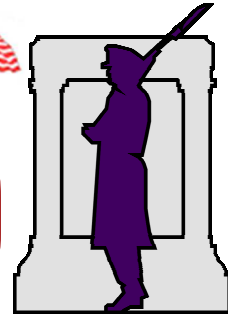




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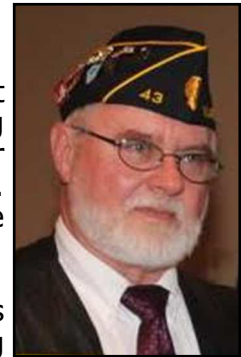
COMMANDER'S CALL

Don Chasteen - Post Commander

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

September already! I think this year may go by faster than the last few years have. Our first Social for the 2018/2019 year is coming up fast, and I know our new Junior-Vice Commander Jennifer Slown has been working diligently to get everything in place for it. It will be great to see everyone back at the Social after the Summer hiatus.

I did attend the American Legion State Convention in July. It was interesting to see how the Department functions in getting resolutions passed, ceremonies performed, and new State Officers nominated and elected. Since this was my first convention, I will admit that I learned more about the proceedings by having Wayne Fischer close by to answer my questions. I did meet a lot of Legionnaires with great enthusiasm and dedication, especially some of the Legion Riders who are representatives at the Department. The only disappointment that I had with the convention was the Legion Riders portion. Yes, the Department presented a Legion Rider of the Year Award and gave recognition of all the good for the Legion that the Riders do. However, the disappoint came in the fact that the Riders' booth was empty except on Saturday morning with one person having a small pamphlet to hand out. Also the Rider parade Friday night only had five bikes in it and the bike show only had the same number participate. I am sure the heavy rain forecasted (and it did pour on Saturday) had an effect on the Rider turn out, but I would challenge our Riders, Chapter 43, to get involved to have a greater Legion Rider's presence at next year's convention.



In my opinion, this year is off to a very good start. We have had one Executive board, one Trustee board, and two membership committee meetings and progress is being made to sustain our Post. The energy and ideas coming from our new, younger officers is fantastic. There are some areas that I need your help with resolving. As I mentioned at the August Legion meeting, we need a Boys Scout Liaison with our Troop that we sponsor. Also, I have noticed we are down to one Legion Caller listed in our newsletter, where we use to have five or six. So if you are interested in either of these positions call, my phone number is listed in this newsletter.

For the Good of the Legion,

Don Chasteen
Commander, Naperville American Legion Post 43

Sr. Vice Commander

Greetings to my fellow Legionaries. When I took this position to serve, I was told that the Senior Vice was the membership position. As I thought about membership, specifically growing membership two questions popped into my mind;

What value can we bring so they will want to join?
Where are the Veterans?

Although these look like basic easy to answer questions, when the onion is peeled back, perhaps there are more challenges involved. Let me address the answer I, and your membership committee will pursue over the next year.



When looking at the value of joining the American Legion, we must admit that there are many times when we look like old men and women with funny hats. Veterans who are not part of our organization can perceive it that way. They see us in the parades and as Color Guards, but clearly must not see value so they do not join. I believe the greatest value we bring is the shared and common experience of sitting in a dining facility, or mess hall or chow hall and knowing that everyone in that same hall would give their life for us and we for them. If we had that shared experience then it follows that we would share the same outcomes from those experiences. That provides an opportunity to share how some of the more challenging outcomes, PTSD, sense or purpose, sense of excitement, have been overcome and dealt with successfully by our members. That does not even count the networking and business opportunities, the savings on services and products that can be realized and the free insurance. All these topics will be discussed in this column over the next year, but for now, let's address the second question. Where are the Veterans?

I believe that the faith-based leadership of our community, know who the Veterans and their families are in their congregations. The Priests, Ministers, Deacons, Imams, Rabbis, know within their congregations where there are Veterans. They have seen families grow up, and counseled members on life events, and ultimately recognize them, often times in the back of the church, synagogue or mosque. So here is the plan, and I NEED YOUR HELP!

