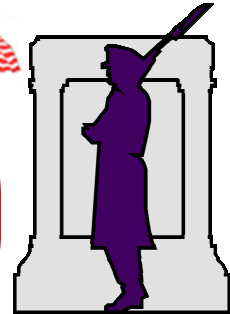




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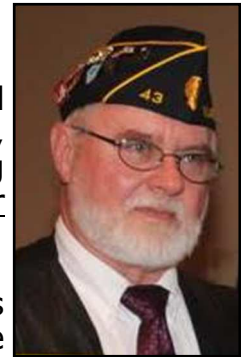
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COMMANDER'S CALL

Don Chasteen - Post Commander

Legion Members, Sons of the Legion, and Legion Riders,

First, let me say thank you to all of you who have supported me thru the ranks as your Junior and Sr. Vice Commander, and who have entrusted me with the responsibilities of being your Commander. It is an honor to represent you and your Naperville American Legion Post 43.



Second, let me share a quote by R.H. Horne: "Tis always morning somewhere in the world". When I saw this it made me think that there is a new day dawning, a new beginning every minute somewhere in the world and that it presents the opportunity to complete past endeavors, envision new ones, and to succeed in implementing them. Sure we will continue in completing goals that have been set forth by the Legion in regards to: membership, supporting veteran and youth programs, working within the community, and through Department and National at the State and National levels; to ensure that the Legion's principles are promoted. But what I am excited about is that several of our younger members have stepped up to fill vacant Officer Positions. Our new Officers for this year are: Jack Amberg, Senior-Vice Commander; Jennifer Slown, Junior-Vice Commander; and Nadia Rios, Adjutant; are whom I speak of and I am anxious to work with them and hear their ideas that will benefit Post 43. Like most people, I too resist change. It is human nature to do so, especially as you age, but when you think back, there has been changes your entire life such as leaving Mom and Dad's nest, getting a job, getting married, changing jobs, and retiring (if you have). Like you and I have adapted to change, so has the Post adapted to change over the last 100 years, otherwise it would be like many Posts that have folded.

I would be remiss if I did not mention our other member who stepped up earlier to fill the Treasurer's position. Bob Colby (who is slightly younger than I, so that makes him a younger member). Bob had to hit the ground running to fill a position that suddenly came open. He has filled the job seamlessly getting things done in a timely manner. He is an example of the many dedicated and talented members that this Post has.

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Sr. Vice Commander

Jack Amberg

You should have your dues billing from Department by now and many of our members have responded with a check. For those of you who have not responded, remember why you joined this organization and participated in its accomplishments. Please remit your 2018-19 dues as soon as possible!

On an additional area of membership, how many of us know someone who is qualified, but has not joined the American Legion. Why not ask that person to step up and join. If you feel it would be uncomfortable for you to ask, just contact one of the officers who will call him/her. We will contact that person and invite him/her to a social "on us".

Senior Vice Commander,
Jack Amberg



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For lack of space I have not mentioned the Officers who have retained their positions, I appreciate your dedication and especially your insight that you bring to the meetings. I look forward to working with all the Officers and committee leaders to make this Legion year 2018-2019 the best it can be, and to sustain Naperville American Legion Post 43 as it has been for the last 100 years.

With a new year starting there will be lots of opportunity to get involved in your Post 43. There are many activities that the Post supports and we have committee reports on most of them at our meetings. I encourage you to attend meetings and become involved in whatever interests you. I understand that many of you may not want to be the committee leader, but I am sure that the members leading these committees could use some help.

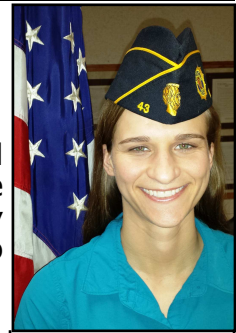
Congratulations to Rich Yndestad, editor of our Post 43 Newsletter, for winning 1st place at IL State with our Post Newsletter for Posts with 401+ members. Post 43 has won this completion several times, and Rich has maintained the high standards that proceeded him. Great job Rich!

I will be attending the Department Convention in Springfield and will report about it in the September newsletter.

For the Good of the Legion,
Don Chasteen
Commander, Naperville American Legion Post 43

Jr. Vice Commander

Greetings to all of my fellow Post 43 members! First, thank you all for trusting me to serve as your Junior Vice Commander for the upcoming year. It truly is an honor and privilege. This will be my first elected position within our Post, and I'm very excited to continue the legacy of past Junior Vice Commanders.



Jennifer Slown

As your Junior Vice, my primary focus is planning our monthly Dinner/Socials. While I hope to have many of our previous entertainers return this year, I'm also looking for new performers. So if you have a suggestion please let me know!

