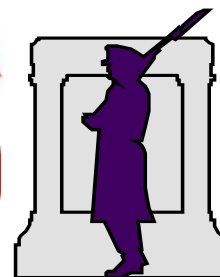




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American Legion Post #43
Naperville, IL
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Celebrating 102 Years of Service to Veterans, U.S. Military, Youth, & Community Honoring our Fallen Veterans

Yes, we will again be placing Flags on our Veterans Gravesites prior to Memorial Day in Honor of their Service to our Country. We will start this on **Thursday, May 27th**. On that day we go to all our smaller cemeteries in the Naperville area and to our various Memorials. We will only need 5-6 helpers. If you can assist, please plan to meet at the VFW by 8:30am and we will proceed first to Big Woods and then to the rest.



On **Friday, May 28th**, please plan to be at St. Peter and Paul Cemetery no later than 9am so we can render honors to those Veterans interred at that Cemetery. Then on **Saturday, May 29th**, please plan to be at Naperville Cemetery by 9am so we can proceed with the flag placement there. We will do this rain or shine and can always use help. We currently have approximately 3,000 gravesites to place a flag. Thanks to Jim Hoch, all our Veteran Gravesites have been identified and are compiled by Cemetery Section's, so they are easy to use and to locate.

Then on Tuesday, June 1st, starting no later than 9am, we will be picking up all the flags starting at St. Peter and Paul and then to Naperville Cemetery. Please be sure to honor the Covid-19 Restrictions as we will be working in small groups, as in the past.



2021 Memorial Day Parade

Given the impact of the Covid-19 Virus we will be holding a scaled down version for this year's Memorial Day Parade on **Monday, May 31st**. As far as marching participants, it will be limited to Veterans, including our Combined Post Color Guard and Honor Guard, our Legion Riders and Scouts. We have asked our Scouts to carry the "13 Banners of our Naperville Fallen". As far as School Bands, we

are planning for up to 5 bands that will be positioned along Jackson Street and will musically honor our Veterans and our Naperville Fallen, as they pass by.

We are asking all Veterans that want to be in the Parade to be at the VFW no later than 8:30am. We will have 3 Trolleys there also to transport those Veterans that will need a ride. Here is the timetable and stops for the Parade and Memorial Services:

0900-Parade begins at the VFW at 908 W Jackson

0915-Arrival at Dandelion Fountain for the 1st Memorial Service. Once that is done, we will walk over to the Shanower Memorial.

0940-Memorial Service at the Shanower Memorial

0950-1130-Depart to Naperville Cemetery; Veterans Park; St. Peter and Paul Cemetery; The Doughboy and Sailor Memorial; Arrive at Central Park for the Concert.

1200-Memorial Day Ceremony and Service at the Bandshell.

1300-Luncheon at the VFW for Parade Participants

Sr. Vice Commander

WE THANK YOU for your continued support of the American Legion Post 43.

I believe that we have turned the corner on the COVID-19 restrictions as vaccinations are continuing and restrictions are slowly being lifted. Our membership dues are tied to the Legion Fiscal Year and not the calendar year: **Current fiscal year started July 1, 2020 and ends on June 30, 2021.**

In addition, our membership dues will be going up by five (5) dollars to \$45 for FY'22 (Starts July 1, 2021 and ends on June 30, 2022)

As of today, for this fiscal year, we are currently at **91%** paid membership, or 528 members paid out of 580. **Our goal is to be at 100% paid membership!** So, what do we/you need to do as a team to reach this magic number.

If you **have yet to renew your membership** for the FY'21 year, still on the table is the five (5) years membership for a four (4) years payment of \$160 dollars. Thus if you choose to take advantage of this offer, your savings will be \$60 dollars. The five for four payment choices are as follows: Send your dues in directly to our Post Home:

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

(Please include your full name, membership id number, and write down 5/4 Payment)

You can also pay at the Post Meeting or E-mail Bob Colby at **bob_colby@comcast.net**
Please include your full name, membership id number, and write down 5/4 payment.

