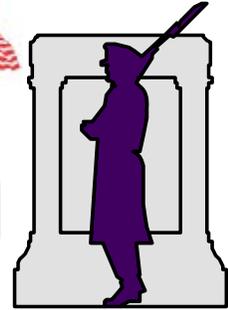




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## COMMANDER'S CALL

Lee Lindberg - Post Commander

On September 8th, some of us participated in the quarterly visit for the "Direct Burials" at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery in Elwood, IL. If you are unfamiliar with Elwood, it is about 40 miles South of Naperville. Direct Burial means a ceremony for those veterans interred during the prior 3 months, and for whom there had been no Military Honors ceremony. Some may have died in a more distant place and their remains shipped to ALNC; some may have outlived any surviving relatives; others may have been homeless. The Direct Burial ceremony takes place in Shelter C, and is lead by the Memorial Squad at ALNC. The Memorial Squad consists of volunteers who regularly perform Military Honors at ALNC. This ceremony includes a flag-draped symbolic casket, posting of colors, prayer lead by a Chaplain, and the reading of the individual names, rank, and branch of service. A bell is rung after each name is read. The number of names can vary from 40-75; this day there were 63. The Memorial Squad performs a Three Rifle Volley, followed by the sounding of Taps. The flag is folded appropriately and presented to a special guest representing a relative or family. The entire program last about 30 minutes or less.



Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery was dedicated on October 3, 1999 on 982 acres which has grave sites for 400,000. There are 40,000 currently buried there, and burials take place at the rate of 20 to 30 daily. The Direct Burials are usually attended by 75-100, coming from mostly surrounding counties. Anyone wishing to join us in the future, give me your name and we'll alert you as the next date approaches in December. We meet and car-pool from Juicy-O's Restaurant on South Washington Street, around 7:30 am, and are usually back in Naperville around 10:30am.

On September 11th, the 15th commemoration of the Twin Towers tragedy took place at the Dan Shanower Memorial on the Riverwalk behind City Hall. Most know that Navy Lt. Commander Shanower died when one of those terrorist directed planes crashed into the Pentagon in Washington DC. With the participation of the Naperville Municipal Band, and after appropriate

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**Doug Deetjen**

# SR. Vice Commander

## MY FELLOW VETERANS

It's that time of year again. Your 2017 dues are now due as soon as possible – trying to get to 100%, but to have dues in before 2017. The fiscal year is up in July 2016 after the State convention!! We found one more missing in action, no longer with us, Lloyd Hellam. Have 11 on the list now revised. We have lost many members so we need to start signing up new members.

Name	Years	Era	Service	DOB	Last Known Living in
Gurnik, Joseph	6	WWII	Army	12/29/26	Lisle
Hays, Bob	32	Korea	Army	02/17/33	Big Sandy, TN
Lang, Frank	3	Korea	USAF	unk	Naperville
Metz, Jerome	9	WWII	Army	02/24/25	Lisle
Mokhiber, Alfred	7	WWII	Army	12/23/17	Naperville
Pizzo, Vincent S.	46	WWII	Navy	08/08/40	Evanston
Smith, Robert L.	4	WWII	unk	unk	Liberty Lake, WA
Smith, Sidney	24	WWII	AAC	unk	Jensen Beach, FL
Sopcak, Betty	4	Korea	unk	08/22/31	Port Charlotte, FL
Vrany, Joseph	11	WWII	Navy	unk	Lisle
Willmann, Hubert	5	WWII	USMC	10/17/28	unknown

Attached is another member application, please get your friends to join.

