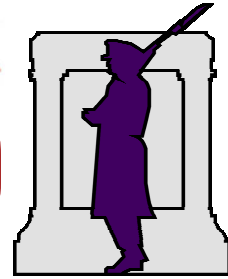




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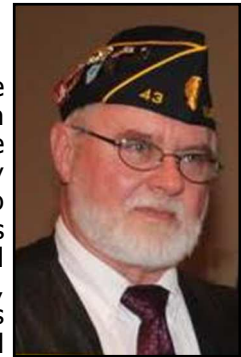
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COMMANDER'S CALL

Don Chasteen - Post Commander

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

This month I want to point out several projects, and especially one current one that Doug Deetjen (our Past Post Commander) is involved in at this time. Doug is the reason that I am a member of Naperville American Legion Post 43. Doug and I had been going on many motorcycle rides together. He asked me to join the Naperville Post to help start up an American Legion Rider Chapter. This chapter is now in its 7th year and has 50 plus members. To date, the Riders have raised and donated over \$15,000 to the American Legion Legacy Scholarship Fund, through the National American Legion Legacy Motorcycle Run. Doug is the type of an individual who sees something that needs to be done and does it! He was also instrumental in starting a Sons of the American Legion Squadron at Post 43. We had been recruiting sons and grandsons of Legion members and sending them to other Posts who had a SAL Squadron. Naperville Sons of the American Legion Squadron 43 is now in its second year with 20 plus members. The SAL has just finished having a successful fundraiser. The SAL also ran the Junior High School Essay Contest this year, for the first time, and will continue to do so in the future. Doug's current project is getting an Auxiliary Unit started for Post 43. Doug has obtained an affirmative vote from the Legion Post membership to start an Auxiliary. He has acquired all the necessary forms to fill out, and is in the process of recruiting individuals to take offices and membership positions required to charter the Unit. So, if you have a wife, a daughter, or a granddaughter who would be interested in being in the Auxiliary, please contact Doug Deetjen or myself. All three of these groups (family) are "For the Good of the Legion", and all members should be recruiters for all the families of the American Legion.



A nominating committee has been set of Jack Amberg, Doug Deetjen, and Jim Stoffregen. They will present a slate of officers for the 2019-2020 Legion Year at the April 4th Post meeting. They will also be taking nominations from the floor. Election of new officers will take place at the May meeting with new officers starting their positions in July.

See you at the Post 43 Dinner/Social on Saturday, April 20th. At this social we will present Citizen of the Year awards and Student Scholarship awards, and also honor our past Post Commanders. We will also be celebrating our Post's 100th Anniversary this year on Saturday, June 15th, with a special Dinner/Social. So save the date and see more information about our 100th celebration in this newsletter.

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

Our current Post membership is 540, which is 95% of our goal. 29 more members needed!! Legionaries, follow the money. We have a tremendous resource that we can tell our Legion Candidates about. Veterans have always helped at the seams and cracks of our society. One seam/crack is the high cost of college. The American Legion has \$335,500 of college scholarships available for the daughters, sons, grand-daughters and grandsons of a current member in good standing. YUP! It only costs \$40 to join, and yet your off-spring can compete for six figures of college scholarships. A pretty good ROI, if I do say so myself.



Jack Amberg

The scholarships come from all facets of the American Legion. There is the Oratorical Contests, and the Baseball Scholarships. There are Boy Scout Scholarships and Auxiliary Scholarships. I don't even count the Legacy scholarships, nor the ROTC Scholarships, as they are available for any and all High School Students. To be a member, it only costs \$40 to allow your family members to compete for \$335,500 in college scholarships.

Let me be clear, these monies are competed for. The only folks who can compete are the daughters, sons, or granddaughters and grandsons of members in good standing. Post 43 also offers two \$5,000 Scholarship awards to graduating High School Seniors.

So when you meet a legionnaire candidate, (if they served, they are a candidate) then just ask: "Would you be interested in allowing your sons, daughters, grandsons or granddaughters, family members to compete for over \$335,500 in scholarships to college". This is the right way, to earn your college degree. To learn more check out www.illegion.org/resources/scholarships for Illinois, and the National site is www.legion.org/scholarships.