Regular one year renewal can be accomplished as follows: 1) Send you dues directly to our Post Home at address above or Renew on line at the Department of Illinois website:

<http://www.illegion.org/membership/renew/>

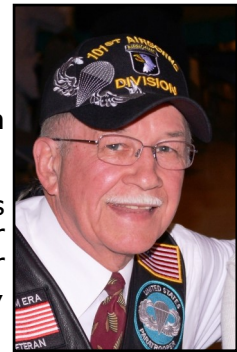
PayPal account holders only: IL43Finance@gmail.com

(Please include your full name and member ID number)

So, it is a team effort to recruit new members, and I would ask each of you to continue spreading the word about our Post. A word by mouth is a powerful means of communication, so continue to promote our Post as you acquire new friends and update your current circle of friends, so we welcome new members to our ranks.

I thank you in advance for your hard work and continued support of Post 43.

Richard H. Karbarz
Sr. Vice Commander Post 43
630-664-3589
"Airborne All The Way"



Richard Karbarz



Jr. Vice Commander

I would like to thank all of you on your continued support of our Covid-19 Dinner/Socials. Thank you for working with me and all these crazy new rules.

Our last Dinner/Social, honoring Past Commanders, was a great success! Mission BBQ hit it out of the park with their delicious food, cookies, and brownies; and I mean who did not like their huge truck. Thank you, also, to Prima Sweets for providing the desserts.



Nadia Rios

As all of you know, April is the last social of our Legion year. It has been my honor and privilege to have served as your Junior Vice Commander this year. All of you made my job and commitment that much easier. I am grateful for your continued support this year, it was a very trying one; but with your support, we were able to continue our Dinner/Social's this year. They might have looked a little different, but I am hoping you guys & gals enjoyed them.

There are no dinners scheduled from now until September. Our September Social will be to install our newly elected and appointed officers. The elections for our new officers will take place at the May meeting, on Thursday night, May 6th at 7:00 pm. I hope to see you at the meeting or via Zoom.

Please keep a look out for all of our digital correspondence from Jennifer Slown. In her emails there are many useful articles and information as well as messages from our Acting Commander Rich Karbarz, about our many upcoming projects, such as: Queen of Hearts, Bag Tournaments, 5K Race, and many more.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone in September, when we resume our Dinner/Socials and other events!

Semper Fidelis!

Nadia Rios
Jr Vice Commander



Photos by
Jim Hoch



Our Social Media Pages are:
Facebook: American Legion Naperville Post 43
Instagram: post43naperville
Twitter: Naperville Post 43 - @naperlegion



AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS CHAPTER 43

Now that warmer weather is here and our motorcycles are out of storage we are starting to plan 2021 new events.

The Riders will be participating in the Memorial Day weekend events.

Plans are being made to do the "100 Miles for Hope" again this Spring. We'll pick a nice day, 50 miles out for lunch and 50 back. We will also be riding on the Div 2 Legacy Ride June 5 – 6.



Steve Strickland

We continue to promote the Four Pillars of the Legion as shown by the fact that in the ***last 6 months Post 43 Legion Riders took part in 14 events and donated 137 hours of Legion service.*** We are proud to be a part of American Legion Post 43!

Our next Legion Rider meetings will take place at the VFW patio on 26 May and 23 June at 7:00 pm.

Membership is very important and if you are a member of the Legion or Sons of the American Legion, and ride a motorcycle 350cc or larger, you are eligible for membership. We would be honored to have you attend one of our meetings and see what we are about.

Steve Strickland
Director ALR
Chapter 43
630-453-0095



Steve Strickland, Director Chapter 43, presents Legion Rider plaque to Post Acting Commander Richard Karbarz, at the Post meeting held on April 1st, 2021.