**The American Legion Membership Application**

(Name) \_\_\_\_\_ (Phone) \_\_\_\_\_

(Mailing Address) \_\_\_\_\_ (Date) \_\_\_\_\_

(City) \_\_\_\_\_ (State) \_\_\_\_\_ (Zip) \_\_\_\_\_ (Post #) \_\_\_\_\_

(E-Mail) \_\_\_\_\_ (Date) \_\_\_\_\_

Please check appropriate eligibility dates and branch of service below

Aug 2, 1990 - cessation of hostilities as determined by U.S. Government

Dec 20, 1980 - Jan 31, 1990  U.S. Army

Aug 24, 1967 - July 31, 1964  U.S. Navy

Feb 28, 1967 - May 7, 1975  U.S. Air Force

June 25, 1950 - Jan 31, 1955  U.S. Marines

Dec 7, 1941 - Dec 31, 1946  U.S. Coast Guard

April 6, 1917 - Nov 11, 1918  Merchant Marines 12/7/41 - 8/15/45 (only eligibility)

I certify that I served at least one day of active military duty during the dates marked above and was honorably discharged or am still serving honorably.

(Sign as applicant) \_\_\_\_\_ (Name of recruiter) \_\_\_\_\_

**Receipt of Dues**  
(Receipt)

From \_\_\_\_\_ Post # \_\_\_\_\_

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ For 20 \_\_\_\_\_

Recruiter's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Recruiter's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Recruiter's Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Recruit two members, get a pin!!

Douglas R. Deetjen, I  
Senior Vice

## Jr. Vice Commander



Don Chasteen

The October Social Dinner will be on the 15th at the VFW Hall. The social hour will start at 6 PM with dinner to be around 7 PM. This month's dinner will be catered by Nicky's Ribs & Gyros of Naperville. The dinner menu is Pork Kabobs, Greek Chicken, Greek Potatoes, Mostaccioli with Marinara Sauce, Garden Salad, and Bread/Butter. Coffee will be furnished, all other drinks are available at the cash bar. Lee Lindberg will furnish his famous desserts. Entertainment for the evening will be Ron Keller and his Oompa Band.

Last month I mentioned attending our Legion meetings, to me our attendance was up slightly. With the number of members we have, we should be filling the hall. If you were not there you missed the normal reports on our Legion activities and a very interesting guest, a lady from Scotland (I apologize for not getting her name). She shared with us some facts about her and her 11 years of service in the Royal Navy.

Membership in the American Legion is very important to enable our post to support the many activities that are for the veterans, community and our youth. By attending meetings you might find an interesting activity that you would like to be become involved. More involvement by more members makes your Legion better.

Junior Vice Commander,  
Don Chasteen

### Coffee "and"

**Saturday Morning  
10 AM**



**The October dates are:**

**Oct 1 - Monarch Landing  
Oct 8 - Brookdale Plaza  
Oct 15 - Independence Village**

Don't forget our monthly visits with veterans at Monarch Landing, Brookdale Plaza and Independence Village. Join us on the 1st Saturday at Monarch Landing, the 2nd Saturday at Brookdale and the 3rd Saturday at Independence Village or all three. Remember, all are welcome.



## AMERICAN LEGION POST 43 CALENDAR



October 1, 2016	Saturday	10 am Coffee at Monarch Landing
October 6, 2016	Thursday	Post Meeting
October 8, 2016	Saturday	10 am Coffee at Brookdale Plaza
October 11, 2016	Tuesday	Hines VA Visit (bus leaves at 6:15pm)
October 13, 2016	Thursday	U.S. Navy Birthday
October 15, 2016	Saturday	10 am Coffee at Independence Village
October 15, 2016	Saturday	Dinner/Social - Octoberfest
October 22, 2016	Saturday	Legion Riders Dinner Dance
October 26, 2016	Wednesday	Legion Rider Meeting



November 3, 2016	Thursday	Post Meeting
November 5, 2016	Saturday	10 am Coffee at Monarch Landing
November 8, 2016	Tuesday	Hines VA Visit (bus leaves at 6:15pm)
November 10, 2016	Thursday	U.S. Marine Corps Birthday
November 11, 2016	Friday	Dinner/Social - Veterans Day
November 12, 2016	Saturday	10 am Coffee at Brookdale Plaza
November 19, 2016	Saturday	10 am Coffee at Independence Village
November 23, 2016	Wednesday	Legion Rider Meeting



December 1, 2016	Thursday	Post Meeting
December 10, 2016	Saturday	10 a.m. Coffee at Brookdale Plaza
December 10, 2016	Saturday	Army/Navy Game
December 13, 2016	Tuesday	Hines VA Visit (bus leaves at 6:15pm)
December 17, 2016	Saturday	10 a.m. Coffee at Independence Village
December 17, 2016	Saturday	<b>No Dinner/Social</b>
December 28, 2016	Wednesday	Legion Riders Meeting



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words from several guests and dignitaries, the keynote speaker was Dr. Don Shanower, brother of Dan, who delivered a short but memorable speech.

