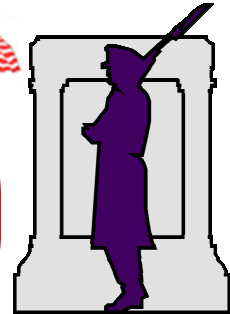




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COMMANDER'S CALL

Doug Deetjen - Post Commander

My Fellow Legionnaires!

What a great start to the year! On January 2nd, we did some cleaning of the Post Home at 10 W. Chicago Av. in Naperville. One of our Active members Cpr. David VandenHouten (grandson), PFC Robert Laboy, and SAL member Robert Deetjen (grandson), Renee VandenHouten (daughter), Nicole Deetjen (grand-daughter), and my wife Sue, all lent a hand. Tom Dillon also helped! Great Job! Burch, sorry the Ford didn't start.



I attended my first Naperville Oratorical Contest on Saturday, January 6, 2018. Don Hennessy runs a tight ship! He even put me to work with Jim Vahle as a time keeper. Don Chasteen watched the contestants; Wayne Fischer brought up contestants to start; and Brian Light, our Treasurer, was there to take care of the checks. With Don Hennessey at the helm, everything seemed to fall into place. Three students gave their speeches on the U.S. Constitution for 8 to 10 minutes. We had three judges listen and grade each contestant. It was a hard job, as they were all great!

I have asked Ken Mores to fill the position of Student Veteran Organization Chairman. In this position, Ken will reach out to Student Veterans at College of DuPage, North Central College, and Lewis University. I do need help with other positions! So, if you can help, please contact me.

Post 43 needs help to make 100% membership. Don Chasteen, as Senior Vice, needs to be contacted! TC Lamson sent Post 43 a list of outstanding members that need to pay their dues. With your help, we could reach our goal by March 2018! I want to thank TC Lamson for all his help from the USS Lamson homeported in Hockley, Texas. Keeping our membership strong is a big deal!

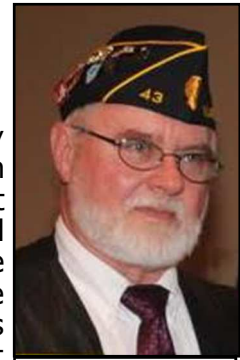
"My generation, just like the ones before it, kept the dream of our founding fathers alive and started the march toward freedom worldwide. It is now for the next generation to continue that long march to peace and freedom for all. God bless those who serve."

Gordon R. Roberts, U.S. Army, Medal of Honor, Viet Nam Era

Doug Deetjen,
Commander

Sr. Vice Commander

Membership, as I have said in the past, is the main responsibility of the Senior-Vice Commander. Since last August, I have been reporting the progress of renewing membership and I will report that we are not quite at the 90% renewal point. I have considered posting the names of the non-renewing members, but I have thought better of it because you know who you are. You have received renewal notices from National, phone calls and e-mails that you have not answered. I would like to make clear one point about how membership is processed. If you have not paid your dues for two years, your membership service will be stopped. If you want back in later, you will start over with zero year's of service. If you don't pay this year's dues, the next year Senior-Vice will be required to seek your dues, but he or she will be asking for two years payment to keep you current. So please check your current membership card. If it does not have "2018" on it, you are a non-current member. Please remit your \$40 dues to the American Legion Post 43, P.O. Box 4, Naperville, IL 60566.



Don Chasteen

There is one other point that I would like to address. Our attendance at monthly meetings and our Legion Socials has dropped significantly. I understand that we have been experiencing some record breaking cold weather that may be keeping some of you away, but the Post needs your support. This Post is one of the largest in the area, and very actively supporting the four pillars of the American Legion. Post 43 supports many activities within the community, and we need our members to be involved in these activities either in a leadership or supportive role. In regards to the Legion Socials, your Officers have been working hard to improve the entertainment, without breaking the bank. However, in my opinion, the Dinner/Socials should be more about spending time with your Legion brothers and sisters getting to know them better. The entertainment is just a plus.

Senior Vice Commander,
Don Chasteen

Coffee "and"

Saturday Morning 10 AM



The February dates are:

**Feb 3 - Monarch Landing
Feb 10 - Brookdale Plaza-Lisle
Feb 17 - Independence Village
Feb 24 - Harbor Chase**

Don't forget our monthly visits with veterans at Monarch Landing, Brookdale Plaza-Lisle, Independence Village, and Harbor Chase. Join us on the 1st Saturday at Monarch Landing, the 2nd Saturday at Brookdale Plaza-Lisle, the 3rd Saturday at Independence Village, and the 4th Saturday at Harbor Chase.

