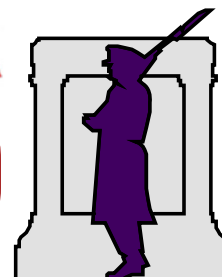




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COMMANDER'S CALL

One important announcement that I'd like to make is that our **September dinner social will be held on Saturday September 23rd** and NOT on our usual 3rd Saturday of the month. We've rescheduled this for September due to scheduling conflicts – so please mark your calendars and make note of the change.

It's hard to believe that September is already here! Hopefully everyone had a great Summer and was able to enjoy the terrific weather that we had.

September will be a busy month for us. We have the Labor Day Parade on the 4th (parade details were sent out in an e-mail), our monthly Post meeting on the 7th, a trapshooting class and outing on the 10th (please contact me if you are interested in attending as space is limited) and we have our dinner on the 23rd. Please consider attending one or all of these events.

I mentioned at our meeting last month that I'd like to see us increase the number of participants who attend both our **Boys State** and **Girls State** programs. Both programs are free to the attendees (Post 43 pays) and are terrific ways for us to have a positive impact on our community. If you're not familiar with these programs, please go to our website and learn about them. In short, attendees get a week long immersive, hands-on learning experience into the democratic form of government and much more. One of the only requirements is that attendees must be incoming seniors in High School. Please get the word out regarding this program!

As always, please let me know if you have any suggestions for activities, events, sponsorships, fundraisers - or any suggestions on how to improve Post 43.

Please remember, if you need help, reach out. Let's all strive to make a positive difference in the lives of our fellow veterans and in our community.

Semper Fidelis!

Tom Jorstad
Commander Post 43
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Tom Jorstad

Sr. Vice Commander

We currently stand at 314 for our 2023-2024 membership year. Sadly we've lost many Legionnaires this past year due to health issues and comrades moving out of state.

Our goal is 555 paid Legionnaires for the membership year 2024 (runs July 2023 through June 2024).

We only reach that number as team through a concerted recruiting effort. Every Legionnaire is a recruiter! When you run into a Veteran at the hardware store, see someone wearing a "Veteran" hat at a restaurant, the usual order of events is to introduce yourself and chat about past service and experiences. The next question should be "are you a member of the American Legion?" That is how we sustain and grow our post for generations to come so that we can continue to serve our local Veteran and Naperville community.

With Veterans Day coming up in November, you'll run into more fellow Veterans while out to eat, visiting schools, and other events. This is a prime opportunity to bring another Veteran into our fold.

We are working on a 1/3 page, two sided card stock flier that can be handed to a Veteran you meet, placed under a windshield wiper of a car with Veteran plates, or just kept handy for informational purposes which should aid in recruiting efforts.

Last, if you have a particular idea for a recruiting opportunity, a way to boost our numbers, or a recruiting incentive idea, please reach out to me directly!

Semper Fidelis,

Jennifer Slown
Senior Vice Commander, Post 43
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AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS CHAPTER 43

The Riders led the Annual India Day Parade on August 13. The Naperville India Day Celebration Event is the largest in the Country. We have led the parade for the past 8 years.



Steve Strickland

OSOT – Operation Support Our Troops had again asked the Riders to provide a motorcycle escort for their truck carrying 500 American Flags from their facility in Lisle to the site of “the Field of Honor” at Denning Park in La Grange on Saturday, September 2nd.

We sold our RED hats at the Last Fling, hats are available in the VFW canteen. Two styles, \$20ea. The proceeds are going to Camp Hometown Heroes, a special camp for children aged 7-17 of Gold Star Families.

The Riders will participate in the Naperville Labor Day Parade, Monday, September 4th

We'll be there to Welcome Home Honor Flight Chicago on September 20th.
Respectfully submitted,

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



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Sons of the American Legion

Our stated S.A.L. meeting is every **THIRD** Tuesday at 7:00PM. We met in the lower level "patio" at the VFW hall. Our next stated meeting is scheduled for October 17th 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 Sep dates are:

**Sep 2 - Monarch Landing
Sep 9 - Brookdale - Lisle
Sep 16- Tabor Hills
Sep 23 - 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

On Sept.9, 1776, the Continental Congress formally renamed the United Colonies the United States.

A U.S. naval force commanded by Commodore Oliver Perry defeated the British in the Battle of Lake Erie on Sept. 10, 1813 during the War of 1812. Perry's report of the battle read, "We have met the enemy and they are ours."

On Sept. 13, 1847, during the Mexican War, U.S. Marines raised the American flag over the Mexican fortress of Chapultepec that guarded Mexico City. The victory is commemorated by the words, "From the Halls of Montezuma" in the opening of the Marine Hymn.

General Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson captured the Federal garrison at Harper's Ferry, Va., (now West Va.), on Sept. 15, 1862, opening the way for Confederate forces to advance into Maryland.

On Sept. 4, 1886, a U.S. Army detachment captured Apache leader Geronimo in Arizona. He was eventually imprisoned at Fort Sill, Okla., where he died in 1908.

Tanks were first used in warfare on Sept. 12, 1918, when the 304 Tank Brigade under the command of Gen. George S. Patton, Jr., attacked German forces at St. Mihiel, France, in WW I.

U.S. intelligence broke Japan's super-secret Purple code on Sept. 25, 1940. Along with breaking Germany's Enigma code, it was a prime intelligence accomplishment in WW II.

The first engagement on German soil during WW II took place on Sept. 12, 1944, as the 1st Army advanced into enemy territory north of the city of Trier at a central portion of the Siegfried Line.

On Sept. 4, 1950, during the Korean War what is considered the first helicopter rescue of a pilot behind enemy lines took place.

