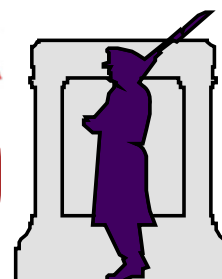




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COMMANDER'S CALL

Hopefully this month's newsletter finds everyone well and ready to tackle the chores associated with Fall.

A great time was had by all who attended the trap shooting class and shooting session that followed. Special thanks to the instructors: Jim Monk, Dave Kraus and Dave Paulinski of Naperville Sportsman's Club. If anyone is interested in attending again or would like to but wasn't able, please let me know and I can coordinate another session.

I'd like to reiterate a few items raised at our last meeting. First, membership - please discuss the American Legion with friends you have who are veterans and let them know what a great advocate the American Legion is for veterans - advocating for veterans benefits as well as veterans rights and invite them to attend a meeting and join our ranks. Second, Post 43 offers free membership for active duty and active reserve members - so if you have any relatives, friends or neighbors who qualify, please encourage them to sign up by passing their information to our Sr. Vice or myself and we can reach out to them and get the process started. Lastly, and as brought up in our last meeting by Ray Daudlin, we are starting a Post Mentor program, essentially a welcome wagon for new members. For further information, please see the related article in this newsletter and consider signing up.

Our next Post 43 meeting is Thursday, Oct. 5th @ 7 pm at the VFW hall. I hope to see you all there. Bring a fellow Veteran, and get him or her signed up for the American Legion!

Simper Fi,
Semper Fidelis!

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Please note that the Newsletter will be going Digital. They can be found at www.naperlegion.org



Tom Jorstad



“Vietnam Wall of Remembrance”

Please mark your calendars for Thursday, November 9th through Monday, November 13th as we will have our **“Vietnam Wall of Remembrance”** up at our Park District Grand Pavilion along the Riverwalk and west of Centennial Beach. We will have Veterans overseeing the **“Wall”** from 6am to 10pm each day and our Naperville Radio Watch Team will be on-watch from 10pm to 6am to insure there are no issues. Our Veterans will be there to share their experiences during the Vietnam War and assist the public with finding names of family friends or Veterans they may know that were lost in the Vietnam War.

On Thursday, we are planning an **“Opening Day Program”** starting at 10am and we will have our **“Veterans Day Program”** on Saturday, November 11th here at the **“Wall”** starting at 11am. Both Programs are open to the public. Also, we are working on having the Veterans Art Museum of Chicago have on display Vietnam Artwork in the banquet hall at the VFW on Friday, November 10th. Once we have more details on this, we will get more information out.

In addition to having our **“Vietnam Wall of Remembrance”** provided by Bloomin’ Colors, 2023 also is the **“50th Anniversary of our Departure from Vietnam”**.

Finally, we want to ensure our Youth have a chance to learn more about what the Vietnam War meant to those that served during that time either in Vietnam or elsewhere in Service to our Country.

**Semper Fidelis (Always Faithful)
Wayne Fischer USMC**



AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS CHAPTER 43

Riders Report–American Legion Newsletter September 2023



Steve Strickland

The Riders will be there to Welcome Home Honor Flight Chicago on September 20th and the last Flight for 2023 on October 18th.

We had a great sell through on our RED hat fundraiser, a check from the Riders for \$1,000 is being sent to Camp Hometown Heroes.

Our big Fundraiser Prime Rib Dinner will be on Saturday, October 14th. Entertainment by Claremont Drive. \$45 p/p.
Last call for tickets will be September 27th.

Steve Strickland
Director
American Legion Riders
Post 43, Naperville, IL



Photo Credit Jim Hoch

Sons of the American Legion

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 November 21st and all members of the Legion and Legion Riders are welcome and encouraged to attend.

We are always welcoming new members and transfers. Many Legionnaires hold dual memberships in S.A.L. 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. The S.A.L. Squadron 43's main goals are to support our Post and support our Community.

Respectfully,
SAL Commander
Squadron 43
Chris Lance
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Coffee With Vets

Saturday Morning 10 AM



The Oct dates are:

Oct 7- Monarch Landing
Oct 14 - Brookdale - Lisle
Oct 21- Tabor Hills
Oct 28 - Story Point-Naperville

Don't forget our monthly visits with Veterans at Monarch Landing, Brookdale - Lisle, Tabor Hills, and Story Point-Naperville. Join us on the 1st Saturday at Monarch Landing, 2nd Saturday at Brookdale in Lisle, 3rd Saturday at Tabor Hills and 4th Saturday at Story Point-Naperville. All are welcome to Attend!!

