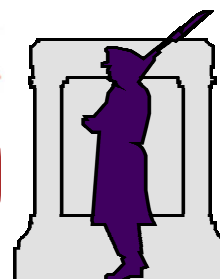




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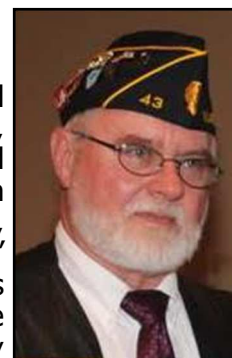
Celebrating 100 Years of Service to Veterans, U.S. Military, Youth, & Community

COMMANDER'S CALL

Don Chasteen - Post Commander

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

Naperville American Legion Post #43 has many dedicated members. Elected officers, trustees, and committee chairpersons, have in the past, and continue to do what is best for this Post and The American Legion. I do not want to slight these members in anyway, because without them a lot of things would not get done, but what I want to do is to acknowledge all those "plain ole" members who continually give of themselves to support this Post's programs. This space does not allow for me to name all the individuals, and I would probably miss someone, so I will do it by groups. Let me start with the dedicated members who go every Saturday to the Senior living facilities to visit with the veterans there. The Color Guard who makes sure all the Flags are represented at all the parades and proper posting of the Flags at many public events. The combined Honor Guard from both Post's, who provides proper Military Honors to our veterans who have passed. The Naperville American Legion Riders who continually support Honor Flight Chicago in many ways, and their commitment to The American Legion Legacy Scholarship Fund. The Kendall Cooks who have prepared many fine feasts for the American Legion Dinner/Socials, Legion Riders Fundraisers, and Sons of the American Legion Fundraisers. The Kendall Cooks also have a new endeavor offering a free Breakfast on the 2nd Sunday in even numbered months at 9 a.m. To all who serve, your commitment and dedication is greatly appreciated by many, and I salute you for it.



March 1st and 2nd is the State Oratorical Contest, and through the guidance of Don Hennessy this Post is able to send four young students to represent us. I look forward to seeing how well they do! Many of our programs are kicking into high gear - parade ceremonies, Boys and Girls State, Poppy sales, and the 100th Anniversary Post Celebration to name a few. The Sons of The American Legion just finished the Post Essay Contest. Election of new officers is coming up soon, so start thinking about a position you might be interested in.

See you at the next Legion Dinner/Social on March 16th, it should be a good one! It always is!

The Post is still in need of Legion Callers, and a chairman for the Gifts to the Yanks program.

For the Good of the Legion,

Don Chasteen
Commander, Naperville American Legion Post 43

Sr. Vice Commander

"As Legionnaires, our most sacred responsibility is to look out for each other and for our fellow veterans." So begins the mission given to use by our National Commander for our 100TH year Anniversary in March. It's called the "BUDDY CHECK". He is asking that each of us active Legionnaires call 10 past Legionaries or other Veterans to see how we could help. Yes, that involves joining the Legion if eligible, but would any of you deny helping another Veteran asking for help.



Jack Amberg

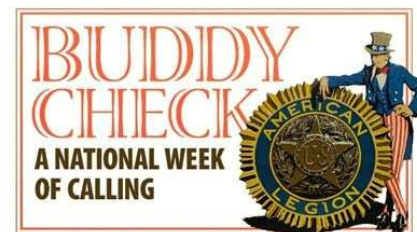
What I am asking of you, is to let me know if you are available to make 10 phone calls. We have scripts for you to use. We will give you the list of folks to call. We will make the calls March 11-16. So you got 5 days to make 10 calls to help your fellow Veteran.

Remember the American Legion is the LARGEST and most prominent voice for effective VA health care and disability benefits as well as GI bill education and career opportunities.

By the by, if we sign up any former members, we get \$5 per sign up. If we can get 100% membership we get \$2500 (we are at 92%). IF we get 105% we get \$5000. That should get you thinking about the good we could do in our community with that money. So if you want to be part of this, email me at jamberg@thefederalsavingsbank.com or call me at 630-995-5244, and let me know if you are willing to make 10 calls during a 5 day window in order to help yourself and fellow Veterans.

