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# KENDALL-GRAM



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## Together Then, Together Again with Commander Charlie Vladika

We members are approaching that time of the year where we must partake of our Post's election of its Officers for the 2009-2010 year. This election is OPEN TO ALL ELIGIBLE MEMBERS. I was asked to summarize what are the responsibilities of each Post officer.

**Commander:** Presides at all meetings of the Post, conducting such meetings in accordance with the Post's bylaws and manual of procedures. Also: Appoints non-elected Officers, Committee Chairmen, and Committee's as needed. Approves disbursements of Post funds passed at Post meetings. Ensures that the Post is meeting its duties required by the laws and customs of the VFW. Plus many additional duties.

**Senior Vice Commander:** Assists Commander; presides in the absence of Commander. Membership Chairman - recruits and maintains annual membership for the Post.

**Junior Vice Commander:** Assists Commander; presides in the absence of the Commander and Senior Vice Commander. Chairman of the Post's Entertainment Committee.

**Quartermaster:** In brief, Post Bookkeeper. Responsible for all the Post's collection and payments of monies. Prepares monthly and quarterly Financial Reports which are audited by Post Trustee's for membership review and District Auditor. Collects annual membership dues. Files all taxes. Has many, many other responsibilities. This person is the Keystone of our Post.

**Assistant Quartermaster:** Assists Post Quartermaster.

**Adjutant:** (appointed position) Takes the minutes of Post meetings. Maintains roll-call of Officers and assists Commander.

**Chaplain:** Reads the selected prayers at Post meetings and other Post functions.

**Judge Advocate:** Assists Commander in seeing that meeting procedures are being followed according to Post by-laws, and VFW rules. Also coordinates Post election of officers.

**Surgeon:** Assists Commander and Service Officer for the well being of our members.

**Officer of the Day** (appointed position) Assists Commander. Ensures members in attendance of Post meetings are in good standing. Custodian of the Post's Colors, Altar, Flags, Bible, and other materials necessary for Post meetings.

**Trustees:** (3) Review and Audit the Quartermaster's monthly and quarterly Financial Reports to Post members. Reviews all requests for donations and expenditures of Post monies.

**Guard:** (appointed position) Assists Commander. Ensures members awaiting admittance are eligible to attend Post meeting. Notifies Officer of the Day of the presence of all distinguished guests who may be waiting admittance.

**Service Officer:** (appointed position) Assists members seeking rightful benefits due them. Notifies members of comrades who are ill and/or in the hospital. Coordinates funeral flag presentations and member walk throughs for our deceased Veterans.

**House Committee:** (3) Responsible for Post Canteen and Hall Rentals; counts and reports all monies from both. Monitors policies for Post Canteen and Hall Rentals. Manages Post Canteen. Supervises Canteen employees and salaries.

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The above is a summarization of our Post Officers duties. Like all organizations, responsibilities change or are added/deleted per our Post's needs. We will be electing 2009-2010 Post Officers at our upcoming April 9, 2009 meeting. Nominations will be asked for at our March 12, 2009 meeting and again at the April 9, 2009 meeting. After all nominations are taken, a voice (or if necessary, a paper ballot) vote will be conducted. Voting will continue until the necessary slate of Post Officers are elected.

**PLEASE NOTE:** The nomination to ANY Post office is open to any eligible member. This is NOT, nor will it be a predetermined Post election.

I have decided to run for reelection as your Commander for the 2009-2010 year. I have also asked our current Officers to do the same. In no way does this constitute a done deal. Also, we are NOT a clique. We are members like you who are proud to serve the needs of Judd Kendall VFW Post 3873. Because of VFW rules, we need to have a slate of Officers eligible for election. We cannot have any vacancies in the ranks of officers going into the next year. Please, call me or Ken Garhan, whom I have asked to coordinate a list of eligible members seeking nomination for a Post position.

We are a nationally recognized VFW Post having a very strong membership who gets involved and demonstrates continued leadership and growth. Do not sit back and nitpick! Do get involved. We expect all of our members to have a say as to where we are and where we want to go. We officers continue to ask for your input.

An excellent way to contribute to the work of the Post and to participate first hand is to serve on or chair one of our many committees. Contact me if you would like to discuss how you might become more active in this way.

We have a new generation of Veterans who are seeking answers - on Veterans benefits, comradeship, or just needing help. We "Old Timers" must continue to seek them out. But, most importantly, welcome them. Judd Kendall VFW Post 3873 will always be "Veterans Helping Veterans"

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## 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.

For membership, we are at 102%. Thanks so much 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.

