparing the food and making it another awesome event at Kendall Hall! I also hope people enjoyed the slideshow with pictures people sent me from events throughout the year.

Congratulations to **Russell Creel**, who was our winner in the December raffle for the Life Membership. Thanks to all of our members who submitted their dues early and had a chance to win.

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. If you are not getting the Post email communications from Mike Barbour, please provide him with your email by sending him one at: mbarbour@wowway.com

Over and Out

Aiming High Junior Vice Commander John Coby



Happy New year Comrades!

Well, Navy does it again by beating the Black Nights this year. I was off on an Air Force drill weekend but everyone assures me that a good time was had by all down at the Post for the game.

The Post Christmas Party was another great event! Food, Fun and Comradeship was the order of the evening. The hall looked really festive thanks to the efforts of those who helped decorate!

It is with regrets that I announce the Post will not be having a superbowl Party this year. Doesn't look like the Bears will be having one either.

Dates to Remember

January 1st – New Years Day
 January 8th – Post Meeting, 7 PM
 January 10 - Voice of Democracy Banquet, 6 PM
 Alta Vista Banquet Hall, Addison
 January 11th – Take Down Christmas Decorations
 January 13th - Hines Hospital Visit, 6:15 PM
 January 15th – Ladies Auxiliary Meeting, 7 PM
 Jan 19 - Martin Luther King Day
 February 8th - Municipal Band Winter Concert, 3 PM
 Naperville Central High School
 February 10th – Hines Hospital Visit, 6:15 PM
 February 12th – Post Meeting, 7 PM
 February 14th - Valentine's Day
 February 15th – Life Members Breakfast, 9 AM
 February 16 - President's Day
 February 19th – Ladies Auxiliary Meeting, 7PM
 February 20th – Fish Fry Begins
 February 27th – Fish Fry

Dates of Interest

January 8th 1967 – Operation Cedar Falls Began
 January 17th 1991 – Operation Desert Storm Began
 January 20th 1968 – Battle of Khe Sanh Began
 January 25th 1951 – Operation Thunderbolt Began
 January 30th 1968 – Tet Offensive Began
 January 31st 1968 – Battle of Hue Began

Voice of Democracy

Our Post participates in the National Voice of Democracy Program. This is a recorded essay contest open to all High School students. This year our Post winner is Alex Senetar, a junior at Benet Academy. His essay has been forwarded on to District Competition. District winners will be announced at the District VOD banquet held on January 10, at the Alta Vista Banquet Hall in Addison. We wish Alex good luck in the District Competition. Mike Barbour, our Post VOD Chairman, will present Alex with a \$1,000 check from the Post at the Kendall Honors Banquet at Kendall Hall. on March 7th.

Auxiliary Report by Kathy McNally

Can it really be time to look forward to Super Bowl? What happened to Christmas? Here's hoping you had a wonderful and blessed season with family and friends.

If you were too busy with your Holiday preparations to stop by the Post, you missed a few fabulous events! The Turkey Raffle was the best this year with record proceeds for our Ladies Auxiliary raffles and kitchen sales. The crowds bought everything you so graciously donated! And there wasn't a hot dog or potato chip left over - for the first time we had to close the kitchen, we ran out for more food, and re-opened the kitchen!! Many thanks go to our kitchen helpers and raffle queens: As always, Bernie Berkes and her husband deftly managed the Bake Sale table. Thanks to all our Sisters who helped to bring in a good profit on the No-Bake Bake Sale, too! Why not come to the next meeting and let us know how you'd like to see these donations distributed to our Veterans and community?

Our Commander helped to host a magical Christmas Cocktail Party. Without our elves, we couldn't have had the food and presentation that made the party. Didn't the Post look nice that night? Thanks also to all who helped setup tables, refill the buffet, and cleanup afterwards. Your mother was right — many hands make for light work! We can report that a good time was had by all.

And for the third time, Santa dropped by to visit the good boys and girls of the Post. Thanks to Barb McKissick and her grandchildren for managing the activities and treats. (Thanks also to Santa "Bob," for without the jolly man in red, it wouldn't be a Christmas party, would it?)

It was terrific to see so many of our Sisters at our December meeting. We were able to dispense with business fairly quickly and enjoy holiday treats and a gift exchange. A great evening to celebrate all the good we've done this year for our Veterans and their families!

Why not make this year, 2009, the year you attend a meeting or two and get involved in a committee? Remember that many hands make light work - and we need your helping hands! Mark your new calendar for our meetings - always the third Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM at the Post. Wishing all our Sisters and their Families a very Happy New Year, all good health and happiness, and we hope to see you soon!

Nursing Home Report

Jim Godshall

In January members of Post 43 and of Judd Kendall 3873 begin our monthly Nursing Home visits. Mark your calendars for the third Tuesday of each month at 2 PM through June because that is when we normally make our visits. We bring the cookies and they supply the coffee, and the veterans who are residents are always glad to see us. Here is the list so far:

Manor Health Care Service	January 20
Alden Nursing Center	February 17
Saint Patrick's Residence	March 17
Community Health Care Center	April 21
Tabor Hills Health Care Facility	May 19
Meadow Brook Manor	June 16

This is a great way to contribute to our service to veterans in the community, so if you are able please come on out with us on our visits.

Valentine's Day Cards

There will be a box in the Canteen for Valentine's Day cards for the patients at Hines Hospital. If you wish to donate a card, you can sign it and drop it in the box. They will be distributed at our regular visit on February 10th. I am sure the patients at Hines would be most grateful to anyone who sends a Valentine.

The Friday Night Lenton Fish Fries are coming!!!

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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