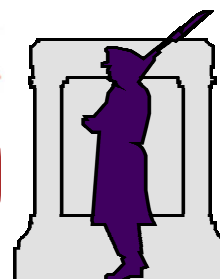




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**Celebrating 100 Years of Service to Veterans, U.S. Military, Youth, & Community**

## COMMANDER'S CALL

**Jack Amberg - Post Commander**

Greetings Fellow Legionaries:

### ***2020 Census - It is a duty of each citizen to be counted.***

I was invited to be a part of the city's 2020 census planning. I didn't know it, but many people don't get counted. Why should you get counted? There are several reasons but the top one is that you COUNT!

Preliminary numbers look like Illinois will lose at least one congressional seat. That is not good for Illinois because that means less representation at the big table. The districts will have to be redrawn also....and that should be a 'sporty' event.

In FY 2016 Illinois received \$34,331,000,530 through 55 federal spending programs. In fact, the money received by Illinois for one person is north of \$1800. That means that if you aren't counted, our State misses out on that money. We all know the State of Illinois needs every dime it can get.

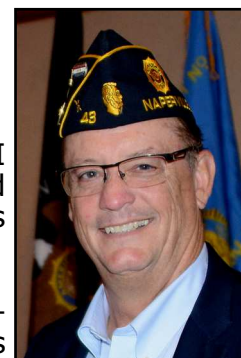
I am not making a political statement here either. The fact is, the counted population makes a difference and is used in many decisions. Those decisions can affect the quality of your life and the lives of your loved ones, who also live in Illinois. According to our city government, that number is \$172 per person per year to Naperville.

The census also brings jobs, and lots of them. Although they are temporary in nature, they are jobs and you can get paid. The regional office phone number in Oak Brook is 630-288-9288.

It's October, and the count is not until April of 2020, but know that it is correct and right to properly be counted.

Our next Post 43 meeting is Thursday, Oct. 3rd, 7 pm, at the VFW hall. I hope to see you all there! Bring a fellow Veteran, and get him or her signed up for the American Legion. Also remember to come out to our Dinner/Social on October 19th, for our Octoberfest and to honor our Women in the Military.

Jack Amberg  
Commander, Naperville American Legion Post 43



## Sr. Vice Commander

Fall is here, the leaves are changing, and so is the American Legion! Our membership drive is in full swing and we are working towards not just meeting 100% of last year's recruiting numbers, but surpassing it! We currently have 357 (62%) members renewed out of 573 from last year. I KNOW we can beat that number, but we've got some ground to cover!



Jennifer Slown

So how are we going to do it? Last month I wrote about the Legion Act and how thousands of Veterans that previously weren't able to join the American Legion are now eligible! Have you reached out to your friends and neighbors that you know are not a part of our Post yet? If not, please do! Or shoot me an email or give me a call as I would love to tell them about how amazing the American Legion, and in particular Post 43 is. I see these newly eligible members as the largest demographic group, ripe for recruiting, given the recent change so please keep your eyes and ears open for these potential new members!

I also mentioned that sons, grandsons, daughters, granddaughters, mothers, and grandmothers of eligible Veterans and or Legion members can join our Sons of the American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary. Our Auxiliary is trying to get off of the ground. So, if you know of anyone that might be interested in joining please share their information with me! The Auxiliary is not just for women either, spouses and children of female veterans can join the Auxiliary as well!

If you know someone who is eligible but is not a member yet, say something! In the Marine Corps we have a saying "don't be the senior man with a secret" which applies in the realm of recruiting. Don't be the member that knows of a potential member and keeps it under wraps!

The prize offer of whoever recruits the most members between September 1st and March 31st, 2020 still stands! At stake is a \$100 gift card to the FANTASTIC Hugo's Frog Bar and Fish House in Naperville! Simply 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. As of right now, I don't have anyone that has recruited a new member since September 1st! If you did recruit someone, let me know!

