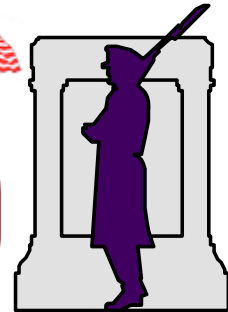




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COMMANDER'S CALL

Lee Lindberg - Post Commander

Most people tend to remember where and what they were doing on memorable historic day happenings, such as 9-11, the Kennedy assassination, and Pearl Harbor Day. Realizing that the majority of you readers were not yet born on Dec 7, 1941, the answer to the Pearl Harbor Day question posed at our Saturday Brookdale visit to veterans was interesting, since all the resident attendees were either WWII or Korean War era veterans. On a previous Monday, several of us had attended the annual Navy League sponsored Pearl Harbor Day lunch at the Gaslight Manor restaurant in Aurora, with about 250 other veterans. Local survivors of that momentous event number less each year; this time only 2. It's good to pause, reflect, and remember the ugliness of what took place 75 years ago.



On Saturday Dec 10, I and four other Post 43 members, accepted the invitation to attend the Korean Cultural program at the Harris Theater on Randolph St. in Chicago. The invitation was in response to our having the ROK Deputy Consul General as our Veterans Day Dinner speaker. At 3:00 P.M., and for 30 minutes prior to the program's beginning, we were on the stage along with about 10-12 other Korean War era vets, and several dignitaries including Gov. Rauner. With over 1000 patrons in the theater, we were individually introduced and presented with a bouquet by cute little 6-7 year old Korean girls, dressed in their very finest "stage outfits". I was invited to address the audience, to which I responded with great pride. We were then ushered to a special reserved section to observe the program, which we all enjoyed.

On Dec 9, 15 of us made the 40 mile trek to the Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery in Elwood, IL for the quarterly "Direct Burial" ceremony. This time 75 names were read and remembered. Our own Rich Yndestad was one of the buglers/Taps players, as he does every Friday. It was a cold day which reminded me to have renewed appreciation for our Legion/VFW Honor Guard, Commanded by Jim Oftedal. Since their organization last year and through this December, they have participated in 35 graveside services in all kinds of weather, from extreme cold to extreme heat. Please thank this 11-member group when you see them. They have received many sincere thanks and written notes from appreciative family members of the Veterans.

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SR. Vice Commander

MY FELLOW VETERANS

SIGN A MEMBER GET A PIN!



Any current member who signs up a "NEW" member, for 2017, will receive a 2017 Membership Recruiter Pin! A new member is someone who has not belonged to any Legion Post for two years or more.

Below is a list of past members (MIA) – hopefully you will recognize one.

John Arnold, Angeline Colella, Richard Dillinder, Laurence Emrie, Phillip Evans, Richard Feltner, Gary Freeman, Peter J. Gavlin, Robert Gorsich, Bernard Goulet, Ronald Griffin, Clifford Gunter, Michael Heinz, Trevor Heller, Louis Hulsey, David Knight, Robert Kristy, Robert Lanham, Joseph Laz, James Lijewski, Jared Lydon, Jim Mainock, Thomas Marshall, Kevin Martin, Daniel McDonald, William Meade, Ireneos Miller, William Moers, Jacob Morales, Kenneth Mores, Francisco Ortega, William Rauch, Thomas Rehak, William Reininga, John Richter, Fred Riva, John Saxtan, Charles, Schultz, Walter Searcy, Edward Shanahan, William Sippel, Edward Smith, Richard Strang, Ronald Sucik, Charles Swanson, Anthony Trunzo, David Warns, J. L. Wasson, Owen Wavrinek, Shane Wilkinson, John Yurachek, Michael, Zitkovich, James Corrigan, Ron Flink, Henry J. Janis, Jr., Charles Kennedy, Francis Oneill, Robbie Rollins, Gary Schiltz, Ronald Welch, Charles Winchester, Michael Collins, Matthew Hoyt, Jared Richmond, David Rickert, Christopher Tovar.

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Thanks in advance for all your help!
DOUG DEETJEN
SR. VICE COMMANDER



Jr. Vice Commander

January, 2017, what happened to 2016? Seems like 2016 went by in a flash, the older I get my time seems to fly by faster. Anyway "Happy New Year" to you and your family. I hope 2017 will be a prosperous year for you and the American Legion.



