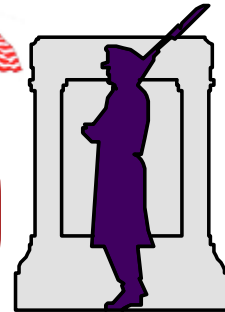




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## COMMANDER'S CALL

Lee Lindberg - Post Commander

April 6th commemorated 100 years ago that the US joined other Allied Forces in Europe, to enter WWI. The "War to end all Wars", did not fulfill its nickname, as numerous conflicts since that time have proven. The population of Naperville in 1917 hovered around 3000, maybe even less.. Yet, more than 320 answered the call to service, whose names are all inscribed on the beautiful plaque by the Doughboy Statue in Burlington Square Park. Seven native sons made the supreme sacrifice, including the namesake of our VFW Post 3873, Oliver Judd Kendall, who is buried in France.



WWI also gave birth to the tradition of promoting Poppies as a way to raise funds to help in various veterans causes. Poppies grew wild in Flanders, an area of northwest France, western Belgium, and northward into The Netherlands. After Canadian Lt Col. John McCrae witnessed his close friend slain on the battlefield of Ypres, he was inspired to compose the now well-known poem: "In Flanders Fields". As Memorial Day/Week approaches, Poppies will be offered for donations by members and friends of both the American Legion and the VFW at locations around the area. Legion day is Thursday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, when all of the train stations will be staffed, and hope you can help!

Poppies are also promoted in a number of other countries, especially former British Commonwealth countries including Canada, Australia, and New Zealand, usually on November 11th which is known as "Remembrance Day"

Memorial Day services at 5 different monument/locations begin at 7:45 A.M. at the Shanower Memorial on the Riverwalk behind City Hall, and will conclude around 9:30 in time to begin the parade which begins on Jackson St at Ewing. All are welcome to participate, just show up and transportation will be provided. This parade, as are all Naperville parades, is well attended by our patriotic citizens. The parade is non-commercial or political, and is primarily comprised of veterans and bands. The program after the parade will feature Ryan Park, The American Legion Post 43 State of Illinois Oratorical Contest winner for 2017. Please come and listen to his presentation at the Band shell in Central Park.

If you are using this year's State of Illinois American Legion calendar, please note that June features a photo of the "Healing Field of Honor" in Rotary Hill Park, and also September is Rich Yndestad's submission of our own Legion/VFW Honor Guard which participates in so many Veteran funerals.

The next post meeting will be on May 4th at 7:00 P.M., and the next Legion dinner on September 16th. **Wishing you all a most pleasant Summer!**

*Lee*

## Sr. Vice Commander

### MY FELLOW VETERANS

Our membership as of 4/15/17 is over 100%.  
We appreciated all of your help!



*Doug Deetjen*

### **SIGN A MEMBER – GET A PIN.**

2018 Membership will be starting in July and we need to pick up about 25 new members for this next year. We still are trying to get all our old members their complete information required on the forms, date of birth, branch of service, era, updated addresses, phone numbers and emails. If you think we are missing any of your information please feel free to call me at 630-674-1133 or please send me an email at [drdeetjen@gmail.com](mailto:drdeetjen@gmail.com)

As of now we have 51 PUFL paid up for life

Active members 31

WWII Vets 39

Korean Vets 95

Viet Nam Vets 280

Lebanon/Grenada 26

Panama 11

Gulf/Persian 58

DOUG DEETJEN – SR. VICE COMMANDER



### **Poppy Day: Veterans Serving Veterans**

On Thursday, May 18, 2017, Post 43 will hold its annual "Poppy Day" in Naperville and Lisle area, from approx. 6 am to 8 am. As in the past 4 years, all of the proceeds will go to support disabled veterans, specifically thru the American Legion "OPERATION COMFORT WARRIORS". Be a contributor to this special program and help us promote poppies on May 18th. As in the past, we will need volunteers to take donations on Poppy Day at the Naperville and Lisle Train Stations. Sign-up sheets and poppies will be available at the Post meeting on May 4th. Mark your calendars now! Your help is needed to help raise these proceeds!!

