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



Thanks to all our Members, We have again WON the VFW Community Service Award. We won this award last year also. Matter of fact, this is the third time in the last four years that we have won. This award is not to be taken lightly. This is the National VFW Community Service Award. We are the number one Post in the whole VFW Organization when it comes to our Community Service. It takes many volunteer man hours from ALL our members. Your dedication and hard work does draw attention nationally and locally. Our Ladies Auxiliary also contributed to our Post receiving this award. Thanks to all.

We visited 42 Veterans at Hines VA Hospital this past June 9th. 14 of our Members (VFW and Ladies Auxiliary) took the time to go. Comrades, you MUST take the time to make one of these visits. The Hospitalized Veterans appreciate the time we give them. Our visits help make their stay at Hines a little more bearable; we give them a break from the daily routine. Yet we are the ones who leave feeling proud that we were able to thank them for their service and to let them know they are not forgotten. We will resume our visits to Hines again September 8th, 2009. Join us.

The lazy days of summer are upon us. Don't forget that we have Post events throughout the summer months. Check out the Jr. Vice Commanders column for up-coming dates to remember. Be sure to view the list of Officers. You will notice that we are fortunate to now have two women Officers. Take the time to congratulate them and your fellow Officers who will represent our Post this 2009-2010 coming year. This reminds me to pass on the inevitable "Your Dues are now due! Our Post year always ends June 30th and begins July 1st every year. Pay them early and avoid the question - Are your dues paid for this year yet? Our Sr. Vice Scott Holley is a very persistent.

Have a safe and wonderful summer. Fly our flag proudly. Always keep our Veterans serving to protect our Country in your prayers and thoughts. Have to get this in.....Join a committee, we need your help.

We are in desperate need of help to assist the Hines Veterans who will be attending the OSOT-IL concert with Gary Sinese and the Lt Dan Band at Cantigny on July 18th. We will need you there by the tent set up for Hines Veterans located on the south side of the field. Contact John Shaw 630-961-3479 or me for more information.

Please note the following change in Post policy. The Post needed to have this rule due to the inability to GUESS attendance at our Post Functions. This has also led to waste or even worse, not enough food prepared. Any discussion concerning the rule change should be taken up with the Post Commander. Thank you for your understanding.

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A 'Scoche' more from the Signal Corp Senior Vice Scott Holley



As my second year approaches as Senior Vice Commander at **Judd Kendall VFW Post 3873**, my goal will continue to be consistent with the mission of the VFW which is: *"To Honor the Dead by helping the Living"*. With the efforts of our dedicated members, I know we consistently deliver on this effort and for that I thank you.

For membership, we ended up the year just over 103% with a lot of new great members making great contributions. We look forward to seeing you in this up-coming year as well at the various Post functions and events. It is the support of our membership that makes us such a successful post with a wonderful reputation that reaches great distances. Thanks so much to all of you for helping us get there.

I look forward to having another great year with membership in the up-coming year and achieving 100% well before **Veterans Day**. Getting your annual membership dues paid in July/August allows us to focus more on helping Veterans and less on administrative stuff. Please watch for your renewal letter in a few weeks and reply with your payment as soon as you can. As in past years, I anticipate our Quartermaster having another incentive program that will provide you with a chance to win a **Life Membership** so please don't miss that money saving opportunity.

Most recently, people enjoyed the **Post Golf Outing** with dinner back at the Post. We look forward to the up-coming events which include the **State Convention** and everyone's favorite, **4th of July** at **Judd Kendall Post 3873**.

Atten Hut! Our new website is here! It is in the building stages but you can start checking it out and get the Kendall Gram and the Calendar now but there is a lot of neat stuff on the horizon that we can do with the new website. The new web address is **www.napervfw3873.org** (The old website will still be out there until such time we decide to route everyone to the new one automatically)

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.napervfw3873.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

Over and Out

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Junior Vice Commander Nina L. Petru



Don't forget to come to the Post for the Fireworks on the Fourth of July. Come early to claim your viewing spot. The grill will be fired up and the beer will be cold!!

As I embark on year one as Junior Vice, I will be looking to embrace and involve our newest members as we look to form planning committees for the many events held throughout the year. New eyes along with new ideas are essential to keep us ever evolving as the best Post in the District. Thanks to John Coby for a great year as Junior Vice Commander. Good luck at tech school, and don't be a stranger.

Dates to Remember

- July 2 - Naperville Municipal Band Patriotic Concert, 7:45 PM
- July 4th – Fireworks at the Post; grills fired up 6 – 9pm
- July 9th – VFW Meeting, 7pm
- July 9 - Naperville Big Band Jazz Concert 7:45 PM
- July 16th – Auxiliary Meeting, 7pm
- July 16 - Naperville Municipal Band Concert, 7:45 PM
- July 18th – OSOT Concert, Cantigny
- July 23 - Naperville Municipal Band Concert, 7:45 PM
- July 24th – Wind Jammers Dinner
- July 30- Naperville Municipal Band Concert, 7:45 PM

Dates of Interest

- July 4 - Independence Day
- July 21, 1969 – First Moonwalk by Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin
- July 27, 1953 – Armistice signed in Korea
- July 28, 1914 - World War I began
- August 4 - US Coast Guard Established 1790

2009 POPPY RECAP

Ladies and Gentlemen the 2009 Poppy Campaign is history. Assuming that everyone has turned their poppies and money back to the Post we can say the campaign was a success. The combined total for both the Ladies Auxiliary and the Post was over \$18,000. Congratulations and thanks to all who participated.

