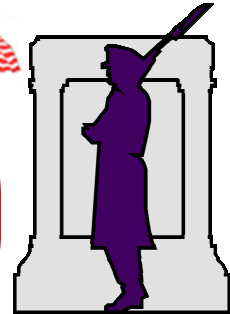




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COMMANDER'S CALL

Don Chasteen - Post Commander

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

I cannot believe that we are already into November of this Legion year. The time is going by fast, just as I thought it would because of all the activities that Post 43 is involved in. This month will be an especially busy month with the regular Legion meeting, all the ceremonies for Veterans Day, and the combined dinner with the VFW on that day. Add in your family Thanksgiving holiday and the Little Friends Holiday Parade of Lights on December 1st, makes it one of the busiest months of the Legion calendar.



In regards to membership, there are two things I want to mention. First, the membership committee is working very hard to meet the renewal percentages set by District/Department – great job and a big thanks to all on the committee. Second, if you have not paid your dues please help the committee by paying them now, which also helps yourself. By paying your dues before the end of December entitles you to all the benefits offered by the American Legion.

November 12-16th is American Education Week. Many of our members will be at our local schools to recognize Veterans Day, but they should also be proud of the American Legion for having a part in creating American Education Week. In 1919 the American Legion and the National Education Association noticed that 25% of the WWI draftees were uneducated. At both of these organizations conventions, they adopted resolutions to support a national effort to point out the importance of education to the public, thus the formation of the American Education Week.

The Post is still in need of Legion Callers and a chairman for the Gifts to the Yanks program. These positions are not limited to just Legion members, so SAL members please consider these positions.

I hope all our veterans have a great Veterans Day and a Happy Thanksgiving!

For the Good of the Legion,

Don Chasteen
Commander, Naperville American Legion Post 43



Sr. Vice Commander

Understanding the Sheepdog Mentality

Fellow Veterans, Legion members and friends of same, as we seek to add membership, we should remember a basic principle. People join, or pay for, that which gives them value. We need to be the experts on the challenges, opportunities and resources available to Veterans. This month the sheepdog mentality.



Jack Amberg

One area that I learned a lot about from when I worked everyday in the Veterans Space is the area of perception; the perception of how we, the Veterans, see the world. To understand that perception, and help families, friends and regular folks (I'll get back to this), as well as fellow Veterans, it's helpful to understand the Sheepdog.

What does a Sheepdog do? I ask this often when I meet folks who are experiencing challenges in their Veteran relationships. The answer I normally get is the sheepdog herds the sheep. Technically that is true, but they herd the sheep to keep them together to **protect them from the wolf**. Compare that with what Veterans do and did.

Veterans, as Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines and Coastguardsmen, protected good people from bad people. Don't complicate it. That's it. Whether on a ship, in a plane, or in a hole in the ground; whether you moved and supplied stuff, threw bullets or just made sure the equipment was running, Veterans protected good people from bad people. At our core, we did not care the color of the skin of the good people, the food the good people ate, the way the good people worshipped or prayed....it was simple and straight forward. Good People protect, bad people kill. The issue is, can the sheepdog ever tell the sheep that the wolf makes them afraid?

Once a sheepdog, always a sheepdog. It is still in our DNA to protect good people from bad people. Those good people are also our family, friends, neighbors. When we understand this perception of how we see people, it is easier to understand why we don't want to talk about certain things with certain people. If we share our fear that the wolf gives us with the sheep, we can make the sheep fearful, they see us a protector, and it can dishonor our service and how we perceive ourselves.

HOWEVER, we can share the feelings of fear with other sheepdogs. We are comfortable because we understand the concept of being willing to give our life for another and the fear that comes with it. In gaining this understanding, it is clear why Marines like to hang with Marines, and Sailors with Sailors. I have seen that Soldiers understand Airmen and Coasties can relate too. A sheepdog is a sheepdog. Which makes it critical for sheepdogs to have sheepdogs in their networks.