Dick Knosher, Post 43 Commander back in 1981, is our longest serving continuous Legion member at 71 years! At the age of 97, Dick and his wife Millie, to whom he has been married for 63 years, reside at Tabor Hills Senior Residences. He was a member of the 1937 graduating class of Naperville High School. Dick served stateside during WWII after enlisting in the Army Air Corps on 12 January 1942, a scant month after the Pearl Harbor attack. Another member of "the greatest generation" to whom we owe so much. Thanks, Dick, for your service, friendship, and faithful longtime American Legion membership!

Sign on a septic tank truck: "Yesterday's meals on wheels"

And an another sister truck: "Caution, this truck is full of political promises"

Next Post Meeting: Thursday, October 6, 7:00 pm

Lee

### Abraham Lincoln Statue Dedicated on Sep 10



The new life size statue of Abraham Lincoln was dedicated on September 10, 2016 at the National Cemetery named in his honor in Elwood, IL. It is located at the start of the Memorial Walk behind the main flag pole.



## Heart Land Hospice

Several weeks ago, Tom Parker, Commander of Judd Kendall VFW and I met with representatives of Heartland Hospice Care to discuss a request for our assistance with hospice patients. We were a little apprehensive to meet since they are from Westmont and there are several veteran organizations, both Legion and VFW, that are closer to their location. We learned, however, that the veteran help they are seeking would primarily involve/include only those hospice patients in our area, either in a nursing care facility or in their own homes. We made no commitment regarding participation, but did agree to pass along their request for help. Here's the information they provided regarding their Veteran to Veteran volunteer program:

Heartland Hospice is seeking military veterans to provide hour long "friendly visits" to other veterans who are in Heartland's hospice care in our local community. Veterans share a common language, code of conduct, and honor. No one understands the questions and concerns of a U.S. military veteran more than a fellow veteran. When one veteran talks to another, stoicism and secrecy may dissolve, and the sharing of stories helps promote life-review and healing.

Volunteer visits would be made in nursing facilities or private homes, usually every other week (2 times per month) for up to an hour per visit. This opportunity is very flexible and individuals can assist 2 hours or more per month, depending on the volunteer. Training is required and is provided by Heartland Hospice Care. Training will be brought to Naperville for the convenience of volunteers.

Additionally, it is noteworthy to mention that this group is a member of the national "We Honor Veterans" organization. They go to great lengths to recognize veterans in their care for their service to our country and for their contributions while serving in the military by conducting a short ceremony where the veteran is provided with a certificate, a lapel pin, and a patriotic quilt.

Most of us are somewhat familiar with hospice programs, and both Tom and I appreciate any efforts that can be made to make end-of-life days as comfortable as possible, especially for our fellow veterans.

If anyone is interested in becoming a volunteer in this Veteran to Veteran program, please contact me and I will forward your name and contact information to the folks at Heartland Hospice Care.

Lee Lindberg

**Installation of new officers, Legion Riders, and new Sons of the American Legion Charter presented at Social Dinner on September 17.**



Photos courtesy of James Hoch Photography



## Chaplain's Corner

The following is a prayer I delivered at the 9/11 lighting ceremonial observance:

Almighty and Sovereign Creator God and Merciful Lord who bestows His grace on all of us and who loves each of us unconditionally; we praise your holy name and acknowledge that you continue to work out your divine purpose through us and for our great nation. It is a comfort to our hearts and reassuring to our spirit that you remain the same yesterday, today and tomorrow involved and in control. Tonight, Father, we pray for those precious souls taken from us all too soon as a result of that first terrorist attack on U.S. soil 15 years ago this September 11th. We remember those civilians, police, firefighters, military personnel and first responders on the scene who all responded so courageously with acts of self sacrifice in reaching out to the injured, leading others to safety and assisting wherever they were needed. We have collectively learned as a nation that freedom comes with a price and is never free.