USS Enterprise (CVAN 65), the world's first nuclear-powered aircraft carrier was launched on Sept. 24, 1960 at Newport News, Va.

The last major military operation in which U.S. ground troops participated during the Vietnam War began on Sept. 5, 1970, with Operation "Jefferson Glen." It would continue in Thua Thien Province until Oct. 8.

The "Don't Tread on Me" first Navy Jack is flown by Navy ships on Sept. 11,



AMERICAN LEGION POST 43 CALENDAR



Sep 2, 2023
Sep 7, 2023
Sep 9, 2023
Sep 11, 2023

Saturday
Thursday
Saturday
Monday



10 am Coffee at Monarch Landing
Post Meeting 7:00PM
10 am Coffee at Brookdale-Lisle
9/11 Remembrance Ceremony
CMDR Dan Shanower Memorial
6:00PM

Sep 15, 2023
Sep 16, 2023
Sep 17, 2023
Sep 19, 2023
Sep 23, 2023
Sep 23, 2023
Sep 27, 2023

Friday
Saturday
Sunday
Tuesday
Saturday
Saturday
Wednesday

Post Fundraiser at the VFW Paint and sip
10 am Coffee at Tabor Hills
Judd-A-Thon
S.A.L. Squadron Meeting 7 PM
10 am Coffee at Story Point
Legion Dinner Social 6:00 PM
Legion Riders Meeting 7 PM



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
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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 11, 2023
Nov 11, 2023
Nov 14, 2023
Nov 18, 2023
Nov 22, 2023
Nov 25, 2023

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Post Meeting 7:00PM
10 AM Coffee at Monarch Landing
248th USMC Birthday Ball
10 Am Coffee at Brookdale-Lisle
Legion Dinner 6:00PM
S.A.L Squadron Meeting 7 PM
10 am Coffee at Tabor Hills
Legion Riders Meeting 7 PM
10 am Coffee at Story Point

Scholarship Winners

On 3 Aug 2023, the Post took a moment to recognize our winners for the Post 43 Scholarship – two young ladies were selected as winners each receiving a \$3,000 Scholarship for the Fall 2023 start.

Annie Sullivan and her parents Dan and Jen Sullivan joined us to celebrate. Annie attended Wheaton North High School where she earned National Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society, Speech Honor Society recognition. Her activities at school and in the community include Speech and Debate. Annie will attend Fordham University in New York City and study Political Science in the Fall.

Liesl Noll is joined by her parents Angie and Jim. Granddaughter of John Noll, Liesl graduated from York High School where she earned National Honor Society recognition from 2021-2023. A very accomplished singer and performer with York High School choir, Liesl studied her craft in and out of the classroom and dedicated herself to the performing arts. She will attend Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa and she plans to pursue a double major in vocal performance with a classical focus and Music education.

As we congratulate Liesl and Annie, I also want to thank members of the judge's board – Phil Maughn, Liz Michalski, Jim Vahle. Thank you to the Post 43 team for the work done to raise the funds each year so we can continue this great program supporting eligible seniors in our community.

We wish all our transitioning senior all the best in this year of transition and please remember that your family members are eligible to submit for the scholarship. For those family members entering their senior year, stay tuned for the 2024 scholarship announcement in January 2024. Thank you, Todd Bertulis, Scholarship Chair.

Respectfully,
Todd

Todd S. Bertulis





Appreciating Life

This month I came up blank on a topic related to Service Officer activity, but never fear I do have a theme for this month.

Even though many of us are retired and we should have large blocks of free time, often we don't. We seem to be busy with veteran activities, church activities, many different civic projects, and other things around the home as well as still working as many of you do. As I have said in the past, most of us are very blessed. We are surrounded by loving family members, church and social friends, and business friends. So, what all this means is "We never stop to smell the roses". Life seems to fly by at a supersonic rate. As such we never really appreciate the people around us. Make sure you spend time "enjoying your relationship with family, friends, and colleagues.

Life is way too short to let that slip by, you lose all sorts of life's happiness that way.

MAKE SURE YOU SMELL THE ROSES TODAY.

Dennis Lukavsky
Service Officer:
VFW Post 3873



VA Hotline
1-855-948-2311



Looking for Veterans and their immediate family that would like to participate in our Naperville American Legion Post 43 trapshooting event Sunday, September 10th at 10a in Naperville's Sportsman's Club. The cost is only \$20 and all equipment, safety gear, and instruction provided! Need not be a current American Legion member to participate, just Veteran or immediate family accompanying their Veteran to participate!
Contact Tom at 630-215-3592 to register!



Trapshooting Fundamentals



Learn to Trapshoot!

Who: American Legion Members

When: Sunday, September 10th at 10am Sharp

Where: Naperville Sportsman's Club
735 S. West Street
Naperville, IL 60540

(Located next to the Naperville Garden Plots and across from Knoch Park)

Cost: \$20

Shotguns, hearing protection and ammo will be provided

Agenda:

- 1) Introduction To Trapshooting
- 2) Shotgun and range safety
- 3) Develop good shooting habits - Level 1 shotgun shooting instructions
- 4) Live-fire starts at Noon (25 rounds fired; 5 rounds from 5 stations)

Space is limited – Contact Tom Jorstad at 630-215-3592 to register.

NAPER NIGHTS CREWS

Thank you to all our amazing volunteers. We had a blast can't wait to do it again next year



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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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Aug 7 - Post Meeting 7pm

Aug 2 - Coffee-Monarch Landing

Aug 9 - Coffee-Brookdale in Lisle

Aug 16- Coffee-Tabor Hills

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





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2023 2nd Annual Ruck March team Veterans

