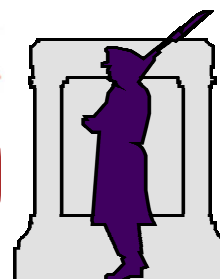




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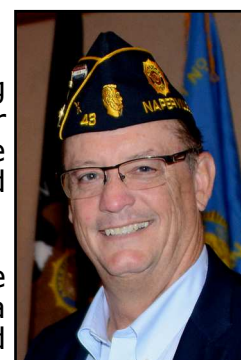
COMMANDER'S CALL

Jack Amberg - Post Commander

Greetings Fellow Legionaries:

It is an honor to be your commander and I look forward to working with you over the next 12 months to advance the cause for Veterans, National Security, Americanism, and Youth. I have learned a ton over the Summer and wanted to share just a tad with you this month.

At a new office building I greeted the security guard and when he responded with, "squared away!" I asked and confirmed he was a Veteran. I asked if he was a member of the American Legion and he responded with a question, "Why should I join the American Legion?" I want to arm each and everyone of you with the answer, as I now see it. Of course, you can give your own, but if you're not quite sure why, then tell anyone who asks why: "to help fellow Veterans and our National security".



We have 4 pillars, and I'll address each during the next year, but when a regular guy can dream up and type up a resolution that is forwarded to the National leadership of the American Legion, resolving that they should do something regarding National policy, well that is a big deal.

I know of 2 folks who have done that: Dick Komarek submitted a resolution to have the National leadership meet with Congressional representatives, both house and senate, to recommend they pass a law to pay for the protection of our electrical grid. With the events of July 13 in Manhattan, when the West side of Manhattan's electrical grid failed, and they experienced a blackout. Derek Blumke, a 38 year old former Air Force Electrician wrote 2 resolutions, one in the American Legion and one in the Veterans of Foreign Wars resolving that both organizations should demand an investigation of the VA hospital system due to the over 500% increase in prescription anti-depressants, that parallels the increase in Veterans suicides. I believe both will pass, but even if they don't, the conversations these 2 Veterans have created is commendable.

Now I don't believe every member should be writing resolutions, that is only one option. However, by paying \$40 a year, resources for the platforms for work to benefit our National security and our fellow Veterans are created. So when someone responds to you with, "Why should I join the Legion". Respond to them with: "to help fellow Veterans and our National Security". Again, I'll discuss Youth and Americanism at a later date.

Jack Amberg
Commander, Naperville American Legion Post 43

Sr. Vice Commander

Have you heard about the Legion Act?! President Trump signed an extension of the periods covered back to December 7th, 1941. So what does this mean for Veterans? First and foremost ALL honorably discharged Veterans who served from December 7th to present may join the American Legion IMMEDIATELY! We all know someone who in the past was not eligible due to the time period they served. Please reach out to them, share the good news, and most importantly, GET THEM SIGNED UP! To do so please contact Adjutant Nadia Rios at rios.nadia@gmail.com or 630-728-7519. On the current membership form, Simply write "Other Conflicts" in the era served portion. The Legion Act was hard fought and recognizes the American Legion's founding fathers belief that "a Veteran is a Veteran" regardless of overseas service or period served. Please encourage those that may not have been able to join in the past to consider membership now!



Jennifer Slown

This also affects Sons of the American Legion (SAL) membership and American Legion Auxiliary membership. Sons and grandsons of living American Legion members are eligible and also sons and grandsons of deceased Veterans who were not American Legion members (the Veteran only needs to have served and been honorably discharged). For Auxiliary membership, this also includes mothers, daughters, and grand-daughters of Veterans meeting the same criteria above (related to a current living Legion member or related to a deceased eligible Veteran). So reach out to those relatives of Veterans and get them involved!

This is an incredible opportunity for honorably discharged Veterans from every era as well as their family members to join the American Legion Family!

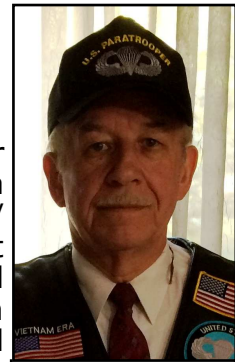
As always, if you have someone who is eligible, but you're not sure how to approach them or what to say, let me know! I would love to share with them the value and all of the benefits that come with membership in the American Legion! And if you're not motivated enough to recruit new Legion, SAL, and Auxiliary members, I'll sweeten the pot! Whoever recruits the most members between September 1st and March 31st, 2020, will receive a **\$100 gift card** to the fantastic Hugo's Frog Bar and Fish House! Notify Adjutant Rios of each member you bring in so we can accurately track numbers. An update of which member has recruited the most will be given at each meeting.

Post 43 is strong only because of YOU our faithful members. As we say in the Marine Corps, continue the assault forward and bring in more members! See you around the post!

