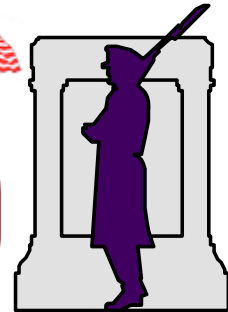




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## COMMANDER'S CALL

Lee Lindberg - Post Commander

As I write this column it is midway through my annual month long stay in one of my most favorite places; Marco Island, FL. Some of you remember that my wife and I were "snowbirds" for several years, spending half of each year in Naperville, and the other half in Marco Island. Her stroke in 2007 prompted me to sell our condo and since her death in 2010 I have resorted to leasing a small condo each January when the temps generally tend to be in the low 80's. Marco Island is the most southern city on the Gulf Coast, south of Naples, and 90 miles across open water to Cuba.



Many friends still reside here and a few days ago I met a "friend of a friend", Lee Pershing. Lee is a grand nephew of General John J. Pershing. For those of you who have forgotten some of our American history, General Pershing commanded the American Expeditionary Force in WW I. He could sort of be referred to as "the Eisenhower of WW I". It seems that Lee didn't know his great uncle very well, as I asked him if he knew when General Pershing had died. I answered the question by telling him it was mid-July of 1948 at the age of 88. I only remembered that because I was in my high school graduating class of 1948 in Anoka, MN, and Pershing died about 6 weeks later.

Another long time friend here is Jack Dukelow. Several years ago when we were comparing Army service times, it was discovered that we had both worked in the same building in Tokyo for a short time in 1952. We did not know each other at the time. Jack's MOS was as an artist. He later became the "Art Director" for the Kodak Corporation in Rochester, NY, his home town. In Tokyo his tasks included designing and drawing propaganda posters to be air-dropped over North Korea.

The Korean War was the first time in which jets were used in air warfare. Some of the Russian MIG 15s demonstrated some aspects of air superiority which our military desperately desired to capture and investigate. Jack designed and drew a poster offering \$100,000 (about \$900,000 in today's \$), and American citizenship to the first safely landed MIG 15 by a North Korean defector. Jack said within a week a MIG piloted by a N. Korean 21 year old No Kum-Sok landed at Kimpo Air Base in S. Korea. Fortunately he was not interdicted by American air or ground forces as the radar systems had been temporarily shut down for routine maintenance and he landed in the wrong direction on the runway. The plane was taken to Okinawa and test flown by both Capt. H.E. "Tom" Collins and Major Chuck Yeager. It is now on display at the Air Force Museum at Wright-Patterson field in Dayton, OH.

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## Sr. Vice Commander

### MY FELLOW VETERANS

#### **SIGN A MEMBER .... GET A PIN!**



*Doug Deetjen*

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. We have 544 members paid to date. A continuing effort is being made to update our roster with all necessary information. The Sons of the American Legion is now up to 19 members under the leadership of Roger Treend (630-859-9001).

#### **Welcome New members on January 21st:**

Anthony Chobanov, Dwaine Churma, Robert Colby, Phillip Deetjen, Ronald Johnson, James Klemens, Martin Reishus, Paul Sanza, Jeffery Steward, Richard Tamborski, Michael Vach.

#### **Post members who are still missing:**

John Arnold, Laurence Emrie, Phillip Evans, Richard Feltner, Gary Freeman, Robert Gorsich, Bernard Goulet, Ronald Griffin, Michael Heinz, David Knight, Robert Lanham, Joseph Laz, Jared Lydon, Jim Mainock, Thomas Marshall, Kevin Martin, Daniel McDonald, William Meade, Ireneos Miller, William Moers, Jacob Morales, Francisco Ortega, William Rauch, Thomas Rehak, William Reininga, John Richter, Fred Riva, Edward Shanahan, William Sippel, Edward Smith, Richard Strang, 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.