Don Chasteen

To start the New Year we have an American Legion Meeting on the 5th of January followed by the veteran visits on the first, second, and third Saturdays of the month. Also on the 21st of January we will have our first Legion Social of the year. The January Social is the one where we officially welcome all the new members into the Legion, swear in the Legion Rider Officers for 2017. This social is also special in the fact that the Naperville Sons of the American Legion Charter officially starts. So get your reservations in early, we anticipate a large turn out to show our support to our new members, Legion Rider Officers and our new Sons of the American Legion. As usual the evening will start at 6 PM and dinner to be served at 7 PM.

The menu for the January social will once again be provided by Nicky's Catering of Naperville. It will be BBQ Chicken, Italian Beef, Italian Sausage, French bread, Greek Potatoes, and a House salad.

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





AMERICAN LEGION POST 43 CALENDAR



January 1, 2017	Sunday		HAPPY NEW YEAR!!
January 5, 2017	Thursday		Post Meeting
January 7, 2017	Saturday		10 am Coffee at Monarch Landing
January 10, 2017	Tuesday		Hines VA Visit (bus leaves at 6:15pm)
January 14, 2017	Saturday		10 am Coffee at Brookdale Plaza
January 16, 2017	Monday		Martin Luther King Day
January 21, 2017	Saturday		10 am Coffee at Independence Village
January 21, 2017	Saturday		Dinner/Social - New Member Initiation
January 25, 2017	Wednesday		Legion Riders Meeting
February 2, 2017	Thursday		Post Meeting
February 4, 2017	Saturday		10 am Coffee at Monarch Landing
February 11, 2017	Saturday		10 a.m. Coffee at Brookdale Plaza
February 14, 2017	Tuesday		Valentine's Day
February 14, 2017	Tuesday		Hines VA Visit (bus leaves at 6:15pm)
February 18, 2017	Saturday		10 a.m. Coffee at Independence Village
February 18, 2017	Saturday		Dinner/Social - Youth Recognition
February 20, 2017	Monday		President's Day
February 22, 2017	Wednesday		Legion Rider Meeting
March 2, 2017	Thursday		Post Meeting
March 4, 2017	Saturday		10 am Coffee at Monarch Landing
March 4, 2017	Saturday		HFC Hockey Classic Bensenville
March 7, 2017	Tuesday		Hines VA Visit
March 11, 2017	Saturday		10 a.m. Coffee at Brookdale Plaza
March 18, 2017	Saturday		10 a.m. Coffee at Independence Village
March 18, 2017	Saturday		Dinner/Social - Women in Military
March 22, 2017	Wednesday		Legion Rider Meeting



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Our Dec 13 visit to Hines VA Hospital included the annual singing of carols, as we followed Don Hennessy & his accordion, from room to room. We had over 30 on the bus trip there, and then more singing and merriment on return to the Post. Don, who put himself through law school years ago as a musician, shares his talent on the piano by entertaining at various Senior Homes including: Meadowbrook, Spring Meadows, and Independence Village. Don is another of our "hero veteran volunteers".

Happy Birthday to Ken Dorsch! Ken, a 66-year Post 43 member, had a birthday on Dec 10; he was 102! His wife was a cousin of 71-year post member Dick Knosher.

Finally, to all of my good friends and comrades, wishing you a Happy New Year!

Lee



Coffee "and"
Saturday Morning 10 AM



The January dates are:

Jan 7 - Monarch Landing

Jan 14 - Brookdale Plaza

Jan 21 - 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.



Post 43 Veteran of the Month

Name: Glenn Granat

Rank: Sergeant

Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Current Age: 60 years old

Total Years Served: 3 years

Served from: 1975 – 1978

Places Served: (includes Boot Camp and other training locations)

- Basic Combat Training: Fort Polk, Louisiana
- Infantry School: Fort Polk, Louisiana
- Jump School: Fort Benning, Georgia
- Stationed: Fort Bragg, North Carolina
- Assigned to 1/504 Charlie Co. Parachute Infantry Regiment of the 82nd Airborne Division
- Trained on T-10 and MC-1 parachutes
- Completed 31 successful static line parachute jumps

Jumped from C-141, C-123, C-130, and UH1H Huey

Training: Jungle Warfare, Ft. Sherman, Canal Zone Panama; Arctic Warfare, Ft. Wainwright, Alaska; Desert Warfare, Ft. Irwin, California; Nuclear, Chemical & Biological Warfare, Ft. Bragg, North Carolina; Army Maintenance Management Systems, Ft. Bragg, North Carolina; Amphibious Warfare, Little Creek, Virginia; Non-Commissioned Officers Academy, Ft. Bragg, North Carolina.