Post Dinners: Our monthly Dinner/Socials will resume Saturday, September 15th, 6 pm Social Hour, 7 pm Dinner. The menu for the evening is still being finalized, but should be released soon. There will not be any entertainment at this dinner, as it is the new officer installation. A quick look at this year's schedule:

September 15th - Officer Installation / Awards
October 20th - Octoberfest
November 11th - Veterans Day (Legion & VFW)
January 19th - New Member Installation / Legion Riders Installation
February 16th - Salute to Our Youth
March 16th - St Patrick's Day / Legion Birthday
April 20th - Past Commander's Dinner / COY / Scholarships

Social Media: If you haven't already, please like and follow us on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter as news and pictures will be shared more frequently (links at the bottom). There is some confusion as there are two "American Legion Naperville Post 43" Facebook pages. The active page you should follow has our Legion Color Guard as the profile picture. Also, if you take any pictures at Legion events please tag us! You can also email them directly to me and I will share them to our pages.

I'm looking forward to a fantastic year and getting to know everyone at our Dinner/Socials and other events!

Semper Fidelis!
Jennifer Slown
Jr Vice Commander



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AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS CHAPTER 43

The Post 43 American Legion Riders have been very busy as summer is in full swing.

We have participated in Poppy sales, Memorial Day activities, all the 2018 Honor Flights, numerous Abraham Lincoln Cemetery Direct Burials, 4th of July activities, walk-thru's, and a number of "fun runs", where we get together for a nice relaxing group ride.



On 12 June your Riders attended a Little League game of the Legion sponsored team. We posted an American flag on the pitchers mound and the Little Leaguers were shown the proper way to honor our flag while reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. Both teams lined up on the base paths and all players were presented an American flag lapel pin that they wore on their hats. We even had bags of popcorn and bottles of water to give to the adults present at the game. Of course we also made sure we told the crowd what the Legion is about, and the many activities we participate in. The Riders stayed for the entire game and had great interactions with the players and the fans on both teams.

Speaking of activities your 50 plus Post 43 Riders attended over 100 events last year, and contributed over 1000 hours of service to our Legion Consolidation report. We are happy to contribute to the Legion and hope to increase our contributions even more this year.

Some of our upcoming events include riding in the 12 August India Day parade, the Legacy Run in mid August, and some additional fun runs. This year the Riders plan to donate at least \$5000.00 to the Legacy Fund. Most of this donation will be raised at our annual American Legion Rider Fundraiser being held on 29 September at the VFW Post. For a \$25.00 donation you will receive a prime rib dinner catered by the Naperville Texas Roadhouse restaurant and a live band will be playing 50s-60s music. Please plan on attending or making a donation to this cause. Legion Riders have tickets that they will sell to you and information on personal or corporate donations.

The Riders are very proud that Don Chasteen will be the next Commander of our Legion Post 43. He was the Director of the Riders for 5 years, and we know what an excellent leader he is. We will give him and the Legion 100% and more of our effort. Also thanks to Doug Deetjen for his great tenure as last years Post 43 Commander.

Finally, our Rider meetings are held at 7:00pm on the fourth Wednesday of each month at the patio of the VFW. The August meeting will be 22 Aug. We generally meet at 6:00 pm at Stilin's Grill, 2029 Ogden Avenue, Lisle, for a pre-meeting meal. All members of the Legion, Sons of American Legion or Auxiliary members are welcome to attend.

Tom Dillion
Director ALR Chapter 43
630-803-2047





AMERICAN LEGION POST 43 CALENDAR



August 2, 2018
August 4, 2018
August 4, 2018
August 11, 2018
August 18, 2018
August 22, 2018
August 25, 2018

Thursday
Saturday
Saturday
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Saturday
Wednesday
Saturday



Post Meeting 7 pm
U.S. Coast Guard Birthday
10 am Coffee at Monarch Landing
10 am Coffee at Brookdale Plaza-Lisle
10 am Coffee at Independence Village
Legion Rider Meeting
10 am Coffee at Harbor Chase

September 1, 2018
September 3, 2018
September 6, 2018
September 8, 2018
September 9, 2018
September 11, 2018
September 15, 2018
September 15, 2018
September 18, 2018
September 22, 2018
September 22-23, 2018
September 26, 2018
September 29, 2018

Saturday
Monday
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Sat-Sun
Wednesday
Saturday



10 am Coffee at Monarch Landing
Labor Day Parade
Post Meeting 7 pm
10 am Coffee at Brookdale Plaza-Lisle
9/11 Remembrance
Hines VA Visit (bus leaves at 6:15pm)
10 am Coffee at Independence Village
Dinner/Social - Officer Installation
U.S. Air Force Birthday
10 am Coffee at Harbor Chase
Harvest Pow Wow Naperville
Legion Rider Meeting
Legion Rider Dinner/Dance Fundraiser

