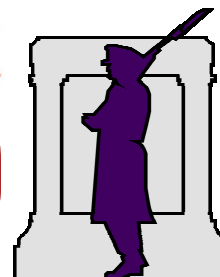




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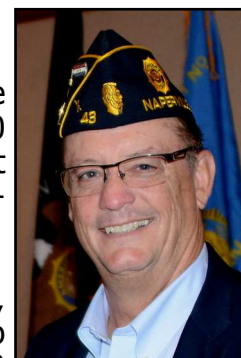
## COMMANDER'S CALL

**Jack Amberg - Post Commander**

My Fellow Legionnaires:

Much has transpired since we last met. Post 43 will be having a meeting on August 6<sup>th</sup>, and although limited to 50 people, I think we can make that happen. That said, I want to let you know the intent of what we are going to try to accomplish over the next 12 months.

- To the best of our ability we will hold social events, although limited to 50 participants. Doing this will help promote unity and inspire esprit-de-corps. With a 50 person limit, we will not be inviting outside entertainment in, as that would take away seats from our members. If it is needed, we will track who attends so that we can best ensure every member of Post 43 has their chance to attend and participate.
- We will have our meetings on the first Thursday of the month; and do our best, again to accommodate all who want to participate. My worries are for these first two points that the same people always get a meal ticket or make the meeting while others are left out...need to be fair.
- We will do everything we can to make sure our Post 43 programs are sustained, while following CDC guidelines, and in accordance with any government requirements for safety due to the pandemic, etc.



What that really means is, I am asking everyone to be flexible, as we figure out how to fly this plane, while already being in flight. It will be a fun and exciting year, with much to learn and many to serve. That said, I don't want anyone getting sick because of it.

Jack Amberg  
Commander, Naperville American Legion Post 43

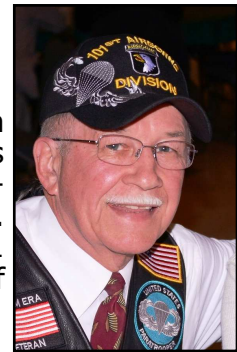


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## Sr. Vice Commander

With the new COVID-19 norm of social distancing, our American Legion fiscal year 2020-2021 is upon us as of July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020! So, as the newly elected Senior Vice-Commander my first course of action was to renew my American Legion membership for 2020-2021. We ask that each of you renew your membership for the 2020-2021 year (i.e., we **thank you in advance** for your continued support of The American Legion Post 43 Naperville).



Richard Karbarz

I would like to thank each of you for the opportunity to have served you as the Jr. Vice-Commander in scheduling our Dinner/Socials. I am honored and excited to step into the Senior Vice-Commander role and work with each one of you not only to retaining our current members, but to grow our ranks with new members. Our theme for 2020-2021 is **"WE MAKE IT HAPPEN TOGETHER"**, a phrase which I coined about two and half decades ago. With your help in **spreading the word about our Post 43** with your immediate family, your current friends, and newly acquainted friends, our ranks will grow and "The Four Pillars of American Legion" – Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation, National Defense, Patriotism, and Children & Youth; will continue to be relevant today and beyond as when our organization was founded in 1919. It is a team effort to recruit new members, and if we all pull together as one team our mission will be accomplished.

So, please invite perspective members to our monthly meeting as this will allow them to meet us in person, strike a conversation, ask questions, feel at home, and join our Post 43. Please note that Post 43 has a program of paying membership dues for members who have served in World War II and Korean War Veterans, as well as those individuals serving on "Active Duty" (including National Guard & Reserve).

In moving forward as the "American Legion Post 43" family, we welcome all new members. I would like to hear from you if you have any ideas or suggestions on attracting new members to Post 43. I thank you in advance for your input and continued support of Post 43.

**Our goal for 2020-2021 year is to recruit early and often!**

Richard H. Karbarz  
Sr Vice-Commander  
"Airborne All The Way"



## Jr. Vice Commander

Greetings to all of my fellow Post 43 members! First, thank you all for trusting me to serve as your Junior Vice-Commander for the upcoming year. It truly is an honor and privilege to continue the legacy of past Junior Vice-Commanders.

As your Junior Vice, my primary focus is planning our monthly Dinner/Socials. While we are all still dealing with Covid-19, our first Social will look slightly different. We will only be allowed to have 50 members/guests per dinner. With that said our reservations for the Socials will be on a first come first serve basis. Our entertainment for the first couple of Socials will also be a little different. Please bear with me while I construct an entertaining evening for all of us.