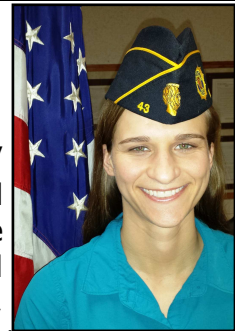
Getting back to families, friends and regular folks, when they understand the sheepdog mentality, they more easily understand why we don't share some of our thoughts and feelings with them. This understanding can take a tremendous amount of pressure off the relationship. They can know that they are not at fault or lacking in any way. They also can take action and connect their loved one to other sheepdogs.

So when people respond to you, "Why should I join the American Legion?" you can let them now, because we understand you. We can relate to you because we are also sheepdogs.

Senior Vice Commander,
Jack Amberg



Jr. Vice Commander



Jennifer Slown

I hope everyone had a wonderful time at our Oktoberfest Dinner/Social and celebration of Women in the Military! Thank you to all who attended and enjoyed the fantastic German cuisine and festive tunes provided by Ron Keller and his "Oompah Band". Also a special thanks to our "anonymous beer donor" for the generous donation, and to Prima Sweets by Stacey Harrison for her wonderful dessert contribution! A fun time was had by all. A friendly reminder that RSVP'ing helps us control costs keeping the per person price fixed at \$14. I greatly appreciate everyone who responds to the email blast that goes out as it helps me plan accordingly!

If you haven't been to one of our Dinner/Socials this year, I highly encourage you to attend our November Veterans Day dinner. Our famous Kendall Cooks will prepare a delectable turkey dinner with all of the fixings and dessert! Come and give thanks with your fellow Legionnaires and VFW members while we celebrate all Veterans of our great nation. **A reminder that this dinner is SUNDAY November 11th with social hour starting at 5pm and dinner served promptly at 6pm. Hope to see you there!**

Semper Fidelis!
Jennifer Slown
Jr Vice Commander

Sons of the American Legion Squadron 43

Fellow Legionnaires,



During our last meeting, we discussed different ways to improve on the S.A.L. membership. One of the suggestions that came up was to have a fundraiser. Everyone knows breakfast is the most important meal of the day, so we will be hosting our first ever S.A.L. Pancake Breakfast! We will be asking for your support to make this a successful event. The breakfast will be in late February and will be held at the VFW, more details to follow.

Our stated S.A.L. meeting is every third Tuesday at 7pm. We meet in the lower level "patio" at the VFW hall. Our next stated meeting is scheduled for November 20th. All member of the Legion and Legion Riders are welcome and encourage all to attend. As a reminder all male descendants, adopted sons, and stepsons of members of The American Legion, and such male descendants of veterans who died in Service are eligible to join.

Chris Lance
Squadron 43 SAL Commander
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AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS CHAPTER 43

The first half of fall has been rainy and cool, but your Legion Riders were still active. Winter hibernation for our bikes is about one month away, but we Riders will still stay active in Legion events.



In September, the Riders held their annual fundraising dinner on September 29th at the VFW Hall. The meal was catered by Texas Roadhouse and was a great success! Over 180 people supported this event. Thanks to all who attended, donated or assisted.

Besides the dinner, the Riders visited Brookdale-Lisle and also attended the quarterly Direct Burial at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery in Elwood, IL. As always we also participated in numerous Rider events that supported our veterans in one way or another.

On October 25th, The Legion Riders had a fundraiser dinner at Texas Roadhouse, 2856 Patriot's Lane, Naperville, IL. Texas Roadhouse donated 10% of their profits to the Legion Riders fund for all who mention that they are supporting the Legion. The Riders would like to thank all those who came out to support us.

Our next Post 43 Legion Rider meeting is November 14th, 2018. The meeting will begin at 7:00pm at the patio of our VFW/Legion Hall. All members of the Legion or Sons of the American Legion are welcome to attend. We generally meet for a pre-meeting meal at Stilin's Grill, 2029 Ogden Avenue, Lisle at about 6:00pm.