Information: Jim Stoffregen 630-430-4966 or Jerry Cooney 630-995-5053

Historian Report

Significant dates in military history

- ◇ On Oct. 13, 1775, Congress directed the fitting out of two ships to intercept supplies to British ground forces. The date is observed as the U.S. Navy's birthday.
- ◇ American forces under the command of Gen. Horatio Gates defeated a larger British force at Saratoga, N.Y., on Oct. 17, 1777. The victory was a turning point in the Revolutionary War and encouraged France to enter the war on the side of the colonies.
- ◇ Chief Joseph, leader of the Nez Perce Indians, surrendered on Oct. 15, 1877, in northern Montana, only 50 miles from the sanctuary of Canada. It ended a 1,300 mile flight from the U.S. Army. Chief Joseph declared, "My heart is sick and sad. From where the sun now stands, I will fight no more forever."
- ◇ On Oct. 23, 1917, the first American artillery shell was fired during WW I by Battery C, 6th Field Artillery at a German trench near the Swiss border.
- ◇ On Oct. 21, 1921, the Olympia sailed from Philadelphia to Le Harve, France, to return the remains of the WW I Unknown Soldier for internment at Arlington National Cemetery.
- ◇ In what are considered the first American casualties of WW II, sailors aboard USS Kearney (DD-432) died on Oct. 17, 1941, as a result of a torpedo attack by a German submarine off the southwest coast of Iceland.
- ◇ On Oct. 26, 1944, the first organized suicide missions were flown by Japanese kamikaze pilots. The attack in the Philippines sank the St. Lo and damaged four other escort carriers.
- ◇ Members of the 1st Calvary Division became the first tank crew to cross the 38th Parallel on Oct. 7, 1950, in Korea during the war that began when North Korea invaded South Korea in June of that year.
- ◇ An Air Force reconnaissance aircraft spotted Soviet missile installations in Cuba on Oct. 19, 1962, prompting President John F. Kennedy to impose a quarantine on the island.
- ◇ Marine Chief Warrant Officer Charles B. Russell retired on Oct. 2, 1987, at Camp Pendleton, Calif., the last of 669,000 Marines who saw combat in WW II.
- ◇ On Oct. 30, 2001, the Pentagon reported that a small number of U.S. ground forces were operating in northern Afghanistan.



AMERICAN LEGION POST 43 CALENDAR



Oct 5, 2023
Oct 7, 2023
Oct 14, 2023
Oct 14, 2023
Oct 17, 2023
Oct 21, 2023
Oct 21, 2023
Oct 25, 2023
Oct 28, 2023

Thursday
Saturday
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Wednesday
Saturday



Post Meeting 7:00PM
10 AM Coffee at Monarch Landing
10 Am Coffee at Brookdale-Lisle
Rider Legacy Fundraiser 7 PM
S.A.L. Squadron Meeting 7 PM
10 am Coffee at Tabor Hills
Legion Dinner 6:00PM
Legion Riders Meeting 7 PM
10 am Coffee at Story Point

Nov 2, 2023
Nov 4, 2023
Nov 4, 2023
Nov 9, 2023
Nov 10, 2023
Nov 11, 2023
Nov 11, 2023
Nov 11, 2023
Nov 14, 2023
Nov 17, 2023

Thursday
Saturday
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Friday



Post Meeting 7:00PM
10 AM Coffee at Monarch Landing
248th USMC Birthday Ball
Vietnam Wall Opening day
USMC 248th Birthday
Veterans Day Program
10 Am Coffee at Brookdale-Lisle
Legion Dinner 6:00PM
S.A.L Squadron Meeting 7 PM
Win A dance with a Hero Fundraiser
For Toys 4 Tots



Nov 18, 2023
Nov 18, 2023
Nov 22, 2023
Nov 25, 2023

Saturday
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Wednesday
Saturday

Turkey Raffle
10 am Coffee at Tabor Hills
Legion Riders Meeting 7 PM
10 am Coffee at Story Point



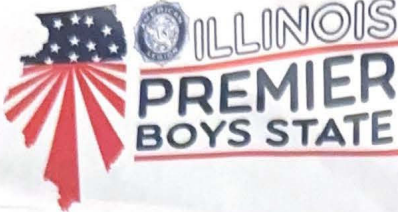
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Dec 16, 2023
Dec 23, 2023
Dec 25, 2023

Saturday
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Monday



10 AM Coffee at Monarch Landing
Post Meeting 7:00PM
10 AM Coffee at Brookdale
10 AM Coffee at Tabor Hills
Second Annual Holiday Gift Exchange
10 AM Coffee at Story Point
Christmas Day

Illinois Premier Boys State Letter



AMERICAN LEGION ILLINOIS PREMIER BOYS STATE
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I would like to thank you for sponsoring me to Boys State. This week has been a blast and I have made so many friends from not only my county but other counties as well. I had the courage to run for State Representative and I got the position! I was interested to see how the House works and how bills are passed and from the experience in the House of ~~Representative~~ Representative I feel like I have gained an interest in politics. I am excited to share my experience and knowledge I have gained and use it in Naperville. Thank you.

