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COMMANDER'S CALL

Tom Evans - Post Commander

Hello Fellow Legionnaires,

It is hard for me to accept that the end of the Legion year is fast approaching. We had a great night at the April Social/Dinner when we honored our Citizens of the Year in the three categories- to Veterans, to the Community and to our Youth. Also our Scholarship Winners were announced and our Past Commanders were honored for their service to the Post.

Congratulations to all our Junior High Speech Contest Contestants. They all did an excellent job researching and preparing their speeches. Special Kudos to our 1st and 2nd place winners Nicole Tong and Neha Ramachandran. I hope to see all five contestants in our future oratorical contests.

Later this month we will have our Poppy Day on Thursday May19th at the Naperville and Lisle Train stations. We are looking for more members to participate in this event between 6AM and 8AM. The more members that participate, the more money we will collect for Comfort Warriors. I hope you can be there.

Again during the weekend prior to Memorial Day we will place flags on the graves of our Veterans; on Friday, May 27th at 8:00 AM we will be at St. Peter and Paul and on Saturday, May 28th at 9:00 AM we will be at Naperville cemetery. Then on Monday we have the Memorial Day Parade and all that goes with our Veteran remembrances. Join us at 8:00 AM at the rear of City Hall where the schedule of Memorial Day events will begin. Again, I hope you can join us for this special time.

And in closing, I wish a great year to the 2016-2017 Officers and Appointees elected or appointed at the May 5th meeting.

Tom

SR. Vice Commander

Liz Michalski

Hello,

As many of you know, I work at Rush University Medical Center in downtown Chicago in a program that focuses on healing veterans and their families and helping them cope with the psychological challenges associated with their service. We have quickly expanded and will continue to do so as time goes on. Since September 11, 2001, more than two million service members have deployed to Iraq or Afghanistan. These deployments and intense combat conditions can affect veterans for the rest of their lives having them deal with PTSD (Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder), moral injuries, TBI (Traumatic Brain Injuries), or MST (Military Sexual Assault). We are learning that these are not limited to those who have served during Post 911 eras or to those who have deployed. Veterans serving in "Peacetime" can also become affected by various reasons. The need for services and support, therefore, is never ending, and must be a priority.

Because of the amount of hours I spend on work, commuting back and forth from Naperville to downtown, taking classes, and the many volunteer commitments in the community, I have very little time to be able to be an effective and quality officer of this wonderful post. With heavy heart, at the end of the term, I am stepping away for a while, so that I can dedicate my time to the veteran program at Rush. I will, however, work on a few projects that I think is critical to the future of the post; i.e. updating our website, social media, records, etc. These I can do with ease on my own time. I will continue my membership, proudly, and will serve in these other ways. As I have written in previous letters, I think Naperville Post 43 is outstanding, and believe we are the best post on this globe! Thank you for being you!

Enjoy your spring….I will see you around! *Liz*

SICK CALL

Don Widder Al Zumpe

Ken Blood Joe Pope Chuck Winchester Chuck Biegel

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Don Faulhaber Jim Strnad George McKissick

Dick Knosher Bob Owensby Cliff Preston

Harry (Ski) Brozynski John Zedrow

Jr. Vice Commander

Doug Deejen

TO MY FELLOW VETERANS!!

Our last Dinner/Social of the year was a great way to look at the past and recognize what we are about. We recognized our citizens of the year in three categories Community, Veterans and Youth. We also honored our Past Commanders living and deceased, whose leadership helped form the organization we know today.

Now that we are done with the last dinner it's time for the weather to change! St. Pat's parade was really a great event with the flags and bikes out for the parade.

We are close to the first ride May 7th to the DuPage Veterans Foundation Fundraiser. Please come to this event to honor World War II and Korean war vets. This is a great day for them and a lot of fun. Last year about 100 or more bikes road for this event.

Boy Scouts Spaghetti dinner is coming up on Sunday, May 1, 2016, 3PM to 7PM at Judd Kendall, 908 W. Jackson, Naperville, sponsored by us. Let's show up and support our Troop #106 -- $10.00 Adults, $7.00 Children 7-11 – 3 & under free. Great food and bikes will be there to help support our Troop.

Tom and Lauren Evans I really am going to miss you. I wish you the best in your new home in the southeast!

Thanks to all who have helped with the Dinner/Socials over the past year. It is much appreciated.