Remember, all are welcome!

Jr. Vice Commander

Our next dinner event on Saturday, February 17, is our Salute to Youth. Adding to the evening will be the Naperville Central High School Jazz band, directed by Dave Alstadt. Dave is also the Director of Bands. Our Kendall Cooks will be working on a great meal. Roast Prime Rib dinner with plenty of good sides and desserts. Make it a point to be there. Bring an appetite, invite a friend and by all means, enjoy the music in your dancing shoes. Social is at 6:00 PM, dinner is served at 7:00 PM and entertainment follows shortly after. Pricing is \$14.00 for adults, \$7.00 for children 6-12 and kids under 6 years old eat free. Don't miss this one with great food and outstanding music.



Roy Bonus

While on the subject of dinners, our March 17 dinner is St. Patrick's Day. The McNulty Irish Dancers will perform traditional Irish dance for us. The dinner will be spectacular. The Kendall Cooks do it up the best with their famous Corned Beef and Cabbage Irish dinner. Of course, Irish potatoes and all the trimmings with dessert. I may be able to coax Don Hennessy to play few Irish tunes for us, on a day when we're all Irish.

Arranging entertainment and dinners is a multi-faceted task. It takes a lot of involvement. Many now help the Jr. Vice Commander with this task. A committee specifying the many things that must be done will be formally named. Some of these items are being done, and will continue to be done by some of us. In other cases, too many items are being done by one or two individuals. We need to divide it up, and ask for your assistance. These duties are small in nature, but contribute greatly to the overall goal. If you can handle just one small job, you will be benefitting your Legion in a large way. Here are the committee positions and the task involvement for each area:

Entertainment: Jr Vice has been handling and recently Legion and Legion Rider member Bob Burch. This task is negotiating and lining up entertainment for the monthly scheduled dinners and any other socials. Bob has not formally taken on this role in a regular capacity. We can always use someone to help out.

Dinners: When Kendall Cooks are not on the schedule, we supplement with catering. The caterers, costs, menus and other arrangements are done well in advance. Others contributing would be a great assist. This is being handled by Jr. Vice, and unofficially Sr. Vice has helped. We need someone to assist.

Reservations: Putting out the e-mail announcements, gathering up the numbers on rsvp so head counts can coincide for caterers and cooks. Not having the right amount, or too much can be costly in many ways. Right now, the Jr. Vice is assisted by Wayne Fischer. We can always use a hand with reservations.

Other areas: Set up crew for tables and chairs, now handled by Legion Riders, but anyone can pitch in. The tablecloths need to be put in place, along with place settings, centerpieces and such. The accessories, namely table cloths, dinnerware and utensils, along with desserts need arranging, pick-up and set-up. Currently Commander Doug Deetjen has handled. We sure could use a hand to help with this task. We know the Commander has plenty to do already, so anyone coming forward will not only help him but also the Jr. Vice make the dinners and entertainment go off smoothly, month after month.

Roy Bonus
Jr. Vice CDR



AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS CHAPTER 43

January and February are non-riding month for the Legion Riders unless you are lucky enough to have a warm destination and a trailer. The rest of us have our bikes nested away for the Winter, with thoughts that Spring is getting closer every day.



In December, a few very hardy members braved the cold weather to decorate their bikes with lights and participate in the Naperville "Little Friends Parade of Lights." With so many riders sporting white beards, the little ones were excited to see Santa on a HOG. Sadly, we could not find any reindeer to ride. Maybe next year!

The Legion Riders will be having their first major change in leadership since the chapter was founded 5 years ago. The changes were not something the members were hoping for, but so many of the Rider officers have now moved up to leadership positions in the American Legion Post 43. It is only fair to elect new Rider members to fill these positions allowing them to commit their valuable time and focus on Legion matters. The Legion Riders are very proud the following Riders are officers for Post 43:

Doug Deetjen – Post Commander
Don Chasteen – Sr. Vice Commander
Roy Bonus – Jr. Vice Commander
Brian Light – Finance Officer
Jim Vahle – Public Relations Officer

Doug, Don, Roy and Jim are founding members of the Post 43 American Legion Riders and deserve special recognition. Don served as Director for 5 years, and Doug as his Assistant Director for 4 years and Jim as Chaplain. They have served the Riders in the most outstanding manner possible and are now continuing their service as officers of Post 43. Words really cannot express how much we will miss them as officers of the Riders, but we are so pleased that they are now serving in these important positions. A thank you to Doug, Don, Jim and all the Riders who serve as officers. Our membership has grown to 51 in these past 5 years.