**Post Dinners:** Our monthly Dinner/ Socials will resume Saturday, Sep. 19<sup>th</sup>: 6:00pm Social Hour, 7:00pm Dinner.

The menu for the evening is still being finalized, but should be released soon. As always, **Prima Sweets** will be donating all the desserts for the evening. There will not be any entertainment at this dinner, as this is the new Officer Installation.

A quick look at this year's schedule:

**September 19th** - Officer Installation / Awards

**October 17th** - Octoberfest/ Salute to Women Veteran's

**November 11th** - Veterans Day (Legion & VFW)

**January 16th** - New Member Initiation / Legion Riders & SAL Installation

**February 20th** - Salute to Our Youth

**March 20th** - St Patrick's Day / Honoring Police Officers

**April 17th** - Past Commander's Dinner / COY / Scholarships

I am looking forward to a fantastic year as well as getting to know everyone at our Dinner/Socials and other events!

Semper Fidelis!

Nadia Rios

Jr Vice Commander

Our Social Media Pages are:

Facebook: American Legion Naperville Post 43

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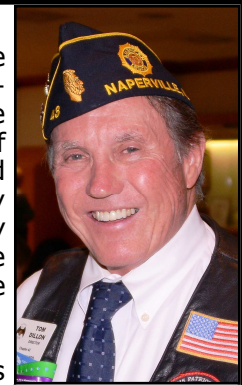


Nadia Rios



**AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS CHAPTER 43**

The summer of 2020 has not been exactly what the Riders had hoped for, but we have found ways of supporting both Legion Post 43 and all Veterans. When the Covid-19 virus broke, we stayed low for a period of time, as virtually everyone did. As time went by and restrictions were eased we realized that by its very nature riding a motorcycle is both an outdoor activity and a socially distancing event. We decided that we could get more active in Legion activities, and yet still respect the restrictions we all are asked to follow.



Tom Dillon

We have been invited to numerous vehicle parades to support Veterans who were celebrating a significant birthday or other major event. On 2 May over 25 Riders rode in a birthday parade for a young grandson of a WWII Veteran. He is a big supporter of the military and it was a joy to see how happy the parade made him. On 8 May we rode in a birthday parade for Army Veteran Don Huston who was celebrating his 80th birthday. On 16 May the Riders rode in honor of WWII Marine Veteran and former POW Howard Chittenden, who was 100 years young. We also rode on 27 June for a birthday parade in honor of WWII Veteran Harry Gronli, who was celebrating his 95th year on earth.

Since the Riders are socially distancing and outdoors both the Naperville Legion and VFW asked us to handle many of the Memorial Day activities. Riders assisted in placing and removing American flags at both major Naperville cemeteries. We also had the great honor of placing wreaths at 10 different memorials in Naperville. This was one of the most significant activities your Riders have ever been asked to do. We thank the Legion and the VFW for trusting us with this mission. The final wreath we placed was at the VN memorial on North Mill street just north of Mill Street school. We had the privilege of having Jayne Luebke ride on the back of one of our bikes. Her brother, John Charles Luebke Jr. was killed in action by small arms fire on 24 July 1968. He was a member of the US Army's 1st Cavalry Division and received a Combat Infantry Man's Badge and a Purple Heart among other awards. The Mill Street VN memorial is named in honor of him. That final stop was very emotional for all of us as we watched Jayne place the wreath at the VN memorial. Many wet eyes were noticed.

Recently the Riders participated in a very unusual event. Ken Mores put us in contact with members of the Spring Meadows Senior Living Facility "Hardly Davidson" riders group. Yes you heard that correctly-Hardly Davidson Riders Group. They even had T-shirts made up with their Hardly Davidson logos. About a dozen of the residents who have mobility scooters lead us in a parade that was well attended by many of the residents. The scooters were decorated with patriotic items and the crowd waved flags and were very enthusiastic. It was a great time for us Riders. We even stayed and talked to the residents for about 20 minutes after the event. We told them to invite us to their parties as they sure seemed to know how to party. Thanks Ken for linking us up to this great, fun event.



So, as you can see, we are doing some unusual things due to the shutdowns caused by the virus, but we are learning new ways to support the Legion and the community. The next Riders meeting will be on 26 August at 7:00pm. Location TBD.

Tom Dillon  
Director ALR Chapter 43  
630-803-2047





## AMERICAN LEGION POST 43 CALENDAR



August 4, 2020  
August 6, 2020  
August 11, 2020  
August 26, 2020

Tuesday  
Thursday  
Tuesday  
Wednesday



U.S. Coast Guard Birthday (1790)  
Post Meeting 7 pm  
S.A.L. Squadron Meeting 7 pm  
Legion Rider Meeting 7 pm

September 3, 2020  
September 7, 2020  
September 11, 2020  
September 15, 2020  
September 18, 2020  
September 19, 2020  
September 23, 2020

Thursday  
Monday  
Friday  
Tuesday  
Friday  
Saturday  
Wednesday



Post Meeting 7 pm  
Labor Day  
Patriot Day  
S.A.L. Squadron Meeting 7 pm  
U.S. Air Force Birthday (1947)  
Dinner/Social - Officer Installation  
Legion Rider Meeting 7 pm

October 1, 2020  
October 13, 2020  
October 17, 2020  
October 20, 2020  
October 28, 2020

Thursday  
Tuesday  
Saturday  
Tuesday  
Wednesday



Post Meeting 7 pm  
U.S. Navy Birthday (1775)  
Dinner/Social - Octoberfest  
S.A.L. Squadron Meeting 7 pm  
Legion Rider Meeting 7 pm



### Coffee "and"

**Saturday Morning 10 AM**



**Coffee's cancelled for an Indefinite period of time!**

Due to the concerns over Coronavirus (Covid-19), our monthly visits with Veterans at Monarch Landing, Brookdale-Lisle, Independence Village, and Spring Meadows have been postponed for an indefinite period of time. When it is safe to resume, we will again have gatherings 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 Spring Meadows.

Information: Ken Mores 815-353-4102

**WE ARE LIVING IN INTERESTING TIMES!**

Like it or not these are uncharted times of uncertainty that we find ourselves navigating our lives through. The last several generations of Americans have never experienced the extended disruption to their lives that started in the Spring, and now continues into the summer of 2020. This slowdown in the pace of our lives has, I believe, also created a time of self-examination; an honest self-inventory of where our lives are heading including our faith values, relationship to God and family or career and financial decisions lying ahead. Should I return to school or my job in 2020? Is it really safe to do so now? How can I best serve others needs when we are social distancing, wearing masks, and still not allowed to meet on a regular basis? This old Chinese proverb I referred to earlier was spoken by a British diplomat serving in China in 1936 and resurfaced in a speech by Robert Kennedy in 1966. So, how can we all cope during this crazy time and find some value and purpose in daily life, despite an uncertain future? Did you WWII, Korean, Vietnam, and Gulf War Vets ever imagine that after bravely serving your country, defending its cherished values and flag that you would be facing yet another unexpected deadly enemy; a contagious coronavirus? Some of you WWII Vets may still have memories of your family going through the Spanish Flu outbreak of 1919. Well this event has certainly become a 100 year game changer!

There are some steps we can all take right now that some of us have found to be full-filling and worthwhile. Place an overdue phone call to a friend in need. To just hear your voice or to just pray regarding a specific need might be such a blessing, and hesitancy about calling in the first place, will be replaced by the good feeling in your heart for having reached out. Sending an e-mail or a personal letter from you to another person who is struggling with the emotional and financial impact of the coronavirus, or hosting a Zoom online meeting of family, friends or shut-ins who are missing outside contact, are all great ways of showing you care and here is a little secret. It leaves you with a good feeling and gets you to start thinking about others rather than focusing on yourself. Even sending out a humorous card or passing on a humorous joke or story or updated family pictures or supporting a new charity could be such a welcome surprise for someone to know that you are thinking about them and care about their lives. Now, this Chaplain and several other like-minded people of faith I have spoken to over the past 4 months generally agree that God did NOT cause this virus but has allowed it to spread across the world. Why? Because a loving God is trying to get our attention! For decades now we have driven God out of our schools, businesses and government. The 10 Commandments are outdated, our constitution has become by some an "irrelevant" document. There are no moral absolutes. God never granted they say to us as written in the Constitution certain unalienable rights such as life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Prayer is seen as a waste of time and thereby foolish with no relevant purpose. Relativism tells us to create our own moral code. That if it works for me that's okay as long as someone doesn't criticize my views and interfere with my lifestyle or my concept of religion. To tell me you are a Christian and speak only of the Bible, Jesus and God is hate speech and is to be condemned because it speaks only of God's moral code which rejects this new religion of relativism. Let me ask you a question. For a personal moral code to work whose standard of morality should we embrace to live our lives? A new and dangerous radical agenda blatantly ignores and even rejects God's impact on America throughout its history. Just a couple weeks ago our "Godless press and media" mocked and called "irrelevant and foolish" Vice-President Pence gathering his Coronavirus Task Force for a prayer session.

True American History records all of the signers to our foundational documents, The Declaration of Independence and Constitution, all to a man believed that God would need to be at the center of the new American Republic; directing the affairs of men for the United States to survive. George Washington the night before he would lead his tired, emotionally and physically depleted troops against the British in the decisive battle at Yorktown, which

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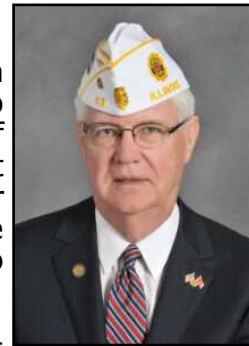
was to determine whether America would be free or remain a British colony. Washington prayed for several hours for divine guidance and strength that the Continental Army although far outnumbered and ill-equipped would prevail and win the battle. Then we have Benjamin Franklin who after more than 10 years since the signing of our document declaring our independence and now an old man said these words in 1787; "the longer I have lived, the more I have come to believe in the evidence of God's involvement in our country and hand in guiding our country and its leaders." Recently, however, George Washington's statue was toppled together with the desecration of both the Jefferson and Lincoln Memorials. It has also been suggested that Washington's name be removed from all school history books. Yes, America needs to return to God on its knees. All need to acknowledge the blessings God has poured out on each of us and our nation, and the need to admit that God and God alone is the moral absolute. We need to show love and genuine compassion for each other and listen to each other but stand firm and not waver on our faith. We also need to have moral courage and not fall into the trap of calling good-evil and evil-good. We need to trust GOD that he will see us thru this virus which he will and to find a way of helping others. Each of us really has no excuse not to reach out to that other person who right now is waiting to hear from you. God Bless, Stay Well and Serve Others!

Chaplain,  
Dick Komarek



### **News from Headquarters----**

Yes, the American Legion Department of Illinois is still in operation. Certainly, the COVID-19 Virus has caused us to change several planned events, but we are working thru all of this like many others. One thing that did go into effect is that myself and our Commander, Roy Weber, will remain in place for another year. Or one can look at this another way, as I can be a slow learner, it may take me another year to learn how to do it right-right???



Now that we are into the 2020-21 American Legion Year, I wanted to share with each of you as to how we did last year on Membership. Thanks to many, Naperville Post 43 ended the year at 580 Members. And we had 52 Veterans join our organization for the year. Jennifer Sloan and Nadia Rios led the charge here. Marines again lead the way!!!!

The other point I wanted to make is that Naperville Post 43 is now in the "Top 5" on Membership for Department of Illinois. We are #5 now and looking to grow even more. It is truly an honor to meet with other Legionnaires and do a little bragging about our great Post and share our history and what we are doing today. To All-I say keep up the Good Work!!!!

**Semper Fidelis,**

**Wayne Fischer—Your Sr Vice Commander for the Department of Illinois**

## **August - Another Month Rich in History**

At first glance, August seemed to lack the numerous events in military history that fill other months. But a closer look shows this is a month that contains many significant milestones.

To start at the "way back," Colonial forces won the Battle of Bennington on Aug. 16 1777. During the conflict that took place on the Vermont-New York border, the Stars and Stripes flew for the first time in a land battle that is considered a key victory in the Revolutionary War.

On Aug. 4, 1790, the forerunner of the U.S. Coast Guard – the Revenue Cutter Service – was formed and became an effective weapon battling pirates in the Caribbean.

On a sadder note, the Navy abolished the weekly rum ration on Aug. 31, 1862. In place of the issue of 1.5 pints of rum, "dry" seamen received a 5 cent per day allowance.

On Aug. 2, 1909, the Army accepted the Wright Flyer as its first airplane after a trial during which the craft flew for more than one hour and achieved a speed of 42.5 miles per hour.

On the first day of this month in 1949, the Army began training its first paratroops at Hightstown, N.J. The unit consisted of 45 men and two officers, later to be expanded after authorization by the War Department.

Some 11,000 men of the 1<sup>st</sup> Marine Division landed on the Pacific island of Guadalcanal on Aug. 7, 1942, marking the first offensive action by the U.S. in the region. Six months of fighting followed.

On Aug. 5, 1943, the War Department organized the Women's Air Force Service (WASPS) to ferry planes from factories to airfields and freeing male pilots for combat.

The Enola Gay, a B-29 bomber, took off on Aug. 6, 1945, to drop the first atomic bomb on Hiroshima, destroying more than half of the Japanese city and initially killing some 80,000 people.

Two Air Force F-100s completed the first flight by jet fighters over the North Pole, landing at Eielson Air Force Base, Alaska, on Aug. 7, 1959, completing a 5,405-mile, 9-hour, 37-minute trip that began at Wethersfield, England.

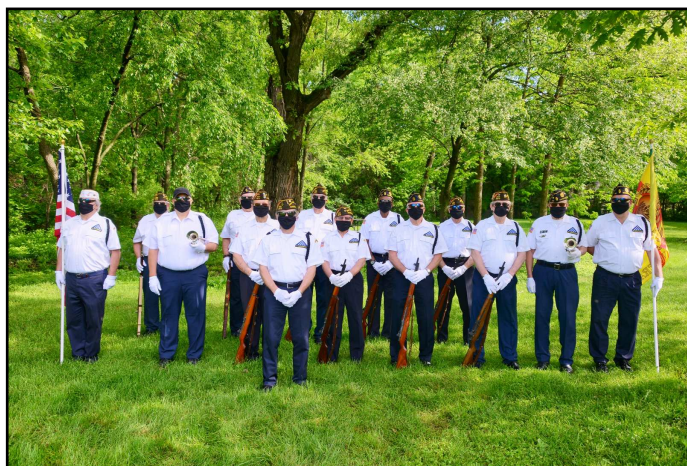
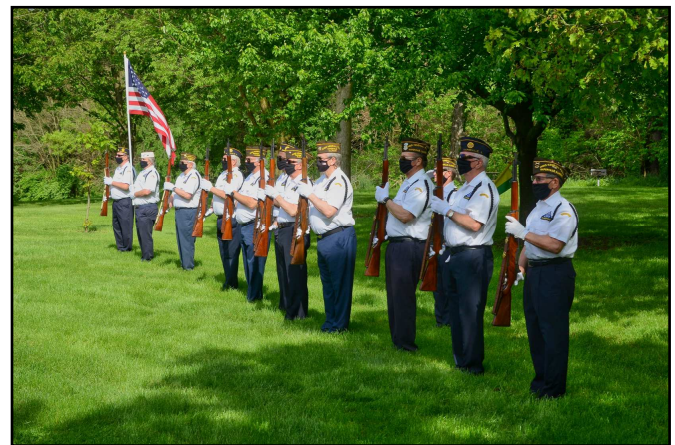
Marking one of the low points of the Cold War, the East German government closed the border between Berlin's east and west sectors on Aug. 13, 1961, eventually erecting the 12-foot high concrete Berlin Wall. The wall was demolished at the end of 1990.

Aircraft from USS Constellation (CV 64) and USS Ticonderoga (CV 14) launched the first naval strike on North Vietnam on Aug. 5, 1964, in retaliation for attacks three days earlier on two U.S. destroyers.

On Aug. 30, 1983, Lt. Col. Guion Buford became the first Black American in space, launching on the shuttle Challenger from Cape Canaveral on a six-day mission.

The Iraqi army invaded Kuwait on Aug. 2, 1990, an event that was followed just five days later by President George Bush's order for Desert Shield.





A ceremony was held at Naperville Veterans Park on Memorial Day. Post 43 members, along with Post 3873 and local veterans honored our fallen comrades. (Photos by Jim Hoch)



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.

**Due to the Coronavirus (Covid-19), for the Wednesday morning classes at VFW Hall contact Kate Fleming at: [giyoga@osotamerica.org](mailto:giyoga@osotamerica.org) Saturday morning classes at the Fort Hill Center in Naperville are all cancelled until farther notice.**

**YouTube channel link:** <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCxBk498oH94DIr8KMRPjdug/>

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(Additional Legion Callers are needed!!!)

## **August 2020** **Activities — Opportunities**

Aug 6 - Post Meeting 7pm

Aug 11 - S.A.L. Meeting 7pm

Aug 26 - Legion Riders 7 pm

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





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**Our Combined Post 43 and Post 3873 Honor Guard has continued to do final honors for Veterans during COVID-19.**

**(Photo by Frank Newson)**