## Jr. Vice Commander



Don Chasteen

I don't know where to start this month. No more socials dinners until September, so I have no menu to plan or entertainment to secure. Thus there is none of that to report, so I will speak to some of my thoughts/feelings.

As I stated last month the American Legion year 2016/2017 is ending shortly and it has truly went by quickly for me. I performed the duties of this office to the best of my abilities and made several changes from what had been done in the past. The feedback I received was mostly positive and I appreciate all the support that was given to me, and I will give all of my support to the next Junior-Vice. But as I reflect, isn't that what The American Legion is all about, supporting our fellow veterans, our communities, and promoting our youth by showing them what Americanism is.

I feel that there is one area I did not perform as well as I should have, and that is in stressing the fact that as a member of this Post you need to take ownership of it because it is your Post. I have ended most of my reports with the same two paragraphs and they are still there stating the next meeting and the importance of attending them. We have started a Sons of the American Legion Squadron and there is discussion going on about bringing back the Auxiliary, so there is a lot of opportunity to get involved. This Post is a great Post! Many Posts wish they could do what we do, but this is only accomplished by membership involvement.

The 2017/2018 Officer Slate has been reported, and their election will take place at the Legion meeting this month. So for this reason, it is most important that you attend the next Legion meeting so you have a voice in who will manage your Legion next year. Our next Legion meeting is on 4-May. Meeting starts at 7 PM at the VFW Hall, come early or stay afterwards to socialize (get to know) some of the other members.

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 involved in. More involvement by more members makes your Legion better.

Junior Vice,  
Don Chasteen

**Keeping Posted** is published 10 times each year. There are no newsletters in the months of June or July. Your next newsletter will be in August. See you then!



## AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS CHAPTER 43



We had six Riders attend this year's first Chicago Honor Flight Welcome Home at Midway Airport on April 12th. Last year I reported that Homeland Security, TSA, or Midway Airport (whomever) limited the number of the Flag Line participants (known as the Motorcycle Community) to 60, also we were not to shake hands with the Veterans unless they extended their hand, and they moved us to a narrow ramp leading up to an elevator. Well these rules still exists plus some new ones. They have added that we are not to move to the center of the ramp to greet or take pictures with any veteran that we might know, and to enforce this they have installed the portable barriers to keep us in line. Also if you cannot stand the whole time while waiting on the veterans to come through you will not be allowed to go up to the ramp. The reason I point out these rules is because these rules have caused the Flag Line participants to dwindle to such a low number. There was only 30 to 35 Flag Line participants on April 12<sup>th</sup>. This is very sad because, in talking with some of the veterans who have gone on the flight, seeing all the flags (use to be up to 120) on returning home was very emotional for them. The Naperville American Legion Riders will continue to provide as many participants as they can, for as long as they are allowed.

The DuPage Veterans Foundation's fundraiser on May 6<sup>th</sup> is our first big event this year. We have supported this event by sponsoring a motorcycle ride from Heritage Harley Davidson in Lisle to the DuPage Airport, where the fundraiser is held. This is the fourth year that we have sponsored this ride with over 100 bikes participating each year for the last two years. Our goal is to again have over 100 motorcycles at this event.

Registration for the National Legacy Run has opened. For the last three years Naperville Legion Riders have been on this run with increasing participation each year. This year will probably see a drastic drop in our participation due to fact that this run will start in Kansas and end in Reno, NV, causing a significant increase in time that each Rider will need to commit to. This run is not until August, so I will be reporting more as things develop.

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 American Legion, Legion Auxiliary, or The Sons of The American Legion, we would like to have you as a member. Come check us out at our next meeting which will be 24-May-2017, 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





## AMERICAN LEGION POST 43 CALENDAR



May 4, 2017	Thursday	Post Meeting 7 p.m.
May 6, 2017	Saturday	DuPage Honor Flight Fundraiser
May 6, 2017	Saturday	10 a.m. Coffee at Monarch Landing
May 9, 2017	Tuesday	Hines VA Visit
May 13, 2017	Saturday	10 a.m. Coffee at Brookdale Plaza
May 18, 2017	Thursday	Poppy Day
May 20, 2017	Saturday	Armed Forces Day
May 20, 2017	Saturday	10 a.m. Coffee at Independence Village
May 24, 2017	Wednesday	Legion Rider Meeting
May 27, 2017	Saturday	10 a.m. Coffee at Harbor Chase
May 26-29, 2017	Fri.-Mon.	Memorial Day Activities