Semper Fidelis!
Jennifer Slown
Sr Vice Commander



Jr. Vice Commander



Rich Karbarz

I hope this newsletter finds you in good health as the Summer season is about to end, and the ninety (90+) temperatures are a thing of the past. We are gearing up for our September Dinner/Social on **September 21st**, kick off at 6 pm with cocktails; dinner at 7pm at the VFW Hall. This will be your opportunity to meet, and greet our newly installed Post 43 Officers, and Sons of American Legion (SAL). We will also recognize those individuals who worked tirelessly to provide services to our members and supported the community of Veterans who sacrificed in service of the United States. We will be trying a new caterer, Angeli's Catering, and the menu will include their classic package: Chicken Marsala, Rigatoni Pasta, Alfredo Sauce, Angeli's Special Salad, bread, butter, and Parmesan Cheese. Please let us know the quality of food, so that we meet your needs and expectation of food we serve at our Dinner/Socials. The cost for all Dinner/Socials remains the same at \$14 per person, \$7 for children age 7-14, and children age 6 and under still eat for free! Our entertainment plan is to have one of the local high school bands (i.e., awaiting to hear from Neuqua Valley Band Director as fall classes start August 19th), they will play a variety of songs during part of our social and dinner hour.

October 19th dinner program theme is the Oktoberfest, so get ready to have some fun, with Belgio's Catering, and Ron Keller & his Oompah Band to entertain with their tunes. Also, October has traditionally been our celebration of "Woman in the Military". More details to come in next month's article.

The **November 11th** dinner is our celebration of the Veteran's Day with our traditional superb turkey dinner prepared by our dedicated Kendall Cooks. Please mark your calendars for our future Dinner/Socials as follows: January 18, 2020, February 15th, 2020, March 21st, 2020, and April 18th, 2020. Be sure to RSVP when the email blast goes out to ensure you have a spot reserved! Wishing everyone good health, and looking forward to seeing you at the Dinner/Social on Sep 21st.

Richard H. Karbarz, Jr. Vice Commander

Coffee "and"

Saturday Morning 10 AM



The September dates are:

**Sep 7 - Monarch Landing
Sep 14 - Brookdale - Lisle
Sep 21 - Independence Village
Sep 28 - Tabor Hills**

Don't forget our monthly visits with Veterans at Monarch Landing, Brookdale-Lisle, Independence Village, and Tabor Hills-Bohemian House. 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!



AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS CHAPTER 43

Summer is in full swing and that means that your Legion Riders are keeping very active. Our last monthly meeting was attended by about 20 of our 53 members, as some are away on riding vacations. As always, most of the attendees met before the meeting for a meal and then we rode as a group to out VFW/Legion Hall. It was a warm but perfect evening for the ride.



Since our last report we have attended an Honor Flight at Midway Airport. The flight now includes a large number of Vietnam Veterans and the flights are always full. On Monday, 5 August, many members also attended the OPUS "Salute Honor and Love" concert at North Central College. The attendees said the concert was spectacular. The Riders also attended numerous walk-thrus, and it is an honor to attend these services. On 11 August about a dozen Riders took part in the annual Naperville India Day Parade. We are proud to be invited to ride in this parade to honor Naperville's India culture and people. We were the third group in the parade, following only a Naperville Police vehicle and fire truck. The India community loudly greeted us and the event was televised on the Naperville television channel. Finally, Rider Don Chasteen is representing our group during the Legion Legacy National Run. He is carrying a donation check for this fund in the amount of \$5000.00. The Riders previously donated \$1000.00 to this fund through the State of Illinois Legacy Run.

Besides the above, the Riders have supported other Legion events too numerous to post here.

Legion members please note that we will host our Annual Rider fundraiser Dinner/Dance on Saturday, 5 October, 2019 at the VFW/Legion Hall. A prime rib dinner will be prepared by the Kendall cooks and ticket cost is only \$25.00. We will have music by a great live band (Claremont Drive Band) that plays music from the 50s-60s. Doors open at 5:00 pm, dinner served at 6:15 pm and the evening ends at 10:30 pm. The funds raised support the DuPage Veterans Association (Honor Flight), Legacy Fund scholarships and other charitable endeavors. This year we donated \$6000.00 to the Legacy Fund and raised over \$4000.00 for DuPage Veterans Foundation. We cannot do this without your support. For tickets contact any Legion Rider or myself. This is a GREAT evening for a great cause. Where else can you get a prime rib dinner, great entertainment, surrounded by friends, for only \$25.00.

If you cannot attend personal contributions are gratefully accepted. Contributions are also accepted from corporations, so please let your contacts know about corporate donations. Donations can be sent to Rider Bob Burch, 7223 S. Route 83, #207, Willowbrook, IL 60527. Checks made out to "Naperville Post 43 American Legion Riders". Contributions are tax deductible and you will receive a receipt for your donation.

