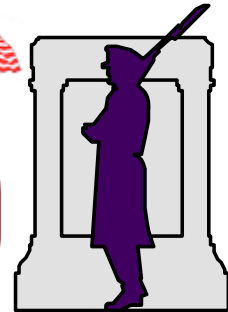




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COMMANDER'S CALL

Lee Lindberg - Post Commander

On Saturday, March 4th, I was again at the Peoria Civic Center to witness the annual American Legion Department of Illinois Oratorical Contest for High School students. Wayne Fischer had already gone the day before to be readied as one of the moderators. I'm proud and happy to report that our Post 43, for the 6th time since 2005, has claimed the state speaking champion in the person of Central High School Junior, Ryan Park. Don Hennessy has administered this program for Post 43 for several years.



Ryan was one of four participants who represented Naperville, and there were a total of 25 speakers from all around the state. The others: Regan Macwan, Nicole Tong, and Shivansh Gupta all performed exceptionally. These students were also our guests on "youth night" at the February Legion dinner.

These youngsters typically do wonderful, and especially when one considers the strict rules under which they must perform: 1) the speech must be the individual's own composition, and about some aspect of the Constitution; 2) it must be at least 8 minutes in length, but not more than 10 minutes, or be penalized; 3) the moderator makes the introduction by speech title only; 4) it must be memorized, no notes or props; 5) no mike or amplification can be used; 6) there shall be no applause or photography, and each speaker is not allowed to listen to any of the others.

After they have all delivered their individual speeches and the judges have had an opportunity to compile their notes, a sealed envelope is opened and a constitutional amendment is made known. Each participant is then allowed 5 minutes to prepare a speaking response of between 3 and 5 minutes, and they are all called back to the room one at a time. The semi-finals are then complete and 5 winners are selected. The finals take place in the afternoon with the same basic rules applied, but with a different constitutional amendment being drawn.

Ryan was awarded a \$2000 scholarship for his win. He will now advance to the national contest on April 22-23 in Indianapolis, where candidates from all 50 states, Wash DC, France, Puerto Rico, and Mexico will compete. Some of us will be there for support.

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Sr. Vice Commander

MY FELLOW VETERANS

Our membership as of 3/12/17 is as follows:

PUFL 50, ACTIVE 28, WWII 37, KOREA 86, VIETNAM 249, LEBANON/ GRENADA 21, PANAMA 10, GOLF/PERSIAN 52, NEW & TRANSFER IN'S 35, TRANSFER OUT 9, DECEASED 12. TOTAL

NUMBER OF MEMBERS 587. We appreciated all of your help! We still have the following members missing. Please read the names below. Contact me if you know where they are – it is greatly appreciated. **SIGN A MEMBER – GET A PIN.**



Doug Deetjen

POST MEMBERS WHO ARE STILL MISSING:

Arnold, John	Laz, Joseph	Zitkovich, Michael
Dillinder, Richard	Lydon, Jared	Collins, Michael
Evans, Phillip	Marshall, Thomas	Corrigan, James
Feltner, Richard	McDonald, Daniel	Flink, Ron
Goulet, Bernard	Moers, William	Hoyt, Matthew
Griffin, Ronald	Rauch, William	Kennedy, Charles
Heinz, Michael	Shanahan, Edward	Oneill, Francis
Kiselka, Edward	Trunzo, Anthony	Richmond, Jared
	Wavrinek, Owen	Rickert, David

If you help find these 26 members we will have a total of 613 members which would put us over 100%!!

Contact Sr. Vice Doug Deetjen 630-674 1133

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THANKS IN ADVANCE FOR ALL YOUR HELP!!!