Senior Vice Commander,
Jack Amberg

Coffee "and"

Saturday Morning 10 AM



The April dates are:

**Apr 6 - Monarch Landing
Apr 13 - Brookdale - Lisle
Apr 20 - Independence Village
Apr 27 - 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!

Jr. Vice Commander

"We definitely had the "luck of the Irish" this past Saturday at our Dinner/Social! Unfortunately I was unable to attend due to training with the Marine Corps Reserve, but all reports point to the night being a great success! A wonderful turnout with succulent corned beef and cabbage aplenty thanks to our out of this world Kendall Cooks! Delectable desserts were again donated by Nadia Rios and Stacey Harrison of Prima Sweets. The entertainment was on point with the McNulty Irish dancers wowing us with their agility and skill. A special thanks to Don Hennessy for treating us to his Irish tunes with accordion accompaniment. As always, our Dinner/Socials are a team effort with many hands making light work between dinner arrangements, set up, leading the event, and tear down after, and I cannot thank everyone enough for their support these last few months!



Jennifer Slown

On February 22nd we had a huge turnout for the "Dear Georgetown" event at Georgetown Elementary in Aurora. (See Photos on Page 13) We had Veterans from many eras come to read to the students in grades Kindergarten to 5th grade. Thank you to all volunteers for the fantastic support and sharing your love of reading, while connecting with our local elementary school students. A fun time was had by all!

Be sure to join us **April 20th for our next Dinner/Social, 6pm, VFW Hall.** The Kendall Cooks will once again be preparing the meal. The menu will feature Chicken Marsala, potatoes, vegetables, rolls and butter. The program will include Citizen of the Year awards, Scholarship awards, and honoring our past Post Commanders. I am looking into getting some social hour and dinner entertainment, so stay tuned! Our dinner prices remain the same as last year at \$14 for adults, \$7 for children 7-12 years, and free for children 6 and under. Hope to see you there!"

Semper Fidelis!
Jennifer Slown
Jr Vice Commander



Photos by Jim Hoch



AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS CHAPTER 43



Your Legion Riders have finally swung their legs over their motorcycles, after the Winter that seemed to not want to quit. Actually, Winter did quit just in time for the Riders to have a great time representing Post 43 during Naperville's St. Patrick day parade on 16 March 2019. The day was cold (31°) at the beginning of the parade, the roads were dry and the sun was shining. The 'Luck of the Irish' seems to have been with us. After the parade we put the bikes away and later that afternoon/evening we warmed up at the VFW/AL Post for green beer and corned beef and cabbage prepared by the great Kendall cooks.

Now that the weather is warming up, many Riders are looking forward to attending some great events such as the 10 April Naperville Responds for Veterans luncheon; featuring Post 43 member Mike Barbour and his wife as guest speakers. This will be followed the same day by a large contingent of Riders going to Midway Airport that evening for the first Honor Flight of the year.

Thinking of Honor Flights, we are continuing our planning for a great fundraising motorcycle ride on 4 May to support the DuPage Veterans Foundation. Each year the Foundation tries to fund one Honor Flight. Your Post 43 Riders generate a significant amount of money donated through this ride. Last year we had over 175 motorcyclists in this ride, and we hope this year is even bigger. We pray for good weather, as a rainy day keeps many of the bikes in their stables.

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 24 April and begins at 7:00pm. We are planning on an active riding season, and currently have over 50 Legion Rider members.

Tom Dillon
Director ALR Chapter 43
630-803-2047



New Riders Officers take oath of office during regular Legion Rider monthly meeting.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!

Yes, that is correct-we need approximately 20 Volunteers to help at the DuPage Veterans Foundation Fundraiser to be held Saturday, May 4th at the DuPage Airport, as in years past. All proceeds will go to support Honor Flight Chicago to fly our WWII; Korean (Era); and Vietnam (Era) Veterans to Washington, DC to be "Honored" for their special day.

If you can help, please let me know either by emailing me at wayne.l.fischer@gmail.com or calling me at "630-240-8868". Please plan to be there no later than 10am, so we can get everyone assigned for specific jobs. Based on our Posts donations we will have meal tickets for everyone. This year promises to be even better than years past and Volunteers make it all work smoothly.