I'll close with a saying we used, when I was deployed to Africa, which is "Ubuntu". The Swahili word roughly translates to "I am because we are". It represents the universal bond of sharing that connects humanity and that we are all in this together. Our Post and our American ideals our organization represents are at stake. Without new members, we cannot continue as an organization, and the ideals we represent will fade. We are all in this recruiting fight together and will emerge victorious!

Semper Fidelis!  
Jennifer Slown  
Sr Vice Commander

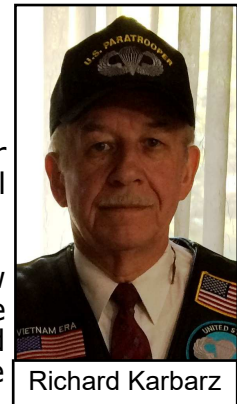


Commander Jack Amberg swears in new member Stephen Sherwood at Sep 5th Post meeting.

## Jr. Vice Commander

I would like to thank each of you for your continued support of our "Dinners & Socials", and see you at our next Dinner/Social scheduled for **October 19, 2019**.

Our September Dinner/Social was well received, with our new caterer (Angeli's Catering) providing excellent food, and the beautiful sounds of the NVHS String Quartet. Our newly installed Post 43 Officers, are committed and excited to continue to provide second to none services to all Post 43 members.



Richard Karbarz

It is that time again of the year where we calibrate Octoberfest with a glass of beer, good food, live music, and a handshake with our closest friends. Our October Dinner/Social will be **October 19th**, kick off @ **6 pm cocktails; dinner @ 7pm** at the VFW Hall. This will be your opportunity to enjoy the Oompah Band led by Naperville's own, Ron Keller. They will play for us their unique tunes, while we indulge in a glass of beer, and consume the excellent food provided by Belgio's catering for this event, as they have an excellent track record of providing excellent food. The menu will include their Elegant Catering Package: Chicken Vesuvio served with oven roasted potatoes and peppers, Grilled Vegetables, and House Salad.

As October is traditionally been our celebration of "Woman in the Military". We will recognize all woman present, and salute those woman who served and currently serving. Their contribution to the U. S. military goes back to 1975, originally in the civilian fields of nursing, laundering, mending clothing and cooking. The story goes that Deborah Sampson was one of the first woman to enlist (1782) while disguised as a man, and served 17 months in the Continental Army under the name of Robert Shirliff with light infantry unit. While injured and hospitalized her secret was discovered, and was honorably discharged in 1873.

Be sure to mark your calendars for **November 11<sup>th</sup> dinner**, as we celebrate with honor our **Veteran's Day**. Our talented and dedicated Kendall Cooks will be preparing for us their signature meal, the turkey dinner. 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! Please mark your calendars for our future Dinner/Socials as follows: January 18, 2020, February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020, March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020, and April 18<sup>th</sup>, 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 our next Dinner/Social.

Richard H. Karbarz, Jr. Vice Commander





## AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS CHAPTER 43



Legion members please note that we will host our **Annual Rider fundraiser Dinner/Dance on Saturday, 5 October, 2019** at the VFW 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.

Fall is here and surprisingly Fall is the best time of the year for motorcycle riding. The crisp air gives us a chance to wear our leather jackets to stay warm. You can always add more clothing to warm up, but when you are in the Summer heat you just have to suffer through it on a motorcycle.

Since the last newsletter, the Riders have continued to be very active. Over a dozen Riders participated in the annual Naperville Labor Day Parade. It was a beautiful day and the parade had a very large crowd who cheered all the Veterans as we marched/rode through town. Another great event that the Riders took part in was the Military History Ride. A group of Army Special Forces Soldiers (Green Berets) rode up from Fort Bragg, N.C. to lead a ride that stopped at Cantigny to witness a Revolutionary War encampment, and then rode to other venues to watch reenactments of battles from Vietnam to the Middle East. This was a great learning experience and the SF soldiers were great to be with.

