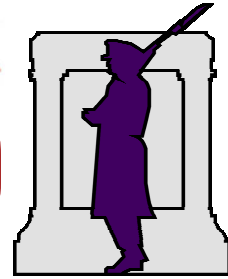




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**Celebrating 101 Years of Service to Veterans, U.S. Military, Youth, & Community**

## COMMANDER'S CALL

**Jack Amberg - Post Commander**

### **Fellow Legionnaires:**

As the year begins, it seems at times like the world is upside down. Everything seems to be in a state of change. The changes seem to happen at the speed of light, from COVID-19 and how we deal with that, to technology, law enforcement, and just the basics of our culture. One thing that has not changed is the need in our society to serve others.

The American Legion has always sought to serve, but not just Veterans. Looking at our Pillars, after Veterans we see National Security, Americanism, and Children & Youth. Serving those groups has gotten us where we are at, and will sustain us through the rough times. Changes are coming, but serving each other, our community, and our country, has not changed.

To continue to do that we need folks to be involved. I am asking each of you to begin thinking about how you can serve others. That is our DNA as Veterans! We are truly our happiest when we are helping others. There are several ways you can help, and my contact information is in this newsletter. If you'd like to get involved, just raise your hand. We have a number of committees that have chairs now, but you can 'right seat' with them for a year, learn the ropes, and then step in. We always need new hands, etc.

What I think we can all agree on is that the only thing that is constant, is change, and change is happening and will continue to happen. What role will you choose in that change? How can you help your American Legion Post? Let me know what you can, when you can, and let's have a great year!

Our next regularly scheduled meeting is Thursday, September 3rd, at 7 p.m. at the VFW Hall. We are following CDC guidelines during this Pandemic, so be sure to wear your mask. The other important event this month is the 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony at 6 p.m. on Friday, September 11th. (See information on Page 6 of this newsletter).

See you in September!!

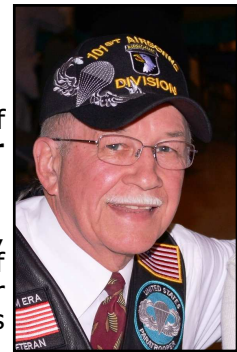
Jack Amberg  
Commander, Naperville American Legion Post 43



## Sr. Vice Commander

As of right now our membership stands at 240 of 573 or 42%. For those of you that have renewed your membership **"WE THANK YOU for your continued support of our American Legion Post 43"**.

If you ***have yet to renew your membership*** for the 2020-2021 year, we are offering five (5) years membership for a four (4) years payment of \$160 dollars. Thus if you choose to take advantage of this offer, your savings will be \$40 dollars. The five for four payment choices are as follows:



Richard Karbarz

- 1) Send your dues in directly to our Post Home:

Naperville American Legion Post 43  
PO Box 4  
Naperville, IL 60566

- 2) Pay at the Post Meeting
- 3) Email Bob Colby - [bob\\_colby@comcast.net](mailto:bob_colby@comcast.net)

Please include your full name, membership ID number, and write down 5/4 payment.

### Regular one year renewal can be accomplished as follows:

- 1) Send your dues (\$40) directly to our Post Home:

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- 2) Renew on line - Department of Illinois website  
<http://www.illegion.org/membership/renew/>
- 3) PayPal account holders only:  
[IL43Finance@gmail.com](mailto:IL43Finance@gmail.com)

Please include your full name and member ID number.

It is a team effort to recruit new members, and I would ask each of you to spread the word about our Post. A word by mouth is a powerful means of communication, so continue to promote our Post as you acquire new friends and update your current circle of friends that we welcome new members to our ranks.

I thank you in advance for your hard work and continued support of Post 43.

Our continued goal for 2020-2021 - **"Recruit Early and Often"**

Richard H. Karbarz  
Sr. Vice Commander Post 43  
630-527-9438  
"Airborne All The Way"



## Jr. Vice Commander



Nadia Rios

I hope this newsletter finds all of you in good health as we head from Summer to Fall. We are preparing for our first social on **September 19<sup>th</sup>**. Social hour and cocktails will begin at 6:00pm. This will give our members the opportunity to meet and greet our newly installed Post 43 Officer's and Sons of American Legion (SAL) Officer's. Dinner will be served promptly at 7:00pm at the VFW Hall. Please note that the socials this year will look very different from what we are used to. Masks will be required unless you are seated at a table. Reservations will be cut off at 50 members, it will be first come first served. When reserving your spot please note that we will need your email address or phone number. I will be confirming your reservation the week of the dinner. If for whatever reason you need to cancel, please let me know. You will be able to pay by credit card the day of the social. You can also pay ahead using our PayPal service [il43finance@gmail.com](mailto:il43finance@gmail.com). Please remember to put in your information when paying by PayPal, and that you are paying for the dinner.