Doug

Newsletter

New Editor

As many of you know Tom and I will be moving to South Carolina and although we will remain members of Post 43, I will be unable to continue as your Newsletter editor. It has been my privilege and honor in serving you in this capacity for the past 6 years and I thank you for the opportunity.

I am happy to announce that **Jennifer Slown** has agreed to assume the duties of the editor of *"Keeping Posted"*. **Rich Yndestad** has agreed to be assistant editor providing backup for Jennifer. I know they will serve you well. I ask that you provide the support and welcome that you did me.

<u>Just a Reminder:</u> There will be no editions of our Newsletter "*Keeping Posted*" over the months of June and July. Monthly editions will resume in August. Fair Winds and Following Seas.

Lauren

AMERICAN LEGION POST 43 CALENDAR

May 5, 2016	Thursday	Post Meeting
May 6, 2016	Friday	10 a.m. Coffee - Monarch Landing
May 7, 2016	Saturday	Honor Flight Fundraiser
May 10, 2016	Tuesday	Hines VA Visit
May 11, 2016	Wednesday	County Mtg. - West Chicago
May 19, 2016	Thursday	Poppy Day
May 14, 2016	Saturday	10 a.m. Coffee at Brookdale Plaza
May 21, 2016	Saturday	10 a.m. Coffee at Independence Village
May 25, 2016	Wednesday	Legion Rider Meeting
May 28-30, 2016	Fri.-Mon.	Memorial Day Activities
June 2, 2016	Thursday	Post Meeting
June 4, 2016	Saturday	10 a.m. Coffee - Monarch Landing
June 8, 2016	Wednesday	County Mtg. - Wheaton
June 11, 2016	Saturday	10 a.m. Coffee at Brookdale Plaza
June 14, 2016	Tuesday	Hines VA Visit
June 14, 2016	Tuesday	U.S. Army Birthday
June 18, 2016	Saturday	10 a.m. Coffee at Independence Village
June 22, 2016	Wednesday	Legion Rider Meeting
July 2, 2016	Saturday	10 a.m. Coffee - Monarch Landing
July 4, 2016	Monday	U.S. Independence Day
July 7, 2016	Thursday	Post Meeting
July 9, 2016	Saturday	10 a.m. Coffee at Brookdale Plaza
July 13, 2016	Wednesday	County Mtg. - Hinsdale
July 16, 2016	Saturday	10 a.m. Coffee at Independence Village
July 27, 2016	Wednesday	Legion Rider Meeting

Coffee "and"

Saturday Morning
10 AM

The May dates are:

May 6 - Monarch Landing
May 14 - Brookdale Plaza
May 21- Independence Village

Don't forget our monthly visits with veterans at Monarch Landing, Brookdale Plaza and Independence Village. Due to a scheduling conflict we will be at Monarch Landing on Friday May 6th instead of the 1st Saturday. Join us on the 2nd Saturday at Brookdale and the 3rd Saturday at Independence Village or all three. Remember, all are welcome.

2016 Dupage Veterans Foundation Fundraiser

Don't forget Saturday May 7th for the ***5th Annual Dupage Veterans Foundation Fundraiser"*** to be held again in the Calamos Hanger @ the Dupage Airport . Doors will open at 11am and the Program will last until about 2:30pm. This year we will be honoring our **WW II and Korean Era Veterans** at this special event in order to raise funds to support Honor Fight Chicago. Also, this year we will again be entertained by our own ***"Naperville Municipal Band"***; ***The Legacy Girls***; and our ***"Firefighters Highland Guard of Naperville Bagpipers"***. It will be a fun day for all.

Please note: **All WWII Veterans and Korean War Era Veterans** will be our "special" guests for the day. We do have tickets available for advance purchase @ $30 per adult ($40 @ the door) and $20 per child. Please contact Doug Deetjen or myself for tickets. Also, you can order tickets on our website @ ***"dupageveteransfoundation.org"*** and to obtain more information. We are an approved "501c3" not-for-profit organization. All proceeds will go the Chicago Honor Flight.

We will need about 30 volunteers May 7th to help host our Veteran Guests and to help run programs for that day. As we finalize the events of the day, we will be asking any and all Service Clubs, Businesses, and Individuals to ***"do what they can with donations"***, to show just how much we all care and support our Veterans of **"The Greatest Generation and the Korean War Era"**. Please mark this date and help spread the word. We plan to have more Military displays of all kinds that will bring back memories for many-**Stay Tuned!!!**

Wayne Fischer-Committee Member

"VETERANS STILL SERVING" IS NOT JUST A SLOGAN

How important is the dues and the time you give to the American Legion and its programs--pretty darn important according to Sarvasva Raghuvanshi?