Tom Dillon
Director ALR Chapter 43
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Boy Scout Troop 106

Some of the events Troop 106 have been involved with during this Fall:

9/11 Memorial Ceremony: Troop 106 took part in the 9/11 Memorial Ceremony in downtown Naperville by helping hand out programs and flags before the ceremony. (See photo back page)

Rock Cut State Park Campout: Troop 106 camped at Rock Cut State Park September 14th through the 16th. While there, they worked on rank advancements along with performing conservation service hours.





AMERICAN LEGION POST 43 CALENDAR



November 1, 2018
November 3, 2018
November 10, 2018
November 10, 2018
November 10, 2018
November 11, 2018
November 13, 2018
November 14, 2018
November 17, 2018
November 20, 2018
November 24, 2018

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Post Meeting 7 p.m.
10 a.m. Coffee at Monarch Landing
Our Saviour's Men's Breakfast 7:30 a.m.
10 a.m. Coffee at Brookdale - Lisle
U.S. Marine Corps Birthday
Dinner/Social - Veterans Day 5 p.m.
Hines VA Visit (bus leaves at 6:15pm)
Legion Rider Meeting
10 a.m. Coffee at Independence Village
S.A.L. Squadron Meeting 7 p.m.
10 a.m. Coffee at Harbor Chase

December 1, 2018
December 1, 2018
December 6, 2018
December 7, 2018
December 8, 2018
December 8, 2018
December 11, 2018
December 15, 2018
December 15, 2018
December 19, 2018
December 22, 2018

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10 a.m. Coffee at Monarch Landing
Little Friends Parade 7 p.m.
Post Meeting 7 p.m.
77th Anniversary Pearl Harbor
10 a.m. Coffee at Brookdale Plaza-Lisle
Army/Navy Game 2 p.m.
Hines VA Visit (bus leaves at 6:15pm)
10 a.m. Coffee at Independence Village
No Dinner/Social
Legion Riders Meeting
10 a.m. Coffee at Harbor Chase

January 1, 2019
January 3, 2019
January 5, 2019
January 8, 2019
January 12, 2019
January 19, 2019
January 19, 2019
January 21, 2019
January 23, 2019
January 26, 2019

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!!
Post Meeting 7 p.m.
10 a.m. Coffee at Monarch Landing
Hines VA Visit (bus leaves at 6:15pm)
10 a.m. Coffee at Brookdale Plaza-Lisle
10 a.m. Coffee at Independence Village
Dinner/Social - Rider/SAL Officer Initiation
Martin Luther King Day
Legion Riders Meeting
10 a.m. Coffee at Harbor Chase



**Veterans Day 2018**

We will be conducting flag raisings at all of the District 203 schools on Monday, November 12th. The day will start with a breakfast at the District office located at the corner of Webster and Hillside at 7 a.m. Please RSVP by November 2nd to 203RSVP@Naperville203.org. If you have not been assigned a school, call me. (My number is 630-357-5366). After breakfast we will all head out to our respective schools. Please remember to wear your Legion/VFW cover. If you decide that morning you can attend just come to the District Office for breakfast and see me there and I will assign you a school.

Our **Veterans Day Memorial service will be held at 11am on Sunday Nov 11th** at Veterans Park located on Gartner Rd. Please arrive by 10:45 a.m. You may not be able to park across the street in the church parking lot, as church is in session.

A special Veterans Day concert will be at 3 p.m. in Wentz Hall at North Central College. Later that night we will have our Veterans Day Dinner/Social. Our social hour will commence at 5 p.m. followed by our traditional Turkey dinner at 6 p.m. It is very important that you RSVP to Wayne Fischer (630-240-8868) or Jennifer Slown at jenniferbslown@gmail.com so we have an accurate head count and do not run out of food.

Thank you,
Terry Jelinek

Men's Breakfast , Saturday, November 10th, 7:30 a.m.
Our Saviour's Lutheran Church
815 S. Washington Street

Come and enjoy a hearty breakfast and honor our Veterans. This year we start our "fireside chats with Vets". Our first guest vet on Nov. 10th is Doug Deetjen, US Navy, Vietnam, served on the USS Oriskany, a ship loaded with history. Doug will share his stories and experiences, so please plan to attend.