We will be trying a new caterer this year **Little Pops Pizzeria**. Little Pops Pizzeria is a Veteran owned business, and I am excited to use them. Desserts, as always, will be donated by **Prima Sweets**. The menu for the evening will be Baked Ziti Pasta, Italian Beef, Chicken Parmigiana, Salad, Sautéed Veggies, and Garlic Knots. Please let us know about the quality of food, so that we meet your needs and expectation of the food we serve at our Dinner/Socials.

The cost for all Dinner/Socials remains the same at \$14 per Person, \$7 for children age 7-14, and children age 6 and under will still eat for free! Due to our 50 member limit, we will not have any entertainment. There will be recorded music playing for your enjoyment. I am looking forward to getting to know everyone at our Dinner/Socials and other events!

Semper Fidelis!

Nadia Rios  
Jr. Vice Commander

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Instagram: post43naperville  
Twitter: Naperville Post 43 - @naperlegion

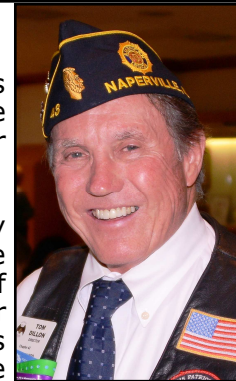




### AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS CHAPTER 43

Covid-19 is still effecting your American Legion Riders activities, but we are still getting out and about while social distancing, washing our hands, and wearing our masks.

Since our last report we have been involved in many parades for WWII and Korean Veterans who are celebrating a significant birthday. The Rider bikes lead a parade of vehicles past the Veteran's home, and honk our horns and rev our engines to the delight of those present. Not sure what the neighbors think of all the noise, but the guests love it. On some occasions we have even been asked to stop and spend a few moments at the celebrant's home, and receive a piece of cake and share some military stories. It is a small thing that we do, but it seems to bring joy to the Veterans. I do know that these events surely bring joy to us Riders, and gives us a chance to saddle up and get outside and ride in the wind. We also had the honor of attending a parade for a young man who had just finished 1-1/2 years of cancer treatments. Thank you to the Riders who made us aware of this event.



Tom Dillon

Especially memorable was a ride on 1 August, where many of us rode to honor and raise funds for the Chris Patterson Memorial Foundation. Chris was a graduate of West Aurora High School. He then attended Valparaiso University where he joined ROTC. He also joined the Indiana National Guard, where he served as a Combat Engineer (12B). In 2011 his Guard unit was deployed to Kandahar Province in Afghanistan, but since he was involved in ROTC, he was allowed to stay in college to finish his education. He insisted on deploying with his unit, and on 6 January 2012 he was killed by an IED. Many of us rode in his North Aurora funeral in 2012, and continue to ride in his memory every year. On a happier note the Riders have also participated on many "Operation Welcome You Home" events.

The Riders have just announced that they are donating \$7,000.00 to the Legacy Fund. This fund offers college scholarships to the children of service members who have been over 50% disabled or killed since 9/11. With a 10% matching grant from Post 43, the total donation is \$7,700.00. Thank you all who have supported our charities in the past. We are sorry to announce that, due to Covid-19, we have had to cancel the Riders Annual Fundraising Dinner previously scheduled for 3 October 2020. We are still looking for ways to raise funds so that we can continue to support so many Veteran related charities. Last year we donated over \$12,000.00 to various Veteran charities such as DuPage Veterans Foundation, Naperville Responds, Legacy Fund, Assisted Living Homes, and other Veteran needs. If you would like to support our charities, you can mail a donation or a check made out to: "Naperville Post 43 American Legion Riders" and mail to our treasurer:

Bob Burch  
16W760 89th Place,  
Willowbrook, IL 60527.

These are difficult times and we will continue to support all Veterans, and we hope you can continue your support to us. If you know of a business or a friend that would like to support our causes, please pass on this information, or they can contact any Rider.

Our next Rider meeting is 23 September starting at 7:00pm. Location TBD.

