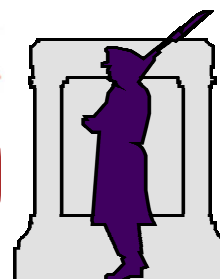




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COMMANDER'S CALL

Jack Amberg - Post Commander

Greetings Fellow Legionnaires:

It's November and another opportunity for us to educate our fellow Citizens. Veterans Day is truly a day to celebrate Veterans, those who have served our great nation and lived to tell about it. I say this because Memorial Day is the day we honor those who paid the ultimate price, while serving that same great nation. But I have to tell you, using either of these days for 'sales' or to 'raise funds' for a non-profit has always kind of bugged me.

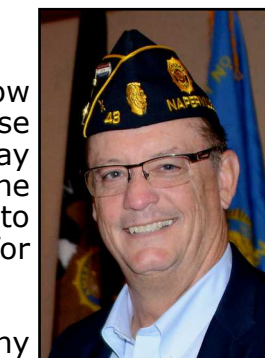
Maybe I am getting old and crotchety, but there are so many organizations and people who have jumped on the Veterans Day and Memorial Day bandwagon to 'get' something out of it. Nonprofit organizations trying to serve Veterans is wonderful, but they should develop their own fund raising, without taking from these holidays and their true meaning. Veterans Day and Memorial Day are not the days that people should make about their own particular organization. I get it, the recognition of these days creates 3-day weekends, and so there is more time to visit a store and complete shopping, but that is not the purpose to these special days. Veterans Day and Memorial Day also bring the opportunity to tell the stories of the men and women who have served, making it top of mind, creating an opportunity to raise funds. Again, I get it.

I think picnics and get-togethers are great! They allow folks to talk, to remember, to share. I love the fact that we Veterans defended the free market, capitalist, economic system that has provided the highest quality of living in the world; but I don't think the day is created for a sale. We are given Veterans Day and Memorial Day to celebrate and remember.....not to save and fund raise.

That said, hope to see all of you at our Veterans Day activities planned to honor our Veterans. See schedule of events for Monday, November 11th on page 9 of this newsletter.

Our next Post 43 meeting is Thursday, Nov 7th, 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.

Jack Amberg
Commander, Naperville American Legion Post 43



Veterans Day



Sr. Vice Commander

MEMBERSHIP! MEMBERSHIP! MEMBERSHIP! It's all that I have on my brain! We currently sit at 390 of 573, or 68% of members on the books for 2020. That 68% is made up of renewals, new members, and transfers to Post 43. Many of you are directly responsible for bringing some of those members, so thank you! Shout out to Adjutant Nadia Rios and Finance Office Bob Colby for doing all the behind the scenes work to get us to this point, but we need MORE to surpass 573! And to do that I still need your help! Here are 3 meaningful ways you can help us reach our goal!



Jennifer Slown

1. Calling Day: Saturday November 16th from 10 am – 4 pm, we will be at the Naperville VFW making calls to Legion members to renew and or transfer to our Post. This will be a DuPage and Will County wide effort by multiple Legion Posts to call members who have not renewed yet. You do not need to be present for the full 6 hours. Even just stopping by for an hour to make calls would help out immensely! Phone lists and a general script will be provided. Let me know if you would like to volunteer.
2. Battle Buddies: When new members join or transfer to our Post, they often don't know anyone or are unsure how to get involved. To make sure all new members are welcomed, we are implementing the "Battle Buddy" system. Each new member will be paired with an existing member of the Post. That member will invite the new member to meetings, socials, and other gatherings to ensure they feel welcome in our Legion family. If you are willing to serve as a "Battle Buddy", please let me know so I can add you to my roster.
3. Business Cards: Member Paul Abelson was kind enough to provide us with an example of a recruiting business card that all members can carry and pass along to prospective Legion members. It will have vital information on our meeting times and how to join the Post and will be less cumbersome than the recruiting form. That way, the next time you see someone that is a Veteran (hat, bumper sticker, etc), simply hand them one of these cards and invite them to our next meeting! Stay tuned as these will be hot off the presses very soon!

Last, but not least, the grand prize of a \$100 gift card to Hugo's Frog Bar and Fish House is still at stake! The member that recruits the most Legion members to our Post between September 1st, 2019 and May 31st, 2020 will win the kitty! To ensure you are credited for those you recruit, simply notify Adjutant Rios so we have an accurate accounting!