Although it is not riding season in the Midwest, the Riders are busy with many activities. The Riders will continue our cold weather monthly visits to the Brookdale Senior Living Community. The January visit was great as always. We leave feeling energized after spending time with that group of American heroes. The Riders are also championing the 7th and 8th Grade Essays contest. The Naperville Junior High Schools have the information and we hope to have many participate. If you know of any Naperville Junior High School students, please encourage them to take part in this contest.

The 2018 Rider officers will be installed at the Dinner Social on January 20th. Planning has already begun for the American Legion Riders Post 43 motorcycle ride to be held May 5th to raise funds for Honor Flight Chicago. The police-escorted ride begins at Heritage Harley-Davidson, Lisle and ends at the DuPage County Airport where a gala event is held to support Honor Flight Chicago. Last year we had well over 100 motorcycles, and the entry fee paid by each rider goes to this worthwhile cause.

Finally, if you are a motorcycle enthusiast who would like to support veterans and their families and qualify for the American Legion, Legion Auxiliary or Sons of the American Legion, we would like you to join us as a member. Come out and meet with us at our next monthly meeting on February 28th, 6 pm, at Bono's Pub, 2029 Ogden Av, Lisle, IL.

Tom Dillion
Director ALR Chapter 43
630-803-2047



American Legion Post 43 History

One of the "Four Pillars" on which The American Legion was founded, nearly a century ago, were "Children and Youth". The other three were: "Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation", "Defense", and "Patriotism". At the Post 43 February dinner, it has become part of the history and tradition of this Post to acknowledge the young men & women who have participated in sponsored events of the past year, and I anticipate that several (and some parents) will be our dinner guests on February 17.



Among the programs and events sponsored and underwritten by Post 43, are:

- Annual Premier Boy's State at Eastern Illinois State University, in June
- Annual Premier Girl's State at Eastern Illinois State University, in June
- Sponsorship of Little League Baseball
- Support for VFW National Home for Children at Eaton Rapids, Michigan
- The American Legion Medallion and Certificate to an 8th grade boy and girl from each middle school, and a 12 grade boy and girl from each high school, selected by the faculty
- Annual High School Oratorical Contest and Scholarship Awards
- Participation in various school programs during Memorial Day week and Veteran's Day week
- Sponsorship of Boy Scout Troop 106, which has produced more than 65 Eagle Scouts

Additionally, students volunteer to upgrade, clean, plant and improve the grounds around the VFW Post in the spring, help at the VFW Fish Fry dinners during the Lenten Season, assist in the placement of veteran grave-marker flags (over 2300} prior to Memorial Day, and later removal.

Post 43 is honored to budget almost \$30,000 to support these activities, and look forward to seeing many of these young men and women at the February 17th dinner.

Lee Lindberg

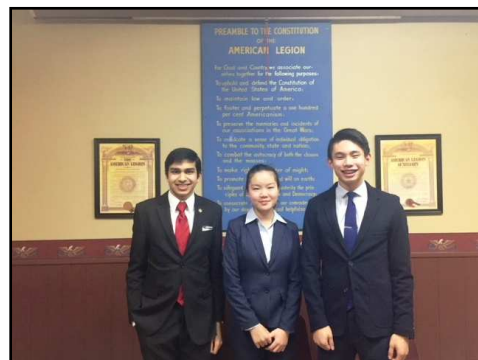
Oratorical Contest Winners

Results for Post 43 Oratorical Contest on Sat. Jan 6:

1. Nicole Tong, Sophomore at Naperville North
2. Regan Macwan, Junior at Home HS
3. Andy Wang, Senior at Neuqua Valley HS

Results for District Oratorical Contest on Sun. Jan 7 at Carol Stream Fire Dept. Training Facility:

1. Ryan Park, Senior at Naperville Central HS
2. Nicole Tong, Sophomore at Naperville North
3. Andy Wang, Senior at Neuqua Valley HS
4. Abby Moser, Senior at Montini HS
5. Regan Macwan, Junior at Home HS



Regan , Nicole, and Andy

The Division Contest will be on Sun, Jan 21, 2018 at 12 Noon Sign-In (1 PM start) again at the Carol Stream Fire Dept. Training Facility, [365 Kuhn Rd, Carol Stream, IL](#). State Contest will be in Springfield, IL in March, and National Contest will be in Indianapolis In in April.