The Riders try to fully support Post 43 and we hope you can support our big fundraiser either by attending the dinner or making a contribution to the fund. We cannot do our work without your support.

Our next Post 43 Rider meeting is Wednesday, 25 September at 7:00 at the patio of the VFW/Legion Hall patio.

Tom Dillon
Director ALR Chapter 43
630-803-2047





Color Guard

**Labor Day Activities
Monday, September 2nd**

Meet at 9:15 am

**Parade starts at 10 am from 5th
Av and Mill St.**

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

The Naperville Jaycees have requested us to present the Colors on the following dates over the

Labor Day weekend. The uniform for the events will be Tan Trousers and Legion/VFW shirt and Cover. The Jaycees would like Colors presented on their main stage on August 30 & 31st and September 1st at 7:30 pm. September 2nd would be at the Jackson Street Stage around 1:30 pm.

For more information contact Jim Sarns at 630-234-6292.



“9/11” Memorial Service

On behalf of the “9/11” - 2019 Memorial Service Committee, we would like to invite all Veterans and their families to attend the “9/11” Memorial Service to be held on Wednesday, September 11th, 2019 at the **“CMDR Dan Shanower/September 11th Memorial”** on the Riverwalk next to City Hall starting at 6 pm. In the event of bad weather this event will be held in the City Council Chambers.

As this is the 18th Anniversary of the attack on our Country, this will again be a very special event as we pay our respects to all of those innocent men and women that were lost because of that dreadful attack on our Country and those lost fighting in harm’s way to protect our Freedoms ever since.

Please plan to attend this very special Ceremony. Our Combined Post Color Guard and Honor Guard will be participating. Our guest speaker for this year will be Charles Johanns, who was co-chair of this Memorial Planning Committee along with our late Mayor Pradel.

Wayne Fischer

Welcome back Legionnaires, all Veterans and their families, and friends of Post 43!

Did you enjoy a little R&R this Summer or perhaps a well-deserved get-a-way or Summer visit to a favorite destination; or to just pay a visit to those special family members that we see all too infrequently. We all wish incoming Post Commander (COL.) Jack Amberg our best, and pledge our support as he assumes his new duties. How was your trip to West Point, this past August Jack, to visit your son. I'm sure you were a proud Dad who may have even had a tear in his eye when you departed. Also, this space gives me the sad duty of reporting on the recent passing of Lee Lindberg and Dick Knosher, whose leadership contributions as past Post Commanders and active, and faithful participants in many post activities and events over the years will not soon be forgotten. Our heartfelt prayers are with their respective families. Both Lee and Dick were both dear friends and mentors to this Chaplain, and will be dearly missed. It should also be noted that Dick passed away just days after reaching his 100th birthday. Since the American Legion was actually formed on March 15, 1919, Dick was three months older than the Legion itself!!

As we now prepare to enter the Fall season (my favorite time of year) with brisk cool days and bright fall colors adorning the landscape and the start of the football season with my beloved Chicago Bears (we expect a Superbowl appearance from you guys this year), we should also be in prayer for our elected officials, especially our President and most importantly our great Nation; which is perhaps going through its most divisive and challenging period since the Civil War. Our Nation needs to return back to God as it has departed far from the faith, importance and dependence our founding fathers had in God during our Nation's formation. We are facing not only outside threats, but challenges from within our country to our cherished liberties, freedoms and values fought for, defended, and preserved by our brave Veterans for now 243 years of our republic's existence. Freedom and Liberty have never just been given to us! It has had to be earned and defended. Now, our Nation appears to have reached a tipping point as to which path we will choose. We must humble ourselves before God in earnest prayer from our hearts seeking HIS wisdom and direction to meet the obstacles, new challenges and even threats which confront us. In the past we have been successful in facing these difficulties because we were unified as a nation. Today, we must come together in unity against the evil and diabolical forces at work to divide us, focusing on what we have in common, and to care for one another and look out for the other guy. We must strive to do the next right thing, be less selfish, less ego, and pride driven. We must also resolve to support our brave Veterans still serving, many still in harm's way, and to offer our time and assistance to those wounded Vets who need our compassion and help in recovering from emotional and physical challenges they still face. Let's also pledge our support to our Youth, and stand firm in support of vital National security issues and Americanism events. Lastly, let's reach out to potential new members to join our Post family. Post 43 has always been committed to our 4 pillars these past 100 years. Happy Birthday American Legion and Post 43 Naperville on 100 years of service to the Community and Nation! May God continue to bless our Post, as we enter our 2nd century of service!