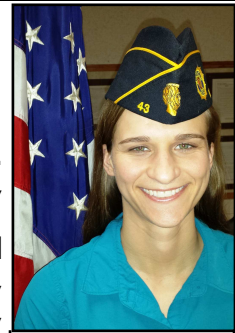
On **October 18th**, our American Legion post will host a breakfast for the faith-based leadership in Naperville to introduce them to the American Legion and all of our services. We will explain some of the unique challenges that Veterans face, and give them a point of contact they can use to connect their Veterans and Veteran Families to us, the American Legion Post 43. We will host this at the Judd Kendall VFW post beginning at 11:30 AM. What I need you to do, is carry this information to the leadership at your place of worship, and give them my email address, Jamberg@thefederalsavingsbank.com. With that email address, they can guarantee themselves a seat at the table, a ton of information and FREE PARKING. You can't beat that! See you next month.

Senior Vice Commander,
Jack Amberg



Jr. Vice Commander

I hope that everyone had a relaxing and eventful summer 2018. Moving into the fall, our next post dinner will be **Saturday, September 15th** with social hour beginning at **6pm** and dinner at **6:30pm**. Dinner will be catered by Nicky's and will include Greek Chicken, Greek potatoes, vegetables, souvlaki, salad, and bread. The evening will include the installation of new officers, however I hope to have some light entertainment from one of our local high school music ensembles for the evening.



Jennifer Slown

Our October 20th dinner will of course be the annual "Octoberfest" meal with traditional German Cuisine. Entertainment will fit the Octoberfest theme so break out your lederhosen and get ready for some great "Oompah" tunes! October has also traditionally been our celebration of "Women in the Military". More details to come in next month's article.

The November 11th dinner will celebrate Veteran's Day with a mouthwatering turkey dinner prepared by the Kendall Cooks. 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.

If you haven't already, mark your calendars for our future dinner socials: January 19th, February 16th, March 16th, and April 20th. I know all of the new Post 43 officers are looking forward to reconnecting with old friends and meeting new ones at the September 15th dinner! See you there!

Semper Fidelis!
Jennifer Slown
Jr Vice Commander



Coffee "and"

Saturday Morning 10 AM



The September dates are:

Sep 1 - Monarch Landing
Sep 8 - Brookdale - Lisle
Sep 15 - Independence Village
Sep 22 - Harbor Chase

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 Harbor Chase.

Remember, all are welcome!



AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS CHAPTER 43

Summer is in full swing and that means that your Post 43 Riders are staying very active. Our last monthly meeting was well attended by over 20 of our 50 plus members. Most rode to a local eatery before the meeting and then we rode as a group to our VFW/Legion Hall. It was a warm but perfect evening.



During the past month we also had ten Riders participate in an Armed Forces benefit in Sandwich, IL hosted by Legion Rider Posts 181 & 489. We also attended an Honor Flight and had 11 Riders take part in the recent India Day Parade held in Naperville. Our group was so warmly greeted by the parade attendees and it is an honor that they invite us every year to this event. We were the second group in the parade following only a Naperville fire truck. They honor our veterans.

From 16 August until 26 August six Post 43 Legion Riders will be riding in the annual American Legion Legacy Run which begins in Hutchinson, Kansas and ends in Anoka, Minnesota. Post 43 Riders will be proudly donating \$5,000 to the Legion Legacy Fund. After the Legacy Ride, our Post 43 Commander Don Chasteen has planned a very scenic and relaxing ride back to Naperville. He and his trusty GPS always gets us a great post event ride.

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

Please note that we will host our annual Rider fundraiser on 29 September 2018 at the VFW/Legion Hall. The funds raised go to our efforts to support the DuPage Veterans Association, Legacy scholarships and numerous other charitable endeavors. From this event, we planned to donate \$6,000 to the 2019 Legion Legacy Fund. The prime rib dinner will be catered by The Texas Roadhouse and the cost is only \$25.00. We have a great live band that plays 50s-60's music and it is a wonderful evening. Event is from 5:00pm until 10:30pm. We really would like your support and if you cannot attend we do have a program to accept tax deductible donations from you or a corporate sponsor. You can call Tom Dillon at 630-803-2047 with any questions you might have.