Sarvasva; Savvy, as we have come to know him through an extended relationship that included our High School Constitutional Oratorical Contest and Boys State, is a 2016 recipient of one of our annual college scholarships. The winners are chosen based on academic achievement, service to community, leadership, patriotic involvement and an essay describing the responsibilities of citizenship in a democratic society.

Due to a previously scheduled college visit he was unable to attend the April 16th Recognition Dinner to receive the award in person, but sent the following message to Post 43.

"Dear Naperville American Legion Post 43,

Thank you so much for awarding me the scholarship. It truly means so much to me that you chose me to represent the youth of Naperville. However, please know that I could not have done it without the support of everyone in Post 43. You taught me my leadership and oratorical skills, and cheered me on along every step of the way, even driving members out to Indiana during the Oratorical Contest Nationals!

Also, thank you for all of the service you have done our country over the years in many different forms. It means the world to me that you have risked your lives and fought for my safety, but also that after returning to Naperville you have made a conscious, much-appreciated effort to pass on your legacy and mentor my generation.

I will forever cherish our time together.

Thank you again for everything you have done for me and our nation.

Sincerely,
Sarvasva Raghuvanshi (Savvy)

Honoring our Fallen Veterans-2016

Memorial Day is just around the corner and we are finalizing plans to **"Honor our Fallen Veterans"** here in Naperville. To properly do this we will again be decorating the gravesites of all of our 2000+ Veterans interred in Naperville area cemeteries. Given the number of flags that must be placed, we will need volunteers to help, starting with St Peter and Paul Cemetery on Friday, May 27th at **8am**. We will not have the advantage of having our Youth assist here, so please try and make it out to help. Then on Saturday, May 28th we will do The Naperville Cemetery at **9am**. We will also need folks to do several other smaller local cemeteries during the week-end also. Normally on Saturday at Naperville Cemetery we have both our Posts' Scout Troops; Naval Sea Cadets "Ghostrider" Squadron and others to assist also.

Last year we had a tremendous turn-out and we are looking forward to even more volunteers this year. If you are a Veteran, feel free to bring other members of your family. This is a very special event that we do for our **"Fallen Comrades"** come rain or shine. Our Cemeteries are all mapped and updated each year, but it always seems that a few do move around. But we always locate them.

Then on Tuesday, May 31st, we will plan on picking up the flags at all cemeteries starting with St Peter & Paul at **8am** and Naperville Cemetery after that. Help is always greatly appreciated then also. If you have any questions please call me at 630-240-8868 or email me @ wayne.l.fischer@gmail.com. You will not need to sign up-just show-up.

Thanks-Wayne Fischer

Post 43 Scholarship Recipients for 2016

Patrick Hill and Sarvasva Raghuvanshi each were awarded $1500 scholarships in a competition involving academic achievement, leadership in the school and community, community service, patriotic involvement and an essay describing the responsibilities of citizenship in a democratic society. Hill and Raghuvanshi are both members of the Class of 2016 at Neuqua Valley High School.

Patrick Hill with his parents and Tom Evans, Post Commander and Jim Vahle, Post 43 Scholarship Chair.
Picture by Jim Hoch

Raghuvanshi was unable to accept his scholarship award in person as he was out of town looking at colleges for next year, Vahle said.

Armed Forces Day Dinner-Saturday May 21st

Annually, the American Legion holds an Armed Forces Day Dinner rotated between the 1st Division and the 2nd Division of which Post 43 is in. This year we are hosting the dinner to honor our Armed Forces at the Naperville Marriott with the social hour starting @ 5pm, dinner @ 6, with the Program to follow. This year, in addition to having a Past National Commander, Tom Bock speak, we will also have John Rose of the DoD 50th Commemoration of the Vietnam War. We will have special pins for all Vietnam Era Veterans in attendance. I have also included a flyer (see page 9) with all of the details. But if you have any questions, please give me a call. Reservation deadline is Monday, May 16th. You will also notice that we will have complimentary valet service available also.

Thanks-Wayne

American Legion Post 43 recognized a Citizen of the Year in three categories: Service to the Community, Service to Veterans and Service to Youth at the final Dinner/Social of the year on April 16th.

Citizen of the year to Community was awarded to Lee Lindberg. Lindberg's nominators describe him as the consummate example of Good Citizenship by virtue of his positive example, willingness to help others and efforts to give back to the community.