October 4, 2018
October 6, 2018
October 9, 2018
October 13, 2018
October 13, 2018
October 20, 2018
October 20, 2018
October 24, 2018
October 27, 2018

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How does one's faith influence our military service? How does the veteran maintain a testimony for what God has done in his or her life while serving their Country (often in harms way), obeying orders, and completing his or her mission. Can one be true to their faith despite conflicts which often arise? According to Army Chaplain Colonel Kenneth Lawson who served both on active duty and reserve duty and completed US Air Force Air War College in 2007; sometimes there can arise a conflict in the minds of Christians serving in the military as to when it is right to fight and treat my enemies while maintaining a personal testimony or witness for God. Each military generation has a defining moment in battle and during that mission in overcoming impossible obstacles. In the beginning of U.S. history, the Continental Army overcame superior British forces. During the Civil War, men laid their lives on the field at Gettysburg and elsewhere in the hundreds of thousands! In WWII, soldiers survived harsh weather, poor rations, and low morale during the Battle of the Bulge. Today, U.S. Soldiers face a new battle. Those who fight and die for freedom are slowly having their religious freedoms taken away from them. Chaplains have been reprimanded, denied their pensions and discharged from the military service for sharing their faith with soldiers or in the instruction of sound Biblical principles. American Family Association Journal staff writer Teddy James comments on this dilemma. Should military personnel heroically step out and speak up or risk everything?

Trainers and Chaplains at fort Hood, Texas and Camp Shelby, Mississippi of First Army soldiers experienced this dilemma during training about the most dangerous threats to America. One soldier and one Chaplain decided to risk their livelihoods and careers by letting America know what soldiers are being taught. Training included a session citing that evangelical Christians were "tearing the country apart, together with other threats". Utilizing the Internet as a source in the preparation for the training, some extremist ideologies, activities and organizations were viewed as trusted sources for this part of the training. Also, Veteran Affairs Department of Defense Pastoral Education Center offers a program for those wanting to minister vocationally to soldiers in VA hospitals. Two Baptist Chaplains, who participated in this program, were told the policy of the VA is that Chaplains cannot pray in the name of Jesus because it could offend soldiers of different faiths. One particular Chaplain was forced to leave the program while another was dismissed. The anti-Christian attitude of the trainer further stated that Hebrews 11:1, which says "faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen" is disallowed as a quotable scripture in class. Mr. James concludes, "it is human nature to desire to find the one person, one policy and one cause of any problem. But like so many things in life, religious persecution in the American military cannot be attributed to any one thing. The Military is a reflection of a culture that has turned its back on the Judeo-Christian values it was built upon." It should be noted here that America was dedicated to God at Cape Henry, Virginia on April 29th, 1607. James concludes: "That is why those vehemently opposed to Christianity can act so boldly." Now, let's return to Colonel Ken Lawson, the Army Chaplain.

He gives us the example of the service and life of Brigadier General Gustavus Loomis who was a fierce combatant, as well as a devout Christian. Loomis was a graduate of West Point, fought two battles while briefly being held as a British prisoner of war during the War of 1812. He played a major role in the 1831-1833 Blackhawk War which earned him national recognition. From 1837-1842 General Loomis served in the 2nd Seminole War in Florida. During that time he became

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known for his Christian compassion for blacks and Indians. He taught them to read the Bible and provided religious services for them. During the Mexican War he led training and deployment of troops into combat. Loomis had served 37 years in the Army by the end of the Mexican War, but would not retire for another 20 years. Serving at Fort Snelling, Fort Leavenworth, and Fort Laramie he skirmished with the Indians, assisted Christian missionaries and ministered to Blacks and Indians as lay missionaries. After the 3rd Seminole War in 1857, then Colonel Loomis made tactical decisions that forced the Seminoles to surrender and closing the war earning the praise of then President Buchanan. As the Civil War began in 1861, General Loomis, now 72 years old, was appointed a Senior Union Army Recruiter by President Lincoln. He also became Commandant of a Confederate Prison Camp, who demonstrated Christian compassion towards the prisoners while leading prayer meetings and Bible studies with his Chaplain. He died in 1872 at age 86, after nearly 60 years of military service.

In my next article, we will look at the qualities of this man, which will serve as a template as to how practicing one's faith devotedly and serving one's country with honor and dignity can co-exist together. For now, the example of the long lived life of General Loomis, together with a happy family life, demonstrates that in all areas he was abundantly blessed from God. For generations, soldiers have carried the weight of America's freedom to the battlefield regardless of personal cost to them. Now it is time for us as veterans and citizens to carry the weight of our soldiers spiritual needs to God's altar.