Our next Post 43 Legion Rider meeting is 19 September 2018. The meeting will begin at 7:00pm at the patio of our VFW/Legion Hall. All members of the Legion or Sons of American Legion are welcome to attend. We generally meet for a pre meeting meal at Stilin's Grill, 2029 Ogden Avenue, Lisle at about 6:00pm.

Tom Dillon
Director ALR Chapter 43
630-803-2047





AMERICAN LEGION POST 43 CALENDAR



September 1, 2018	Saturday		10 am Coffee at Monarch Landing
September 3, 2018	Monday		Labor Day Parade
September 6, 2018	Thursday		Post Meeting 7 pm
September 8, 2018	Saturday		10 am Coffee at Brookdale - Lisle
September 11, 2018	Tuesday		9/11 Memorial Service 6 pm
September 11, 2018	Tuesday		Hines VA Visit (bus leaves at 6:15pm)
September 15, 2018	Saturday		10 am Coffee at Independence Village
September 15, 2018	Saturday		Dinner/Social - Officer Installation
September 18, 2018	Tuesday		U.S. Air Force Birthday
September 19, 2018	Wednesday		Legion Rider Meeting
September 22, 2018	Saturday		10 am Coffee at Harbor Chase
September 22-23, 2018	Sat-Sun		Harvest Pow Wow Naperville
September 29, 2018	Saturday		Legion Rider Dinner/Dance Fundraiser
October 4, 2018	Thursday		Post Meeting 7 pm
October 6, 2018	Saturday		10 am Coffee at Monarch Landing
October 9, 2018	Tuesday		Hines VA Visit (bus leaves at 6:15pm)
October 13, 2018	Saturday		U.S. Navy Birthday
October 13, 2018	Saturday		10 am Coffee at Brookdale - Lisle
October 20, 2018	Saturday		10 am Coffee at Independence Village
October 20, 2018	Saturday		Dinner/Social - Octoberfest
October 24, 2018	Wednesday		Legion Rider Meeting
October 27, 2018	Saturday		10 am Coffee at Harbor Chase
November 1, 2018	Thursday		Post Meeting 7 pm
November 3, 2018	Saturday		10 am Coffee at Monarch Landing
November 10, 2018	Saturday		10 am Coffee at Brookdale - Lisle
November 10, 2018	Saturday		U.S. Marine Corps Birthday
November 11, 2018	Sunday		Dinner/Social - Veterans Day
November 13, 2018	Tuesday		Hines VA Visit (bus leaves at 6:15pm)
November 17, 2018	Saturday		10 am Coffee at Independence Village
November 24, 2018	Saturday		10 am Coffee at Harbor Chase
November 28, 2018	Wednesday		Legion Rider Meeting



"9/11" Memorial Service

On behalf of the "9/11" - 2017 Memorial Service Committee, we would like to invite everyone to attend the "9/11" Memorial Service to be held on Tuesday September 11th, 2018 at the "CMDR Dan Shanower/September 11th Memorial" on the Riverwalk next to City Hall starting @ 6pm. In the event of bad weather this will be held in the City Council Chambers.

As this is the 17th 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 guest speaker for this year will be is Kris Habermehl, who works for Chicago CBS TV and is a volunteer fireman for the Kirkland Fire Department.

Wayne Fischer



New Post 43 Officers conduct their first meeting on Thursday, August 2, 2018.



Color Guard

**Labor Day Activities
Monday, September 3rd
Starting at 9:15 am**

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

For more information contact Jim Sarns at 630-234-6292 or Wayne Fischer 630-240-8868.

Save the Date

FOR NATIONAL WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA DAY

ABRAHAM LINCOLN NATIONAL CEMETERY

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15

- ARRIVAL TIME 9-10 A.M.
- CEREMONY AT 11:00 A.M.
- WREATH PLACEMENT IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE CEREMONY

PLEASE CAR POOL PARKING IS VERY LIMITED
CONTACT: 815-693-3215 OR PROUDARMYSIS4@SBCGLOBAL.NET



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



Famous Members of The American Legion

Sometimes known as "the Father of The American Legion", Teddy Roosevelt, Jr., oldest son of the first Roosevelt to serve as US president, served in WWI as a Lt. Col. commanding the 26th Infantry Regiment in the Battle of Cantigny; he was 31 at the time. After the war, he was instrumental in helping to form The American Legion, and proceeded to hold several different positions in government and business, including V.P. of Doubleday Books, and Chairman of the Board of American Express.