June 1, 2017	Thursday	Post Meeting 7 p.m.
June 3, 2017	Saturday	10 a.m. Coffee at Monarch Landing
June 9 & 10, 2017	Fri.-Sat.	Chicago Stand Down
June 10, 2017	Saturday	10 a.m. Coffee at Brookdale Plaza
June 13, 2017	Tuesday	Hines VA Visit
June 14, 2017	Wednesday	U.S. Army 242nd Birthday 1775
June 14, 2017	Wednesday	Flag Day
June 17, 2017	Saturday	10 a.m. Coffee at Independence Village
June 24, 2017	Saturday	10 a.m. Coffee at Harbor Chase
June 28, 2017	Wednesday	Legion Riders Meeting



July 1, 2017	Saturday	10 a.m. Coffee at Monarch Landing
July 6, 2017	Thursday	Post Meeting 7 p.m.
July 8, 2017	Saturday	10 a.m. Coffee at Brookdale Plaza
July 11, 2017	Tuesday	Hines VA Visit
July 12, 2017	Wednesday	Multi-County Stand Down Wheaton
July 15, 2017	Saturday	10 a.m. Coffee at Independence Village
July 22, 2017	Saturday	10 a.m. Coffee at Harbor Chase
July 26, 2017	Wednesday	Legion Rider Meeting





**DuPage Veterans Foundation:****"Honor Flight Chicago" Fundraiser-Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup>.**

Yes, we are going to do this for our 6th year. In the previous 5 years we have held this annual event we have raised just over \$200,000 for **"Honor Flight Chicago"**. This has supported many flights of WWII and Korean War Era Veterans the opportunity to see their Memorials in Washington, DC and be part of a once in a lifetime experience. From Naperville we have had many of our Veterans go for the day and we want to send even more this year.

So, mark your calendars for Saturday, May 6th to be at the Calamos Hanger at the DuPage Airport to enjoy this very special event. Doors open officially at 11am and we plan a fun filled program of patriotic events. Any and all WW II and Korean Era Veterans will be our guests. There will be sponsorship opportunities; silent auction; 50:50 raffles; era airplane displays; memorabilia; and music to fill the day.

Also, we will need 20 volunteers to help out during the event. Please let me know if you can help. So far I have 3 volunteers and all will be our guests. Plan on coming out for the day to **"Honor our very Special Guests and to help raise money to send these Veterans to Washington, DC for their very memorable day"**.

Thanks-Wayne

**Honoring our Fallen Veterans-2017**

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+ interred Veterans 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 26th 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 27th we will do The Naperville Cemetery starting at **9am**. We will also need 4-5 folks to do several other smaller local cemeteries on Thursday the 25th. Just let me know if you can assist. 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 30th, 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



### Memorial Day Schedule May 29, 2017

7:45 – Flag raising and service at 9/11-Cmdr. Dan Shanower Memorial – (3 Rifle Volley & Taps)

8:15 – Service at Veterans Park (Gartner Rd.) – (Volley & Taps)

8:35 – Service at Burlington Park Doughboy Monument – (Volley & Taps)

9:00 – Service at St. Peter & Paul Cemetery (Volley & Taps)

9:45 – Service at GAR Monument in Naperville Cemetery – (Volley & Taps)

10:15 – Advance section of parade steps off from Jackson and Ewing

10:25 – Service at plaza (Volley & Taps), 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.

12:00 – 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  
Municipal Band –

12:30 – 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!!**

#### **Veteran's Wishing to Ride in a Car:**

Any veteran who wants a vehicle to ride in for this years parade please contact **Terry Jelinek** at 630-357-5366 before May 15<sup>th</sup> or make sure that you sign up at a Post meeting when the Car Rider sheet is passed around. We encourage all veteran's to participate but if you do not sign up we can not guarantee you a car, but there is always the Trolley.