**To Colonel Dawley and Jenny:** All of our good thoughts go out to you and our collective strength to get you through this very challenging time. You are family here and can rely on us for help. We are just a phone call away. Godspeed! (John Dawly is undergoing a bone marrow transplant. Once this very arduous procedure is done, he has to remain in complete isolation for 100 days.) Please see Page 7 in the Kendall-Gram for news about our Get Well Fundraiser for the Dawleys. Or you can check John's progress at [caringbridge.org:80/visit/johndawley](http://caringbridge.org:80/visit/johndawley)

**Fish Fry's** are starting on **Friday February 20<sup>th</sup>**. This is a great way to casually hang out and get to know some of the other members and have a little fun while helping out the Post. We always bring the Blind Unit from Hines down for a meal away from the Hospital which is always a lot of fun. They really appreciate it and are such a pleasure to have at our Post. If you are unable to come down and help with the Fish Fry, you can help the Post in other ways. You can come down and enjoy a nice meal at a very reasonable cost. The menu's for all of the Fish Fry's are accessible on the website under "**Events**" and then "**Calendar**" if you'd like to preview it before coming out. Another way you can help is by simply spreading the word. Word of mouth is the best way to make sure we get good attendance and can continue doing all the great things we do here for Veterans causes.

Put on your radar that the **Ham Raffle** is on **Saturday April 4<sup>th</sup>**. Always a great time at the Post! Please come down and offer some assistance with the event or lay down a few bucks to win some of the great prizes from a ham, prime rib or many other meat and cheeses. It is very early in the month so looking for it in the April Kendall-Gram doesn't give you much time to plan.

Don't forget to get your **Plant Sale** form submitted timely! The forms are also on the website for your convenience in the Calendar section and the Kendall-Gram section. We had a last minute rush last year, so let's not stress Marcy out this year and get them in early. They are due back at the Post by April 7<sup>th</sup> and the pickup day is May 5<sup>th</sup>. See the form for more details.

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)

This year's Veterans Day promises to be extra special. The Exchange Club of Naperville and the Naperville Park District are bringing the Healing Field of Honor to Rotary Hill from Nov 8-14, 2009. This display of 2009 3 x 5' flags, each on an 8 ft pole, honors those killed in the September 11 attack on the U.S. The VFW and American Legion combined efforts to be a major sponsor for this event. Individual flags are available for \$30 each and order forms are available at the Park District administrative office and on line at [healingfield.org](http://healingfield.org). At the end of the week, the owners can take their flags home with them or donate them to the following year's exhibition. Proceeds from the sale will benefit Fisher House and Operation Support Our Troops. Our normal Veterans Day ceremonies will take place at the Healing Field.

Over and Out

**Enjoy a 46 Year  
Naperville Tradition**  
Join Judd Kendall Post 3873 for the

**FISH FRY**  
**DURING LENT**

**908 West Jackson**  
**Every Friday Night**

 beginning   
**February 20th**  
**5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**  
**Adults \$10.00 - Children \$6.00**  
**Seniors \$9.00**

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### Aiming High Junior Vice Commander John Coby



**Fish Fry** – Please make sure you come down for the fish fries. You won’t get a better meal in town! Also, we could always use help cleaning tables and directing traffic, if you have the time.

**Ham Raffle** – Just to let you know the Ham Raffle will be held on April 4<sup>th</sup>. We will have enough delicious prizes for this great fundraising event, so invite yur friends and neighbors and come on down for a fun evening..

Please note the Hines Hospital dates. If you are able to attend, you will enjoy a rewarding evening.

#### Dates to Remember

#### Dates of Interest

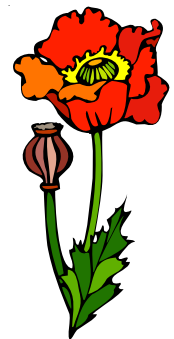
- March 6<sup>th</sup> – Fish Fry (Navy) 5-8 PM
- March 10<sup>th</sup> – Hines Hospital Visit, 6:30 PM
- March 12<sup>th</sup> – VFW Meeting, 7 PM
- March 13<sup>th</sup> – Fish Fry (Marines) 5-8 PM
- March 17<sup>th</sup> - St Patrick’s Day
- March 19<sup>th</sup> – Ladies Auxiliary Meeting, 7 PM
- March 20<sup>th</sup> – Fish Fry (Air Force) 5-8 PM
- March 22 - Get Well Fundraiser for John Dawley, 5 PM  
Tickets are \$20 per person.
- March 27<sup>th</sup> – Fish Fry (Coast Guard) 5-8 PM
- April 3<sup>rd</sup> – Fish Fry 5-8 PM
- April 4<sup>th</sup> – Ham Raffle, 6 PM
- April 7<sup>th</sup> - Plant Sale Forms Due
- April 9<sup>th</sup> – VFW Meeting, 7 PM
- April 10<sup>th</sup> – Fish Fry, 5-8 PM
- April 12, Easter Sunday
- April 14<sup>th</sup> – Hines Hospital Visit, 6:30 PM
- April 16<sup>th</sup> – Ladies Auxiliary Meeting, 7 PM
- April 19<sup>th</sup> – Life Members Breakfast, 9 AM
- April 25<sup>th</sup> - Armed and Ready at the Post



