

AMERICAN LEGION NAPERVILLE POST 43

MINUTES FOR THE MEETING HELD ON: March 2, 2017

- CMDR Lindberg called the meeting to order at 1900 hours.
- Colors were posted.
- Opening prayer offered by Chaplain Komarek.
- CMDR Lindberg, after which the MIA Flag was placed on the empty chair, read resolution 288 the Pledge of Allegiance was recited followed by the Preamble of the Legion Constitution.
- Roll call of Officers
 - CMDR Lindberg Present ☒X
 - Sr. Vic CMDR Deetjen Present ☒X
 - Jr. Vic CMDR Chasteen Present ☒EX
 - Sgt At Arms Bonus Present ☒X
 - Fin. Officer Light Present ☒X
 - Chaplain Komarek Present ☒X
 - Advocate Hennessy Present ☒X
 - Service Officer Barbour Present ☒EX
 - Adjutant Bixel Present ☒X
- Minutes were read. Motion to accept the minutes as written made by Wayne Fischer and seconded by Tom Dillon.
- Guests: None

Post 43 Meeting Notes

Committee Reports

Finance Report: Finance Officer Light reported all monies due the post have been received and all monies owed by the post have been paid. Medallions and certificates have been ordered for the School Awards program. 100 of which 34 were guests related to our Salute our Youth program attended the February Social. YTD our socials are still running slightly positive versus expenses. Funds were received from Kennedy Jr. H.S., and the budget process has begun for the next fiscal year. The Legion merchant catalog is available. A motion to accept the finance report was made by Don Hennessy and seconded by Terry Jelinek.

Americanism: Don Hennessey reported that all four (4) of our Oratorical Contestants would be in the State meet at the Peoria Civic Center this weekend, March 3 and 4. Only one candidate from the state will go on to the national event in April.

Wayne Fischer reminded all of the 2017 Scholarship Award. Applications and supporting documents are to be sent to American Legion Post #43, P.O. Box 4, Naperville, IL 60566. They must be received by March 23, 2017.

The 7th and 8th Grade Speech Contest will be at the Post home on April 8, 2017. All are encouraged to attend and support our youth.

Nominations are now being accepted for Naperville's Citizen of the Year Award in three categories - Service to the Community, Service to Youth, and Service to Veterans. They may be mailed to American Legion Post 43, Citizen of the Year, Post Office Box 4, Naperville, IL 60566 or emailed to vahlej@comcast.net to arrive by March 15, 2017.

Girls State/Boys State: No report on girls state. There have been 7 applications received to date for Boys State and at least 13 more are expected.

House and Entertainment: Acting Jr. Vice Roy Bonus reported that the next Legion Social would be on March 18. We will celebrate St. Patrick's Day and the American Legion birthday. The Social hour is at 6, dinner at 7 and entertainment at 8. The dinner will be Corned Beef and Cabbage prepared by our Kendall Cooks. The McNulty School of Irish Dance will be the entertainment.

Membership: Sr. Vice Deetjen reports that our membership is at 587. There remains a discrepancy with our membership numbers versus the Department but a visit to Springfield should clear this up.

Service Officer: Wayne Fischer reported for Service Officer Barbour that the Hines Mobile Medical Team will be at the VFW on Tuesday March 7. Spread the word to veterans about this service. Also, there will be a Caregiver Workshop, offered by Hines, at the VFW Post on March 30. It will begin at 10 am and run to 2 pm. The topics will be "Managing Stress" and "Taking Care of Yourself". Registration is required and the deadline is March 27. To register, call Jillian Inserra, VA Caregiver Support Director at 708.202.2643 or Mike Barbour at 630.240.1645.

Boy Scouts: Brian Light reported on two Troup #106 projects for February. First, the crossover ceremony of new scouts inducted into the Troup occurred and on February 17 and secondly the Troup travelled to Ottawa for their electronics Campout. Please mark your calendars for the Troup #106 fund raising spaghetti dinner scheduled for April 30 at the VFW.

Trustees: Wayne Fischer reported that all is on track. The budget process for the new year beginning July 1 has begun.

Honor Guard: Jim Oftedal reported the Honor Guard provided Military Funeral Services for six (6) veterans in the month of February. They were for Hubert Willmann, Marine WW II; Jackson Erffmeyer, Navy Korea and WW II; Robert Lehman Navy WW II; Tom Mochelis, Air Force Vietnam; Thomas Mlyneic Navy; and William Abe, Navy WW II.

Home Visits to Senior Living Centers: We had an exceptionally good turnout for the February Brookdale Plaza visit. Because of the St. Patrick's Parade there will be no visit to Brookdale in March. Beginning in March we will add HarborChase to the monthly visits. The monthly visits at 10 AM on Saturday's are: Monarch Landing, Brookdale Plaza, Independence Village and now HarborChase.

Legion Riders: Assistant Director Tom Dillon reported for the Riders. The Riders are taking advantage of the occasional good weather and getting their bikes out. Nineteen Riders rode their bikes to the Riders February meeting. Plans are coming together for the St Patrick's Day Parade and the DuPage County Veterans Honor Flight fundraiser on May 6, 2017 at the

DuPage Airport. The Riders will meet at the Heritage Harley Davidson in Lisle. From there a Police escort is provided to the DuPage Airport in West Chicago.

The Riders judged the 7th and 8th grade Essay Contest. The winners were Isabelle Horning, an 8th grader from Lincoln Jr HS and Joslin M. Rusotto-Ringhart and Jack Thatcher 8th graders from Kennedy Jr. HS.

Sons of the American Legion: Squadron Commander Roger Treend reported that the SAL held their first meeting and is working on their goals, activities and a budget for the new year. The SAL is looking forward to making major contributions to Post 43.

Post Everlasting and Sick Call: Ken Garhan remains in Edward Hospital and George McKissick is at home under doctor's care. Don Faulhaber remains confined to his home.

Parades and Ceremonies: A combined American Legion and VFW Color Guard is planned to march in the St. Patrick's Day Parade. Meet on Mill Street at North High School in ample time to step off at 11 AM.

Historian Report: No Report

Old Business: None

New Business: The nominating committee is actively seeking nominations for the slate of officers for next year. In addition to officers, there are many committees and activities that need the support of the membership. Please provide the nominating committee your nominations. The nomination committee consists of Jim Vahle (vahlej@comcast.net, 630.864.7183), Lou Kuelzo (LouSan421@sbcglobal.net, 630.898.8760) and Tinny Bixel cintin2@gmail.com, 630.240.5874). Nominations for Legion officers will take place at the April meeting with elections taking place at the May meeting. To enable the Post to continue the high level of Activities and Support we need many volunteers and committee heads. Review the list passed out and consider heading up an activity or volunteer to support the many programs the Post has to offer.

Honor Flight Chicago is May 6 at Calamos Hangar, DuPage Airport. Starts at 11 AM.

The USS Illinois had its last commissioning meeting. The USS Illinois 786 Club will be formed and Naperville has the opportunity to have 2 members in Club 786 with the first years initiation fees waived. Need 2 candidates, please provide those names to Terry Jelinek

For the Good of the Legion: Don Hennessey reminded us that we are all recruiters to get our youth involved in the many programs the American Legion has to offer. We need to lean on our youth to become involved. They will be rewarded years in the future.

Mike Rechenmacher mentioned that we should submit our active duty unit patches for possible display in the Canteen.

Chaplain Komarek made a short presentation on Faith and how it is under attack.

Closing Prayer: Offered by Chaplain Komarek.

Meeting adjourned by CMDR Lindberg at 1950 hours.