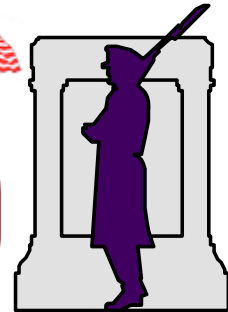




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Naperville, IL

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## COMMANDER'S CALL

Lee Lindberg - Post Commander

The month of February has been designated by The American Legion as Americanism Month. As all Legion members know, **Americanism** is one of the "Four Pillars" on which the organization was founded, along with **Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation, National Security, and Children and Youth**.

Sometimes it's difficult to separate Americanism from Children and Youth, since many Legion-sponsored activities overlap or seem to be linked together. At Post 43, February is the month when we traditionally recognize and honor our youth, and the numerous events in which they participate. Let's review some of them:



- Boy's State each June at Eastern Illinois State in Charleston. Last year we sent a delegation of 24, several of whom were elected to high office.
- Likewise, Girl's State the following week, to which 9 girls went last year.
- Boy Scout Troop 106 is sponsored by Post 43. They have produced more than 60 Eagle Scouts since the 1990s.
- Annual speech contest for Jr High students with monetary awards.
- Oratorical contest for High School students with monetary awards, producing 5 state champions since 2005.
- Essay awards for Jr High and Sr High students, including 2 \$1500 scholarships for seniors.
- Sponsored a Little League baseball team.
- Presented American Legion School Award medallions and certificates to 47 deserving students.
- Supported the American Legion Legacy Fund, to help in education costs for surviving children of active-duty veterans who died since 9/11.
- Helped in the support of the VFW National Home for Children at Eaton Rapids, Michigan.
- Legion volunteers participated in numerous school events during Veteran's Day/Week activities.

For the above activities, more than \$20,000 has been budgeted for this fiscal year, in addition to some fundraisers for specific causes. Some of our current and past participants, and some parents, were our guests at the February 18th dinner; and it's always enjoyable to see them and hear from them.

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## Sr. Vice Commander

### MY FELLOW VETERANS

Our membership as of 2/13/17 is as follows: PUFL 50, ACTIVE 28, WWII 37, KOREA 87, VIETNAM 246, LEBANON/GRENADA 21, PANAMA 10, GOLF/PERSIAN 51, NEW & TRANSFER IN'S 33, TRANSFER OUT 7.  
TOTAL NUMBER OF MEMBERS 570.



*Doug Deetjen*

We appreciated all of your help! We located 26 members since the last News Letter, some wanted out and some sent in dues. 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**

#### POST MEMBERS WHO ARE STILL MISSING:

John Arnold	Phillip Evans	David Rickert
Richard Feltner	Robert Gorsich	Bernard Goulet
Ronald Griffin	Michael Heinz	Joseph Laz
Jared Lydon	Thomas Marshall	Daniel McDonald
William Moers	William Rauch	Edward Shanahan
Richard Strang	Charles Swanson	Anthony Trunzo
Owen Wavrinek	Michael Zitkovich	Michael Collins
James Corrigan	Ron Flink	Matthew Hoyt
Charles Kennedy	Francis O'Neill	Jared Richmond

Contact Sr. Vice Doug Deetjen 630-674 1133  
THANKS IN ADVANCE FOR ALL YOUR HELP!!!  
DOUG DEETJEN – SR. VICE COMMANDER

**MEMBERSHIP**



## Jr. Vice Commander

Our next Legion Meeting is on 2-March. Meeting starts at 7 PM at the VFW, come early or stay afterwards to socialize (get to know) some of the other members.



Don Chasteen

Our next Legion Social will be on 18-March and celebrate St. Patrick's Day and the American Legion Birthday. 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 March Social will be Corned Beef and Cabbage and all things that go with it. This delicious meal will be prepared by our Kendall Cooks. Lee Lindberg will be furnishing the desserts. Entertainment for the evening will be presented by the McNulty School of Irish Dance.

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



Celebrating our Youth  
February Social



Photos by Jim Hoch



## AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS CHAPTER 43



As I write this article I have mixed feelings. March means spring and the weather will change, meaning that I will soon be able to enjoy riding again and I am excited about what we will be doing this riding season. But I am saddened with the fact that one of our very own passed in February, Diane Stephenson. Diane is the wife of Jack Stephenson and I have ridden many miles with them before and since the Naperville Riders were formed. Diane and Jack were very active at the start of the Naperville Riders and rode on the first Legacy Run that the Naperville Riders participated in. She will be missed.

The Riders are in full swing in planning the ride they sponsor to support the DuPage Veterans Chicago Honor Flight Fundraiser on May 6<sup>th</sup>. Heritage Harley Davidson has again allowed us to stage this ride at their facility. Our ride flyers were ordered in February and we will be busy getting them out this month. We are hoping that we will have over 100 bikes again this year as we have in the past two years.

The Riders have been attending the veteran's visits at the Brookdale home and this month's visit may be the last since we will be riding again. Our 2017 Event Calendar is growing, I have been receiving event information from other chapters as well as our chapter members.

The 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Essays submitted to us have been judge, the Riders appreciate the opportunity to run this youth program for the American Legion. We thank each entrant for taking time to participate.