***Coffee "and"***

Saturday Morning 10 AM



The November dates are:

Nov 3 - Monarch Landing
Nov 10 - Brookdale - Lisle
Nov 17 - Independence Village
Nov 24 - Harbor Chase

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

Remember, all are welcome!

The History of Veterans Day

Those of us who are "older", however the term older may be defined, remember when it was known only as "Armistice Day" At the eleventh hour, on the eleventh day, on the eleventh month in 1918, an armistice was signed, officially ending the conflict in Europe which has since come to be known as "World War 1".



On November 11 and 12, 1940, I was a youngster in Minnesota, when the Midwest was ravaged by an early and sudden Winter blizzard. Winds of 50-80 MPH, more than 2 ft. of snow with 20 ft. drifts, and a drastic drop in temperature; 145 perished as a result, about half of which were duck hunters unprepared for such an early storm. Each year when November 11 has passed in Minnesota, anything can happen as far as the weather is concerned, and it is still remembered and frequently referred to as "the Armistice Day Storm".

-On November 11, 1919, President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed the first anniversary of that occasion.

-In 1926 Congress passed a resolution that the day would become observed annually.

-In 1954 President Dwight Eisenhower officially changed the name from Armistice Day to Veterans Day, and that all military veterans would be remembered and honored.

-In 1968 Congress attempted to change the date to the fourth Monday in October, in accordance with the "Uniform Holiday Bill".

-In 1975, after little success for the change in lieu of minimal states' cooperation, President Gerald Ford signed into public law that the day would again be officially observed on 11/11, each year.

-Several other countries have somewhat similar observances on or around the same time, including Britain, Canada, France, and Australia.

The American Legion Post 43, and Judd Kendall VFW Post 3873, will again gather at 11:00 A.M. on November 11 at Naperville Veterans Park for a brief ceremony. Again that evening, the annual Veterans Day Dinner will take place at the VFW, featuring the Kendall Cooks and the usual wonderful roast turkey dinner. On Monday, November 12, School District 203 will again treat us to breakfast prior to our visits to various schools. **Will be another day to remember!**

Lee Lindberg



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



Chaplain's Corner

It might come as no surprise to many Legionaries and their families that hard fought freedoms by our brave Veterans have come under attack as never before in our nation's history. Specifically, freedom of speech challenges to individual spiritual and religious expression is being experienced by our military Chaplains, many of which are being disciplined or dismissed from active duty for teaching Judeo-Christian principles or sharing faith with active duty personnel. Active duty Veterans are barred from posting scriptures on dorm bulletin boards or having to delete any reference to "God" in open prayer. Also, as part of commencement activities at the US Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs this past year. In addition our Constitution and the Rules of Law are being sidestepped or ignored completely by lawmakers in Washington or mocked by our national media which views the Constitution as not relevant to the times we are now living in, even though the founding fathers created under God's inspirational hand the greatest document of freedom, moral truths and virtues serving as the best model and foundation to govern a nation of people ever conceived and implemented by any nation in human history! Commenting on our current national dysfunction, John Kass, columnist for the Chicago Tribune wrote recently, "I grew up with the belief that individual liberty was sacred, that tyranny of the majority must be resisted and the rule of the mob was something to be feared. But those ideas have been scorched now, haven't they?" The Alliance Defending Freedom for Faith & Justice recently warned that those intolerant of public expressions of God seek to force into silence through intimidation and unsubstantiated claims about the character of those standing by their moral convictions or through economic retaliation. These are not the tactics of good faith public debates, these are the tactics of tyranny." Franklin Graham upon completing a 12 month 50 state capital tour had these sobering comments on returning this nation back to God. "What I believe is happening today, that I haven't seen in my lifetime, is the incredibly swift spread of darkness in virtually every sector of our culture and in practically every region of the world. The forces of evil are working on every group to undermine and destroy the foundations of a morally healthy society. Respect for authority, sacredness of marriage between a man and woman, the sanctity of life for the unborn and our freedom to take a stand for values we know are right." Tony Evans echoes Mr. Graham in stating: "we are experiencing the passive wrath of God as he takes his hand off the culture which progressively allows more deviance, decadence and decay into our culture."