Returning to active duty in WWII and commanding the 26th Infantry Regiment as a Colonel, he was soon promoted to Brigadier General. He was a leader in the first wave of troops ashore at Utah Beach during the Normandy landings in June 1944. A little more than a month later, he succumbed to a heart attack at the age of 56, and became a posthumous recipient of The Medal of Honor.

Teddy Roosevelt Jr. never served as American president, but several presidents have been proud members of The American Legion.

Harry S Truman, 33rd president, succeeded Franklin D Roosevelt after his death in April, 1945, and brought the war in the Pacific to an end after allowing the atom bombs to be dropped on Japan.

Dwight D Eisenhower, 34th president, and Supreme Commander of the Allied Forces in the ETO, and was serving as the president in July of 1953 when the Korean Armistice was signed, effectively halting the shooting (but not the war).

John F Kennedy, 35th president, a navy veteran and member of the Kennedy dynasty of politicians who was assassinated in November of 1963.

Lyndon B Johnson, 36th president, a navy veteran of WWII, With no apparent solution to the war in Vietnam, he is remembered for having shocked the nation by ending a speech on March 31, 1968 with this line: "I shall not seek, and I will not accept, the nomination of my party for another term as your president." Our A. L. Post 43 comrade member, Tinny Bixel, served in the Army as a member of The Presidential Ceremonial Unit for LBJ, known as "The Old Guard". He will tell you about his experience in that capacity!

Richard M Nixon, 37th president, a navy veteran of WWII. While he is credited with establishing diplomatic relations with China, and finally ending the American involvement in Vietnam, he is also remembered as the only president to resign the office, following the Watergate break-in fiasco.

Gerald Ford, 38th president, a navy veteran of WWII.

Jimmy Carter, 39th president and a graduate of the Naval Academy in Annapolis.

Ronald Reagan, 40th president. a WWII stateside non-combat army veteran of WWII.

George H.W. Bush, 41st president and WWII Navy aviator who flew 58 combat missions.

George W. Bush, 43rd president, a pilot with the Air National Guard.

Numerous other well known veterans were American Legion members. Among many was General Douglas MacArthur, Sgt. Alvin York, Humphrey Bogart, Clark Gable, Mickey Rooney, Gen George Patton, and countless governors, senators, and representatives.

Lee Lindberg

BOY SCOUT TROOP 106

Some of the events Troop 106 have been involved with over the Summer:
Camp Freeland Leslie – Summer Camp: Troop 106 camped from June 17th through June 23rd at Camp Freeland Leslie in Oxford, WI. The Scouts earned a number of merit badges as well as worked on rank advancement requirements.



Kankakee River Campout: Troop 106 canoed the Kankakee River and then camped at Davis Creek Campground August 11th and 12th.





Come Join Us!!

G.I. Yoga is open to all Veterans and their families. The Wednesday morning 9:30 am Yoga class at the VFW is led by Kate Fleming. Kate also has Yoga classes for Veterans on Tuesdays (Wheaton) and Fridays (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 kdflemingyoga@gmail.com
Schedule of Classes: www.giyoga.org

Electric Wheelchair for Veteran

Post received gift of Electric Wheelchair (Scooter model) for Veterans. For free use of it please contact:

Don Hennessy [630-355-4679](tel:630-355-4679)



TAPS

James E. Cronin
John P. Brennan
Paul Joseph Miller
Edward John Goerling
Phillip F. Murphy Jr.
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SICK CALL

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Ken Garhan





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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 Ave., Naperville, IL

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September 2018 Activities — Opportunities

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





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Naperville Honor Guard at Cantigny for McCormick Day Ceremony on July 26th, 2018.
(Photo by Jim Hoch)