DOUG DEETJEN – SR. VICE COMMANDER



Poppy Day: Veterans Serving Veterans

On Thursday, May 25, 2017, Post 43 will hold its annual "Poppy Day" in Naperville and Lisle area, from approx. 6 am to 8 am. As in the past 4 years, all of the proceeds will go to support disabled veterans, specifically thru the American Legion "OPERATION COMFORT WARRIORS". Be a contributor to this special program and help us promote poppies on May 25th. As in the past, we will need volunteers to take donations on Poppy Day at the Naperville and Lisle Train Stations. Sign-up sheets and poppies will be available at the Post meeting on May 4th. Mark your calendars now! Your help is needed to help raise these proceeds!!

Jr. Vice Commander



Don Chasteen

The American Legion year 2016/2017 is ending shortly, and for me it has gone by quickly. Nominations for the 2017/2018 Officer Slate will take place at our April meeting and elections will take place at the May Legion meeting. So for this reason, it is most important that you attend the next Legion meeting so you have a voice in who will manage your Legion next year. Our next Legion meeting is on 6-April. Meeting starts at 7 PM at the VFW, come early or stay afterwards to socialize (get to know) some of the other members.

On Saturday, 15-April is also the last Legion Social for the 2016/2017 year. This month's Social we will celebrate/recognize our past Commanders. It is also when we present the Citizens of the Year Awards and the High School Scholarships. As usual the evening will start at 6 PM with a social hour, dinner to be served around 7 PM, and the program to start around 8 PM. The menu for the April Social will be pulled pork and all things that go with it. The pig will be roasted at the VFW, by Jimmy (the gentleman who has cooked it the last several years) , and all the things that go with it will be prepared by our Kendall Cooks. Lee Lindberg will be furnishing the desserts.

Membership in the American Legion is very important to enable our post to support the many activities that are for the veterans, community and our youth. By attending meetings you might find an interesting activity that you would like to be involved in. More involvement by more members makes your Legion better.

Junior Vice,
Don Chasteen

Coffee "and"
Saturday Morning 10 AM



The April dates are:

Apr 1 - Monarch Landing
Apr 8 - Brookdale Plaza
Apr 15 - Independence Village
Apr 22 - Harbor Chase

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



AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS CHAPTER 43



I guess I can say that the riding season for the Riders has officially started with the St Patrick's Day parade. The weather was not co-operating with temperatures in the high twenties, but three of our Riders geared up to make an appearance, unfortunately I was not one of them. The three Riders were Tom Dillon, Doug Deetjen, and Bob Burch who can now claim to be all weather riders.

The Riders are in full swing in planning the ride they sponsor to support the DuPage Veterans Chicago Honor Flight Fundraiser on May 6th. Tickets are now available for this event, so the Riders are planning on attending some other chapter meetings to promote this event. Our goal is to again have over 100 motorcycles at this event.

April is also the start of Chicago Honor Flights with the first flight on 12-April and the Naperville American Legion Riders will be present to welcome home our veterans.

Riders, you can earn the new Department of Illinois American Legion Riders Recruiter patch and pin by signing up two or more members to the Legion Family. This would be a great patch to have on your vest and the Legion families would really appreciate your effort.

If you are a motorcycle enthusiast who likes to support Veterans and their families and can qualify for the Legion, Legion Auxiliary, or the Son of the American Legion, we would like to have you as a member. Come check us out at our next meeting which will be 26-April-2017, 6:00 pm for social and 7:00 pm for meeting at Bono's Pub, 2029 Ogden Avenue, Lisle, IL.