Thanks-Wayne

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.



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



MIKE McGRATH, VIETNAM, and the VFW NHC

Mike McGrath was raised in the Rogers Park neighborhood of Chicago. After high School at Loyola, he attended Loyola University for 3 years and was then drafted into the Army, as the war in Vietnam was escalating. Later, he would finish his education at DePaul. He received basic training at Ft. Knox, KY, and advanced infantry training at Ft. Dix, NJ. The next opportunity was OCS at Ft. Benning, GA, where he received his commission as a 2nd Lt. in 1966.



While stationed at Ft. Dix, he met his wife to be, who was a friend of Mike's cousin in the Bronx. After his commissioning, Mike and Fran were married, and 2 weeks later Mike was in Vietnam as a platoon leader in the First Cavalry Division. Much of his service there was patrols in "the central highlands". After about 10 months, he was not sorry to leave.

Mike is a long time member of both American Legion Post 43, and Judd Kendall VFW Post 3873, of which he is a Past Commander. For several years he served as a director on the Board of the VFW National Home for Children, and is now serving as the President of the Board. His dedication and passion for the National Home is legendary.

Founded in 1925 on about 500 acres of donated land, the VFW National Home for Children may sound like an orphanage, which it is not. Rather, it resembles a small village where a veteran(s) with young children can live, rent-free, for a period of time, while attempting to put their life back together. It may be a widow of a deceased veteran, it may be a veteran suffering with PTSD, or perhaps a couple recovering from addiction. Their stay may be from a few months, to as much as 4 years. It is entirely supported by VFWs in various states, with no tax money or government assistance.

Located about 15 miles south of Lansing, the National Home consists of 42 homes, each of which is sponsored by a state VFW; Illinois has 2. Additionally, there is a large gymnasium and entertainment building, administration center, guest house, chapel, and fire station. With wide paved streets and sidewalks, green lawns, playground and pond, it has the appearance of an attractive little town. The children are transported to school in Eaton Rapids.

Judd Kendall VFW Post 3873 has raised over \$20,000 in each of the last 6 years, by promoting the "Judd-a-Thon .1K run" in mid-September. Traditionally, the following Saturday is "Illinois Day" at the home, when folks from around the state travel there to tour and observe the facility, and contribute.

Mike, and Fran too, travel several times a year to the Home, to participate in meetings and a variety of activities and events. I am personally grateful and proud of their service, and to be able to call them "friends". Mike, thanks also for your military service.

Lee Lindberg



AMERICAN LEGION POST 43 CALENDAR



April 4, 2019	Thursday	Post Meeting 7 p.m.
April 6, 2019	Saturday	10 am Coffee at Monarch Landing
April 9, 2019	Tuesday	Hines VA Visit (bus leaves at 6:15pm)
April 10, 2019	Wednesday	Strength and Honor Luncheon
April 13, 2019	Saturday	10 a.m. Coffee at Brookdale Plaza-Lisle
April 14, 2019	Sunday	Band of Brothers & Sisters Breakfast 9am
April 16, 2019	Tuesday	S.A.L. Squadron Meeting 7 p.m.
April 20, 2019	Saturday	10 a.m. Coffee at Independence Village
April 20, 2019	Saturday	Dinner/Social - Past Commanders
April 24, 2019	Wednesday	Legion Rider Meeting
April 27, 2019	Saturday	10 a.m. Coffee at Tabor Hills
April 28, 2019	Sunday	Troop 106 Spaghetti Dinner 4 - 7p.m.
May 2, 2019	Thursday	Post Meeting 7 p.m.
May 4, 2019	Saturday	DuPage Honor Flight Fundraiser
May 4, 2019	Saturday	10 a.m. Coffee at Monarch Landing
May 14, 2019	Tuesday	Hines VA Visit (bus leaves at 6:15pm)
May 11, 2019	Saturday	10 a.m. Coffee at Brookdale-Lisle
May 16, 2019	Thursday	Poppy Day
May 18, 2019	Saturday	10 a.m. Coffee at Independence Village
May 21, 2019	Tuesday	S.A.L. Squadron Meeting 7 p.m.
May 22, 2019	Wednesday	Legion Rider Meeting
May 25, 2019	Saturday	10 a.m. Coffee at Tabor Hills
May 27, 2019	Monday	Memorial Day Parade
June 1, 2019	Saturday	10 a.m. Coffee at Monarch Landing
June 6, 2019	Thursday	Post Meeting 7 p.m.
June 8, 2019	Saturday	10 a.m. Coffee at Brookdale Plaza-Lisle
June 11, 2019	Tuesday	Hines VA Visit
June 14, 2019	Friday	U.S. Army 244nd Birthday 1775
June 14, 2019	Friday	Flag Day
June 15, 2019	Saturday	10 a.m. Coffee at Independence Village
June 15, 2019	Saturday	100th Anniversary Dinner
June 18, 2019	Tuesday	S.A.L. Squadron Meeting 7 p.m.
June 22, 2019	Saturday	10 a.m. Coffee at Tabor Hills
June 26, 2019	Wednesday	Legion Riders Meeting