God, we also know your light will always prevail. It breaks through the darkness during the most tragic of events, providing the faith and courage to go on like the brightness of this majestic light (outside City Hall) that sends beams of light high into the night sky illuminating the darkness and with it our flag of freedom representing American values. This represents a symbol of beauty and resolve of our nation as we remember and reflect on 9/11. Everlasting Father, send out your blessing on all attending this observance tonight. Bless and protect the men and women who serve our nation so well and defend its values and liberties bravely against those who would do us harm!

Keep your protective hand on this great nation "Under God" and away from tyranny's threat and thank you for blessing this nation for the past 240 years! May we never forget how precious our lives and freedoms are; never to be taken for granted!!

God Bless All Of You and God Bless The United States of America!

Chaplain Dick Komarek



## AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS CHAPTER 43



I would like to report that 9 Legion Riders were present at the Naperville India Day Parade and that they received a very warm welcome. Many people requested to have their pictures taken with us and a great applause was extended as we passed the reviewing stand. The only negative was that our motorcycles got extremely hot. The Legacy Run did not start out very well. Our 11 Riders had to suit up for the rain that they endured most of the day. The rest of the week was great. Motorcycle failures plagued us through out the run with one bike needing repair on the first day of the run and another on the last day of the run. Several parts from a couple of bikes were lost to what we call the road gremlins, but they did not hinder the operation of the bikes. The Run started with 450 motorcycles and was the same as in the past, humbling, exhilarating, scary at times, and exhausting. I have heard what the amount raised for the Legacy Fund is \$1,155,000 with another 30 days to collect for it. The Naperville American Legion Riders donated \$3000 of it.

The Riders are planning what has become their annual fundraiser on October 22. This fundraiser will include a Prime Rib dinner prepared by our well known Kendall Cooks and entertainment by the baby boomer rock and roll band, Claremont Drive. This event has limited seating, 200, and the cost is a mere \$25.00 per person. Last years event was enjoyed by all and ticket sales are going fast. The Riders are also seeking Corporate and individual donations for the Legion riders and the American Legion Legacy Scholarship Fund, both donations are 501(c)(3) deductible. I want to stress that if you specify your donation for the Legacy Fund, 100% of it will go to that 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 American Legion, we would like to have you as a member. Our next ALR meeting will be on the 26-October starting at 6 PM at Bono's in Lisle, all Legion members are welcome to attend.

Don Chasteen  
ALR Chapter 43 Director  
630-531-1050





**Honor Guard**

The combined Post 43 and Post 3873 Honor Guard has been busy rendering Military Honors for local veterans funerals. The Honor Guard consists of volunteers from each Post. Any veteran is entitled to have Military Honors for their burial. However, the family must request this service and present proof of veterans military service DD-214 or WWII Discharge papers. The

Honor Guard is available to provide graveside Three Rifle Volley and live sounding of Taps. Your service branch will be present to fold your flag and present to your family. These services are initiated by providing a copy of your DD-214 to the funeral home.

For more information contact Jim Oftedal at [630-357-4030](tel:630-357-4030) or contact the post.

**TAPS**

Elmer Petrasek



**SICK CALL** Don Widder Al Zumpe Joe Pope

Chuck Winchester Sam Hilderbrand Ken Blood

Don Faulhaber Jim Strnad George McKissick

Dick Knosher





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**MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS** are the first Thursday of every month at 7 PM,  
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**October 2016**  
**Activities — Opportunities**

**October 6 - Post Mtg.**  
**October 15 - Post Social**  
**October 22 - Legion Riders Dinner**

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



**Legion Callers**





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**Honor Guard members pictured at Labor Day Parade with Gov. & Mrs. Bruce Rauner.**