Tom Dillon  
Director ALR Chapter 43  
630-803-2047







## AMERICAN LEGION POST 43 CALENDAR



September 3, 2020	Thursday		Post Meeting 7 pm
September 7, 2020	Monday		Labor Day
September 11, 2020	Friday		9/11 Remembrance Ceremony 6 pm
September 15, 2020	Tuesday		S.A.L. Squadron Meeting 7 pm
September 18, 2020	Friday		U.S. Air Force Birthday (1947)
September 19, 2020	Saturday		Dinner/Social - Officer Installation
September 20, 2020	Sunday		Judd-A-Thon 0.1K Fun Run
September 23, 2020	Wednesday		Legion Rider Meeting 7 pm
October 1, 2020	Thursday		Post Meeting 7 pm
October 13, 2020	Tuesday		U.S. Navy Birthday (1775)
October 17, 2020	Saturday		Dinner/Social - Octoberfest
October 20, 2020	Tuesday		S.A.L. Squadron Meeting 7 pm
October 28, 2020	Wednesday		Legion Rider Meeting 7 pm
November 5, 2020	Thursday		Post Meeting 7 pm
November 11, 2020	Tuesday		Dinner/Social - Veterans Day
November 17, 2020	Saturday		S.A.L. Squadron Meeting 7 pm
November 25, 2020	Wednesday		Legion Rider Meeting 7 pm



### Coffee "and"

**Saturday Morning 10 AM**



**Coffee's cancelled for an Indefinite period of time!**

Due to the concerns over Coronavirus (Covid-19), our monthly visits with Veterans at Monarch Landing, Brookdale-Lisle, Independence Village, and Spring Meadows have been postponed for an indefinite period of time. When it is safe to resume, we will again have gatherings on the 1st Saturday at Monarch Landing, the 2nd Saturday at Brookdale in Lisle, the 3rd Saturday at Independence Village, and the 4th Saturday at Spring Meadows.

Information: Ken Mores 815-353-4102



## "9/11" Remembrance Ceremony

On behalf of the "9/11" - 2020 Remembrance Committee, we would like to invite you to attend this very special "9/11" Remembrance Ceremony to be held on Friday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at the **"Commander Dan Shanower/September 11<sup>th</sup> Memorial"** on the Riverwalk next to City Hall starting at 6 pm. In the event of bad weather, this event will be cancelled.

As this is the 19<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the attack on our Country, this will again be a very special ceremony as we pay our respects to all of those innocent men and women that were lost because of that dreadful attack on our Country, and those lost fighting in harm's way to protect our Freedoms ever since.

Due to the current Covid-19 Pandemic, we are asking everyone to wear a mask and honor the social distancing mandate. In addition, we will not have a "guest speaker" so the program itself will be simply a time for the community to gather and renew our vow to "Never Forget". Our Combined Post Color Guard and Honor Guard will also be participating, along with the Naperville Municipal Band, Police and Fire Departments. Hope to see you there!

Thanks - Wayne

## Sons of the American Legion Squadron 43

We are excited to announce that we received 100% membership award this year, and we have all current members paid up for this next year. I would like to thank Doug Deetjen and our officers for their tireless efforts in helping the Squadron maintain our 100% status. Furthermore, we have increased our membership by nearly 30% from last year.



This Fall, the Pioneers have requested the help again from our S.A.L. to help build more Tricycles, as part of one of their many projects - TOT (Therapy Oriented Tricycle). The S.A.L. have helped the Pioneers in the past years, and usually build trikes in the Spring, but due to the Pandemic we did not have the opportunity. These tricycles are for kids ages 1½ to 7 years of age with conditions that limit physical ability.

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.

Our stated S.A.L. meetings are every third Tuesday at 7:00PM. Our next stated meeting is scheduled for **September 15<sup>th</sup>**, location TBD. All members of the Legion and Legion Riders are encouraged to attend.

Chris Lance  
Squadron 43 SAL Commander  
(630) 926-1177

## News from Department Headquarters



Our American Legion Department Headquarters remain open and operating full time. In addition, our Veterans Service Office is now operating full time at Hines Hospital. Previously they worked out of the Jessie Brown VA Center, but that office remains temporarily closed until the Covid-19 gets under control. If you know of a fellow Veteran that needs help working on a Service-Connected Disability Claim, please refer them to our office at Hines Hospital.