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

**HAPPY 2018 TO ALL OUR VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES!**

Don't forget to stay connected to God in prayer and to each other as we go about our busy lives. Speaking of our precious veterans, an article caught my attention over the

holidays concerning a homeless veteran in Pennsylvania. This story made several important observations about kindness, unselfishness and an unexpected encounter between two people that demonstrated the heart of our veterans and what they represent. A woman, who was so moved by her encounter with this homeless man, that it created a unique opportunity to give back and in so doing it changed her life forever! It seems Kate McClure was driving along a Philadelphia freeway to visit a friend when she ran out of gas. Fortunately, an unlikely hero came to her rescue. Johnny Bobbitt is a 34 year old North Carolina native who served in the Marine Corps and worked as a paramedic and firefighter according to his Facebook page. He told BBC Radio that bad decisions and situations had led him to homelessness. Bobbitt saw Kate pull over and sensing something was wrong approached Kate's car and immediately told her to get back into her vehicle and lock the doors. He returned later with her gas can filled with his last \$20. McClure made the decision to return the kindness by telling the veteran she would return with help. Later she returned with her boyfriend to visit Bobbitt. This time they brought money, warm clothing, food and more. However, this couple wanted to do more; much more as a response to Bobbitt's kindness.

They decided to contact a financial advisor, an attorney, and set up an online fundraiser with a Go Fund Me account so Johnny would have the means to assimilate back into a "normal" life. They also wanted to protect him by taking these steps: Two trust funds and a bank account were set up and, thanks to 14,000 donors, Johnny Bobbitt's act of kindness has raised more than \$390,000. That was enough to buy this veteran a new car and a new home. Lastly, an investment fund will allow Bobbitt's dream of owning some land and a cabin in the county a reality during retirement.

Did you notice that at no time in this story did our veteran ever ask anybody for help. Another great attribute of our veterans and of our homeless Marine is that he never felt sorry for himself or engaged in self-pity. He didn't blame the world for his circumstances. He took ownership over the bad decisions he had made previously that resulted in his homelessness. Lastly, Johnny Bobbitt was a compassionate man who was concerned about his fellow man, in this case a woman and knew Kate wanted to feel safe and secure by staying in the locked car. The end of this story has a happy ending. Even with all the turmoil going on today, when people really stop thinking and acting only for themselves and instead start thinking about another's best interest, can make a huge difference in someone's life. An act of kindness can also change their life forever, as well.

Now let me see! Could we try reaching out to each other a little more to help the other guy, and without expecting anything in return! I think most of us would agree that a simple act of kindness towards another next week can have positive life altering results in daring to lower our guard in order that another can feel compassion and love.

Chaplain Dick Komarek



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





AMERICAN LEGION POST 43 CALENDAR



February 1, 2018
February 3, 2018
February 10, 2018
February 13, 2018
February 14, 2018
February 17, 2018
February 17, 2018
February 19, 2018
February 24, 2018
February 28, 2018

Thursday
Saturday
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Wednesday



Post Meeting 7 p.m.
10 a.m. Coffee at Monarch Landing
10 a.m. Coffee at Brookdale Plaza-Lisle
Hines VA Visit (bus leaves at 6:15pm)
Valentine's Day
10 a.m. Coffee at Independence Village
Dinner/Social - Youth Recognition
President's Day
10 a.m. Coffee at Harbor Chase
Legion Rider Meeting

March 1, 2018
March 3, 2018
March 3, 2018
March 10, 2018
March 13, 2018
March 17, 2018
March 17, 2018
March 24, 2018
March 28, 2018

Thursday
Saturday
Saturday
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Wednesday



Post Meeting 7 p.m.
10 am Coffee at Monarch Landing
HFC Hockey Classic Bensenville
Naperville St. Patrick's Day Parade
Hines VA Visit (bus leaves at 6:15pm)
10 a.m. Coffee at Independence Village
Dinner/Social - St. Patrick's Day
10 a.m. Coffee at Harbor Chase
Legion Rider Meeting