- March 2<sup>nd</sup> 1965 – Raid on North Vietnam Began
- March 2<sup>nd</sup> 2002 – Operation Anaconda Began
- March 3<sup>rd</sup> 1931 – “Star Spangled Banner” Made US National Anthem
- March 4<sup>th</sup> 1966 – Operation Utah
- March 7<sup>th</sup> 1951 – Operation Ripper Began
- March 11<sup>th</sup> 1968 – Operation Resolve to Win Began
- March 12<sup>th</sup> 1912 – Girl Scouts of America Founded
- March 18<sup>th</sup> 1969 – Operation Breakfast
- March 22<sup>nd</sup> 2002 - Operation Anaconda Ends

### Veterans and Poppies by The Poppy Prince and Princess

Comrades, these are the times that try men’s souls. The United States is waging two campaigns in Afghanistan and Iraq. I would have loved to volunteer to serve my country again but I realize that my body is a wreck. How can you and I help? It’s very simple. We can get out when we are called and help sell more Buddy Poppies. We can help the disabled veterans that have served and we can also help those in the armed forces now. **ALL THIS CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED BY TAKING A FEW HOURS OUT OF YOUR BUSY SCHEDULE TO SELL BUDDY POPPIES.**



I realize that Memorial Day is 3 months away but the time to start thinking about what you can do for your country is now. We have 10% of our membership sell Buddy Poppies. A large number of those comrades are getting up in years and can’t support the Buddy Poppy drive the way they used to. New blood is needed! **IT IS TIME TO STAND UP AND BE COUNTED!!!!!!** Naperville supports its veterans. It is our duty to not only educate the general population but also show them that we once again are answering the call by supporting disabled veterans and also those who are currently serving in the military.

We will never have an opportunity like this again to promote our cause. It is up to the VFW to let those who haven't served see us out selling Buddy Poppies. Starting in March you will be getting called by the area captains. I urge you to set time aside over the Memorial Day weekend to help the disabled veterans. If you don't do it who will?

During the remaining time before Buddy Poppy time, think about how lucky we are to be living in the USA. Also, say a prayer for our armed forces who are ferreting out the terrorists.  
**GODBLESSAMERICA!**

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## Voice of Democracy

Our Post participates in the National Voice of Democracy Speech Contest. High school students are asked to compose a written essay and submit it on tape, on a topic chosen by National. Students are judged at the Post, District, State and National level. National winners earn a \$30,000 scholarship. Our Post winners are:

First place	\$1000	Alexander Senetar	Benet Academy
Second place	\$ 500	Marlena May	Naperville North High School
Third place	\$ 250	Benjamin White, Jr.	Neuqua High School

These awards were presented prior to the VFW meeting on Thursday, February 12. Unfortunately our Post winner did not advance at the District Level. Next year's VOD theme for 2009-2010 is "Does America Still Have Heroes?"



Post Entrants in the Voice of Democracy Speech Contest received their prize money at the February Meeting. From l-r State VOD chairman Phil Maughan, Alexander Senetar (Benet) Benjamin White (NVHS) and Marlena May (NNHS), Commander Charlie Vladika and Post Chairman Mike Barbour.

Post Winner Alexander Senetar reads his speech to the Post members at the February meeting.



## Patriot's Pen

Patriot's pen is an essay contest open to Jr High School students. Again judging is at the Post, District and State levels with monetary prizes awarded at each level.

First place	\$400	Emily Witek	Kennedy Junior High
Second place	\$200	Amy Lynn Price	Kennedy Junior High
Third place	\$100	Joshua Ahn	Kennedy Junior High

At the District Level, Kennedy students Carlo Castillo and Christian Yan placed second and third. The Kennedy award were presented at a school assembly on February 18. The theme for Patriot's Pen for 2009-2010 is "When is the Right Time to Honor Our Military Heroes?"

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## Auxiliary Report by Kathy McNally

And just when you thought there was no end to the snow and blowing cold...Fish Fry Fridays are here to enjoy.