The top 3 for the Post and the Auxiliary are:

POST

- Laury Dobson
- Jeff Close
- Colen Spiller

AUXILIARY

- Team Ace
- Dorothy Garhan
- Dawley Clan

Rookie of the Year

Fred Guerrero

Jan and I thank you for sorting and counting your money. It certainly made it much easier this year when we (mostly Jan) counted the money. Please remember next year to put your name on the money or cans for our records.

Mark your calendars for **Sunday afternoon, August 16th at 3:00PM**. The Poppy Prince and Princess are hosting a **POPPY PUSHERS PIZZA PARTY** at the Post. The party is our way of thanking the 33 men and 12 ladies and their guests for selling Poppies this year. We look forward to seeing all of you there.

A Note of Thanks:

On Friday, May 22, 2009, our Relay for Life team, “Team Michael Care Us” hosted a fundraiser (with the help of the Naperville VFW Post #3873) to raise funds for cancer research. Our team is named after our nephew, Michael Karos, who passed away at the young age of 24 in 2000 after a 13 year battle with cancer. I wanted to extend a big THANK YOU to all of our donors for the evening:

- Ed Bell
- Steve and Judy Chapleau
- Chicago White Sox
- Follett Bookstore at North Central College (manager – Lillian Knight)
- Ed and Linette Graham
- Heidi Hookstadt
- Hotel Arista
- Law Offices of Edward P. Graham, Ltd.
- Tom and Kathy Moran
- Bob and Robin Rechenmacher
- Don and Linda Rechenmacher
- Sue Rechenmacher
- Wayne and Joanne Shisler
- Steve and Kathy Thornton
- Kristin and Matthew Thornton
- Charlie Vladika
- Bob and Janet Wehrli

I also want to thank all the supporters and singers that evening. A special thank you to Matt Jungels, Mary Nichols and our family for assisting with ticket sales for the raffle prizes. Congratulations to all the winners. Kudos to the Post for allowing us to sing! Together, we raised over \$1,800 for cancer research – we are so grateful! We, along with our families and friends, thank you all for your generous support.

Kathy Thornton and Janet Wehrli
 ps. – next time – I promise not to hog the mike! Kathy

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Auxiliary News by Kathy McNally

At press time we are headed to the Department Convention in Springfield. We look forward to the fun and camaraderie as well as the recognition for our Auxiliary and all the good work to which you have contributed this year. Once again, our Post and its Auxiliary has earned the National Community Service award! This is indeed a big deal — and our very own Marcy Maughan, editor, will be at the National Convention in Arizona this August to see it all. Travel safely, Marcy! Jan Barbour and Charlie also received a separate award for the Post's Commander's booklet. Congratulations to both of you. And thanks to all our busy members who give so much time and effort to the Post's activities, that Jan was able to fill the booklet with our accomplishments.

The end of the Convention marks the beginning of our Auxiliary year, which begins on July 1st, 2009 and ends on June 30, 2010. If you are an annual member, please watch for your dues notice in the mail.

We have a terrific group of core volunteers and this year would like to include new faces in some of our committee work. Call me if you are interested in one of these openings:

- Secretary (helps keep me in line)
- Community Services (collects information about Sisters' hours involved in service - in our schools, churches and community)
- Historian (tracks our year with pictures and stories or articles)
- Cancer Aid & Research (helps us to be more aware of how we can stay healthy)
- Political Action (keeps tabs on Washington, DC news)

Fourth of July will find us picnicking outside the Post on the lawn, watching the fireworks. Bring a blanket or chair and join us, won't you?

Don't forget to mark your calendar for the Rockin' for the Troops concert to benefit Operation Support Our Troops - Saturday, July 18th. Check the Post calendar for details.

And come to the first meeting of our new year - Thursday, July 16th at 7:00 PM at the Post. We'll be basking in our success with all the good news we hope to receive at Convention. Happy New Year to all our Sisters!

Operation Support Our Troops-Illinois

Rockin' for the Troops

July 18, 2009

Featuring Gary Sinese and the Lt. Dan Band

Showcasing Rock and Roll Hall of Famer *Chris Hellman*, co founder of the Byrds and Desert Rose

Special guest performer Comedian *Anita Renfroe*

Special Opening Performance by *Joe Cantafio*

Also appearing *Heartache Tonight* a tribute to the Eagles

Tickets are \$25 (the cost of postage to send one box to our troops) and available on-line at OSOTIL.org and at participating Jewel locations. Ticket quantities are limited; get yours today.

OSOT has shipped over 25,000 boxes to the troops in Afghanistan and Iraq!

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 in July and August, but our visits will resume in September. We leave the post at 6:30 in the evening and return at approximately 9:15 PM. Transportation is provided. Everyone is invited. Why not come and spend some quality time with some very appreciative Veterans?

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 tenth of the month for next month's publication.

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Surgeon	Bob Rieger	
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Officer of the Day	Jack Shiffler	357-4615
Guard	Mike Rechenmacher	961-1377
Chaplain	Jay Johnson	355-5522

- 1 year
- 2 year
- 3 year

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Mike McGrath	357-2680
Mike Rechenmacher	961-1377

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- Americanism
- Blood Drive
- Buddy Poppy
- Building
- Color Guard
- Eighth Grade Awards
- Facilities Manager
- Grounds
- Hospital
- House

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- Nursing Home
- Public Relations
- Safety
- Voice of Democracy
- Youth Activities

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