During his time as Commander, American Legion Post 43 received many state and national awards for its involvement in the community. Lindberg was deeply involved, directly or indirectly, in all of them. He consistently participates in visits to Hines VA Hospital, Senior Living Centers in Naperville , quarterly mass burials at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, school visits around Veterans Day, and Boy Scout events.

Some say his greatest attribute is his friendship and offer of a helping hand to all he meets.

Citizen of The Year to Veterans was awarded to Lauren Evans. Lauren has been editor of Post 43's "Keeping Posted" since 2011. During this time the newsletter has been awarded the Department of Illinois' Best Newsletter-Large Posts, four times. As co-administrator of Naperville's contribution to the American Legion's Centennial Webpage, she spent countless hours researching Post 43's history. She serves as Chairperson of the Post's Illinois Girls State program, inspiring young women to gain confidence in themselves and to make a difference in the future for our country.

Evans is an accomplished speaker on the role women have played in the military services since our country's founding , and a promoter of their current, ever growing importance to the military.

Adam & Ariana Van Someren, Cher (Lee's daughter & Lee Lindberg and Lauren & Tom Evans

The Illinois American Legion Second Division is Proud to Host

Armed Forces Day Dinner

Saturday, May 21st, 2016

TO BE HELD AT NAPERVILLE MARRIOT
1801 N. NAPER BLVD., NAPERVILLE, IL 60563

Key Note Speaker

Past National Commander
Tom Bock

With guest speaker John Rose, DoD 50th Commemoration of the Vietnam War in Washington, DC

$30 per person
Social Hour starts at 5:00 pm (cash bar), Dinner at 6:00 pm in the Naper Ballroom (east side of hotel)

Dinner Choices: (choose one) *(All are served with Salad and Dessert)*

- *8oz Flat Iron Steak w/ Marriot steak butter, Roasted Red Potatoes & Baby Carrots*
- *Organic Chicken w/ Lemon Caper Sauce, Roasted Red Potatoes & Baby Carrots*
- *Vegetarian Eggplant w/ Potato Cannelloni*

Please contact the hotel directly to make your housing reservations.

NAPERVILLE MARRIOT
1801 N. Naper Blvd., Naperville, IL 60563
(630) 505-4900
Room Rate: $112/night *(Code: American Legion Armed Forces Day)*
Complimentary Valet Service Available *(Tips Encouraged)*

- ***Deadline: Monday, May 16, 2016***
- ***NO WALKINS PLEASE***
- ***Table of 10 may be reserved, list names on back of reservation form.***
- ***Pick up tickets at the door***
- ***Questions? Contact: Wayne Fischer at 630-240-8868***

Reservations: *Name:*_____

Phone: (_____) _____

Dinner Selection: _____*Steak;* _____*Chicken;* _____*Vegetarian*

*Amount enclosed: $*_____ ☐ *I am reserving a table of 10* *(names are listed on the back)*

Checks are to be made payable to: 2nd Division Armed Forces Day Dinner.
Mail reservations to: Ray Powroznik 33236 N. Cove Rd., Wildwood, IL 60030

Memorial Day Schedule
May 30, 2016

8:00 – Flag raising and service at 9/11-Cmdr. Dan Shanower Memorial – (taps & volley)

8:30 – Service at Veterans Park (Gartner Rd.) – (taps & volley)

8:50 – Service at Burlington Park Doughboy Monument – (taps & volley)

9:15 – Service at St. Peter & Paul Cemetery (taps & volley)

10:00 – Service at GAR Monument in Naperville Cemetery – (taps & volley)

10:30 – Advance section of parade steps off from Jackson and Ewing

10:40 – Service at plaza, corner of Webster & Jackson
Main Parade steps off from Jackson & West St., East to Washington, North to Benton, East to Court Place (Veterans & Military Units), East to St. Peter & Paul parking lot.

12:15 – Program at Community Concert Center
Selections by Naperville Municipal Band
Invocation – Star Spangled Banner
Municipal Band –
Service at Blackhawk Monument/Silver Star Memorial – prayer, volley, taps & Star Spangled Banner
Municipal Band –

12:45 – Dismissal – If it is raining at 9:00 – decision to cancel will be made at that time by Parade committee and Naperville Police Department

Memorial Day Parade has been a Naperville tradition for over 80 years. Let us all thank a veteran on this special day!!