Dick Komarek
Chaplain

**Color Guard**

**Labor Day Activities
Monday, September 3rd
Starting at 9:15 am**

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

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



VA Hotline
855-948-2311
8:00 am to 5:00 pm EDT



Another Piece of Chicago History

"Easy Eddie", also known by family and friends as "E.J.", was a lawyer in Chicago in the 1920's and beyond. The son of Irish-American immigrant parents, he was born in St. Louis in 1893. Married in 1912, he became father to 3 children, passed the Missouri Bar Exam in 1923 and joined a St. Louis law firm. Among his clients was Owen P. Smith, the high commissioner of the International Greyhound Racing Ass'n., who had invented and patented a mechanical running rabbit for use in dog racing. This also resulted in a significant amount of income for E.J., who was divorced in 1927 and moved to Chicago. His wife and 2 young daughters remained in St. Louis, and his son "Butch" was enrolled at Western Military Academy in Alton, IL.

When in Chicago, E.J. somehow met the notorious mobster Al Capone. Apparently performing some legal work for Capone, he became a business partner of sorts in dog and horse racing, and operated race tracks in Chicago (Sportsman's), Boston, and Miami. It's alleged that E.J. had a great love for his son Butch and hoped that he would someday receive an appointment to the Naval Academy in Annapolis. Whether this theory was true or not, Edward J. O'Hare acted as an undercover agent for the IRS, and testified in the trial of Al Capone who was convicted and imprisoned for non payment of income tax.

Edward "Butch" O'Hare did attend the Naval Academy, commissioned in June, 1937, and went on to serve as a Navy Pilot in the Pacific in WWII. Included in his numerous accomplishments as a pilot, was the downing of 5 Japanese Mitsubishi G4M1 "Betty" Bombers, thus becoming the first Naval "Ace", for which he was awarded the Medal of Honor. As a young and handsome Naval war hero, he traveled on some bond tours to promote America's efforts to support and help pay for the war which was still in its early stages.

On 26 Nov 1943, 75 years ago, flying an F6F Hellcat (the "Black Panthers"), along with 2 other aircraft near the Gilbert Islands, they encountered Japanese bombers, when an unfortunate "lucky hit" (comrade's term) by one of the bombers, took Butch down, and that was the end.

Tribune Publisher, Col. Robert R. McCormick, later suggested that Chicago's main and major airport be renamed in memory and in honor of Edward "Butch" O'Hare. Formerly known as Orchard Depot Airport (ORD), it officially became O'Hare International Airport on 19 Sep 1949.

E.J., "Easy Eddie" paid the price. On 8 Nov 1939, he fell a victim to an assassins bullets while driving his car on Ogden Ave. near Rockwell in Chicago, just a few days prior to Capone's scheduled early release from prison. The crime was never solved and rumors still persist that it was carried out by Capone's hit men. E.J. was 46.

Lee Lindberg





Scholarship Award Winners



Citizens of the Year Awards



Post 43 Past Commanders

Photos by Jim Hoch



Coffee "and"

Saturday Morning 10 AM



The August dates are:

**Aug 4 - Monarch Landing
Aug 11 - Brookdale Plaza - Lisle
Aug 18 - Independence Village
Aug 25 - Harbor Chase**

Don't forget our monthly visits with veterans at Monarch Landing, Brookdale Plaza-Lisle, Independence Village, and Harbor Chase. Join us on the 1st Saturday at Monarch Landing, the 2nd Saturday at Brookdale Plaza in Lisle, the 3rd Saturday at Independence Village, and the 4th Saturday at Harbor Chase.

Remember, all are welcome!



Come Join Us!!

G.I. Yoga is open to all Veterans and their families. The Wednesday morning 9:30 am Yoga class at the VFW is led by Kate Fleming. Kate also has Yoga classes for Veterans on Tuesdays (Wheaton) and Fridays (Winfield). There is also a Saturday morning class at 9:30 am in the Rubin Center in Naperville, led by Chitra Singh: mailofchitra@gmail.com.

For additional information, contact: Kate Fleming at kdflemingyoga@gmail.com
Schedule of Classes: www.giyoga.org

Electric Wheelchair for Veteran

Post received gift of Electric Wheelchair (Scooter model) for Veterans. For free use of it please contact:

Don Hennessy [630-355-4679](tel:630-355-4679)



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August 2018 Activities — Opportunities

Aug 2 - Post Meeting 7pm\

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





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Post 43 Legion Riders attend Legion sponsored Little League game on June 12th, 2018.