"National Commander Brett Reistad has called for a Buddy Check during our National Week of Calling around the Legion's 100th birthday as a way to reach out to members and former members who may need help. Perhaps they have been waiting for a personal call or visit to renew or rejoin. No matter their situations, we can do as our founders did by making personal contact with veterans in our communities. "

Senior Vice Commander,
Jack Amberg



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



Jr. Vice Commander

Our February 16th "Salute to Our Youth" Dinner/Social was a great success! The Kendall Cooks knocked the menu out of the park with mouth-watering prime rib and all the fixings, and our palettes were again spoiled by the delectable desserts from Prima Sweets. I think we can all agree on how impressive the young people in our community are, after listening to their moving speeches and experiences. As our fourth pillar of the American Legion, the Youth are a prime focus for our organization. They are our nation's future, and after listening to these young people, and what passionate citizens they are, the future is bright.



Jennifer Slown

Looking to next month, Saturday March 16th will be our next Dinner/Social with the yearly theme of Saint Patrick's Day celebration. I'm definitely looking forward to the Kendall Cooks succulent corned beef and cabbage, and the fine company at each of our dinners. We will also have the McNaulty Irish Dancers returning as our entertainment for this year. They never fail to wow us!

I cannot thank the fine members of our Post 43 enough for all of your support. Our Dinner/Socials continue to be a success as a result of the guidance from many of our Post leaders and the many hands volunteering. The Kendall Cooks preparing meals, Legion Riders setting up and tearing down, generous donations from Prima Sweets, our Post leadership, and of course our loyal members that attend our dinners. Together, all of you make Post 43 the fantastic community minded organization that we are, and will continue to be.

I'm so looking forward to seeing you all in March!

Semper Fidelis!
Jennifer Slown



Photos by Jim Hoch



AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS CHAPTER 43

Your Post 43 Riders are getting excited as they know Spring is not far away. The Winter was slow in starting, but by January it really hit us hard with the Polar Vortex, snow and ice. We are glad that the weather is improving and soon we will be Riding again in events supporting our fellow Veterans.



The Riders continue to visit Veterans at Brookdale Senior Living Center in Lisle. Those visits are a highlight of our Winter, and it is such an honor to spend a little time with so many Veterans of the Greatest Generations. Besides the Brookdale visits, we have been looking forward to the Naperville Saint Patrick's Day parade held on 16 March. You can be sure that, weather permitting, we will be there and all will be wearing the green for at least that day. We are also continuing to plan for the DuPage Veterans Foundation event at DuPage Airport on the 4th of May. As you probably know your Riders hold a motorcycle ride from Heritage Harley Davidson in Lisle, IL to the DuPage Airport. Last year almost 200 riders participated, and the \$30.00 ride fee all goes to the DuPage Veteran's Foundation for Honor Flight Chicago. A win for us riding and for the Foundation.

Finally, as I mentioned in earlier articles, the Texas Roadhouse gave the Post 43 Riders gift cards worth \$20.00 each. We distributed 14 of these cards to the Midwest Shelter for Homeless Veterans and 14 cards to the Naperville Responds group. Texas Roadhouse has really stepped up to support the veterans. We are grateful to them.

Remember that our monthly meetings are generally the 4th Wednesday of the month and are held at the Patio of the VFW/Legion Hall. Interested individuals are always welcome at our meetings. The March meeting is being held on 27 March and begins at 7:00pm.

Tom Dillon
Director ALR Chapter 43
630-803-2047



Photo by Jim Hoch



AMERICAN LEGION POST 43 CALENDAR



March 2, 2019
 March 2, 2019
 March 7, 2019
 March 9, 2019
 March 12, 2019
 March 16, 2019
 March 16, 2019
 March 16, 2019
 March 19, 2019
 March 23, 2019
 March 27, 2019

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10 a.m. Coffee at Monarch Landing
 HFC Hockey Classic Bensenville
 Post Meeting 7 p.m.
 10 a.m. Coffee at Brookdale-Lisle
 Hines VA Visit
 10 a.m. Coffee at Independence Village
 St. Patrick's Day Parade 10 a.m.
 Dinner/Social - McNaulty Irish Dancers
 S.A.L. Squadron Meeting 7 p.m.
 10 a.m. Coffee at Tabor Hills
 Legion Rider Meeting

April 4, 2019
 April 6, 2019
 April 9, 2019
 April 10, 2019
 April 13, 2019
 April 14, 2019
 April 16, 2019
 April 20, 2019
 April 20, 2019
 April 24, 2019
 April 27, 2019
 April 28, 2019

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Post Meeting 7 p.m.
 10 am Coffee at Monarch Landing
 Hines VA Visit (bus leaves at 6:15pm)
 Strength and Honor Luncheon
 10 a.m. Coffee at Brookdale Plaza-Lisle
 Band of Brothers & Sisters Breakfast 9am
 S.A.L. Squadron Meeting 7 p.m.
 10 a.m. Coffee at Independence Village
 Dinner/Social - Past Commanders
 Legion Rider Meeting
 10 a.m. Coffee at Tabor Hills
 Troop 106 Spaghetti Dinner 4 - 7p.m.