During August we are having "Awards Ceremonies" in each of our 5 Divisions. During these 5 stops we are presenting Membership Awards to Posts over 100% for last year; and many other awards for the Legion, our Auxiliary, and our Sons of the Legion. Last Saturday Jack Amberg accepted the 100%+ Membership Award for Post 43, and Rich Yndestad received the "1st Place Newsletter" Award in the Department for Posts over 401+ members. Rich has received this award for several years, and truly has earned this special recognition. In addition, our Sons of the Legion Squadron received a 100%+ membership Award also.

In September we will be holding our Annual Division and District Officers Training along with our Quarterly Department Executive Committee meeting in Springfield. Yes, the American Legion does honor and follow our State's Covid-19 mandate. **WE ARE MOVING FORWARD!!!!**

### Wayne Fischer - Your Sr Vice Commander for the Department of Illinois



**VA Hotline**  
**1-855-948-2311**





### **America Reaches a Tipping Point, from a Chaplain's Perspective**

God Bless You Veterans, Family and Friends of Post 43! Stay healthy and try to stay positive and active during these challenging times! Remember, God will never leave your side, and yes he remains in control over the continuing events happening in our country and the world at large. We are truly experiencing, and for most, living through historical days as events continue to unfold in our country; with the pandemic now six months in duration. In this space, I wish to take a step back and reflect on what the unfolding events of 2020 may be trying to tell us, and how to make sense of the year you and I have been a witness to.

America has reached a turning point with respect to our national economic, political and cultural landscape. A common point of agreement was recently identified by John Rappaport, Dr. David Jeremiah, John Hagee, Dr. Robert Jeffers, Franklin Graham, Dr. Charles Stanley, and Jonathan Cahn, author of the bestseller "The Harbinger." Each of these men have commented recently during interviews, or by sermon's, that America and many of the world's nations are experiencing a rapid deepening, if not serious, spiritual battle. For America, in particular, the battle is for the very soul of this great nation. Scripture clearly points out that Satan is the father of all lies. In America at present some of these lies are believed, acted on, thereby creating a spiritual trap. A narrative being falsely put forth that our founding fathers belief that free religious expression based on strong faith principles and values, belief in God resulting in our national blessings, and greatness together with our 244 years of national history need to be rewritten. The trap that the Constitution is an irrelevant document for another time that needs to be replaced by a socialist agenda, denying God, and instead of teaching our children Civics (removed from most school curriculums for decades now) indoctrinate them in the false religion of socialism. The trap that violent protests; which include violence, killing, and destruction of property, must be allowed to continue so that our current democratic system can be torn down and replaced by a socialist utopia. Also, the trap that free religious expression should be labeled as hate speech and subject to fine or imprisonment. Add to that, the trap of defunding our police, reducing the role of our military, or the trap of overdependence on the government to provide free college, free Medicare for all, and expand the welfare state, the national debt, and spending without serious thought of the consequences. Who will pay for all this? They don't realize it, but these same young people demanding our system be replaced, is the same group who will one day have to pay for all this.

Excuse Me! For those who hate America and wish to tear it down and start over. For those that hate God and reject His involvement in our country's history and blessings received, hear this! God owns this earth and everything on it and in it, and his will is sovereign! He also purchased each of us with a price through the death of His own Son! God is in control, and will have the last word! His will, not yours, will be done for America, other nations and the planet we live on. I believe a spiritual revival must happen, and a turning back to Him, if this nation is to avoid a righteous God bringing judgement to this nation. We are now being warned with the unrest, the Pandemic and economic storm clouds approaching fast. So, Chaplain how do we heal? We heal by each of us humbling ourselves in heart felt prayer; to drop to our knees and ask forgiveness. We need to take care of each other now more than ever. Pray and reach out to look after each other. We need to pray for our national, corporate, and governmental leaders. We need to ask God, thru His Holy Spirit, to change our hearts. Lastly, we need to practice active listening. To those dissenting voices who are peaceful but wanting change because they are fearful, hurting or feel their voices are not being heard, we all need to let them express their feelings of frustration, and then agree to have a dialogue to let them know we have truly understood the reasons for their feeling and work together to affect positive change. Let us hope we can collectively move towards this solution, because now more than anytime in recent history, we need to understand and reach out to each other with compassion, understanding, and trust.

Chaplain, Dick Komarek



**September: Mix of Momentous and Monstrous**

This month marks both the official birth of our country's name and – at the other end of the spectrum – the vicious attacks on the World Trade Center, the Pentagon and the crash of United Flight 93 in Shanksville, Pa.

On Sept. 7, 1776, the Continental Congress adopted the name, United States, in place of United Colonies.