The highlight of the month was attending the 9/11 Memorial Service held behind City Hall on the Riverwalk. An evening to honor the sacrifices and lost of life on 9/11/2001. Our combined Post Honor Guard and Color Guard were there, along with a large contingent of Veterans. The event lasted a little over an hour, and featured the Naperville Municipal Band and guest speakers.

The Riders also attended the monthly Honor Flight and took part in Vet-Fest, Brat Fest and the Fall Native American Festival Pow-Wow along with other non-veteran involved fun runs. Great riding weather ahead with plenty more Veteran events to attend.

Our next Post 43 Rider meeting is Oct. 23rd in the Patio of the VFW/Legion Hall. If you have any questions about joining the Legion Riders please contact us.

Tom Dillon  
Director ALR Chapter 43  
630-803-2047





**Post 43 sponsors Naperville Healing Field**

As part of its 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary observance, Post 43 is participating in the organization of the 2019 Naperville Healing Field, and is one of the event's sponsors. The Healing Field will have 2019 flags spread over Rotary Hill in Naperville from Nov. 2 through Veterans Day, Nov. 11.



The event commemorates the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the official end of World War I, as well as the establishment of the American Legion and the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the founding of Veterans of Foreign Wars Judd Kendall Post 3873. Previously, Healing Field events in Naperville were held in 2009, and in 2015 to honor Vietnam War Veterans.

Post members wishing to purchase a flag for the Rotary Hill display may do so at [www.healingfield.org/naperville19](http://www.healingfield.org/naperville19). The site includes a section at checkout to dedicate the flag. Purchasers may pick up their flags after the display.

Members wishing to help set up the flag display on Friday, Nov. 1 from Noon until approximately 2 pm or with flag removal on Tues., Nov. 12 from 9 am until approximately 11 am may register with the Naperville Park District at [bwilson@napervilleparks.org](mailto:bwilson@napervilleparks.org)

Joe Streble

**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 October 15th, 2019 and all members of the Legion and Legion Riders are encouraged to attend. At the October meeting we will have nominations for next year's officers. We will also be talking about our 2nd annual Pancake Breakfast in February 2020! More to Come, so Stay Tuned!



Chris Lance  
Squadron 43 SAL Commander



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



## Awards and Recognitions



Nadia Rios and Bob Colby received recognition for their work on getting 2019 Post membership to 100%



Commander Jack Amberg presents the 2019 News-letter Award for 1st Place in IL State for Posts with 401+ members to editor Rich Yndestad.



Tom Dillon received recognition for his leadership and fundraising efforts on behalf of our Post 43 Legion Riders.



Ken Mores received recognition for his leadership for Saturday Morning Coffee's at the Senior Living Centers.

### Coffee "and"

**Saturday Morning 10 AM**



**The October dates are:**

**Oct 5 - Monarch Landing  
Oct 12 - Brookdale - Lisle  
Oct 19 - Independence Village  
Oct 26 - 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!**

Information: Ken Mores 815-353-4102



## AMERICAN LEGION POST 43 CALENDAR



October 3, 2019  
October 5, 2019  
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October 8, 2019  
October 12, 2019  
October 13, 2019  
October 13, 2019  
October 15, 2019  
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October 23, 2019  
October 26, 2019

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Post Meeting 7 pm  
10 am Coffee at Monarch Landing  
Legion Riders Dinner/Dance  
Hines VA Visit (bus leaves at 6:15pm)  
10 am Coffee at Brookdale-Lisle  
U.S. Navy Birthday (1775)  
Band of Brothers Breakfast-VFW 9 am  
S.A.L. Squadron Meeting 7 pm  
10 am Coffee at Independence Village  
Dinner/Social - Octoberfest  
Legion Rider Meeting  
10 am Coffee at Tabor Hills