May 2, 2019
 May 4, 2019
 May 4, 2019
 May 14, 2019
 May 11, 2019
 May 16, 2019
 May 18, 2019
 May 21, 2019
 May 22, 2019
 May 25, 2019

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Post Meeting 7 p.m.
 DuPage Honor Flight Fundraiser
 10 a.m. Coffee at Monarch Landing
 Hines VA Visit (bus leaves at 6:15pm)
 10 a.m. Coffee at Brookdale-Lisle
 Poppy Day
 10 a.m. Coffee at Independence Village
 S.A.L. Squadron Meeting 7 p.m.
 Legion Rider Meeting
 10 a.m. Coffee at Tabor Hills



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

Naperville American Legion Post 43 began naming a Citizen of the Year in 1986. Five 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 to arrive by March 20, 2019.

Winners will be announced in the local media and honored at the Legion's Awards and Recognition Banquet on April 20, 2019.

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

Questions? Want information on recent Citizens of the Years and their contributions?

Contact:

Jim Vahle
(630) 864-7183
vahlej@comcast.net

Coffee "and"**Saturday Morning 10 AM****The March dates are:**

Mar 2 - Monarch Landing
Mar 9 - Brookdale - Lisle
Mar 16 - Independence Village
Mar 23 - Tabor Hills

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

Remember, all are welcome!

2019 AMERICAN LEGION POST 43 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 2019 (up to two) from an accredited Illinois high school a scholarship of up **to \$5000.00**, to paid directly to any technical school or degree granting college or university within the United States, upon confirmation of enrollment.

Eligibility

Resident of Illinois who is currently a senior in high school in the class of 2019 and

- Child, stepchild or grandchild or great grandchild of a member of Naperville American Legion Post 43, 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 a High School Oratorical Contest participant or attended Illinois Boys/Girls State under the sponsorship of Naperville American Legion Post 43
- Or the child of a Naperville military veteran who, while a resident and on active duty, was killed or suffered a disability of 50% or more as determined by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

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 footnoted. 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. The essay may count up to 30% in selecting the winner.

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, phone number & email address for contact information. Applications must be received by March 27, 2019.

The decision of the Scholarship Committee Judges is 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 20, 2019 at the American Legion Awards and Recognition Banquet.

Questions: contact Jim Vahle 630-864-7183, vahlej@comcast.net



PREMIER BOYS STATE AND ILLINI GIRLS STATE

Premier Boys State will be held from **June 8 - 14, 2019** and Illini Girls State will be held from **June 16 - 22, 2019** 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 or www.ilgirlsstate.org respectively or have them contact Ken Mores at 815-353-4102 (Premier Boys State) or Eileen Lass 630-778-7603 (Illini Girls State) for more information. Naperville Post 43 will cover enrollment and transportation costs.

**HELP NEEDED!!!!!!**

Every Memorial Day week both our Post 43 and VFW Post 3873 along with both Posts Scout Troops and our local Sea Cadets "Ghostriders" Squadron and many others, place flags on approximately 2600 Veteran gravesites here in the Naperville area. In addition this past year Jim Hoch volunteered to keep these lists updated so we do not miss any Veterans gravesites. If you want to see what he has done so far, go to our Post 43 website www.naperlegion.org and scroll down to "Veteran Gravesite"; click on and follow the prompts. This way you will see what Jim has already formatted on our deceased Veterans including their cemetery location. Recently he decided that he also wanted to add more information such as: Last name; first name; middle initial; nickname if any; suffix (Dr., Sr., Jr., etc.); DOB; DOD; Conflict or Era served or "Peacetime"; Branch of Service; Rate or Rank attained; Dates of Service; Other information such as Area/Country served/ Medals awarded/ or other information of interest.

If you are interested in sharing your late family member (Veteran only) information or other Veterans info you may have to be included in this project, please send to: Jim Hoch @ jehoch1@aol.com and put "Veteran Information" in the subject line. Thanks!!!!