In the Marine Corps, we were constantly told to "Improvise, Adapt, and Overcome" to meet the mission! Our mission as Legionnaires is, to not only maintain, but to grow our Post membership. I know that we can only achieve this mission together! Let's get after it!

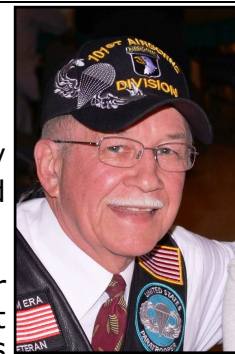
Semper Fidelis!
Jennifer Slown
Sr Vice Commander



Jr. Vice Commander

I **thank you in advance** for your **continued support** of our "Dinner/Socials", and **your attendance** to our next Dinner/Social scheduled for November 11th, 2019, **Veterans Day!**

Our October Dinner/Social was a smash, with our new caterer (Corky's Catering) providing us with a superb German Oktoberfest Menu. Deserts were generously donated by our Prima Sweets (Nadia Rios and Stacey Harrison). "Ron Keller & his Oomph Band" entertained us with their signature Oktoberfest music. As October is traditionally been our celebration of "Woman in the Military". We recognized all woman who served, and saluted those who are currently serving and on duty.



Richard Karbarz

Our next major event is **Veterans Day**, (originally known as **Armistice Day**), on Monday, **November 11th**, Dinner/Social will kick off @ **6 pm; dinner @ 7 pm** at the **VFW Hall**. This will be your opportunity to wish each other good health, have couple of drinks together to enjoy each other's company, and reflect on your time in the service as being memorable and honorable. By popular demand we are bringing back our **dedicated Kendall Cooks** to serve their traditional superb turkey dinner. In addition, I am working on bringing back the **NVHS Jazz Quartet** to play for us during our dinner. So, get ready to eat, drink, enjoy the band, and share some of your highlights while serving our Country.

There is **NO** dinner in December, so our next Dinner/Social is January 18th, 2020. Yes how time flies, a new year will be upon us. Be sure to mark your calendars for **January 18th dinner**, as we **recognize/celebrate "New Members Initiation"**, and the **installation of our American Legion Rider officers**. **Texas Roadhouse** will provide their delicious menu for this occasion, and we are working to bring back **Patrick Schiller professional vocalist/keyboardist with a voice and style like Billy Joe**. 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 still eat for free!** Please mark your calendars for our future Dinner/ Socials as follows: **February 15th, 2020, March 21st, 2020, and April 18th, 2020.**

Be sure to RSVP when the email blast goes out to ensure you have a spot reserved! Warm regards, good health, and see you at our next Dinner/Social.

Richard H. Karbarz, Jr. Vice-Commander "Airborne All The Way"!



Photos by Jim Hoch



AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS CHAPTER 43



The riding season is winding down, but we managed to attend the Last "Honor Flight Welcome Home" at Midway Airport on October 16th. We still have the "Healing Field Flag Truck" escort on November 1st. There will be indoor activities that will keep the Riders busy. The Legion Riders will continue attending Walk-thrus, direct burials at Abraham Lincoln Natl. Cemetery, and visits to Senior Living Centers, where our many of our Veterans reside.

Thank you to all who attended our Annual Dinner Fundraiser event, to raise money for the Legacy Fund. It was sold out at 200 tickets. Great thanks to the Kendall Cooks, who prepared a fantastic prime rib dinner. The Claremont Drive band was also fantastic and had many of us out of our chairs and onto the dance floor with their great mix of 60s & 70s music.

Nominations for 2020 officers are being taken this month and in January we will have some new officers for the Legion Riders. Good luck to them!

Our next Rider meeting is 20 November 2019 at the VFW/Legion patio at 7:00pm. Many Riders meet for a meal at Stilin's Pub in Lisle, IL before the meeting. You are invited to attend the meal and meeting and learn about the Legion Riders.

In the mean time, we will be polishing our bikes, waiting for Spring, but most importantly, we will continue to support Post 43 in all they do!