November 2, 2019  
November 7, 2019  
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November 10, 2019  
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November 16, 2019  
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10 am Coffee at Monarch Landing  
Post Meeting 7 pm  
10 am Coffee at Brookdale-Lisle  
U.S. Marine Corps Dinner /Dance  
U.S. Marine Corps Birthday 244  
Dinner/Social - Veterans Day  
Hines VA Visit (bus leaves at 6:15pm)  
10 am Coffee at Independence Village  
S.A.L. Squadron Meeting 7 pm  
10 am Coffee at Tabor Hills  
Legion Rider Meeting  
Little Friends Parade of Lights 7 pm

December 5, 2019  
December 7, 2019  
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Post Meeting 7 p.m.  
78th Anniversary Pearl Harbor  
10 a.m. Coffee at Monarch Landing  
Hines VA Visit (bus leaves at 6:15pm)  
10 a.m. Coffee at Brookdale-Lisle  
Army/Navy Game 2 p.m.  
Legion Riders Meeting  
10 a.m. Coffee at Independence Village  
**No Dinner/Social**  
10 a.m. Coffee at Tabor Hills







## BOY SCOUT TROOP 106

Some of the events Troop 106 has been involved with during the month of September:

9/11 Memorial Ceremony: Troop 106 was involved with the 9/11 memorial by handing out programs and flags as well as standing at attention during the ceremony. Something we were very privileged to be a part of.



Warren Dunes Campout: Troop 106 travelled to the Warren Dunes in Sawyer, MI September 14<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup>. The Scouts were able to earn merit badge requirements, and of course enjoy the beach.





**Post 43 Presentation at the 101<sup>st</sup> American Legion National Convention**

At this year's 101<sup>st</sup> American Legion National Convention in Indianapolis Wayne Fischer, representing our Naperville Post 43, presented 2 checks on behalf of our Post. The 1<sup>st</sup> was for \$600 in support of the Legacy Scholarship Ride that raised just under \$1M so far and a check for \$4,483.52. This amount was our net proceeds for our Poppy Campaign that will all go to "Operation Comfort Warrior" to supply "comfort" items to our Veterans in VA Hospitals.



Also, during the Illinois Legacy Ride (\$1,000) and on the National Legacy Ride (\$5,000), our Post 43 Riders Chapter donated a total of \$6,000. Don Chasteen, Past Post Commander and Past Rider Director was personally on both rides and presented the checks.

Wayne Fischer



Jacob Martin (first row right) is a member of our combined Post Honor Guard. He was deployed on September 4, 2019 to Afghanistan with members of his team from the Illinois National Guard. Jacob's duties include OPSEC - mission throughout deployment of pulling security for advising personnel when they go out to visit ANA locations.

In his previous duties, Sgt. Martin trained our newly formed Honor Guard and in October-2015, the Honor Guard was CERTIFIED by the D.O.D. to provide our nation's Military Funeral Program and conduct graveside services for veterans. Last year, Sgt. Martin joined VFW Post 3873, so he could become a member of our combined Post Honor Guard. We thank Sgt. Martin for his past and present service.



## 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](mailto:mailofchitra@gmail.com).

For additional information, contact:  
Kate Fleming at [giyoga@osotamerica.org](mailto:giyoga@osotamerica.org)

Schedule of Classes: [www.giyoga.org](http://www.giyoga.org)

G.I. Yoga is a program of [osotAmerica.org](http://osotAmerica.org)

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Elmer W. Klima  
Bernard Wavra  
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Andrew S. Roberto  
Raymond W. Ziemnik  
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## SICK CALL

Paul Hogan   Mike Walczak   Rich Karbarz  
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!!!)

## **October 2019 Activities — Opportunities**

Oct 3 - Post Meeting 7pm

Oct 5 - Monarch Landing

Oct 12 - Brookdale - Lisle

Oct 19 - Independence Village

Oct 19 - Post Dinner/Social 6pm

Oct 26 - Tabor Hills

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







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**New Post 43 Officers were installed at the Dinner/Social held on Saturday, Sep. 21st.**  
**(Photo by Jim Hoch)**