Chaplain, Dick Komarek



AMERICAN LEGION POST 43 CALENDAR



September 2, 2019	Monday	Labor Day Parade
September 5, 2019	Thursday	Post Meeting 7 pm
September 7, 2019	Saturday	10 am Coffee at Monarch Landing
September 9, 2019	Monday	9/11 Remembrance
September 10, 2019	Tuesday	Hines VA Visit (bus leaves at 6:15pm)
September 14, 2019	Saturday	10 am Coffee at Brookdale Plaza-Lisle
September 15, 2019	Sunday	Judd-A-Thon .1K Fun Run 10:01am
September 17, 2019	Tuesday	S.A.L. Squadron Meeting 7 pm
September 18, 2019	Wednesday	U.S. Air Force Birthday (1947)
September 21, 2019	Saturday	10 am Coffee at Independence Village
September 21, 2019	Saturday	Dinner/Social - Officer Installation
September 21-22, 2019	Sat-Sun	Harvest Pow Wow Naperville
September 25, 2019	Wednesday	Legion Rider Meeting
September 28, 2019	Saturday	10 am Coffee at Tabor Hills



October 3, 2019	Thursday	Post Meeting 7 pm
October 5, 2019	Saturday	10 am Coffee at Monarch Landing
October 5, 2019	Saturday	Legion Riders Dinner/Dance
October 8, 2019	Tuesday	Hines VA Visit (bus leaves at 6:15pm)
October 12, 2019	Saturday	10 am Coffee at Brookdale Plaza-Lisle
October 13, 2019	Sunday	U.S. Navy Birthday (1775)
October 15, 2019	Tuesday	S.A.L. Squadron Meeting 7 pm
October 19, 2019	Saturday	10 am Coffee at Independence Village
October 19, 2019	Saturday	Dinner/Social - Octoberfest
October 23, 2019	Wednesday	Legion Rider Meeting
October 26, 2019	Saturday	10 am Coffee at Tabor Hills



November 2, 2019	Saturday	10 am Coffee at Monarch Landing
November 7, 2019	Thursday	Post Meeting 7 pm
November 9, 2019	Saturday	10 am Coffee at Brookdale - Lisle
November 9, 2019	Saturday	U.S. Marine Corps Dinner /Dance
November 10, 2019	Sunday	U.S. Marine Corps Birthday 244
November 11, 2019	Monday	Dinner/Social - Veterans Day
November 12, 2019	Tuesday	Hines VA Visit (bus leaves at 6:15pm)
November 16, 2019	Saturday	10 am Coffee at Independence Village
November 23, 2019	Saturday	10 am Coffee at Tabor Hills
November 27, 2019	Wednesday	Legion Rider Meeting



Sons of the American Legion Squadron 43

Our stated S.A.L. meeting is every third Tuesday at 7:00PM. We meet in the lower level "patio" at the VFW hall. Our next stated meeting is scheduled for September 17th, 2019 and all members of the Legion and Legion Riders are encouraged to attend.



Chris Lance
Squadron 43 SAL Commander
(630) 926-1177

Judd-A-Thon

Sunday, September 15th, 2019
Race starts promptly at 10:01 am

It's a 0.1K fun run and fundraiser! A short run that will go a long way to help Veteran and military families at the VFW National Home for Children.



Early Registration is open until Thursday Sep. 5th to guarantee a complete race packet with t-shirt and the 0.1K race sticker. **Early Race Packet Pick-up:**

Preregistration entrants can pick-up their race packet at the VFW Post 3873 Friday Sep, 13th from 5 to 8 pm. And on Saturday Sep. 14th from 9 am to noon.

To Register: Make check payable for \$20 (\$25 on race day) to VFW Post 3873 and mail or bring the completed Registration Form to:

Judd Kendall VFW Post 3873
908 W. Jackson
Naperville, IL 60540
630-355-7664



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



BOY SCOUT TROOP 106

Some of the events Troop 106 has been involved with during the months of July and August:

Gerber Scout Reservation Summer Camp: Troop 106 travelled to Gerber Scout Camp in Twin Lake, MI July 14th – 20th. The scouts were able to earn a number of merit badges plus complete some rank requirements. A few were able to take part in high adventure as well (ATV's). Great trip!



Kayak Campout: Troop 106 travelled to Kayak Morris in Morris, IL August 10th - 11th. The Scouts were able to kayak the Illinois River as well as nearby inlets.





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

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Doug Deetjen Jack Shiffler Doug Askren





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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 Av., Naperville, IL

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(Additional Legion Callers are needed!!)

September 2019 Activities — Opportunities

Sep 2 - Labor Day Parade

Sep 5 - Post Meeting 7pm

Sep 7 - Monarch Landing

Sep 14 - Brookdale - Lisle

Sep 21 - Independence Village

Sep 21 - Post Dinner/Social 6pm

Sep 28 - Tabor Hills

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





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**Congratulations to our own Wayne Fischer, who was elected as
Sr. Vice Commander for Department of Illinois at the State
Legion Convention.**
(Photo by Jim Hoch)