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-March.-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



March 2, 2017	Thursday	Post Meeting
March 4, 2017	Saturday	10 a.m. Coffee at Monarch Landing
March 4, 2017	Saturday	HFC Hockey Classic Bensenville
March 7, 2017	Tuesday	Hines VA Visit
March 11, 2017	Saturday	St. Patrick's Day Parade
March 11, 2017	Saturday	10 a.m. Coffee at Brookdale Plaza
March 18, 2017	Saturday	10 a.m. Coffee at Independence Village
March 18, 2017	Saturday	Dinner/Social - Women in Military
March 22, 2017	Wednesday	Legion Rider Meeting
March 25, 2017	Saturday	10 a.m. Coffee at Harbor Chase



April 1, 2017	Saturday	10 a.m. Coffee at Monarch Landing
April 6, 2017	Thursday	Post Meeting
April 8, 2017	Saturday	10 a.m. Coffee at Brookdale Plaza
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
April 26, 2017	Wednesday	Legion Rider Meeting



May 4, 2017	Thursday	Post Meeting
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	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





**2017 West Suburban St. Patrick Day Parade**

Please mark your calendar for **Saturday, March 11<sup>th</sup>** as we will have our "Post Combined Color Guard" carrying our Nations Colors and Service Branch Flags in this Parade as we have done in years past. The start time is 10am sharp and I will pass along more details via email once I get them. Weather permitting we will also have our Post 43 "Riders" and the "Jeep" as part of this entourage. Please plan to come out and join us. This is not limited to the "Color Guard" and is open to all our Veterans. Again, as I get more details I will pass them along.

Thanks and hope to see many of you all there - Wayne

**Post 43/Post 3873 Run/Walk Team 5K**

The Run/Walk Team will be participating in the St. Patrick's Day Race in Naperville on Saturday, March 11th. We will meet by the flag for a photo at 7:30 a.m.

<http://www.stpaddysday5k.org>

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

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, D.C. 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. We are currently getting new flyers done to share with everyone, but we will have sponsorship opportunities; silent auction; 50:50 raffles; era airplane displays; memorabilia; and music to fill the day.

Also, we will need volunteers to help out during the event. More specifics will be forthcoming in the next newsletter. Plan on coming out for the day to **"Honor our very Special Guests and to help raise money to send these Veterans to Washington, D.C. for their very memorable day"**.

Thanks - Wayne

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Several Post 43 members volunteer to help in these activities. Among them are a couple of guys who have shown their dedication for a number of years. They are Don Hennessy who oversees the annual oratorical contests (and other activities), and Terry Jelinek who administers the Boy's State for Post 43 (and other activities). These two deserve our collective thanks and gratitude for their time, patience, focus, and expertise. Thank you, Don and Terry!

See you at the Post,

Lee

**READING THIS COULD MAKE YOU RICH**

(NOT – but it could be great for Post 43)

We all know that it is people that determine the success of an organization. In a business, you hire them. In a not-for-profit they volunteer, sometimes after a lot of begging. You served once. You're willing to serve again, but have limited time, don't know if you have what the Post needs. We can help answer those questions.

It will soon be time to nominate and elect officers for 2017-18. Nominations are done at the April meeting; the election is 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](http://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.

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## 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](http://www.illinoisboysstate.org) or [www.ilgirlsstate.org](http://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.





### Post 43 Eleventh Annual Middle/Junior High School Speech Contest

The 2016 contest will begin at 2:00 PM on Saturday, April 8, 2017 on the second floor of the Legion Hall at 10 West Chicago in Naperville. Contestants must be in the 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> 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, a cash prize for finishing in the top four, 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.

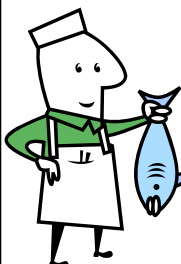
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### Reminder: Poppy Day

Thursday, May 25, 2017 6:15am to 8:15

We will need volunteers to take donations on Poppy Day at the Naperville Train Stations. Sign-up sheets and materials will be available at the Post meeting on May 4th.



### 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!**

**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 Legion and VFW 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](mailto:vahlej@comcast.net) to arrive by March 15, 2017.

Winners will be announced in the local media and honored at the Legion's Awards and Recognition Banquet on April 15, 2017.

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  
[vahlej@comcast.net](mailto:vahlej@comcast.net)

**Coffee "and"**  
**Saturday Morning 10 AM**



**The March dates are:**

**Mar 4 - Monarch Landing**  
**Mar 11 - Brookdale Plaza**  
**Mar 18 - Independence Village**  
**Mar 25 - 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!

## BOY SCOUT TROOP 106

Our Post 43 sponsored Boy Scouts have had a very busy January/February Winter Program with 3 outdoor events:

Climbing Merit Badge: Troop traveled to Upper Limits in Bloomington, IL on January 21st for a full day of Wall Climbing and the opportunity to earn the Climbing Merit Badge.



District Klondike Derby: This year the annual event was held on January 27th and 28th and was very well attended. It also gave the Troop the opportunity to practice their outdoor cooking skills and they fed over 30 Webelos and parents' from the scout packs.



Conservation Service: February 1st at Springbrook Prairie Forest Preserve clearing brush, but also practicing proper use of saws and other equipment.



For more information on Troop 106 and activities, contact Brian Light 630-267-9577, [prohar@comcast.net](mailto: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](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](mailto:garrdengrandma@pobox.com) or call me at 630-357-3440.

*Marcy Maughan*

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## SICK CALL

Ken Garhan Don Widder

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## **American Legion Post #43**

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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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## **March 2017 Activities — Opportunities**

March 2 - Post Mtg.

March 4 - Monarch Landing

March 11 - Run/Walk Team 5K

March 11 - Brookdale Plaza

March 18 - Independence Village

March 18 - Post Social-Woman in Military

March 25 - Harbor Chase

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







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Post 43 Boys State participants at February Social