Don Chasteen
ALR Chapter 43 Director
630-531-1050





AMERICAN LEGION POST 43 CALENDAR



April 1, 2017	Saturday	10 a.m. Coffee at Monarch Landing
April 6, 2017	Thursday	Post Meeting 7 p.m.
April 8, 2017	Saturday	10 a.m. Coffee at Brookdale Plaza
April 8, 2017	Saturday	Speech Contest 7 & 8th Grade 2 p.m.
April 11, 2017	Tuesday	Hines VA Visit
April 15, 2017	Saturday	10 a.m. Coffee at Independence Village
April 15, 2017	Saturday	Dinner/Social - Past Commanders
April 22, 2017	Saturday	10 a.m. Coffee at Harbor Chase
April 22-23, 2017	Sat.-Sun.	National Oratorical Contest, Indianapolis
April 26, 2017	Wednesday	Legion Rider Meeting
April 30, 2017	Sunday	Boy Scout Spaghetti Dinner 4-7 p.m.
May 4, 2017	Thursday	Post Meeting 7 p.m.
May 6, 2017	Saturday	DuPage Honor Flight Fundraiser
May 6, 2017	Saturday	10 a.m. Coffee at Monarch Landing
May 9, 2017	Tuesday	Hines VA Visit
May 13, 2017	Saturday	10 a.m. Coffee at Brookdale Plaza
May 20, 2017	Saturday	Armed Forces Day
May 20, 2017	Saturday	10 a.m. Coffee at Independence Village
May 24, 2017	Wednesday	Legion Rider Meeting
May 25, 2017	Thursday	Poppy Day
May 27, 2017	Saturday	10 a.m. Coffee at Harbor Chase
May 26-29, 2017	Fri.-Mon.	Memorial Day Activities
June 1, 2017	Thursday	Post Meeting 7 p.m.
June 3, 2017	Saturday	10 a.m. Coffee at Monarch Landing
June 10, 2017	Saturday	10 a.m. Coffee at Brookdale Plaza
June 13, 2017	Tuesday	Hines VA Visit
June 13, 2017	Tuesday	U.S. Army Birthday 1775
June 14, 2017	Wednesday	Flag Day
June 17, 2017	Saturday	10 a.m. Coffee at Independence Village
June 24, 2017	Saturday	10 a.m. Coffee at Harbor Chase
June 28, 2017	Wednesday	Legion Riders Meeting



**DuPage Veterans Foundation:****"Honor Flight Chicago" Fundraiser-Saturday, May 6th.**

Yes, we are going to do this for our 6th year. In the previous 5 years we have held this annual event we have raised just over \$200,000 for ***"Honor Flight Chicago"***. This has supported many flights of WWII and Korean War Era Veterans the opportunity to see their Memorials in Washington, DC and be part of a once in a lifetime experience. From Naperville we have had many of our Veterans go for the day and we want to send even more this year.

So, mark your calendars for Saturday, May 6th to be at the Calamos Hanger at the DuPage Airport to enjoy this very special event. Doors open officially at 11am and we plan a fun filled program of patriotic events. Any and all WW II and Korean Era Veterans will be our guests. There will be sponsorship opportunities; silent auction; 50:50 raffles; era airplane displays; memorabilia; and music to fill the day.

Also, we will need 20 volunteers to help out during the event. Please let me know if you can help. So far I have 3 volunteers and all will be our guests. Plan on coming out for the day to ***"Honor our very Special Guests and to help raise money to send these Veterans to Washington, DC for their very memorable day"***.

Thanks-Wayne

Boy Scout Troop 106 Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser-April 30th

Please mark your calendars for Sunday April 30th and plan to attend the 3rd Annual Fundraiser for our Post sponsored Boy Scout Troop 106 from 4-7pm. We have sponsored Troop 106 for a number of years and they have produced 66 Eagle Scouts during that time. While small in numbers they continue to produce top young men because of the leadership and family support these young Scouts receive.

Now we have an opportunity to help them even more. This Spaghetti Dinner will be on a Sunday and what better way to close the week-end than to come out and enjoy a great dinner, while at the same time, helping these young men raise funds for Troop Scouting Programs for this year. They will do the work and all you will need to do is come, eat and enjoy the evening. There will be some entertainment provided by the Scouts during the event. The price is right @ \$10 for Adults and \$7 for children 3-11, while those under 3 are free.

Please come out and support our Boy Scout Troop 106. For additional information, please contact Claire Larsen: LFAMILY95@gmail.com or 630-624-4854.

