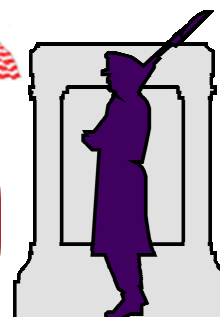




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COMMANDER'S CALL

Doug Deetjen - Post Commander

My Fellow Legionnaires

Let's discuss membership. There are 615 members in our Post, 458 have already paid for 2018, we still need 157 by November 1st, so the Department will send us \$615.00, if we make 100%. If you have a friend that's a Vet, please recruit them.



"Why we don't walk between the Colors – This is Hallowed Ground between these flags that proudly fly, Let no man dare to stand, For here our fallen comrades lie, This is hallowed land. A symbol, yes, but mark it well: Here let us ever humbly pause, In memory of the lads who fell, In fighting for our sacred cause.

On sea or land these buddies died, Some lie beneath a foreign sod, In graves caressed by winds and tide, In spots unknown to all but God. And so, this place is hallowed ground. And it shall be forever blest, As tho it were a grassy mound. Beneath which gallant heroes rest.

Be ever watchful, Legionnaires, Of these two flags which signify That we should guard this spot with care, Where our departed comrades lie. And, if a man should dare to tread this spot where lie our gallant Brave, he desecrated those noble dead as though he walked upon their grave."

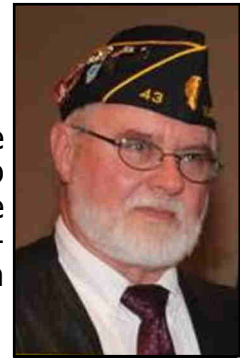
"My Medal of Honor should be shared with my shipmates - when trouble strikes, one's first impulse must always be to take care of one's shipmates. We all tried to do that."

Richard M. McCool, Jr. United States Navy Medal of Honor

Thanks,
Douglas R. Deetjen, I

Sr. Vice Commander

As you know from previous articles our membership at the end of last year was 615, and to receive a membership rebate from State, we need to have 100% renewals by the end of November and it is here. Our current paid membership stands at 458 (or 74%), which means there will be push to bring the 157 members up to paid status.



Don Chasteen

So if you have not received a new membership card, you have not paid your \$40 dues for this year. You can pay your dues by sending a check to Naperville American Legion Post 43, PO Box 4, Naperville, IL 60566. Make checks payable to "Naperville American Legion Post 43". Another way to pay is at our monthly meeting held on the first Thursday of the month, we would really enjoy your attendance. Breaking down our 458 paid members we have 49 Paid Up For Life, 31 Active, 39 World War II, 187 Viet Nam, 19 Lebanon/Grenada, 7 Panama, and 32 Gulf/War on Terrorism.

Last month I request some help in locating Richard Cannon, William Gaeth, and Warren Mock. I have not received any information that I was hoping one of our 615 members could provide. My phone number is listed in this newsletter if you have any information.

I would encourage all members to go online to see our Naperville Legion website (naperlegion.org). It is full of information that we are involved in, pictures of some of our events, and a great asset to show potential members. If you do not use a computer very well have one of your kids or grandkids get it for you, this could start a discussion about your service and the reason you belong to the Legion. I would also remind you that bringing in one new member will qualify you to receive the American Legion Recruiter Pin.

Senior Vice Commander,
Don Chasteen



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



Jr. Vice Commander

The Dinner on October 21 has passed. We enjoyed the food by Nicky's and entertainment by Naperville Central's Clarinet Ensemble.

Our next dinner is the combined effort of The American Legion and The VFW. This is the traditional Thanksgiving dinner on Veteran's Day, November 11, social hour starting at 6pm with dinner served at 7pm. This meal is the same one that is served to our nation's military throughout the world. Veterans can recall the meal being air-lifted and dropped into "hot" zones in combat: Delivered fresh and warm. This meal is a reminder of Veterans then and now that will share this meal. We expect a large turnout. Be sure to make your reservations to assure a seat at the table for our holiday dinner.

No dinner in December. We stand aside for the many holiday activities that take place during the month. We will see you again

in January, at the January 20, 2018 dinner. The Installation of Officers for both our post's American Legion Riders and Sons of the American Legion will take place. Any new members are also welcome to take the oath at this dinner. No entertainment is scheduled. Dinner will be catered once again by Nicky's. Details of the menu to be announced in the next newsletter.

Have a safe and enjoyable Halloween.