Post 43 Annual 7th & 8th Grade Speech Contest

April 9th completed the first leg of the DuPage County American Legion Annual Americanism Speech Contest. The contest was open to students from the 7th and 8th grades from the Naperville D203 & D204 schools as well as local Parochial Schools.

The students left to right are : Arya Nalluri - Crone, Keya Jain - Kennedy, Emily Mason - Madison, Neha Ramachandran - Madison and Nicole Tong - Kennedy with Tom Evans, Post commander, and Jim Vahle, Speech Contest Chair.

The students were given the challenge of coming up with a 4 to 6-minute speech on any phase of the U.S. Constitution. They were allowed the use of a podium and also refer to their notes.

The 1st place winner of Post 43's contest, Nicole Tong from Kennedy Jr. H.S., and 2nd place winner, Neha Ramachandran from Madison Jr. H.S., represented Naperville Post #43 at the DuPage County contest held on April 17th in the Theater of the Visitor Center on the grounds of Cantigny in Winfield, Illinois. Nicole, placed 1st at the county contest and Neha placed 4th.

This marks the 10th year for this contest to be held in DuPage County. The contest helps prepare the students to compete in other American Legion programs offered in both essay and oratorical while attending high school.

Jim Vahle
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Illini Girls State Program

Eileen Lass has graciously accepted the position of Illini Girls State Program Chair for Post 43. This American Legion Auxiliary Program offers citizenship training for approximately 500 High School Junior girls. The goal is to provide the students with an awareness of the responsibilities, rights and privileges of being American citizens while participating in the functioning of government. Post 43 will be sending the following student to the 2016 session. Nora Davidauskus from Naperville Central, Marina Pascual & Sarah Wheeler from Waubonsie Valley, Olivia Burley, Claire O'Meara & Cameron Rodriguez from Benet Academy and Ripal Sheth & Regan Brachman from Neuqua Valley.

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS CHAPTER 43

The Riders are off to a good riding season, the weather permitted them to participate in their first Naperville St Patrick's Day parade. The Welcome Home for the Chicago Honor Flight has started and the next one will be on 11-May. We invite any rider to join us, call the number below to get the meeting place and time.

By the time the newsletter comes out our 4th Annual Honor Flight Fundraiser Run from Heritage Harley Davidson to the DuPage Veterans Association Fundraiser for Chicago Honor Flight on 7-May may be over. The Naperville Riders have been attending other ALR meetings to promote this ride, hopefully we will again have over one hundred bikes. Rain or shine, come out and join us, it is a great day.

Our riding calendar for memorial weekend is full. On 28-May we will be attending the Freedom Fest Run out of DeKalb HD to honor veterans. On 29-May we will be representing veterans at the Military Tribute at Spring Brook Church in Plainfield. And of course our own Memorial Day parade on 30-May.

So far, nine Naperville Legion Riders have registered for the National American Legion Legacy Run in August. All of the Riders who attended this run last year and several others who did not are making plans to ride this run. It appears that Naperville American Legion Post 43 will once again be well represented by these Riders who unselfishly give their time and money to participate in this run, which last year raised 1.2 million dollars for the education of surviving children of service men and women who gave the ultimate sacrifice since 911. If anyone would like to make a donation to the American Legion Legacy Scholarship Fund, see any one of the Naperville Legion Riders who will make sure 100% gets into the fund.

Riders, you can earn the new Department of Illinois American Legion Riders Recruiter patch and pin by signing up two or more members to the Legion Family. This would be a great patch to have on your vest and the Legion families would really appreciate your effort.

If you are a motorcycle enthusiast who likes to support Veterans and their families and can qualify for the Legion, Legion Auxiliary, or the Son of the Legion, we would like to have you as a member. Come check us out at our next meeting which will be 25-May-2016, 6:00 pm for social and 7:00 pm for meeting at Bono's Pub, 2029 Ogden Avenue, Lisle, IL.

Don Chasteen
ALR Chapter 43 Director
630-531-1050

Poppy Day: *"Veterans Serving Veterans"*

On Thursday, May 19th Post 43 will hold its annual ***"Poppy Day"*** in the Naperville and Lisle area. As in the past 3 years, all of the proceeds will go to support disabled veterans, specifically thru the American Legion "**OPERATION COMFORT WARRIORS" Program.** They will receive 100% of all donations generated from ***"Poppy Day"***.