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**Thanks in advance for all your help!**

DOUG DEETJEN

SR. VICE COMMANDER



## Jr. Vice Commander

Here it is February already, hope your New Year is off to as good a start as the Naperville American Legion family. At the January Social, many new members were initiated into the Legion, Legion Riders Officers were installed, and the Naperville Sons of the American Legion Officers were introduced kicking off our new Squadron. I see Naperville American Legion having a great year in 2017.



Don Chasteen

Don't miss our next Legion Meeting on 2-February. Meeting starts at 7 PM at the VFW, come early or stay afterwards to socialize (get to know) some of the other members.

Our next Legion Social will be on 18-February, this Social event is when we give a Salute to our Youth who have participated in some of our Legion Programs. As usual the evening will start at 6 PM with a social hour, dinner to be served around 7 PM, and the program to start around 8 PM. Come out and enjoy an evening with our Veterans and our youth (some to be our future veterans). The menu for the February Social has not been set at the time of writing this article. It will be announced prior to the dinner and hopefully we will see the return of the famous and delicious Lee Lindberg desserts.

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



February 2, 2017	Thursday	Post Meeting
February 4, 2017	Saturday	10 am Coffee at Monarch Landing
February 7, 2017	Tuesday	9 am Hines Mobile Medical Unit at VFW
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



April 1, 2017	Saturday	10 am Coffee at Monarch Landing
April 6, 2017	Thursday	Post Meeting
April 8, 2017	Saturday	10 a.m. Coffee at Brookdale Plaza
April 11, 2017	Tuesday	Hines VA Visit
April 15, 2017	Saturday	10 a.m. Coffee at Independence Village
April 15, 2017	Saturday	Dinner/Social - Past Commanders
April 22-23, 2017	Sat.-Sun.	National Oratorical Contest
April 26, 2017	Wednesday	Legion Rider Meeting



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Each year I attend the local VFW Post 6370 monthly meeting, which is small and rather disappointing. A few years ago the Commander was Fred Burnham who I knew as the father-in-law of Naperville builder/developer Joe DePaulo. I also attended the American Legion Post meeting which is only in its 3rd year but now has around 120 members. Attending these meetings each year renews my pride and appreciation in being a member of our two large, ambitious, aggressive and prosperous veterans organizations in Naperville. Consider ourselves so fortunate for these great posts!

While I enjoy the time here, it is always good to return to Naperville in spite of the drastic weather difference. If one has to live in the north country, Naperville is a great choice. Hope to see many of you at the next post meeting on February 2nd.

-Lee

**READING THIS COULD MAKE YOU RICH**

(NOT – but it could be great for Post 43)

We all know that it is people that determine the success of an organization. In a business, you hire them. In a not-for-profit they volunteer, sometimes after a lot of begging. You served once. You're willing to serve again, but have limited time, don't know if you have what the Post needs. We can help answer those questions.

It will soon be time to nominate and elect officers for 2017-18. Nominations are done at the April meeting; the election is in May and installation of officers is in September. The new officers begin their term after the IL State Convention, which takes place in July.

If you are interested in running for an office, this year or later, we can explain the responsibilities of various offices and the Post's needs this year and in the future.

Don't want the continuing commitment associated with being an officer? How about chairing a committee, being an assistant, serving on the committee or working under the chair for a year to learn the job and see if it fits you. Our new website ([www.naperlegion.org](http://www.naperlegion.org)) lists many opportunities. Look under the About Us, Youth and Community tabs at the top of the home page. These are appointed positions. If you find you are interested, we will let the Commander know.

So, talk to us, about your interests (no obligation for talking), or about others you would recommend. We'll talk to them and if you don't want your name mentioned, we'll just say, "secret admirer." You aren't committing them to anything. You would be surprised how many people are uncomfortable offering themselves, but are very willing to serve if asked.