Roy E. Bonus
Jr. Vice Commander



Roy Bonus



Coffee "and"

Saturday Morning 10 AM



The November dates are:

**Nov 4 - Monarch Landing
Nov 11 - Veterans Day
Nov 18 - Independence Village
Nov 25 - Harbor Chase**

Don't forget our monthly visits with veterans at Monarch Landing, Independence Village and Harbor Chase. Join us on the 1st Saturday at Monarch Landing, the 2nd Saturday (NO Coffee), the 3rd Saturday at Independence Village, and the 4th Saturday at Harbor Chase. Remember, all are welcome!



AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS CHAPTER 43

Time goes by fast when you are busy, so that must be the reason this year's riding season has gone by so quickly. The Riders have been busy this year by participating in 4 Naperville Parades, Naperville Na-

tive American POW, escorting the Moving Vietnam Wall and funeral mission several times, direct burials at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, many fundraiser rides supporting veteran and youth organizations, and too many walk-thru's for our own members.



Another indicator that the end of the riding season is near, besides cooler weather, is that we have attended the last Chicago Honor Flight Welcome Home at Midway Airport for the year 2017. We had a better turn out for this flight despite the rainy evening. Once again this year Naperville American Legion Riders were in attendance for every Welcome Home Flight. I have the privilege to report that Naperville Riders have been in attendance of all but one Welcome Home Flight over the last four years. What a dedicated group!

In the last month the Riders have attained a goal set back 5 years ago when we were chartered. We now have 50 active members and this is a huge accomplishment since several neighboring chapters, that have been chartered longer, do not have as many members. Our main goal now will be to maintain this membership.

Though the riding season is ending this doesn't mean the Riders will not be busy. In the next few months we will be electing our 2018 Officers. The Riders will also re-dedicate themselves to attending veteran visits at the assisted living homes, and start planning the 2018 events that we will be involved in.

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 Sons of the American Legion, we would like to have you as a member. Come check us out at our next meeting which will be 22-Nov-2017, at 7:00 PM.

Don Chasteen
ALR Chapter 43 Director
630-531-1050





AMERICAN LEGION POST 43 CALENDAR



November 2, 2017
November 4, 2017
November 7, 2017
November 10, 2017
November 11, 2017
November 11, 2017
November 18, 2017
November 22, 2017
November 25, 2017

Thursday
Saturday
Tuesday
Friday
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Wednesday
Saturday



Post Meeting 7 pm
10 am Coffee at Monarch Landing
Hines VA Visit (bus leaves at 6:15pm)
U.S. Marine Corps Birthday
Memorial Service 11 am
Dinner/Social 6 pm - Veterans Day
10 am Coffee at Independence Village
Legion Rider Meeting
10 am Coffee at Harbor Chase

December 2, 2017
December 7, 2017
December 9, 2017
December 9, 2017
December 12, 2017
December 16, 2017
December 16, 2017
December 23, 2017
December 27, 2017

Saturday
Thursday
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Wednesday



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

January 1, 2018
January 4, 2018
January 6, 2018
January 9, 2018
January 13, 2018
January 15, 2018
January 20, 2018
January 20, 2018
January 24, 2018

Monday
Thursday
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Wednesday



HAPPY NEW YEAR!!
Post Meeting
10 am Coffee at Monarch Landing
Hines VA Visit (bus leaves at 6:15pm)
10 am Coffee at Brookdale Plaza
Martin Luther King Day
10 am Coffee at Independence Village
Dinner/Social - New Member Initiation
Legion Riders Meeting



Veterans Day**Veterans Day 2017**

We will be conducting flag raisings at all of the District 203 schools on Friday, November 10th. The day will start with a breakfast at the District office located at the corner of Webster and Hillside at 7am (Invites will be out shortly). If you are planning to attend and you have not already been in touch with me, please give me a call so that I can give the District your name and address so that they can mail you a personal invitation to the breakfast and I can assign you a school to go to. (My number is 630-357-5366). I will have the time for each school at the breakfast. After breakfast we will all head out for 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.

It looks like District #204 is not going to be doing ceremonies other than a couple of schools so that should make things a little easier for us.

Our Veterans Day Memorial service will be held at 11am on Saturday Nov 11th at Veterans Park located on Gartner Rd. You may park across the street in the church parking lot. Please plan on arriving at least fifteen minutes early.

Later that night we will have our Veterans Day social. Our social hour will commence at 6pm followed by our traditional Turkey dinner at 7pm. It is very important that you RSVP to Wayne Fischer (630-240-8868) so we have an accurate head count and do not run out of food.