April 5, 2018
April 7, 2018
April 10, 2018
April 14, 2018
April 14, 2018
April 21, 2018
April 21, 2018
April 25, 2018
April 28, 2018

Thursday
Saturday
Tuesday
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Saturday



Post Meeting 7 p.m.
10 am Coffee at Monarch Landing
Hines VA Visit (bus leaves at 6:15pm)
10 a.m. Coffee at Brookdale Plaza-Lisle
7th & 8th Grade Speech Contest
10 a.m. Coffee at Independence Village
Dinner/Social - Past Commanders
Legion Rider Meeting
10 a.m. Coffee at Harbor Chase



American Legion Centennial Celebration

To view Post 43 Centennial Website:

1. Go to <http://centennial.legion.org/>
2. Mid-page See "Check it out" click on Post histories
3. When new page opens click on "Illinois"
4. Click on Naperville Post 43 and you can view our History. We are just getting started and need you to help tell the story. Some of you remember your parents' stories as well. Please share.



To share a story:

1. Go to <http://centennial.legion.org/>
2. Blue banner on left side of Page » history » share your Post History
3. Arrow down under Department to "Illinois" and add "43" for Post. If this is the first time on the site it will say you have not registered.
4. Enter your e-mail address and create a personal password.
5. You will be given 3 choices:
 - Add to timeline
 - Add to Photo Gallery
 - Add an upcoming event
6. After making your choice, just fill in the blanks. It will ask what format you want HTML or Plain Text. HTML is a computer language using a code to help format the write-up. For those unfamiliar with HTML, just select Plain Text and format as usual.
7. When you get to the bottom of the page click save.
8. The Post 43 Administrators of the site will then be able to edit and make any corrections necessary. Then your entry will be visible on the site.
9. If you prefer, you can send your article to:
Lauren Evans evans.laurenann@gmail.com



Veteran Real Estate Minute

Did you know that you can use your VA Home Loan for investment properties? That's absolutely correct! Your loan can be used to purchase a duplex, triplex, or fourplex. The only requirement is that the veteran must occupy one of the units. Multi-unit properties allow for the owner to live mortgage free while generating cash flow each month!

Check out next months issue where I talk about downsizing to a smaller home, town-house, or condominium and how it relates to your VA Home Loan.

For additional information, contact Jennifer Slown at 630-803-2251 or jenniferbslown@gmail.com

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)



PREMIER BOYS STATE AND ILLINI GIRLS STATE

Premier Boys State will be held from **June 9 - 15, 2018** and Illini Girls State will be held from **June 17 - 23, 2018** 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 Terry Jelinek at 630-357-5366 (Premier Boys State) or Eileen Lass 630-778-7603 (Illini Girls State) for more information. Naperville Post 43 will cover enrollment and transportation costs.

**Post 43 Twelfth Annual Middle/Junior High School Speech Contest**

The 2018 contest will begin at 10:00 AM on Saturday, April 14, 2018 on the second floor of the Legion Hall at 10 West Chicago Av. in Naperville. Contestants must be in the 7th or 8th grades.

They will speak for from four to six minutes on some aspect of the Constitution of the United States. Judging is based on content and speaking skill. Participants gain a better knowledge of the constitution, a chance to hone their speaking skills in front of an audience, cash prizes of \$125, \$75 and \$50 for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place respectively - each participant will receive at least \$25, and valuable experience should they elect to compete as a high school student in the Legion's Constitutional Oratorical Contest.



In the past ten years Naperville's contestants in that contest have done very well, many having progressed through county, district, and division contests to compete at state. Two have gone on to place second and third at the national contest in Indianapolis. College Scholarships awarded at the Illinois contest total \$13,000 and at National \$130,000, Quite an incentive for the students and their parents.

You can be a part of the audience or help with one of the many (easy) tasks necessary to stage the contest. What's in it for you? I'll bet you will learn something about the Constitution, you'll be supporting our local youth and I'll bet you will be very impressed with these kids. And it only costs you a couple hours; no long term obligation involved. Contact me or just show up on Saturday April 8. Bring a friend. And be sure that all eligible children, nieces, nephews, grandchildren, friends and neighbors are aware so they have chance to enter the contest.