Wayne Fischer

VIETNAM and Wayne Fischer

For nearly 900 years prior to the 19th century Vietnam had been dominated by China. For most of the 19th century it was a French colony and then annexed by Japan during WW II. After the war was over, France attempted to again dominate resulting in their defeat after a few years in 1957. Because of the ongoing concern of Communism overtaking the entire Indonesian area, the first American military troops were sent to Vietnam in 1957 under the Eisenhower administration, and the "war" continued to escalate under Presidents Kennedy, Johnson, and Nixon. Secretary of Defense Robert McNamara acknowledged, toward the end of his life, that mistakes had been made in managing the war in Vietnam.



In all of American history, there has been perhaps no war that was more controversial, or provoked more opinions and disagreements among the American public. College students demonstrated against the draft; some left for Canada, but thousands entered the military, most because of their country's request and they respectfully responded to the call; two-thirds were volunteers and almost 1.5 million were in the military sometime during the Vietnam War. American lives lost numbered 58,220 and many thousands more were wounded. Even today, suffering continues from the effects of chemicals such as Agent Orange, PTSD, and numerous war related injuries and afflictions.

All those who are inducted into the military take the following oath:

"I, (name), do solemnly swear or affirm that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; and that I will obey the orders of the President of the United States and the orders of the officers appointed over me, according to regulations and the Uniform Code of Military Justice, so help me God." Those who served were fulfilling their obligation to the oath as many before and after have done.

Wayne Fischer is one who answered the call. Raised on a farm in SW Minnesota his task was milking the cows. Educated in a twelve grade 220 student school, he received a degree from the University of Minnesota. He joined the USMC in 1965, because the Marines offered the best opportunity for him to fly, which had been a strong desire of his for several years. He went through OCS at Quantico, Virginia in 1966, received his commission and married his lovely bride, Iris.

He served in Vietnam as a helicopter pilot for 12 months and 20 days from September 1967 until October 1968 attaining the rank of Captain and flying nearly 700 combat missions, many of which were medivac. His unit, HMM-363 "The Lucky Red Lions", received the Meritorious Unit Citation, Presidential Unit Citation, Navy Commendation w/Combat V and others.

As a civilian, Wayne is a long-time active, proud, and dedicated member of both the Judd Kendall VFW Post 3873, and Naperville American Legion Post 43, having served 3 terms as Legion Commander in the mid-2000's, served as District 11 Commander, and as 2nd Division Commander. He is now a candidate for Senior Vice of the Dept. of Illinois, and providing he is elected at the state convention in July, he would be in line to become Dept. of Illinois American Legion Commander.

He serves on the board of the DuPage Veterans Foundation, which raises over \$40,000 for Honor Flight Chicago at their annual event the first Saturday in May. He is a past American Legion Naperville Citizen of the Year. He helps to organize Naperville parades, and oversees the Veterans Day/Week flags on Rotary Hill. **(continued on page 10)**

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Wayne oversees placement and removal of over 2500 U.S. flags on all veteran's graves at 5 cemeteries in and around Naperville during Memorial Day weekend. He attends the quarterly mass burials at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery. He participates in the every Saturday visits to veterans at senior residential homes, attends the funeral walk-thrus and usually eulogizes the decedent. He attends the annual Lincoln Day pilgrimage. He serves on several other boards and committees, probably too numerous to list in this column.

Suffice to say, there is no more dedicated veteran than Wayne Fischer.

Lee Lindberg

**-----SAVE THE DATE-----**

Mark your calendar for Saturday May 4th and plan to come to our 8th Annual DuPage Veterans Foundation fundraiser for Honor Flight Chicago. As in the past 7 years it will be held again at the John Calamos hanger at the DuPage Airport. All WWII and Korean Era Veterans will again be our guests. Last year's proceeds of \$40,000 went directly to Honor Flight Chicago and we hope to surpass that number this year. To do that, we need more donations and volunteers. Feel free to help spread the word especially if the company or organization you work for or with. We take donations from anyone, and yes we are a "501c3" not-for-profit organization!!!!