American forces captured Major John Andre on Sept. 23, 1780, foiling his plot with Benedict Arnold to turn over West Point to the British. Andre was hanged a little over a week later, but Arnold escaped and received a commission as a brigadier general from Britain, as well as a lifelong pension for his wife.

During the War of 1812, the U.S. brig Enterprise defeated the British brig Boxer. During the fierce battle, both ships' commanders were killed. Enterprise's skipper, Lt. William Burrows, was the son of the Commandant of the Marine Corps.

The Stars and Stripes were raised for the first time over a foreign capital when the flag flew over Mexico City on Sept. 14, 1842.

General Thomas J. "Stonewall" Jackson captured Harper's Ferry, Va., from Union forces on Sept. 15, 1862.

On Sept. 12, 1918, the largest concentration of aircraft during WWI took part in the opening of the St. Mihiel campaign. Col. Billy Mitchell commanded 1,462 aircraft and some 30,000 U.S., British, French, and Italian personnel.

President Woodrow Wilson signed the "Pershing Bill" on Sept. 3, 1918, creating the permanent rank of General and making John J. Pershing the ranking Army General Officer for as long as he remained on active duty.

Army pilot Maj. Frederick Martin, with mechanic Sgt. Alva L. Harvey, complete the first flight around the world on Sept. 28, 1924, after 365 flying hours, covering more than 29,500 miles.

U.S. 1<sup>st</sup> Army tanks and infantry marked the first engagement on German soil during WWII on Sept. 12, 1944, north of Trier in central part of the country.

On Sept 2, 1945, the Japanese formally surrendered on the deck of the U.S. battleship Missouri, in Tokyo Bay, ending WWII.

The Department of the Air Force was established on Sept. 18, 1947, as a separate service, transferring air activities from the Army.

On Sept 15, 1950, U.S. Marine, Navy and Army forces, as well as Korean troops, landed at Inchon, South Korea, reversing the Communist North Korean invasion and leading to securing the city of Seoul by the end of the month.

Captain Charles DeBellevue became the leading Air Force ace of the Vietnam War on Sept. 9, 1972. As flight systems Officer, in an F-4 Phantom, he assisted in shooting down the fifth and sixth MiGs in his tour.

On Sept. 7, 1994, the U.S. Army closed its headquarters in Berlin, ending this country's military presence in the post-WWII once divided city, nearly a half century after the end of the conflict.

U.S. troops invaded Haiti on Sept. 19, 1994, in an effort to restore democracy in that country.

Sept. 11, 2001: no description needed, as we remember.



### Color Guard

We need you!

In order to carry all the flags and rifles we need at least 11 volunteers for the Color Guard. If you are interested in helping out with events, please send your name, e-mail, and phone number to Jim Sarns at:

[jsarns@outlook.com](mailto:jsarns@outlook.com)

We are looking for new volunteers!!

For more information contact Jim Sarns at 630-234-6292.



G.I. Yoga is free to all Veterans and their family members. G.I. Yoga teaches stress relief methods by using the practice of Yoga to ease aches and pains, lower blood pressure, and increase strength, flexibility, and balance. G.I. Yoga also teaches participants how to use Yoga to manage symptoms of PTSD and TBI. All classes are taught by certified Yoga Instructors.

**In person & YouTube Live classes on Wednesday morning at VFW Hall with Kate Fleming.** [giyoga@osotamerica.org](mailto:giyoga@osotamerica.org)  
**Saturday morning classes at the Fort Hill Center in Naperville are all cancelled until farther notice due to the Coronavirus (Covid-19).**

**YouTube channel link:** <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCxBk498oH94Dir8KMRPjdug/>

**GI Yoga Website:** <https://www.osotamerica.org/g-i-yoga/>

For additional information, contact:

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Please check Class Schedules: <https://giyoga.org/calendar/>

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(Additional Legion Callers are needed!!!)

## **September 2020 Activities - Opportunities**

Sep 3 - Post Meeting 7pm

Sep 11 - 9/11 Remembrance 6 pm

Sep 15 - S.A.L. Squadron Meeting 7 pm

Sep 19 - Dinner/Social 6 pm

Sep 20 - Judd-A-Thon 0.1K Fun Run

Sep 23 - Legion Riders 7 pm

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





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**Our Post 43 Legion Riders stop by to help Russ Harwood celebrate his 80th birthday on August 17, 2020.**

**(Photo by Roger Treend)**