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On Saturday, April 8 at 2:00 P.M., the Post 43 7th and 8th grade speech contest will take place at the Post Home, 10 W. Chicago Ave., 2nd floor. Now organized and administered by Jim Vahle, we invite you to attend to encourage and support these young folks. The rules are more lenient and the speeches are 4-6 minutes. Speakers should not read their speech but are allowed to use notes. Please come if you can. It would be appreciated.



See you at the Post, Lee

NOMINATIONS FOR POST OFFICERS

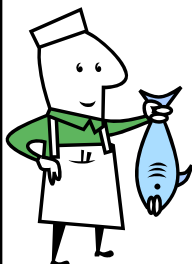
Nominations for 2017-18 Post Officers will be done at the April 6th Post meeting. The election is held in May and installation of officers is in September. The new officers begin their term after the IL State Convention, which takes place in July.

If you are interested in running for an office, this year or later, we can explain the responsibilities of various offices and the Post's needs this year and in the future.

Don't want the continuing commitment associated with being an officer? How about chairing a committee, being an assistant, serving on the committee or working under the chair for a year to learn the job and see if it fits you. Our new website (www.naperlegion.org) lists many opportunities. Look under the About Us, Youth and Community tabs at the top of the home page. These are appointed positions. If you find you are interested, we will let the Commander know.

So, talk to us, about your interests (no obligation for talking), or about others you would recommend. We'll talk to them and if you don't want your name mentioned, we'll just say, "secret admirer." You aren't committing them to anything. You would be surprised how many people are uncomfortable offering themselves, but are very willing to serve if asked.

Nominating Committee: Tinny Bixel (630) 240-5874 cintin2@gmail.com
Lou Kueltzo (630) 898-8760 lousan421@sbcglobal.net
Jim Vahle (630) 864-7183 vahlej@comcast.net

VFW Fish Fry

Once again Judd Kendall VFW Post 3873 will have their Fish Fries on Friday during Lent from Feb 24 - April 14. Dinners will be served from 4:30 to 8 PM at the VFW Hall.
Adults \$12, Children (4-11) \$7, Seniors \$10.

Come out and support your fellow veterans!

PREMIER BOYS STATE AND ILLINI GIRLS STATE

Premier Boys State will be held from **June 10 - 16, 2017** and Illini Girls State will be held from **June 18 - 24, 2017** 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.



2017 SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

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 2017 from an accredited Illinois high school the sum of

\$1500.00. This can be applied to the cost associated with continuing education at any technical school or degree granting college or university within the United States.



For further information on Eligibility, Selection Criteria and Applying for the Award please view the information on our webpage

<http://www.naperlegion.org/illinois-scholarships>

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 15, 2017 at the American Legion Awards and Recognition Banquet.



Fellow Comrades, Legionnaires, and Post 43 Family:

Four months into 2017, and it seems this will not be a normal year! February was the third warmest in 140 years and both January and February were the least snowiest ever. Can you believe not even one inch of snow fell in both months combined. Imagine that! So what's next, winter in May?

Many of you have read about, or observed, others talking about practicing spiritual principles or sharing one's personal faith. The topic is getting discussed by many of us along with the new political landscape in Washington. For the next several issues of "Keeping Posted" we will examine how our faith plays such an important role in our daily lives and in our values. In taking a deeper look many of you will be challenged as I will be to self-examine myself. We will, I think, be encouraged and even surprised by what we discover about the importance of understanding the vital role faith plays and why we should not shirk from sharing our faith with others.

First, God's word is crystal clear about faith. He says it is impossible to please him without having faith. Also, faith without being placed into action (works) is dead or bears no fruit. Now, think about those times that your faith was tested. What action did you take in stepping into the unknown trusting yourself and God! Chapter 11 of the Book of Hebrews gives us the heroes of faith from the Bible. These were ordinary men and women with all their faults and fears who demonstrated extraordinary acts of faith despite facing and enduring criticism, persecution, resentment, suffering and even death.