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## National Oratorical Contest

Naperville contest was held on Saturday, January 7, 2017 as the start of the 80<sup>th</sup> Annual National Oratorical Contest for high school students sponsored by the American Legion. Contestants in the picture, left to right, are as follows: Shivansh Gupta of Neuqua Valley HS (4<sup>th</sup> Place Winner of \$50), Nicole Tong of Naperville North HS (3<sup>rd</sup> Place Winner of \$300), Regan Macwan of Home School (2<sup>nd</sup> Place Winner of \$400), and Ryan Park of Naperville Central HS (1<sup>st</sup> Place Winner of \$500).

This involves a speech contest regarding the U.S. Constitution. Each student creates an eight minute speech. The student performs with no notes, no podium and no microphone. After several contest levels, the student winners from 50 states will compete in Indianapolis, IN on April 21-23, 2017. College tuition awards totaling \$13,000 are given at the Illinois State contest level, and similar awards totaling \$128,000 are given at the National contest level. It is too late to enter the 2017 contest with the information in website [www.naperlegion.org](http://www.naperlegion.org) under links for "Youth" and "Oratorical". However, for information about the 2018 contest for high school students, contact your local American Legion Post or Don Hennessy at [gddh55@sbcglobal.net](mailto:gddh55@sbcglobal.net) or [630-355-4679](tel:630-355-4679).



### 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](mailto:eklass3@wowway.com) for further details.

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

## 2017 SCHOLARSHIP AWARD



### Purpose

American Legion Post 43, Naperville, in order to assist a deserving young man or woman pursue their education after high school, will award a graduate of the class of 2017 from an accredited Illinois high school the sum of \$1500.00, to be applied as the recipient wishes to the cost associated with continuing education at any technical school or degree granting college or university within the United States.

### Eligibility

- Resident of Illinois who is currently a senior in high school in the class of 2017
- Is either the child, stepchild, grandchild of a member of Naperville American Legion Post 43, or Chapter 43 Legion Riders, or Sons of the Legion Squadron 43, or currently a member of Boy Scout Troop 106, or The Ghostriders Sea Cadet VF-142 Squadron, or was an Oratorical Contest participant or attended Illinois Boys/Girls State under the sponsorship of Naperville American Legion Post 43.

### Selection Criteria

- Academic achievement (GPA: high school transcript required)
- Leadership and participation in school and/or community activities
- Honors,
- Community Service
- Patriotic Involvement
- Student essay describing the responsibilities of citizenship in a democratic society. The essay shall be the original work of the student. Any other material must be foot-noted. The essay shall not be longer than three typed pages, and will be formatted with one inch margins, 1.5 line spacing and 12 point font.
- The grading of this essay will be based on grammar, spelling, originality, context and content at a level consistent with exceptional high school work.

### Applying for the Award

Send all required material and supporting documentation to American Legion Post #43, P.O. Box 4, Naperville, IL 60566, Attention: Scholarship Committee. Please include your name, address and phone number & email address for contact information. Applications must be postmarked by March 23, 2017.

The decision of the Scholarship Committee Judges final and all applicants will receive written notification that a decision has been reached. The winner will be notified by telephone and presentation of this award will take place on the evening of April 15, 2017 at the American Legion Awards and Recognition Banquet.

## **WILL YOU NOMINATE NAPERVILLE'S CITIZEN(S) OF THE YEAR?**

Naperville American Legion Post 43 began naming a Citizen of the Year in 1986. Three years ago the program was expanded to consider naming a Citizen of the Year in up to three categories— Service to the Community, Service to Youth, and Service to Veterans.

We are again asking for community assistance to identify deserving candidates in each category and we especially want input from our own Legion and VFW members.

Nominees must be Naperville residents; and their service must have been performed in a volunteer capacity, rather than as part of compensated employment.

Anyone may nominate a candidate by sending a letter or email that includes a comprehensive description of the services the nominee performed, the time frame, duration, and significance of the service to others, and the category they are being nominated for, along with the name and contact information for the nominee and the person offering the nomination. Letters from others endorsing the nominee are encouraged.