Proclamation Presented on June 18, 2019

Members of Post 43 are encouraged to attend the Naperville City Council meeting on June 18, to show support as Mayor Steve Chirico presents a proclamation to Post 43 Commander Don Chasteen, designating June 25 as American Legion Post 43 Day in Naperville.



Other events to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the Post and of The American Legion include:

- 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.
- Post 43 will host a special Anniversary Dinner on Saturday, June 15 at Judd Kendall VFW Post 3873. Medal of Honor recipient Allen Lynch will be the guest speaker. Members will have the opportunity to purchase a signed copy of his new book, *Zero to Hero: From Bullied Kid to Warrior*
- On June 25, the Post will provide an Color Guard for the raising of the flag 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 Av. 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.

Joe Strebel

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!

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Chaplain's Corner

Throughout America's military history we have seen God at work protecting, overseeing events and intervening at key turning points in our national destiny! Nowhere perhaps did his guidance along with the bravery and perseverance of the American fighting soldier manifest itself with the success of the American Revolutionary War and freedom from Great Britain hanging in the balance than at the miraculous feat of military coordination and ingenuity during the Battle of Yorktown in 1781. Military historians agree that without a victory at Yorktown the war for independence would have been lost. We will examine this pivotal battle in two parts. Part 1 will set the stage for this key turning point in our history while Part 2 next month will examine the key elements and unusual turns of fate which played important roles in achieving America's most significant military victory at the time when it seemed all was lost.

In his book, "In the Hurricane's Eye" by Nathaniel Philbrick, the author points out that the great victory at Yorktown in the fall of 1781 was a triumph that saved the revolution and he further emphasizes that the key to the battle was the movement of French and Patriot forces that pinned down the British Army of Lord Cornwallis compelling the surrender of more than 7,000 Redcoats on October 19th. Philbrick notes that by 1781, "the British and Patriot forces felt exhausted by six years of brutal and expensive conflict. This bloody stalemate tempted both sides to take risks in search of a decisive battle. The Patriot position was especially dire," cites Philbrick, "for few Americans would enlist and neither Congress or the states could supply and pay the men who did. Furthermore, rampant inflation and low morale bred friction among the states while mutinies spread through Washington's suffering army." By 1780, the author writes, "the experiment in creating a new republic was about to flounder for a lack of will in the part of the people and their elected leaders. Only the unlikely victory at Yorktown could save the failing American republic and its weak confederation of states." The circumstances which led up to the British defeat and the unlikely and seemingly hopeless dream of American independence now rested on several uncanny strokes of luck and divine intervention both of which unfolded at this critical time!