FREEDOM ISN'T FREE  
*Thank A Veteran*

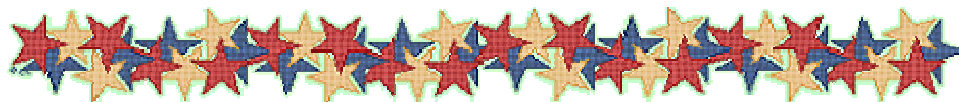
## PREMIER BOYS STATE AND ILLINI GIRLS STATE

Premier Boys State will be held from **June 10 - 16, 2017** and Illini Girls State will be held from **June 18 - 24, 2017** at Eastern Illinois University in Charleston, Illinois.

Boys and Girls State are seven-day hands on experiences in the operation and fundamentals of government. These Programs bring together the best and brightest high school students - during the summer before their senior years - to help lead them down the path of individual success and leadership through doing, not just learning.

This is a wonderful experience for all who attend. If you know of someone who is completing their junior year of high school please let them know about this program. Premier Boys State began in 1936 and Illini Girls State in 1940. The numbers have been decreasing in recent years and we would like to change that.

They can find out more by going to [www.illinoisboysstate.org](http://www.illinoisboysstate.org) or [www.ilgirlsstate.org](http://www.ilgirlsstate.org) respectively or have them contact Terry Jelinek at 630-357-5366 (Premier Boys State) or Eileen Lass 630-778-7603 (Illini Girls State) for more information. Naperville Post #43 will cover enrollment and transportation costs.



**Coffee "and"**  
**Saturday Morning 10 AM**



**The May dates are:**

**May 6 - Monarch Landing**  
**May 13 - Brookdale Plaza**  
**May 20 - Independence Village**  
**May 27 - Harbor Chase**

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, the 3rd Saturday at Independence Village, and the 4th Saturday at Harbor Chase.

Remember, all are welcome!



## AMERICAN LEGION'S 7<sup>TH</sup> – 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE SPEECH CONTEST

Kate Li of Kennedy Junior High School placed first in the contest which was held at Legion Hall, 10W Chicago Ave, on Saturday April 8. Sanath Dachepalli of Gregory Middle School was second, his twin brother, Vishno Dachepalli placed third and Maya Osorio of Kennedy was 4<sup>th</sup>.

Ms. Li and Mr. Dachepalli (Sanath) move on to the county/district contest at Cantigny on April 23.

The contests are intended to develop a deeper knowledge of the United States Constitution while furthering the students research, writing, and public speaking skills. Each student speaks for four to six minutes on a phrase of the Constitution they have chosen. The Naperville contest is open to 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students in the general Naperville area.

The contest is a precursor to the American Legion's High School Constitutional Oratorical Contest. Six winners of the Naperville High School contest since 2005 have gone on to win the State of IL contest. Two reached the finals in the National contest in Indianapolis, placing 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. The state and national contests combined provide over \$150,000 in scholarship awards to participants.

The American Legion is the Nation's largest veteran's organization. It's activities are formed around Four Pillars of Service: Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation – National Security – Youth - Patriotism





### Color Guard

**Memorial Day Activities  
Monday, May 29th  
Starting at 7:45 am**

In order to carry all the flags and rifles we need at least 11 volunteers for this day.

Flag raising, services, and parade are among the days planned activities.

For more information contact Jim Sarns at 630-234-6292 or Wayne Fischer 630-240-8868.

# TAPS

**Donald Diebold  
Vincent S. Pizzo  
Bernard J. Kestel  
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James M. Toman**



## SICK CALL

**Ken Garhan   Don Widder**

**David Szablewski   George Pradel   Chuck Winchester**

**Joe Pope   Don Faulhaber   Jack Shiffler**

**Dick Knosher   Al Zumpe**





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## **May 2017**

### **Activities — Opportunities**

May 4 - Post Meeting 7 pm

May 6 - Monarch Landing

May 6 - HFC Fund Raiser at DuPage

May 13 - Brookdale Plaza

May 20 - Armed Forces Day

May 20 - Independence Village

May 27 - Harbor Chase

May 29 - Memorial Day Activities

**Selected Thursdays & Saturdays:**

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





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**Post 43 Past Commanders at the April Legion Social** (Photo by Jim Hoch)