Thanks-Wayne

Post 43 Scheduling 100th Anniversary events

Post 43 has set a number of events to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Post and of the American Legion. Events scheduled to date:

- The Post will have a display in the lobby of Naperville's Municipal Center from June 3 to July 2, featuring photos and artifacts from the Post's history.
- The Naperville City Council will present a proclamation on Tuesday, June 18, declaring June 25 as Naperville Post 43 Day in the city. Members are encouraged to attend the council meeting.
- Post 43 will host a special anniversary dinner on Saturday, June 15 at Judd Kendall VFW Post 3873. Medal of Honor recipient Al Lynch will be the dinner guest speaker.
- On June 25, the Post will provide an Color Guard for the raising of the flag on June 25 at the Municipal Center to observe Post 43 Day in Naperville.
- Banners commemorating the 100th Anniversary of Post 43 and the American Legion will be placed in the downtown area of Washington St. and near the Naperville Settlement on Aurora Ave. on June 24 and will remain in place until July 22nd.
- Post 43 is exploring participation with the Naperville Healing Field flag display on Rotary Hill in November. The display coincides with the 100th anniversary of the end of World War I and the formation of the American Legion.



This month we will look back on the key contributing roles our founding fathers played in how God and religious freedom shaped our new independently emerging free nation! In a "Religious History of the American Revolution," Baylor University history professor Thomas Kidd argues that religion played a much larger role in the influencing of ideas and principles that became the bedrocks of the nation. Furthermore, says Kidd "our Founding Fathers (politicians) overcame differences in personal belief and individual faith to draft the Constitution and other foundational documents like the Declaration of Independence." The Continental Congress served as the chief legislative body for the original American colonies throughout the Revolutionary War from 1774 until the adoption of our Constitution in 1789. Many of these "founding fathers" participated in writing the Constitution. Kidd makes the point that "if any men could ever have possessed a clear understanding of how the Founding Fathers viewed the Bible and respect for God, it would have had to be these men!" It's there in ideas that helped to motivate and unite the Revolution and most importantly the idea that ALL men are created equal; that they are endowed by their creator with certain inalienable rights that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. These words articulated by Thomas Jefferson and other framers called for the support for a Declaration of Independence with a firm reliance on the protection of "divine providence" as they mutually pledged to each other and on behalf of the new nation and its citizens "our lives, our fortunes and our sacred honor." The Declaration of Independence as a completed document directly appeals to God at least four times! Kidd notes that "conservative believers at that time were willing to politically support someone like a Thomas Jefferson, even though they didn't share his own beliefs." Here are some key dates in the religious freedom history of the early United States: 1) September 6, 1774: First Act of the First Session of the Continental Congress was to pass a resolution to open the next meeting with prayer. Psalm 35 was the text chosen to be read. 2) September 11, 1777: Promoted the use of bibles. 3) September 10, 1782, Congress approved the printing of bibles in America for the first time by a man names Robert Aitkins. 4) October 12, 1778, Congress passed an act in which it encouraged religion and morality. In the approximate 15 years of its existence between 1774 and 1789 the Continental Congress approved at least 15 proclamations calling on the states to appoint days of special worship or honor to God. The first National Proclamation of Thanksgiving was made on December 18, 1777. On December 30, 1778 this proclamation was made, "It having pleased Almighty God...to bestow many great and manifold mercies on the people of these United States, and it being the indispensable duty of all men gratefully to acknowledge their obligation to Him (God) for benefits received."

Lastly, when the Constitution was formally adopted in 1789 perhaps the most important of these religious principles was the idea that you need to check and balance power within government because giving too much power to any one person or branch of government is dangerous due to human nature. Again, the Founding Fathers shared a widespread assumption that if they were given a chance any one person could become a tyrant and an enemy of moral values and religious freedom. This warning certainly applies to the political and moral climate our country has been experiencing over recent years particularly with efforts of some to push God out of our lives or render him irrelevant. It might be of interest that George Washington and Benjamin Franklin were Deists who believed in the existence of God without adhering to specific precepts of Christianity. So, in summary, the Founding Fathers were a diverse group amongst themselves on issues of personal belief and faith but they also viewed clearly as one purpose of government to encourage and defend religious freedom and expression. Furthermore, the Bible, God, prayer, worship and religion in schools and in the affairs of America's new government were all key in viewing one purpose of religion to promote morality and decency throughout the land. One last footnote in history. The wisest and most wealthy man in history Solomon (David's son) said in Ecclesiastes¹² at the end of his life when he had experienced all life had to offer-wealth, fame, wisdom, prosperity and unlimited abundance that it was all meaningless and like a vapor which vanishes as quickly as it appears, and that something important that he had overlooked, was missing from his life. Solomon concluded that to

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enjoy a truly fulfilling and rewarding life each of us needed to fear God and keep his Commandments. This conclusion of life's ultimate purpose and what really matters from the wisest man who ever lived! God Bless Post 43 and God Bless Each of You!! Stay Positive, Healthy, Joyous, Thankful and commit to helping those less fortunate!