Here is what **"OPERATION COMFORT WARRIOR"** is all about:
"***This program provides wounded service members with rehabilitation equipment for physical therapy and entertainment in the form of soft clothing, electronics, video games, movies, music and more. 100%-yes, you read that right, but let me repeat-100% of all donations to OCW go to gifts for injured servicemen and women. Check it out @ www.legion.org/ocw.***"

"Poppy Day" by the American Legion Post 43 has been going on for many years and again this year we have elected to use the proceeds from our ***"Poppy Day"*** to support this very special and worthwhile cause. It does not replace the support our wounded men and women receive thru the Veterans Administration. But, it adds to it by providing needed "comfort" items to help enjoy their free time.

Be a contributor to this special Program and help us promote poppies on May 19th. As in the past, we will be at the Naperville, Rt. 59 and the Lisle train stations from 6-8am. But we want to do more this year. Got a favorite store or strip mall you would like to cover? Want to help at a train station? Check your calendar, make a commitment, and contact Wayne Fischer at (630) 240-8868 or wayne.l.fischer@gmail.com for poppies. If you cannot help that day, you can still make a donation to Post 43, designated for **"Operation Comfort Warriors."** We will combine all of the proceeds raised and send one check to this program. **Remember, 100% of all proceeds go to "Operation Comfort Warrior.** You won't get a better opportunity to support our wounded veterans. We will have Poppies for you to pick up at our May 5th Post meeting and we will have them available at the Train Stations.

Wayne

CONFUSION OR CLARITY?

So, is it just me or are most of you more than just a little confused and not at all clear on who you will vote for in November. It has been one of the most unpredictable, exciting, angry, confusing and frustrating election seasons in our nation's history!

Want some clarity? Especially someone we can truly trust and whose message we can depend on. Let me suggest a leader who will do what they promise, a leader who will lead with strength, vision, compassion and ethics and who will have your best interests at heart. This candidate is the same yesterday, today and tomorrow and cannot be swayed by the political winds. He desires the best for each of us in developing into the best citizens we can be. Of course it is God! We can trust him and have faith in Him in all situations, both during the good times and in the most challenging times. Unlike most politicians he wants to hear from us and be intimate with him through prayer, to share our concerns, needs and thoughts. What does God require for us to do in return? He wants us to regularly seek him out through prayer and meditation, acknowledge our blessings and to praise and worship him. He desires that we be a blessing to others. God desires a willing, joyful and unselfish nature from us rather than what we can get for ourselves through others.

We can be confident that God loves each of us and is most pleased when we trust him in all situations. Turn your problem, concern or fear over to him. Learn to lean on him when confused and then wait for his answer.

We are facing many more months of campaigning which thus far pandered to the baser instincts. Anger, hostility and name calling will not solve anything. We need to pray for our elected leaders at the national, state and local levels. Pray that they return to leadership that serves the people through respect, cooperation and goodwill even when they disagree.

Finally, after prayer, seek leaders who represent those ideals and vote your conscience. God bless each of you and God bless America. Happy Spring!! **Dick Komarek**

Citizen of the year—Continued from p. 8

Citizen of the Year to Youth was awarded to Adam & Ariana Van Someren. 360 Youth Services has provided services to youth and families in the Naperville community for 45 years through counseling, housing for homeless youth and substance abuse prevention education.
When it was determined that outbuildings on their property had to come down, 360 Youth Services could not afford the cost, estimated to be in excess of $20,000. Adam Van Someren, owner of Charleston Building and Development, stepped in and the project was completed at no cost to 360 Youth Services.

When Oriana Van Someren learned of the financial challenges facing 360 Youth Services as a result of the state's budget impasse, she stepped up with ideas to generate funds for the agency. Along with two other women, she organized an event, Scrambling for 360, that raised over $13,000 and awareness of 360 Youth Services in the Community and brought 360's leaders in contact with new faces to engage in their mission. In the words of Katy LeClair, CEO of 360 Youth Services, "Adam and Oriana Van Someren are extraordinary people, deeply devoted to the youth of our community."

Jim Vahle

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May 2016 Activities — Opportunities

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May 14 - Brookdale Plaza Lisle
May 21 - Independence Village
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May 30 - Memorial Day Activities

Selected Thursdays & Saturdays— Help OSOT America sort & pack boxes at the Lisle warehouses—

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Post 43 Dinner/Social Honored Past Commanders

Standing: Mike Rechenmacher, Wayne Fischer and John Kunsch,
Sitting: Lee Lindberg, John Prescott, Dick Knosher and Terry Jelinek
Photo by James Hoch