Now, I know what many of you are saying. I don't want to 'force' my faith, spirituality or religious views on anyone! They may get angry, never talk to me again or be offended or tell others. I just can't get myself to share my faith. I just want to go along to get along. Leave this faith business to others better equipped. Maybe your reaction to sharing your faith is more that you feel you are too quiet and would not know what to say. Well here is something to reassure all of you. We ALL have felt that way more often than not. Finding ourselves in situations to share our faith but felt awkward, ill-equipped and not confident. We say it's too risky to share this with others. So, how can we share confidently and comfortably our faith? How do we overcome our shortcomings and fears? The answer may surprise you! Just be yourself! Speak from your heart and speak in your own words. Share a story. perhaps of how a friend shared their faith with you to get you through a challenge or tragedy. Tell a story! Share how your personal faith was strengthened during a difficult period or in a critical situation. Ask God to give you the courage as you speak from your heart. This will become easier because you've lived through it. God will give you the right words; just be yourself! Also, seek out other faith-minded people through various organizations or your church. Then watch what a blessing you become to others as they draw strength from your story and faith. We step out in our own faith to give God the Glory and to help others. Those are the main reasons we should always try to share our faith. God has given you and I a precious gift!

As President Ronald Reagan stated in his inaugural address: "If not me then who? If not now then when?" God Bless all of you this special holiday season!

Chaplain Dick Komarek

BOY SCOUT TROOP 106

Some of the events our Post 43 sponsored Boy Scouts have been involved with over the last month:

Crossover Ceremonies: During the month of February Troop 106 welcomed additional scouts to their ranks.



Electronics Campout: The troop had their yearly Electronics Campout at Camp Tuckabatchee in Ottawa, IL from February 17th through February 19th. One of the few campouts where electronics is allowed! Some of the scouts were able to complete rank advancements with cooking as well!



For more information on Troop 106 and activities, contact Brian Light 630-267-9577, prohar@comcast.net, and you will be put in contact with the Scoutmaster

Annual VFW Plant Sale

The VFW plant sale is in full swing. Please return your order forms (available at http://www.napervfw3873.org/files/order_form_17.pdf) by April 16. The flowers will be delivered on May 9 and be ready for pickup from 1-6 PM at the VFW. We could use additional help that day to separate the flowers into orders.

We hope you will support our plant sale. Money derived from the sale goes to maintaining the grounds of the VFW. We are very proud of the Post and want to keep it looking as good as possible. Plus we offer you a wide variety of first quality plants, hanging baskets and flats. They are shipped in the morning of the plant sale from West Olive, MI. These are plants that have been grown in the Midwest and are accustomed to the climate here. The prices are reasonable and the flowers are first rate!

For questions or information, contact me at garrdengrandma@pobox.com or call me at 630-357-3440.

Marcy Maughan

TAPS

Thomas F. Mlyniec
Chuck Ferreri
William J. Abe
Clayton Moore
Del Meyer
Margaret Rose Ruppert



SICK CALL

Ken Garhan Don Widder

David Szablewski George Pradel Chuck Winchester

Joe Pope Don Faulhaber Jack Shiffler

George McKissick Al Zumpe





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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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April 2017 **Activities — Opportunities**

April 1 - Monarch Landing

April 6 - Post Meeting 7 pm

April 8 - Brookdale Plaza

April 8 - Speech Contest 2 pm

April 15 - Independence Village

April 15 - Post Social – Past Commanders

April 22 - Harbor Chase

April 30 - Spaghetti Dinner 4-7pm

Selected Thursdays & Saturdays:

Help **OSOT America** sort & pack
boxes at the Lisle warehouses—





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Ryan Park, won the Illinois State Oratorical Contest, and will represent Post 43 in the National Finals in Indianapolis. (Pictured with Wayne Fischer)