Job or Specialty: MOS: 11B1P: Airborne Infantry.

Fondest memory while serving: After receiving our jumps wings after our 5th jump at Ft. Benning and officially becoming Paratroopers, we were trucked back to the Company Training area and there were World War II Paratroopers waiting for us with steaks and beer! AIRBORNE!

The first time I came home on leave in my Paratrooper uniform, my dad picked me up at O'Hare airport and took me the Orland Park Fire House to see his brother/my Uncle Art who the Fire Chief and a World War II Veteran.

Quotes: "Show me a man who will jump out of an airplane and I'll show you a man who will fight for his country" – Col. James Gavin, 82nd Airborne Div.

"Uncommon Valor was a Common Virtue" – James Forrestal, Sec. of the Navy

"Nuts" – Gen. Anthony McAuliffe's reply to German Commander at Battle of the Bulge.





Sgt. Glenn Granat - U.S. Army (1975 to 1978)



THE 77th SESSION OF ILLINI GIRLS STATE WILL BE JUNE 18-24, 2016

Once again we are looking for girls interested in attending Illinois Girls State. If you know of a high school student finishing their junior year in 2017 and are interested in this program, please contact Eileen Lass 630-778-7603 or email eklass3@wowway.com for further details.

You can also find out more by going to: Illini Girls State at:
<http://www.ilgirlsstate.org>

Post 43 Legion Riders activity photos from Veterans Day & Little Friends Parade in downtown Naperville.



Photos courtesy of Roger Treend



AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS CHAPTER 43



In the last several weeks winter has raised its ugly head with bitter cold, high winds, and heavy snows causing the most rugged rider to park his bike. What a dreadful feeling to know that the bike will be parked for the next three months. In the Midwest

this is the time of year when Riders ponder a new bike or at the very least getting the old one ready for the next riding season. New tires, batteries, engine tune ups, oil changes, or the next do-dad that they cannot do without is being considered or installed. The last thing is a thorough cleaning and shine just before the riding season. So you can see that the Riders are not idle, they just are not riding.

The Legion Riders are definitely not idle. They have elected their 2017 Officers and are looking forward to their installation at the January American Legion Social. The 2017 Rider Officers are: Director Don Chasteen, Assistant Director Tom Dillon, Secretary Sue Deetjen, Treasurer Bob Burch, Chaplin Doug Askren, Safety Officer Steve Strickland, Legislative Liaison Roger Treend, and Sergeant at Arms Don Doty.

The Riders have started planning for the 2017 DuPage Veterans Association's Honor Flight Fundraiser in May. Some of the Riders will be attending other ALR Chapter meetings to promote their attendance at this fundraiser and to find out about their scheduled events. The Naperville Riders are also busy with putting together their own 2017 Events Calendar and Rider Budget.

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. Our next ALR meeting will be on 25-January 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





The Wednesday morning 9:30 am class at the VFW will continue lead by Melissa: melzr@aol.com
 Kate Fleming also has Yoga classes for Veterans on Tuesdays and Fridays. There is also a Saturday morning class at the Rubin Center in Naperville, lead by Chitra Singh: mailofchitra@gmail.com.



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MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS are the first Thursday of every month at 7 PM,
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Boy Scouts and Special Meetings are at Post Home, 10 W. Chicago Ave., Naperville, IL

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January 2017 Activities — Opportunities

January 5 - Post Mtg.

January 7 - Monarch Landing

January 14 - Brookdale Plaza

January 21 - Post Social – New Members

January 21 - Independence Village

Selected Thursdays & Saturdays:

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

Legion Callers



John Prescott
Joe Udell



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"F-Troop" Friday Memorial Squad at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery