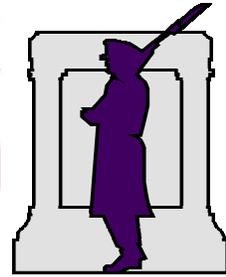




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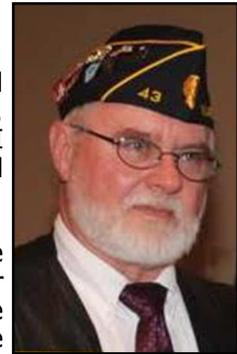
COMMANDER'S CALL

Don Chasteen - Post Commander

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

Last year, Past Commander Deetjen enlightened us on the Hallowed Ground created at our meetings by our flags and the POW/MIA chair. Since we have many new members (with some questions), I thought I would mention some of the basic etiquette of our Legion cap (cover) and Saluting the American flag.

The Legion cap should be worn by its members only when in attendance at official Legion meetings or ceremonies, as official guests at patriotic or other civil functions, or by individuals when officially representing The American Legion. In meetings, the cap should be worn except during the Pledge of Allegiance, prayers; and while standing in silent reverence in memory of departed comrades, when it should be held with the right hand over the heart. Officer titles, badges, and awards are to be worn only on the right side of the cover. Fraternal or civil organization's insignia cannot be used on The American Legion cap, nor the names or nicknames of individual members. The American Legion cap is not worn while eating. Women Legionnaires wearing of their cap is slightly different, and they should follow the correct military protocol.



In regards to Saluting the flag, traditionally, American Legion members have rendered the hand salute during the National Anthem and at events involving the American flag only while wearing their Legion cover. This changed with the 2008 National Defense Authorization Act which included an amendment allowing un-uniformed service members, military retirees, and Veterans to render a hand salute during the hoisting, lowering, or passing of the U.S. flag. In October of 2008, President Bush signed the Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2009, with an amendment that authorized hand saluting during the National Anthem by Veterans and out-of-uniformed military personnel. If you are a Marine, an issuance of ALMAR 052/08 stated that you will not break customs and traditions of the Marine Corps and will not salute if uncovered or out-of-uniform. The Navy also issued a directive that they would not break their customs and traditions. So, by law you can salute, but by customs and traditions you may not. It seems to me that it comes down to a personal choice as to which you may follow. Removing your hat and covering your heart with your right hand, has been and will always be acceptable.

Memorial Day: I hope you can attend all the events planned for May 27th, starting at 7:30 a.m. at Naperville City Hall. (See full schedule on Page 5) Enjoy a great day with your family and friends, but please remember all the Veterans that have passed who gave their time to serve, so we can enjoy this holiday.

The Post is still in need of Legion Callers, and a chairman for the Gifts to the Yanks program.

Don Chasteen
Commander, Naperville American Legion Post 43

Sr. Vice Commander

We are at 98% membership, and still need 7 more members to reach our goal of 100%. In 1986 Jane Jackson released, "What Have You Done for Me Lately?" One line in the song says, "I never ask for more than I deserve". That is a very true statement for a Veteran. We don't ask for more then we deserve. However, how much do we/they deserve? May I ask, have you done all you can to help another Veteran? Have you taken the opportunity to ask them if they would like to become a member of our American Legion Post 43?



Jack Amberg

How much a person deserves is very subjective, but doing our best and helping where we can, that is not so subjective. We know if we have done all we can. If you haven't asked someone to join, please do. Veterans need Veterans....and Veterans need The American Legion!

Call me if you are not sure where to look!

Senior Vice Commander,
Jack Amberg

The American Legion Membership Application

(Name) _____

(Mailing Address) _____

(City) _____ (State) _____ (Zip) _____

(E-mail) _____

(Phone) _____

Dues

\$40.00 (1 Year)

\$160.00 (5 Years) **

** Save \$40.00 on 5 Year Membership Program
Please include a copy of your DD-214 with dues

Please check appropriate eligibility dates and branch of service below:

<input type="checkbox"/> Aug. 2, 1990 - cessation of hostilities as determined by U.S. Government	<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Army	<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Navy
<input type="checkbox"/> Dec. 20, 1989 - Jan. 3, 1990	<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Air Force	<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Marines
<input type="checkbox"/> Aug. 24, 1982 - Jul. 3, 1984	<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Coast Guard	
<input type="checkbox"/> Feb. 28, 1961 - May 7, 1975	<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Merchant Marines (12/7/41 - 8/15/45 only)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Jan. 25, 1950 - Jan. 31 1955		
<input type="checkbox"/> Dec. 7, 1941 - Dec. 31, 1946		

I certify that I served at least one day of active duty during the dates marked and was honorably discharged or am serving honorably.

(Signature of applicant) _____ (Date) _____

Coffee "and"
Saturday Morning 10 AM



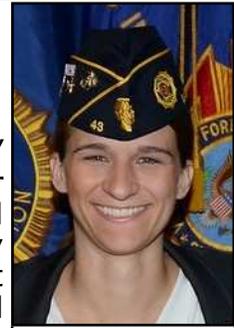
The May dates are:

- May 4 - Monarch Landing**
- May 11 - Brookdale - Lisle**
- May 18 - Independence Village**
- May 25 - Tabor Hills**

Don't forget our monthly visits with Veterans at Monarch Landing, Brookdale-Lisle, Independence Village, and Tabor Hills-Bohemian House. 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

Our "Citizen of the Year, Scholarship Winners, & Past Commanders" Dinner/Social was a wonderful way to end our official dinner calendar. The Kendall Cooks never fail to deliver delicious and plentiful dinners for us. Desserts were generously donated by Nadia Rios and Stacey Harrison of Prima Sweets. Those honored at the dinner were not only impressive but inspiring. As a civic geared organization, recognizing citizens that go above in service to others is just one of the many ways we stay connected to the our local community. Youth is one of the four pillars of The American Legion, and ensuring deserving young people in our community are financially able to continue their education is so incredibly rewarding. And without the leadership of our Past Commanders, none of these great programs would be possible. Sarina Tajuddin and Regan Macwan were presented with \$5000 Scholarships. Our Post 43 Citizens of the Year were: Joe Labut (Service to Community), Alissa Johnson Tripas (Service to Youth), and Post 43's own Rich Yndestad (Service to Veterans).



Jennifer Slown

The April dinner was definitely a great way to conclude our scheduled dinners, but there's one more date to mark on your calendars! **June 15th, we will celebrate 100 years of Post 43 and The American Legion with a "100 Year Anniversary Dinner"**. The menu is still in the works, but the evenings program plans to be a special one and will feature Medal of Honor recipient Allen Lynch as the guest speaker. Only 150 tickets will be sold for this event. Come celebrate our 100th Anniversary! I hope to see you all there!

Semper Fidelis!
Jennifer Slown
Jr Vice Commander



*Regan Macwan, Sarina Tajuddin, Rich Yndestad, Alissa Johnson Tripas, and Joe Labut
(Photo by Jim Hoch)*



AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS CHAPTER 43



Warm weather is here and the Post 43 American Legion Riders are back on two wheels. On 10 April a half dozen Riders attended the wonderful luncheon put on by Naperville Responds for Veterans. Jan Barbour put on a great discussion of what it is like to be married to a combat veteran. She was at times very funny and at times very serious. The Riders thoroughly enjoyed this event and thanks to

Jan and Mike Barbour for sharing their story.

At the end of the luncheon Dan Jurjovec, president of Naperville Responds, gave a special shout out to the Legion Riders for their contribution to this event. That was a nice moment for us Riders to be one of the few groups to receive such a recognition.

Later that same day almost a dozen Riders attended the first Honor Flight of the year. We greeted the arriving veterans at Midway Airport and these welcome home ceremonies bring tears of joy to most who are lucky enough to greet these American heroes.

Numerous Riders have also been attending the Direct Burial ceremonies at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery and also the walk thru's, that sadly are becoming all too frequent. The most touching part of these ceremonies is when Post 43 member Rich Yndestad sounds "Taps" at the conclusion of the wake/funeral. We are proud to have him as a friend of our Rider group.

Your Riders have many riding events coming up. On 27 April we will be attending a bike blessing at Heritage Harley Davidson in Lisle. This is followed by a ride to support motorcycle awareness. Sadly many drivers are distracted by devices or just don't see motorcycles. The car always wins the fight so please keep your eyes out for our safety.

A week later, on 4 May 2019, we will be having a ride to support the DuPage Veterans Foundation. Last year we had over 170 bikes ride from Heritage Harley to the DuPage Airport. Each rider pays a \$30.00 fee and all the proceeds go to support the Honor Flight program. No monies raised go to the Legion Riders or to Heritage Harley. The Riders have tickets available if you would like to support this event whether you can attend or not. We can sell the tickets for \$30.00 but at the airport they will cost \$40.00. Contact us for further information. We especially want to thank the Sons of the American Legion for their support in running this event. We could not do it without your help!

We are also looking forward to events at Springbrook Community Church on 26 May, and the Naperville Memorial Day parade on 27 May. The calendar is rapidly filling up. The Riders are also planning to attend at least two games of the Naperville Little League team supported by Post 43. We had a great time meeting all the young players last year and presenting each player on both teams with American flag pins to wear on their baseball caps.

The next Rider meeting will be held on 22 May at the patio of the VFW Hall, 7 pm. Prior to the meeting some Riders will meet for dinner at Stilin's Pub in Lisle, IL. All motorcycle riders who are members of the Legion or Sons of The American Legion are eligible for Rider membership. You are welcome to attend our meetings and decide if you would like to be a part of the AL Riders.

Tom Dillon
Director ALR Chapter 43
630-803-2047



MEMORIAL DAY MAY 27, 2019

SCHEDULE:	07:45	Services at City Hall at 911 Memorial
	08:15	Services at Veterans Park
	08:35	Services at Burlington Square
	09:00	Services at S.S. Peter & Paul Cemetery
	09:15	Pit Stop at American Legion Hall
	09:45	Services at G.A.R. Monument
	10:15	Advance section of parade steps off Services at Riverwalk Memorial
	13:15	Services at Blackhawk/Silver Star Memorials

Again, this year, the Memorial Day Parade Committee is planning to have vehicles available for veterans to ride in during the parade. These vehicles are made available to veterans who would like to participate in the parade, but are unable to walk the parade route.

Veterans wishing to ride in a vehicle during this year's Memorial Day Parade are asked to contact Tom Parker:
(630) 280-9347 or tomparker60@gmail.com.

Please provide your name, your branch of service, the conflict in which you served (i.e. WWII, Korea, etc.), and a phone number where you can be reached. If you have ridden with a specific driver in the past, please include that information.

All efforts will be made to accommodate requests to ride in vehicles, based on their availability. Veterans needing a ride who do not pre-register for a vehicle will be invited to ride in the Veteran Trolley on the day of the parade.

Please be at City Hall by 07:30 so we can get started on time. There will be trolley's there to take you to the other services (parking at City Hall will be convenient and the trolley will take you from the final service at Central Park back to your vehicle). Hope you all can attend this special event!



Photos by Jim Hoch

"Honoring our Fallen Veterans"-2019

Memorial Day is just around the corner and we are finalizing plans to "**Honor our Fallen Veterans**" here in Naperville. To properly do this we will again be "decorating the gravesites" of all of our 2700+ interred Veterans in Naperville area cemeteries. Given the number of flags that must be placed, we will need many volunteers to help, starting with St Peter and Paul Cemetery on Friday, May 24th at **9am**. We will not have the advantage of having our Youth assisting here, so please try and make it out to help. Then on Saturday, May 27th we will do Naperville Cemetery starting at **9am**. We will also need 4-5 folks to do several other smaller local cemeteries on Wednesday the 22nd. Just let me know if you can assist here. Normally on Saturday at Naperville Cemetery we have both our Posts' Scout Troops; Naval Sea Cadets "Ghostrider" Squadron and several other groups to assist also.



Last year we had a tremendous turn-out and we are looking forward to even more volunteers this year. If you are a Veteran, feel free to bring other members of your family. This is a very special event that we do for our "**Fallen Comrades**" come rain or shine. Our Cemeteries are all mapped by Jim Hoch and updated each year, but it always seems that a few do move around. But we always locate them.

Then on Tuesday, May 28th, we will plan on picking up the flags at both cemeteries starting with St Peter & Paul at **8am** and Naperville Cemetery after that. Help is always greatly appreciated then also. If you have any questions please call me at 630-240-8868 or email me @ wayne.l.fischer@gmail.com. You will not need to sign up-just show-up.

Thanks-Wayne Fischer

	<h3>2019 Poppy Day Program</h3> <p>Volunteers are still needed for the Thursday May 16 Poppy Day collections at the Naperville and Aurora train stations from 6:00am to 8:00am. Commander Chasteen will lead the program at the Aurora train station and distribute poppy supplies and collection cans. Similarly, Joe Strebel, our Post Historian will lead the program at the Naperville station. As in the past, this is a team effort and the success of poppy sales depends a great deal on the number of volunteer collectors. If you won't know your availability until the last minute, please come to a station; we will find a place for you! Also, as in the past, all funds will go to the Legion's National Operation Comfort Warriors program to help wounded and disabled Veterans receive items not covered by VA or other insured benefits. Last year, Post 43 received Illinois and National recognition for our participation in the Poppy Day Program.</p> <p>The Program was inspired by the words of John McCrae in his poem "In Flanders Fields". Poppies were the first living thing to cover the battlefield scars of war after the November 11, 1918 Armistice.</p> <p>Sign up sheets will be provided at the regular May 2nd Post meeting, or contact: George Banas at banasg@sbcglobal.net or 630-969-8364.</p>
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AMERICAN LEGION POST 43 CALENDAR



May 2, 2019
 May 4, 2019
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 May 14, 2019
 May 11, 2019
 May 16, 2019
 May 18, 2019
 May 21, 2019
 May 22, 2019
 May 25, 2019
 May 27, 2019

Thursday
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 Monday



Post Meeting 7 p.m.
 DuPage Honor Flight Fundraiser
 10 a.m. Coffee at Monarch Landing
 Hines VA Visit (bus leaves at 6:15pm)
 10 a.m. Coffee at Brookdale-Lisle
 Poppy Day
 10 a.m. Coffee at Independence Village
 S.A.L. Squadron Meeting 7 p.m.
 Legion Rider Meeting
 10 a.m. Coffee at Tabor Hills
 Memorial Day Parade

June 1, 2019
 June 6, 2019
 June 8, 2019
 June 11, 2019
 June 14, 2019
 June 14, 2019
 June 15, 2019
June 15, 2019
 June 18, 2019
 June 22, 2019
 June 26, 2019

Saturday
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10 a.m. Coffee at Monarch Landing
 Post Meeting 7 p.m.
 10 a.m. Coffee at Brookdale-Lisle
 Hines VA Visit
 U.S. Army 244nd Birthday 1775
 Flag Day
 10 a.m. Coffee at Independence Village
100th Anniversary Dinner
 S.A.L. Squadron Meeting 7 p.m.
 10 a.m. Coffee at Tabor Hills
 Legion Riders Meeting

July 4, 2019
 July 6, 2019
 July 9, 2019
 July 10, 2019
 July 10-14, 2019
 July 13, 2019
 July 20, 2019
 July 24, 2019
 July 31, 2019

Thursday
 Saturday
 Tuesday
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Independence Day
 10 a.m. Coffee at Monarch Landing
 Hines VA Visit
 DuPage County Stand Down Wheaton
 Legion State Convention-Springfield
 10 a.m. Coffee at Brookdale-Lisle
 10 a.m. Coffee at Independence Village
 Legion Rider Meeting
 10 a.m. Coffee at Tabor Hills



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 a Color Guard & Honor 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

Can't Find Your DD-214?

All veterans are encouraged to have a copy of their DD-214 and to have it stored in a location that you and/or your family can easily retrieve it. If you are unable to locate your DD-214, it is now easier than ever to obtain a copy of it. The National Personnel Records Center (NPRC) has provided the following websites for Veterans to gain access to their DD-214.

<http://vetrecs.archives.gov> or <http://www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records>

With the number of veteran benefits and programs available to military veterans, you must provide proof of military service. Your DD-214 makes that process happen. Your request for a copy may take 10-14 days.

Jim Oftedal - Honor Guard



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





Memorial Day will soon be here, and the time to again remember and acknowledge all deceased veterans; those who died in defense of our country, and also those who died from natural causes. Wayne Fischer oversees a volunteer army of over 150, that places over 2700 flags on veteran's gravesites, at 8 cemeteries. And the day after the holiday, they must all be removed.

Last year at this time, several large banners had been prepared, which included the printed names of Naperville area residents whose lives had been sacrificed in numerous wars; the plan was that they would be carried and displayed at the annual Parade. Unfortunately, the extreme heat that day, forced cancellation. They were, however on display later at the program in Central Park. It is hoped that this year's weather will allow the parade to take place, and the banners can be observed by all in attendance.

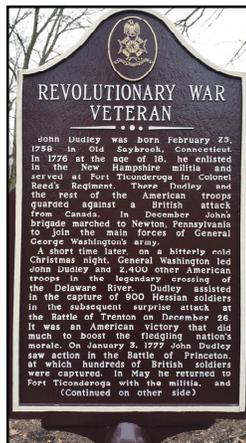
Space does not permit the printing of all those names here (112) Jim Hoch has spent countless hours to computerize much of the deceased Veterans and cemetery information. He continues to accept input from locals who can add facts to what he already has. Following is a partial list of the numbers available:

War	Total served	Total died	Est, Naper population
• Blackhawk	Unknown	1	Unknown
• Mexican	Unknown	1	Unknown
• Civil	Unknown	49	2000 (1860)
• Spanish-Amer	Unknown	8	Unknown
• WWI	303	7	3000 (1920)
• WWII	1037	29	5300 (1940)
• Korea	Unknown	5	7000 (1950)
• Vietnam	Unknown	11	22794 (1970)
• War on Terror	Unknown	1	132230 (2001)
• Iraqi Freedom	Unknown	7	Unknown
• Operation Enduring Freedom	Unknown	2	Unknown
• Afghanistan	Unknown	1	142369 (2010)

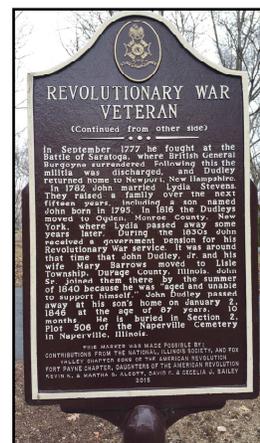
Naperville Cemetery even has a burial site of a Revolutionary War veteran, even though Naperville had not yet been settled at that time. John Dudley (1758-1846) at age 18 enlisted in the New Hampshire Militia. He served at Ft Ticonderoga in Col. Reed's Regiment and later joined forces of Gen Geo Washington's army and participated along with 2400 additional American troops in the historic and legendary Christmas night crossing of the Delaware River. Dudley had a son, John Dudley, Jr., born in 1795, who moved to Lisle Twsp. when Naperville was in its infancy. Dudley, Sr. came to live with him in 1840, died in 1846 at age 87 and thus is buried in Naperville Cemetery. A plaque in his memory, pictured here, reviews the entire comprehensive story.

Memorial Day/Week remains the time for us, the living, to remember and respect all those Comrades-in-Arms before us. May they rest in peace!

Lee Lindberg



(Front)



(Back)



BOY SCOUT TROOP 106

Some of the events Troop 106 has been involved with during late March and early April:

March Campout: Troop 106 camped at Pratt's Wane Woods Forest Preserve in Wayne, IL March 16th through March 17th. The Scouts worked on rank advancements and teaching how to build a fire to our newest Scout.



April Campout: Troop 106 camped at Greene Valley Forest Preserve in Naperville, IL. During the campout the Scouts hiked at Sagawau Canyon in Lemont, IL. The Scouts worked on rank advancements, and also got a great hike in as well.



Troop 106 would also like to thank everyone that came out to support our Scouts on Sunday, April 28th, for our Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser!

Chaplain's Corner

Last month we examined the events leading up to the Battle of Yorktown between Colonial and British forces during the Revolutionary War. Now, we will witness how this decisive battle was won by Washington's Revolutionary War Army with the help of French military forces. By now it had become obvious that the failure of Congress to sustain a credible navy rendered the United States dependent on the French fleet. If there was any chance for victory in a military battle that was by all appearances lost a strategic coup would have to turn certain defeat into victory! The very existence of the United States now rested with the soldiers and sailors of another nation. The French supplied half of the regular troops at Yorktown and paid to keep the American soldiers from deserting. It was decided that a plan to set a surprise trap would need to be planned and implemented. To spring the trap, a French fleet had to sail 2,000 miles northward from its usual home in the Caribbean to the Chesapeake, while George Washington's mixed French and American Army marched south from New York. This strategic coup seemed heaven-sent after three years of frustration during which French and American commanders had bickered and botched previous bids to trap British forces at New York, Newport and Savannah. However, British mistakes were also committed. Sir Henry Clinton commanded the primary British army at New York City. However, he was easily fooled as Washington's army headed south without interruption. In the South, Lord Cornwallis pursued an impulsive and aggressive strategy, abandoning his primary responsibility in the Carolinas and instead began to move his army into harm's way in Virginia. Now, the trap was sprung and began to close in on the surprised and trapped British forces! Cornwallis became strangely passive moving to ground at Yorktown instead of retreating to the south. Once besieged by superior forces, he did little to break out before surrendering. Cornwallis had depended on rescue by other British admirals. Help never came! Those admirals hampered by egotism, greed and envy of one another squandered multiple chances to intercept and defeat the French fleet under Naval Commander deGrasse. The French Navy was responsible for sealing the trap for British forces forcing their surrender. It should be noted that it was French artillery says Nathaniel Philbrick from "In the Hurricane's Eye" that flushed Cornwallis out resulting in his surrender and an unlikely victory for Washington's American forces at Yorktown. Philbrick concludes that "the American army was, in essence, a fly on the back of an elephant."

This key military victory more than any other during the Revolutionary War resulted in the cessation of unfair British taxation and oppressive governing rule under King George and produced the momentum for the creation of a new democratic form of government with certain unalienable rights granted by God such as life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. This form of democratic government had never been tried up to this moment. Before the Revolutionary War our nation was dedicated at Fort Mifflin in God's name that he would guide, protect and bless this nation. We are indebted to the French for their bravery and assistance in making this war for independence a reality. We also need to be grateful for God's grace, mercy, love and wisdom in helping raise up leaders like George Washington to bravely fight for right principles and values and in serving as an example to his men of not quitting when so much was at stake during this war. Thank you God for protecting and defending our great nation. May we never forget this vital truth that YOU are in control of men, government and nations as it relates to achieving your will. Thank you for the brave men and women who serve and have served with honor our nation for 243 years. We are indeed a blessed people living in a blessed nation! God, our prayer is to continue to seek your will for our lives and to serve you faithfully and to continue to continue to seek new opportunities to be of service to others and our great nation.

Now, God Bless You! Stay positive in spirit and demonstrate compassion and caring to those who may cross your path in the coming days!! Enjoy the warm Spring and Summer Days ahead!

Chaplain, Dick Komarek

Sons of the American Legion Squadron 43

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 May 21st, 2019 and all members of the Legion and Legion Riders are encouraged to attend.



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



NRFV Strength & Honor Luncheon held on April 10th. Photos by Jim Hoch

Post 43 Awards Two \$5000 Scholarships

Two local students were presented scholarships at the Awards and Recognition Dinner/Social held on April 20th.

Sarina Tajuddin's essay, *Democracy is Not a Spectator Sport*, described the responsibility of citizens to use their voices, minds and actions to support our democracy. She cited being informed on the issues, voting, openly discussing your political ideas and views with others, and listening to theirs, paying taxes, testifying in court and obeying our laws as means to fulfilling our responsibilities as citizens. She participates in a broad array of activities at Nequa Valley High School and in the community: State Representative Kifowit's Youth Advisory Council, interning at the Field Museum of Natural History and volunteering at Aga Khan U. Hospital in Karachi Pakistan, Speech Team Leader, Volunteer Resource Management, Girl Scouts, founder Rho Kappa Honor Society and Lt. Governor at 2018 Girls State. She has received many honors and awards and she carries a Cumulative Weighted GPA of 4.54.

Regan Macwan excels in Speech and in Math. He placed 3rd in the state in the Legion's High School Oratorical contest in 2016 and 2nd in 2019. He will give the Memorial Day speech in Central Park following the parade through downtown Naperville. He is an Illinois State Scholar, received only one grade less than A in his high school career and has excelled in eight regional and state math competitions. He has volunteered at Feed My Starving Children for five years and at Calvary Church. Regan's essay on the responsibilities of citizenship in a democratic society explains that a democracy, which gives the people the right to govern themselves, is far different than most governments in history. And if that form of government is to enjoy continued success the people must remain engaged, electing good leaders, and holding them accountable for what they do, and don't do. Finally, he points out how lucky we are to live in such a system.

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.





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

James F. Wolff
Frank McGraw
John J. Gillespie Sr.
Wayne Milligan
Edward L. Brengman
Gene Buonamici
Frederick Wagner
Donald B. Harper



SICK CALL

Paul Hogan

Mike Walczak

Dick Knosher

Lee Lindberg

Jack Shiffler





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

MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS are the first Thursday of every month at 7 PM,
at the VFW Hall, 908 W. Jackson Naperville, IL
 Boy Scouts and Special Meetings are at Post Home, 10 W. Chicago Av., Naperville, IL
www.naperlegion.org

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(No Newsletters in June or July)

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May 2019
Activities — Opportunities

May 2 - Post Meeting 7pm
 May 4 - Monarch Landing
 May 11 - Brookdale - Lisle
 May 18 - Independence Village
 May 25 - Tabor Hills
 May 27 - Memorial Day Activities

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



Legion Callers




John Prescott 630-420-1244

(Additional Legion Callers are needed!!)



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Post 43 Past Commanders at Dinner/Social held on April 20th.
(Photo by Jim Hoch)