Very Respectfully,
Dillon Clark

Phone: 309-663-0361 Website: www.illinoisboysstate.org

a week that shapes a lifetime



Last week, the DuPage Veterans Assistance Commission held a resource fair at one of the county buildings in Wheaton. The fair had about 50 vendors promoting their products/services to Veterans. I walked through, and found a few I thought might be interesting and also helpful in our lives.

DuPage County Recorder Office's Property Fraud Alert

Property Fraud Alert is an online subscription service offered to the public that allows them to have their name monitored within the Recorder's office in order to track possible fraudulent recordings that affects their property. To sign up for free, go to <https://www.propertyfraudalert.com/ILDupage>

Hines Peer Support Team

Support for Veterans with mental health needs by serving as relatable role models, offer coping skills, and informing about community resources. The support team members are all veterans with a lived experience of recovery from mental illness. They also provide support in cutting through some of the red tape at Hines.

1776 Senior Care

The 1776 Senior Care group has grant money from the VA to allow them to offer senior care for free to some veterans. For more information visit their website: <https://www.1776seniorcare.com/>

Free Legal Services

The Prairie State Legal Services organization offers help with civil law issues. They offer services to certain veterans for free. Again, they have a grant from the VA. For more information go <http://pslegal.org>.

If you have questions about any of these services feel free to get in touch with me

Dennis Lukavsky

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VA Hotline
1-855-948-2311



North Central College has once again invited us to their Salute to Veterans game. Please see information. There will be a tailgate event prior to the game, more information to follow. Point of contact for this event will be Tom Jorstad. Please see invitation below

At North Central's home football game on **Saturday, November 4 at 1pm** (vs. Illinois Wesleyan), we will be showing appreciation to all veterans, including our student and alumni veterans. North Central's football team is currently ranked #1 for Division III football and is the defending national champion.

As a small token of our appreciation for your American Legion Post 43 members' service to our country, I'm writing to offer 50 complimentary game tickets for your members (and guests), as we did last year. If more tickets are needed, I can work to arrange that. We are also offering tickets to the VFW members and American Legion Members.

For 2023-24, our Student Veterans Alliance Officers are:

Mitch Moore (Marines)
Christopher Fountain (Army)
Juan Espinoza (Army)

Post 43 is looking for Legionnaires to serve as mentors / points of contact for new members.




MENTORING

Essentially when a new member joins, they will be assigned a Post 43 mentor who would get them spun up on the details of being a member. When we meet for monthly meetings, common events we host (social dinners etc), as well as be a point of contact in the event the new member has questions.

We love when new members join, however we want them to be involved and continue to want to be a member of our Post.


If you are interested in being Post Mentor, please contact Dennis Lukavsky 630 272 9064 or dlukavsky@yahoo.com



TOYS FOR TOTS

WIN A DANCE WITH A HERO

Judd Kendall VFW,
908 Jackson Avenue, Naperville
7:00PM to 10:30PM



November 17th
\$30 includes Dinner
and 2 Drinks

Raffles, Silent Auction, and
Karaoke

Brought to you by
Naperville Marines,
American Legion Post 43
and VFW 3873

RSVP to rios.nadia@gmail.com

Bring a new
unwrapped toy and
get \$5 off

Meal Catered by
Mission BBQ

Its here again, our second
annual
“Win a dance with a Hero”
Save the date November 17th.
All proceeds from this event will
benefit Toys for Tots, DuPage



Memories from the 10th annual Judd-A-Thon



Photo Credit by Jim Hoch

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

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Oct 5 - Post Meeting 7pm

Oct 7 - Coffee-Monarch Landing

Oct 14- Coffee-Brookdale in Lisle

Oct 21- Coffee-Tabor Hills

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Selected Thursdays & Saturdays:
 Help OSOT America sort & pack
 boxes at the Lisle warehouse.





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10th annual Judd-A-Thon



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