Thank you
Terry Jelinek

**Honor Guard**

The combined Post 43 and Post 3873 Honor Guard has been busy rendering Military Honors for local veterans funerals. The Honor Guard consists of volunteers from each Post. Any veteran is entitled to have Military Honors for their burial. However, the family must request this service and present proof of veterans military service DD-214 or WWII Discharge papers. The Honor Guard is available to provide graveside Three Rifle Volley and live sounding of Taps. Your service branch will be present to

fold your flag and present to your family. These services are initiated by providing a copy of your DD-214 to the funeral home.

For more information contact Jim Oftedal at [630-357-4030](tel:630-357-4030) or contact the post.

Post Meetings History

For several years, our Post 43 held regular meetings, dinners, and special events, in the "Post Home" building at 10 E. Chicago Ave. In 2002, when Wayne Fischer was serving as Post Commander, arrangements were made with Judd Kendall VFW Post 3873 to use their facility for these activities. Not only was the VFW somewhat more attractive, accessible, and larger, but the Chicago Ave. location included some problems such as the 23 steps up to the second floor hall, and parking limitations in downtown Naperville.



It is believed that Post 43 acquired that property in 1947 at a price of about \$12,000. According to information from Don Hennessy, financing the purchase was accomplished through the sale of bonds of various sizes, mostly to veterans of WWII, and most likely, also WWI. After all debts were eventually settled, it was said that the post officers held a "bond fire party". As a result, all of the records were destroyed.

Prior to the acquisition of the Chicago Ave. property, and according to research conducted a few years ago by Lauren Evans and Joe Strebel, it is believed that Post 43 held meetings at "Scott's Hall", on Washington just north of Jefferson, and, for the Legion's purpose, referred to as "the Armory". While the second floor meeting room at the "Post Home" has only limited use these days (boy scouts, oratorical contests, firemen meetings), the timely purchase of that building has proven to be a wise decision on the part of our forebears, as the lower level lease remains a source of income for Post 43. For that, we should all be grateful.

Lee Lindberg



Happy 242th Birthday
U.S. Marine Corps



Semper FI

BOY SCOUT TROOP 106

Troop 106 has had an extremely active August/September/October. August included a weekend canoe trip. Patrol games and a troop BBQ held at VFW Park, and earning the Solar Eclipse Patch. September, with the beginning of the first month of school, had a Platoon Leader Council Planning Campout at Warren Dunes, Order of the Arrow Fall Fellowship at Camp Big Timber, Troop campout at Warren Dunes, and hosting an Open House for new scouts at Von Oven Scout Reservation. Additionally, the Troop had an excellent representation at the 9/11 Memorial Service held at the 9/11 Memorial by city hall.



Von Oven Open House



Warren Dunes





Chitra Singh and Kate Fleming

G.I. Yoga Celebrates 4 Year Anniversary



G.I. Yoga is open to all Veterans and their families. The Wednesday morning 9:30 am Yoga class at the VFW is lead 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, lead by Chitra Singh: mailofchitra@gmail.com.

For additional information, contact: Kate Fleming at kdflemingyoga@gmail.com
Schedule of Classes: www.giyoga.org

Color Guard

Little Friends Parade of Lights Saturday, December 2nd 7-9 pm

In order to carry all the flags and rifles we need at least 11 volunteers for this parade. This is a short parade and we need your participation. Meet at VFW parking lot 6:00pm to form up for walk to start of parade. This parade ends at Main St and Van Buren. Wear something warm and that also reflects your branch of service.



For more information contact Jim Sarns at 630-234-6292 or Wayne Fischer 630-240-8868.

ANNUAL ORATORICAL CONTEST

All Post Members are encouraged to recommend the Oratorical contest to a family member or friend who is a High School student.

The next contest starts in Naperville on Saturday, January 6, 2018 at 1:30 PM. Refer the student to our Post website:

www.naperlegion.org and click links for Youth, Oratorical, and PDF for "Essential" details. Participation in a national speech contest on the U.S. Constitution makes a nice comment on a college application. Any student, parent or teacher can contact me with any questions.

Don Hennessy, Post Contest Chairman

630-355-4679 or gddh55@sbcglobal.net

TAPS

John Case
Edward A. Nowik
James Duffin
Edward Graham



SICK CALL

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Charlie Vladika

Paul Hogan

Chuck Biegel

Mike Walczak

Chuck Winchester

Fred Mokhiber

Dick Knosher

Doug Askren





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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
Boy Scouts and Special Meetings are at Post Home, 10 W. Chicago Ave., Naperville, IL

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November 2017 Activities — Opportunities

Nov 2 - Post Meeting 7 pm

Nov 4 - Monarch Landing

Nov 10 - Marine Corp Birthday

Nov 11 - Veterans Day

Nov 18 - Independence Village

Nov 25 - Harbor Chase

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





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Don Chasteen provides Legacy Ride commentary at October Social

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