As we examine Part 2 of this key decisive battle next month which directly led to American Independence from Great Britain (note: a Declaration of Independence was drawn up by the original 13 colonies and proclaimed on July 4, 1776) and King George. Several improbable and unexpected events occurred in the late summer and early fall of 1780. Three massive hurricanes devastated the fleets and ports of the French, Spanish and British colonies located in the West Indies which are islands and coastline located in what we refer to as being in present day Caribbean waters. That destruction motivated the French Naval Commander deGrasse to shift his fleet out of harms way by sailing north to the Continental Coast. Meanwhile, Washington and the French Army Commander Rochambeau drafted a desperate proposal for in favor of that shift. Against all odds their dispatch slipped through the British blockade to reach France and ultimately deGrasse himself. As we conclude Part 1 of this narrative covering this historic battle, Philbrick credits the French for rescuing the faltering Americans. Says Philbrick, "the bitter truth was that by the summer of 1781, the American Revolution had failed." Now join me next month in "Keeping Posted" for Part 2 of this pivotal battle and how the American victory was achieved against all odds resulting in the birth of a new experiment in government of the people, for the people and by the people; the experiment which became the United States of America, the greatest most blessed nation in world history!!

Chaplain Dick Komarek



BOY SCOUT TROOP 106

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

Electronics Campout: Troop 106 stayed at the Old Aurora Public Library February 22nd through the 23rd. It was intended to be a fun event with the Scouts being able to play their electronics as well as pool.



Bridge Building Contest: Troop 106 broke into two groups to build their best bridges with wood glue and Popsicle sticks. Each group did a great job and learned that how you design it has a direct impact on how much weight they can scale!



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.

**SAVE THE DATE**

The annual Poppy Day collection will be held on Thursday, May 16 this year at the Aurora, Lisle, and Naperville train stations from 6:00am to 8:00am. rain or shine. As in the past, our success in soliciting donations depends on the number of volunteers we get to help with the collections for this two hour period. All proceeds go to OPERATION COMFORT WARRIORS which provides personal care items for hospitalized and disabled veterans which are not covered by insurance or other health programs. It's a worthy cause for Veterans in need and we ask your help to make Poppy Day a success again this year. Sign up sheets will be provided at the April and May meetings, or contact: George Banas at banasg@sbcglobal.net or 630-969-8364.

High School Oratorical Contest Results

Don Hennessy reports that Post 43 contestant Regan Macwon won 2nd Place at the Illinois State Oratorical Contest, out of 19 contestants, held March 2nd.



Regan Macwon (by US Flag), Aparna Ramakrishnan of NCHS, Nicole Tong of NNHS, and Kate Li of NCHS (the three girls closest to the Legion Flag)

Sons of the American Legion Squadron 43

Fellow Legionnaires,

The Sons of the American Legion hosted our first ever Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser on February 24th. We would like to thank everyone who came out and the Legion's support to make this a successful event.



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 April 16th, 2019 and all members of the Legion and Legion Riders are encouraged to attend.

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



Photos by Jim Hoch



Naperville Students Compete in 7th & 8th Grade Speech Contest

Three Naperville students and middle school students from 5 other cities competed March 16 in the American Legion's DuPage County Speech Contest. The competition, for students in the 7th and 8th grades was held in the Visitor Center Theater at Cantigny Park.

Contestants give a 4 to 6 minute speech on an aspect of the U.S. Constitution. They are judged on content, speaking skills and staying within the time limits.

The Naperville students Cody Kufrin, Ishaan Romil and Chloe Smith all attend Kenney Jr. High. Two placed in the top three positions: Ishaan Romil finished 2nd and Chloe Smith 3rd.

All three are 8th graders eligible next year to compete in the American Legions High School Oratorical Contest next. The local, district, state and national high school contests offer more than \$138,000 in college scholarships.

Jim Vahle

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



Veterans read to Georgetown Elementary School students as part of "Dear Georgetown" event held on February 22nd.



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

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Joseph R. White



SICK CALL

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Lee Lindberg

Jack Shiffler





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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!!)

April 2019 Activities — Opportunities

Apr 4 - Post Meeting 7pm

Apr 6 - Monarch Landing

Apr 13 - Brookdale - Lisle

Apr 20 - Independence Village

Apr 20 - Dinner/Social 6pm

Apr 27 - Tabor Hills

Apr 28 - Spaghetti Dinner 4 - 7pm

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





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Post 43 celebrates St. Patrick's Day at March 16th Dinner/Social.
(Photo by Jim Hoch)