Tom Dillon
Director ALR Chapter 43
630-803-2047



The United States Marine Corps Celebrates their 244th Birthday



This year our beloved United States Marine Corps will celebrate their 244th Birthday. We will celebrate this annual tradition on Saturday, November 9th at the Marriott-Naperville. Our local "Naperville Marines" have honored this tradition for 46 years by hosting a "Marine Ball" here locally. But **ALL** are welcomed to join us in having a great evening with your friends.

The evening opens with our social hour starting at 1730 hrs. and the program will start at 1830 hrs. Dinner will be at 1915 hrs. The menu offering will be 1 of 3 choices: Beef Bordelaise; Herb Roasted Chicken; and Stuffed Portabello Mushroom. The ticket price will be \$75pp payable in advance.

Please send me your mailing address at wayne.l.fischer@gmail.com or call me at 630-240-8868, and I will get you a formal invitation so we will know your entre choice for dinner. Also, we will be collecting "**Toys for Tots**" that evening so feel free to bring some toys. Additional information will be included in the invite that we will have sent to you.

Thank you for considering this and we hope to have many of you join us for this very special and honored tradition.

Semper Fi-Wayne Fischer
Naperville Marines



Veteran Breakfast, November 9th, 7:30 a.m.

Are you a veteran who has served our country or want to honor the Veterans who have served? Do you want to hear a great story with many uplifting and happy endings? If so, come to the Veterans Day Men's Breakfast on Saturday, November 9th at 7:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, 815 S. Washington Street. You will hear leaders of **Naperville Responds For Veterans** tell who they are and all they do for local Veterans. Only a few really know. As their name says, Naperville Responds for Veterans focuses on Veterans, and revitalizes lives in many varied and unexpected ways. You'll learn their history, hear about their mission, and get a ground floor view of how they accomplish their mission and get the job done. **Naperville Responds for Veterans** makes a difference. You will be pleasantly surprised.

Please join us to learn about **Naperville Responds for Veterans**, and to honor all Veteran's.





BOY SCOUT TROOP 106

Some of the events Troop 106 has been involved with during the month of October:

Alpine Slide Campout: Troop 106 travelled to the Alpine Slide at Chestnut Mountain in Galena, IL October 5th – 6th. The Scouts were able to enjoy the slide during the day and then travelled to Apple River, IL to sleep for the night. Besides having fun at the slide they were able to knock out cooking requirements as well.



Warbird Event: Troop 106 travelled to Aero Estates in Naperville, IL October 21st. Stuart Glenn who owns a number of aircraft invited our troop to his hanger to view them. Was a privilege to hear his love of aviation and warbirds.



Sons of the American Legion Squadron 43

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 19th, 2019 and all members of the Legion and Legion Riders are encouraged to attend. We will work on planning our 2nd annual Pancake Breakfast in February 2020! More to Come, so Stay Tuned!



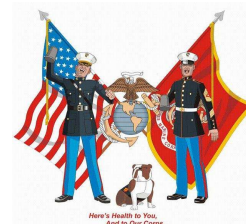
Chris Lance
Squadron 43 SAL Commander
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AMERICAN LEGION POST 43 CALENDAR