Chaplain Dick Komarek

**BOY SCOUT TROOP 106**

Some of the events Troop 106 has been involved with during late January / early February:

Blue and Gold Ceremony – Pack 101: We welcomed our newest addition to the Troop 106 family recently. Hal crossed over from Pack 101 and is super excited to be joining the troop and starting his journey with Boy Scouts!

**Boy Scout Troop 106 Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser-April 28th**

Please mark your calendars for Sunday April 28th and plan to attend the 5th Annual Fundraiser for our Post sponsored Boy Scout Troop 106 from 4-7pm. Come out and enjoy a great dinner, while at the same time, helping these young men raise funds for Troop Scouting Programs for this year. They will do the work and all you will need to do is come, eat and enjoy the evening. There will be some entertainment provided by the Scouts during the event. The price is right @ \$10 for Adults and \$7 for children 3-11, while those under 3 are free.



Please come out and support our Boy Scout Troop 106!! For additional information, please contact: David Sheppard david.sheppard@chrobinson.com or 248-797-5184.

Naperville Tradition Continues

When:

Fridays

March 1 – April 19

4:30 PM – 7:30 PM



Cost:

Adults	\$12
Children (4-11)	\$7
Seniors	\$10
Children 3 & under	<u>free</u>

Judd Kendall VFW Post 3873 is pleased to announce that Friday Fish Fries will start Friday March 1st and will run through Lent. Our membership realized that over the past 50 years, this has become a much loved part of the Naperville social scene. In spite of inflationary pressures, we have been able to maintain the same pricing as last year.

Menu varies each week. Visit our website for current week's menu. Tell your relatives, friends & co-workers!



www.napervfw3873.org





*Plant Sale
Today*

Annual VFW Plant Sale

The VFW plant sale is in full swing. Please return your order forms (available at http://www.napervfw3873.org/files/2019_plant_sale_form.pdf) by April 15. The flowers will be delivered on May 14th and be ready for pickup from 1-6 PM at the VFW. We could use additional help that day to separate the flowers into orders.

We hope you will support our plant sale. Money derived from the sale goes to maintaining the grounds of the VFW. We are very proud of the Post and want to keep it looking as good as possible. Plus we offer you a wide variety of first quality plants, hanging baskets and flats. They are shipped in the morning of the plant sale from West Olive, MI. These are plants that have been grown in the Midwest and are accustomed to the climate here. The prices are reasonable and the flowers are first rate!

For questions or information, contact me at marcymaughan@wowway.com or call me at 630-357-3440.

Marcy Maughan



Come Join Us!

G.I. Yoga is free to all Veterans and their family members. G.I. Yoga teaches stress relief methods by using the practice of Yoga to ease aches and pains, lower blood pressure, and increase strength, flexibility, and balance. G.I. Yoga also teaches participants how to use Yoga to manage symptoms of PTSD and TBI. All classes are taught by certified Yoga Instructors. The Wednesday morning 9:30 am Yoga class at the VFW is led by Kate Fleming. Kate also has Yoga classes for Veterans on Monday (Wheaton), Wednesday (Oswego), and Friday (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 giyoga@osotamerica.org

Schedule of Classes: www.giyoga.org

G.I. Yoga is a program of osotAmerica.org

TAPS

Henry F. Gosciniak
Joseph J. Kania
Joseph A. Harsa Jr.
Bruce J. Ebert
Thomas W. Clark
John Rhodes



SICK CALL

Paul Hogan

Mike Walczak

Dick Knosher

Lee Lindberg

John Prescott





American Legion Post #43

PO Box 4, Naperville, IL 60566

MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS are the first Thursday of every month at 7 PM,
at the **VFW Hall, 908 W. Jackson Naperville, IL**
Boy Scouts and Special Meetings are at Post Home, 10 W. Chicago Ave., Naperville, IL

www.naperlegion.org

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Activities — Opportunities

Mar 2 - Monarch Landing

Mar 7 - Post Meeting 7pm

Mar 9 - Brookdale - Lisle

Mar 16 - St Patrick's Day Parade

Mar 16 - Independence Village

Mar 16 - Dinner/Social 6pm

Mar 23 - Tabor Hills

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



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