AMERICAN LEGION POST 43 CALENDAR



May 6, 2021
May 13, 2021
May 15, 2021
May 18, 2021
May 26, 2021
May 31, 2021

Thursday
Thursday
Saturday
Tuesday
Wednesday
Monday



Post Meeting 7 p.m.
Poppy Day
10 a.m. Coffee at Independence Village
S.A.L. Squadron Meeting 7 p.m.
Legion Rider Meeting
Memorial Day Parade

June 3, 2021
June 14, 2021
June 14, 2021
June 15, 2021
June 19, 2021
June 23, 2021

Thursday
Friday
Friday
Tuesday
Saturday
Wednesday



Post Meeting 7 p.m.
U.S. Army 246th Birthday 1775
Flag Day
S.A.L. Squadron Meeting 7 p.m.
10 a.m. Coffee at Independence Village
Legion Riders Meeting

July 4, 2021
July 14-17, 2021
July 28, 2021

Thursday
Wed.-Sun.
Wednesday



Independence Day
Legion State Convention-Springfield
Legion Rider Meeting

REMEMBER THOSE WHO SERVED



ALL GAVE SOME, SOME GAVE ALL



Due to COVID-19 Mandates, all events listed are subject to change without notice

Coffee "and"

Saturday Morning 10 AM



The May dates are:

May 1 - Cancelled
May 8 - Cancelled
May 15 - Independence Village
May 22 - Cancelled

Don't forget our monthly visits with Veterans at Monarch Landing, Brookdale-Lisle, Independence Village, and StoryPoint. Join us on the 3rd Saturday at Independence Village, all other dates are cancelled due to COVID-19 restrictions.

Information: Jim Stoffregen 630-430-4966

PREMIER BOYS STATE AND ILLINI GIRLS STATE

Premier Boys State, 85th Session, **June 12 - 18, 2021, has been cancelled for this year!** Illini Girls State will be held **virtually** from **June 20 - 26, 2021**

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.

You can find out more by going to www.illinoisboysstate.org or www.ilgirlsstate.org respectively or contact Jorge Hernandez at 818-325-5085 (Premier Boys State) or Eileen Lass 630-778-7603 (Illini Girls State) for more information. Naperville Post 43 will cover enrollment and transportation costs.



Gold Star Families Memorial

Naperville is set to construct this Gold Star Memorial in Veterans Park.

Donations are needed! If you would like to make a personal donation or want more information, go to the following website:

<http://hwwmohf.org/monuments/naperville-il.html>

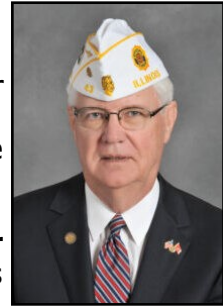


VA Hotline
1-855-948-2311



Update from your Department of Illinois...

Yes, we are still operating full time. Our Staff, including our Service Officers, have done a fantastic job in handling business. We are here to support our fellow Veterans that are in need. We will continue to build on that for the future.



Thanks to all our Veterans that participated in the **"Vietnam War Veterans Day"** Gathering at Veterans Park on March 29th. This day honors the day we officially left Vietnam on March 29th, 1973. I know that was 48 years ago, but to many, our Vietnam experience seems like yesterday. This includes our Vietnam Era Veterans. Many of us served back during that War and the special thing about it was that we served not only our Country, but also our fellow Veterans and our Active Duty.

Finally, Membership is our #1 Focus as we move towards the end of our Legion Year (July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021). If you are waiting to send in your dues, please do so as soon as possible. We are approximately 50 members short of 100%. Please step up and help your fellow Veterans in need; as that is why we pay dues. Naperville represents a very patriotic community. Veterans are a big part of that!!!