President Franklin Roosevelt, eleven months before the attack on Pearl Harbor gave a nationwide speech stating that a "new order of tyranny" had been unleashed and was taking hold in the world. Roosevelt set forth 4 essential human freedoms needed to be adopted by the world community. There must be freedom of speech, freedom from fear, freedom from want and the freedom for every person to worship God in his/her own way. Contrast this with the philosophies of tyrannical dictators like Hitler's Germany and Nazi Party, which embraced a pagan religion of mysticism, racialism and the occult and social Darwinism and encouraged book burning of religious and spiritual ideas from other cultures. All religions were subordinated to the state and THEIR definition of moralism. America is showing signs of moral decay where moral absolutes are taboo and should not be taught or face censure and other penalties. Good is now evil and evil is good! Roosevelt concluded his 1941 speech by noting, "religious liberty is the proverbial canary in the coalmine of society's health."

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It doesn't tell us everything about a government or group but it tells us enough. God's word is true yesterday, today and tomorrow, and does not change with society's new norms. We need not be afraid to share our faith and take a stand for what is right, even if it may be unpopular, draw anger, or cost us. Remember, the only thing which allows evil to grow unchecked is if good people choose to do nothing. God's protection on this nation since its inception is at risk if the moral climate of America does not change. Let's all resolve to do our part to not be indifferent to the threats to freedom we are observing. I pray that each of us profess a strong faith and prayerful life, and to turn to the Holy Spirit to direct our will and actions to be in alignment with God's will for our life. We must meet this challenge to our nations freedoms and moral crisis or we may soon not recognize the America we all grew up and served in. God bless each of you and God Bless and have Mercy on the United States of America.

Chaplain Dick Komarek

Legion celebrates 100th Anniversary in 2019

Post 43's history dates back to the formation of the national American Legion during the Paris Caucus for "Comrades in Service," which met on March 17, 1919. Later that year in June, a group of 15 World War I veterans from Naperville, IL, met to form a local American Legion Post.

The group, led by Chauncey W. Reed, mailed an application to the state American Legion on June 25 and State Headquarters issued a charter dated July 5, 1919, which designated Naperville American Legion Post 43. The Post received its National Charter on August 1, 1920.

It is fitting, therefore, for Post 43 to participate in the observance of the American Legion's 100th anniversary. The local events planned for different time during 2019 :

- Request the City of Naperville issue a proclamation marking the anniversary

- Publicize the proclamation to draw public attention to the anniversary

- Add a tagline to Post 43 correspondence and news releases: "Celebrating 100 years of service to veterans, armed forces members, youth and community"

- Explore installing exhibit at Nichols Library with memorabilia from Post 43 history (with assistance from members donating material for the exhibit)

- Installing similar exhibit at Naperville Settlement

Post 43 members are invited to comment on these proposed observances and to suggest additional ways to mark the anniversary. It is also requested the long-time Post 43 members, including those with multi-generational participation, help by loaning items for the proposed exhibits.

To provide suggestions or display material, contact:
Joe Strebel at 630-369-3846 or jstreb1943@gmail.com





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



Kate receives a certificate of appreciation from both Posts.



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MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS are the first Thursday of every month at 7 PM,
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Boy Scouts and Special Meetings are at Post Home, 10 W. Chicago Ave., Naperville, IL

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November 2018 Activities — Opportunities

Nov 1 - Post Meeting 7pm

Nov 3 - Monarch Landing

Nov 10 - Brookdale - Lisle

Nov 11 - Veteran's Day activities

Nov 17 - Independence Village

Nov 24 - Harbor Chase

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

Veterans Day



Legion Callers



John Prescott



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Troop 106, sponsored by Post 43, took part in the 9/11 Memorial Ceremony held at the CMDR Dan Shanower Memorial.