Jim Vahle
630-864-7183
vahlej@comcast.net



2018 SCHOLARSHIP AWARD INCREASED TO \$5000

Purpose

American Legion Post 43, Naperville, in order to assist a deserving young man or woman pursue their education after high school, will award a graduate of the class of 2018 from an accredited Illinois high school a scholarship of up **to \$5000.00**, to paid directly to any technical school or degree granting college or university within the United States, upon confirmation of enrollment.

Eligibility

- Resident of Illinois who is currently a senior in high school in the class of 2018 and
- Child, stepchild or grandchild or great grandchild of a member of Naperville American Legion Post 43, Chapter 43 Legion Riders, or Sons of the Legion Squadron 43
- Or currently a member of Boy Scout Troop 106, or The Ghostriders Sea Cadet VF-142 Squadron, or was a High School Oratorical Contest participant or attended Illinois Boys/Girls State under the sponsorship of Naperville American Legion Post 43
- **Or NEW THIS YEAR:** The child of a Naperville military veteran who, while a resident and on active duty, was killed or suffered a disability of 50% or more as determined by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

Selection Criteria

- Academic achievement (GPA: high school transcript required)
- Leadership and participation in school and/or community activities
- Honors,
- Community Service
- Patriotic Involvement
- Student essay describing the responsibilities of citizenship in a democratic society. The essay shall be the original work of the student. Any other material must be foot-noted. The essay shall not be longer than three typed pages, and will be formatted with one-inch margins, 1.5 line spacing and 12-point font.
- The grading of this essay will be based on grammar, spelling, originality, context and content at a level consistent with exceptional high school work.

Applying for the Award

Send all required material and supporting documentation to American Legion Post #43, P.O. Box 4, Naperville, IL 60566, Attention: Scholarship Committee. Please include your name, address, phone number & email address for contact information. Applications must be received by March 27, 2018.

The decision of the Scholarship Committee Judges is final and all applicants will receive written notification that a decision has been reached. The winner will be notified by telephone and presentation of this award will take place on the evening of April 21, 2018 at the American Legion Awards and Recognition Banquet.

Questions: contact Jim Vahle 630-864-7183, vahlej@comcast.net



WILL YOU NOMINATE NAPERVILLE'S CITIZEN(S) OF THE YEAR?

Naperville American Legion Post 43 began naming a Citizen of the Year in 1986. Three years ago the program was expanded to consider naming a Citizen of the Year in up to three categories: Service to the Community, Service to Youth, and Service to Veterans.

We are again asking for community assistance to identify deserving candidates in each category and we especially want input from our own Post 43 Legion members.

Nominees must be Naperville residents; and their service must have been performed in a volunteer capacity, rather than as part of compensated employment.

Anyone may nominate a candidate by sending a letter or email that includes a comprehensive description of the services the nominee performed, the time frame, duration, and significance of the service to others, and the category they are being nominated for, along with the name and contact information for the nominee and the person offering the nomination. Letters from others endorsing the nominee are encouraged.

Naperville is blessed with people who serve their fellow citizens. Typically, the judges have a very difficult task. Comprehensive information, attachments and endorsements may be included, are of great help to them in selecting the winners. They may be mailed to American Legion Post 43, Citizen of the Year, Post Office Box 4, Naperville, 60566 or emailed to vahlej@comcast.net to arrive by March 27, 2018.

Winners will be announced in the local media and honored at the Legion's Awards and Recognition Banquet on April 21, 2018.

So, fire up your keyboard; sharpen your pencil; and make sure the selection committee knows about your candidate.

Questions? Contact
Jim Vahle
(630) 864-7183

BOY SCOUT TROOP 106

Troop 106 Christmas Party held on 12/18/17 at the Post Home 10 West Chicago Av. The Troop also volunteered at Gift Mart on 12/16. Gift Mart gives less fortunate families an opportunity to purchase toys at a reduced price. The Scouts helped entertain the youth while parents shopped.





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

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David S. Schremp
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Robert J. Lewis
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Dick Knosher Doug Askren





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 Ave., Naperville, IL

www.naperlegion.org

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February 2018 Activities — Opportunities

Feb 1 - Post Meeting 7pm

Feb 7 - Monarch Landing

Feb 10 - Brookdale Plaza-Lisle

Feb 17 - Independence Village

Feb 17 - Dinner/Social

Feb 24 - Harbor Chase

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





American Legion Post #43
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Post 43 District Oratorical Contestants
Abby Moser, Nicole Tong, Ryan Park, Andy Wang, Regan Macwan