Semper Fidelis-Wayne Fischer USMCR
Your Department Senior Vice Commander



Vietnam War Veterans Day



Photos by
Jim Hoch

May - June Dates in U.S. Military History

- On May 8, 1792, Congress passed the Militia Act, which required every free, able-bodied male citizen between the ages of 18 and 45 of the republic to serve in the U.S. Militia.
- The U.S. declared war on Great Britain on June 18, 1812, capping a series of hostile incidents over a number of years, principally the British assertion of a right to impress American seamen.
- The first engagement of the war with Mexico took place on May 8, 1846, at Palo Alto, Texas. Gen. Zachary Taylor defeated Gen Mariano Arista with American artillery providing the margin of victory.
- The highest casualty rate of any regiment during the Civil War was suffered on June 18, 1864. A Union regiment lost 652 out of 900 men in an unsuccessful attempt to take the Confederate city of Petersburg, VA
- Col. John J. Pershing sailed on May 29, 1917, from New York, leading the American Expeditionary Force in support of the Allies in WWI.
- On June 6, 1942, the Battle of Midway was fought between U.S. and Japanese naval and air forces. The U.S. victory is considered the turning point of WWII in the Pacific.
- The first hydrogen bomb was dropped on May 21, 1956, from a B-52 at an altitude of 50,000 feet over Bikini atoll in the Pacific.
- On June 17, 1965, the first mass bombing of the Vietnam War launched from Guam as part of Operation Arc Light. B-52 bombers attacked a Vietnamese troop concentration in Binduong Province.
- On May 10, 2005, a hand grenade was thrown at President George W. Bush as he spoke in Tbilisi, Georgia. The explosive landed 60' from the President, but failed to detonate.
- In Iraq on May 23, 2004, U.S. troops fought insurgents in Kufa, killing some 32 enemy fighters.

Joe Strebel
Historian Post 43



The new slate of Post Officers for the 2021-2022 are:

Commander - Nadia Rios
Senior Vice - Tom Jorstad
Junior Vice - Gary Michalowski
Adjutant* - Erica Katz
Sgt at Arms - Glenn Granat
Finance Officer - Bob Colby
Service Officer - Dennis Lukavsky
Chaplain - Dick Komarek
Judge Advocate* - Don Hennessy
Historian - Joe Strebel
Public Relations* - Jennifer Slown
Trustees - Wayne Fischer (3 year term)
Trustees - Glenn Mendoza (2 year term)
Trustees - Rich Yndestad (1 year term)
Trustees - Don Potoczny (4 year term)



*Adjutant, Judge Advocate, & Public Relations are appointed positions.
All others are elected.

Sons of the American Legion Squadron 43

As we have in the past, the SAL will be assembling tricycles for the Therapy Oriented Trikes ("TOT") program run by Gordon and Connie Yank in their home. These custom trikes help active children who are physically challenged who are unable to sit up on their own or keep their feet on the pedals. (The picture below is from last year's build)



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 meetings are scheduled for May 18th and June 15th and all members of the Legion and Legion Riders are welcome and encouraged to attend.

We are always welcoming new members and transfers. Many Legionnaires hold dual memberships in S.A.L. All male descendants, adopted sons, and step-sons of members of The American Legion, and such male descendants of veterans who died in Service, are eligible to join. The S.A.L. Squadron 43 main goals are to support our Post and support our Community.

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





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.

G.I. Yoga is Live in person starting Wednesday, May 5th, at 9:30 a.m. at the VFW. Also, Kate has many videos on YouTube, so check them out. Copy and paste the link below into your browser.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCxBk498oH94Dir8KMRPjdug>

Kate Fleming: kdflemingyoga@gmail.com

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

There is also a Saturday morning class at 9:30 am at the Rubin Center in Naperville, led by Chitra Singh: mailofchitra@gmail.com.

TAPS

Richard W.H. Loehmann
Donald A. Brooks
Richard C. Henke
Bernard C. Untch
John E. Dolan Jr.
Lawrence D. Lyons
James P. Heffron
Christopher R. Lee
George D. Harvestine
James G. Maul
Sue Houser
Paul Gambia



SICK CALL

Ken Mores

Tinny Bixel

Tom Dillon

Dick Komarek

Bob Colby





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MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS are the first Thursday of every month at 7 PM,
at the VFW Hall, 908 W. Jackson Naperville, IL

Special Meetings are held at Post Home, 10 W. Chicago Av., Naperville, IL

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(Additional Legion Callers are needed!!!)

May - June 2021 Activities - Opportunities

May 6 - Post Meeting 7pm

May 15 - Coffee-Independence Village

May 31 - Memorial Day Parade

Jun 3 - Post Meeting 7pm

Selected Thursdays & Saturdays:

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





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Post 43 honored Health Care Professionals at our March Dinner/Social held on March 20, 2021. Pictured above from L to R: Phil Maughan, Ben Hiltz, Erica Katz, Richard Karbarz, and Wayne Fischer. (Photo by Jim Hoch)