It's great to see all our neighbors and friends at the Fish Frys. The Ladies have again this year volunteered to "man" the cash registers - no more dishpan hands! We're still looking for Sisters to help. There are two shifts (so you can plan on dining with your family): 5:00 PM to 6:30 PM or 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM. Please call me to donate 90 minutes of your time at least once this Lenten season (630 305 8196). Remember that all proceeds go to funding our Veterans and their families' needs. Plus, it's a great excuse to get out of the house!

Our Ham Raffle is another fun fundraiser. We still need donated items for the Ladies raffles. And note the date in your calendar: Saturday, April 4th 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM. We'll also be looking for help in the kitchen and would like to see some new faces this time. Are you game?

Since this is the soup season and you're eating a lot of it, don't forget to drop off your Campbell's soup labels (entire label). They go towards funding the National Home.

Hope to see you at a Fish Fry or two and then again at the Ham Raffle. Meantime, Beannachtaí na Féile Pádraig! (St. Patrick's Day Blessings to You!)

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## Plant Sale

Just a reminder that the orders for the plant sale are available at the Friday Night Fish Frys, at the Canteen, and on line. They must be returned by April 7, 2009. We are offering a wide variety of hanging baskets, flats, specialty plants and vegetables. They come directly from our grower in Michigan and are of the highest quality. Please take the time to fill out your order and send it to the vFW with your check. Pickup is on May 5th, from 1-6 PM

The money raised by the plant sale is used to beautify the grounds of the VFW. We are very proud of our location along the Riverwalk and try to make the grounds as beautiful as possible. Your purchase helps to fund this effort. If you have any question, call Marcy Maughan at 630-357-3440.

Get Well Benefit for John Dawley  
at  
Kendall Hall  
on  
March 22, 2009  
4 PM Social Hour  
5 PM Dinner

Donation \$20 per person.  
Tickets are available in the canteen.  
You must have a ticket!  
No tickets will be sold at the door.

Menu: spaghetti/Lasagna  
Salad  
Dessert

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**Pritzker Military Library Upcoming Program**  
**Phil Maughan**

A Naval Perspective of the American Revolution

If you are a Revolutionary War buff or interested in US naval history or just curious about a little known aspect of our struggle to become an independent nation, the Pritzker Military Library has an intriguing program for your consideration. It is back to back presentations by two authors who recently published books on different facets of the influence of American naval forces in this war. The first book is "George Washington's Secret Navy – How the American Revolution Went to War" by James L Nelson. This book describes Washington's thought process as he recognized the importance of disrupting the British's supply chain and then his struggle to create the begins of a navy when the Continental Congress was not yet ready to authorize that step. The story then shifts to the sea as Washington's several small schooners set sail to interdict the British supply ships and became the basis for the Continental Navy. The second book is "Patriot Pirates – The Privateer War for Freedom and Fortune in the American Revolution" by Robert H Patton which follows the exciting and important exploits of privateers throughout the war. Combined, these books give tell the important story of early American sea power.

This event is on Saturday, March 14 with the interview and Q&A session with James Nelson starting at 10:00 AM followed by the Robert Patton session at noon. There will be an opportunity to purchase either or both books and have them autographed by the authors. Both sessions are free but you must register in advance. The library is located at 610 N Fairbanks Court in Chicago (near Navy Pier). There several parking garages in the immediate area but none are cheap. For information or to register, contact the library at [www.pritzkermilitarylibrary.com](http://www.pritzkermilitarylibrary.com) or at 312-587-0234. You can also contact Phil Maughan for more information or about car pooling possibilities.

**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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Jr. Vice Commander	John Coby	548-6104
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Ass't Quartermaster	Phil Maughan	357-3440
Adjutant	Bob Bronson	978-2143
Judge Advocate	Nina Petru	871-9596
Surgeon	John Dawley	428-3494
Service Officer	Ken Garhan	355-2493
Officer of the Day	Jack Shiffler	357-4615
Guard	Mike Rechenmacher	961-1377
Chaplain	Jay Johnson	355-5522

**Trustees**

1 year	Mike Barbour	527-0738
2 year	George McKissick	961-2030
3 year	Mike McGrath	357-2680

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Chairman</b>	<b>Phone</b>
Americanism	Jack Shiffler	357-4615
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Buddy Poppy	Mike Barbour	527-0738
Building	Mike Rechenmacher	961-1377
Color Guard	Jack Shiffler	357-4615
Eighth Grade Awards	Tom Benton	
Grounds	Phil Maughan	357-3440
Facilities Manager	Ken Garhan	355-2493
Hospital	John Shaw	961-3479
House	Mike Rechenmacher	961-1377
	Bob Tallon	357-8134
	Kag Cagnoni	
Kitchen	Ken Garhan	355-2493
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Voice of Democracy	Mike Barbour	527-0738
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