Naperville is blessed with people who serve their fellow citizens. Typically, the judges have a very difficult task. Comprehensive information-attachments and endorsements may be included-are of great help to them in selecting the winners. They may be mailed to American Legion Post 43, Citizen of the Year, Post Office Box 4, Naperville, 60566 or emailed to [vahlej@comcast.net](mailto:vahlej@comcast.net) to arrive by March 15, 2017.

Winners will be announced in the local media and honored at the Legion's Awards and Recognition Banquet on April 15, 2017.

So, fire up your keyboard; sharpen your pencil; and make sure the selection committee knows about your candidate.

Questions? Contact

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[vahlej@comcast.net](mailto:vahlej@comcast.net)

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



**The February dates are:**

**Feb 4 - Monarch Landing**  
**Feb 11 - Brookdale Plaza**  
**Feb 18 - 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 RIDERS CHAPTER 43



It is February and spring is just a few weeks away and hopefully the weather will turn in favor of the Riders to get their bikes out and ride. The Riders have suffered through two months of winter without riding and their thoughts are now focusing on getting their bikes ready for some of the events coming up.

The 2017 Rider Officers were installed at the January Legion Social. Some of the officers have already been involved in making and presenting the 2017 Rider budget to the membership, and attending planning meetings for the DuPage Veterans Chicago Honor Flight Fundraiser. The last three years the Naperville Riders have put on a Ride to this event with over 100+ bikes in attendance for each of the last two years. With an attendance of 100 bikes, a minimum of \$3500 for the DuPage Veterans Fundraiser is raised. May 6<sup>th</sup> is this year's fundraiser and some plans have already been made by the Riders. Some of the Riders have been and will be attending other Chapter meetings to promote the May 6<sup>th</sup> Ride and to find out what events they have planned that we may attend.

During the winter months, the Riders attend the veteran's visits at the Brookdale home and are looking forward to attending this month's visit. They have also been involved in the 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade Essay Contest with the Essays being returned to the Legion early this month and the Riders are looking forward to judging them.

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 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-February, 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



### Post 43 Eleventh Annual Middle/Junior High School Speech Contest

The 2016 contest will begin at 2:00 PM on Saturday, April 8, 2017 on the second floor of the Legion Hall at 10 West Chicago in Naperville. Contestants must be in the 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grades.

They will speak for from four to six minutes on some aspect of the Constitution of the United States. Judging is based on content and speaking skill. Participants gain a better knowledge of the constitution, a chance to hone their speaking skills in front of an audience, a cash prize for finishing in the top four, and valuable experience should they elect to compete as a high school student in the Legion's Constitutional Oratorical Contest.

In the past ten years Naperville's contestants in that contest have done very well, many having progressed through county, district, and division contests to compete at state. Two have gone on to place second and third at the national contest in Indianapolis. College Scholarships awarded at the Illinois contest total \$13,000 and at National \$130,000. Quite an incentive for the students and their parents.

You can be a part of the audience or help with one of the many (easy) tasks necessary to stage the contest. What's in it for you? I'll bet you will learn something about the Constitution, you'll be supporting our local youth and I'll bet you will be very impressed with these kids. And it only costs you a couple hours; no long term obligation involved. Contact me or just show up on Saturday April 8. Bring a friend.

Jim Vahle

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# TAPS

**Ernest Garza  
George A. Wilkins  
Stanley Sowa  
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## SICK CALL

**Ken Garhan    Don Widder**

**David Szablewski    Chuck Winchester    Joe Pope**

**Don Faulhaber    Jim Strnad    George McKissick**

**Al Zumpe**





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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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## **February 2017 Activities — Opportunities**

**February 2 - Post Mtg.**

**February 4 - Monarch Landing**

**February 11 - Brookdale Plaza**

**February 18 - Post Social – Youth Honors**

**February 18 - Independence Village**

**Selected Thursdays & Saturdays:**

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





**American Legion Post #43**  
*PO Box 4, Naperville, IL 60566*



Post 43 Sons of the American Legion at January Social