November 2, 2019	Saturday		10 am Coffee at Monarch Landing
November 7, 2019	Thursday		Post Meeting 7 pm
November 9, 2019	Saturday		Veteran Breakfast-Our Saviour's 7:30 am
November 9, 2019	Saturday		10 am Coffee at Brookdale-Lisle
November 9, 2019	Saturday		U.S. Marine Corps Dinner /Dance
November 10, 2019	Sunday		U.S. Marine Corps Birthday 244
November 11, 2019	Monday		Dinner/Social - Veterans Day
November 12, 2019	Tuesday		Hines VA Visit (bus leaves at 6:15pm)
November 16, 2019	Saturday		10 am Coffee at Independence Village
November 19, 2019	Tuesday		S.A.L. Squadron Meeting 7 pm
November 23, 2019	Saturday		10 am Coffee at Tabor Hills
November 27, 2019	Wednesday		Legion Rider Meeting
November 29, 2019	Friday		Little Friends Parade of Lights 7 pm
December 5, 2019	Thursday		Post Meeting 7 p.m.
December 7, 2019	Saturday		78th Anniversary Pearl Harbor
December 7, 2019	Saturday		10 a.m. Coffee at Monarch Landing
December 10, 2019	Tuesday		Hines VA Visit (bus leaves at 6:15pm)
December 14, 2019	Saturday		10 a.m. Coffee at Brookdale-Lisle
December 14, 2019	Saturday		Army/Navy Game 2 p.m.
December 18, 2019	Wednesday		Legion Riders Meeting
December 21, 2019	Saturday		10 a.m. Coffee at Independence Village
December 21, 2019	Saturday		No Dinner/Social
December 28, 2019	Saturday		10 a.m. Coffee at Tabor Hills
January 1, 2020	Tuesday		HAPPY NEW YEAR!!
January 2, 2020	Thursday		Post Meeting 7 p.m.
January 4, 2020	Saturday		10 a.m. Coffee at Monarch Landing
January 11, 2020	Saturday		10 a.m. Coffee at Brookdale-Lisle
January 14, 2020	Tuesday		Hines VA Visit (bus leaves at 6:15pm)
January 18, 2020	Saturday		10 a.m. Coffee at Independence Village
January 18, 2020	Saturday		Dinner/Social - Rider/SAL Officer Initiation
January 20, 2020	Monday		Martin Luther King Day
January 21, 2020	Tuesday		S.A.L. Squadron Meeting 7 pm
January 22, 2020	Wednesday		Legion Riders Meeting
January 25, 2020	Saturday		10 a.m. Coffee at Tabor Hills





This is the time of year when our thoughts turn towards the approaching holidays and the plans most of us will be making with friends and family. Likewise we should also be thinking of ways we can help those less fortunate and how we might be a blessing to them thru the giving of our time, talents and finances! Let me suggest several activities that we all can take time to participate in, that others will truly appreciate your caring and compassion. Every Saturday morning from 10-11am members of Post 43 and the VFW attend a morning coffee at one of Naperville or Lisle's Senior Living facilities. (See schedule on page 9). Ken Mores took over for Lee Lindberg, who originally started the idea for these visits, and does a fine job in overseeing and leading this event. In attendance at these coffees are Veterans who served in the Gulf Wars, Vietnam, Korea and World War II. Their tales and real life stories about their time of service, particularly in war time, is captivating to listen too. Some have given recounts of being POW's, while others fought it out in the Pacific, Philippines, or in the unforgiving climate of Vietnam. This is better than reading their exploits of heroism in a history book because each of these brave Veterans are themselves a living talking "history book!" I can promise you that you will come away from one of these coffees a changed person with a renewed appreciation for the sacrifices these men and women made in the defense of freedom for our nation. They also have humorous anecdotes about military service that will leave you smiling. Do yourselves a favor and plan on attending at least one of these coffees every month.

Now for the other activity which is also a blessing to others. On Tuesday, December 10th (bus leaves at 6:15 pm) join us when we travel to Hines VA Hospital in Maywood to sing Christmas carols and pass out presents to our wounded Vets, who are recovering from emotional and physical trauma. Some of these Vets have nobody visiting them, except us, and they are so grateful when we take time to show we care. Again Veterans and family members of the American Legion and VFW are transported to and from Hines Hosp. by bus for an evening of holiday cheer. For many of us it is an emotional experience to see the tears in the eyes of a Veteran, as each sings his service song and chooses their favorite holiday carol. For many their patriotism is rekindled, which is moving to each of us, and each Vet gets a present or two plus a Christmas card and custom made blanket. In the 10 years I have attended this event, I have been emotionally moved visiting these Vets, as you soon will be. Plan on bringing and sharing your joyous holiday spirit with a Vet who would most appreciate you caring to visit them at holiday time. You will never forget this experience!!

Finally, in his book "30 Life Principles" Pastor Charles Stanley reflects on 50 years of personal ministry with the truths and principles he has followed to enjoy life at its best. Stanley says "life does not have to be boring or a constant struggle". Instead it can be a dynamic, fulfilling, and exciting adventure through the application of these principles which serve to guide, comfort and instruct us:

- Our intimacy with God-His highest priority for our lives-determines the impact our life will have.
- Obey God and leave all the consequences to Him.
- God's word is an immovable anchor in the storms of life.
- The awareness of God's presence energizes us for our work.
- God does not require us to understand His will, just obey it even if it seems unreasonable.
- You reap what you sow, more than you sow and later than you sow.
- The dark moments of our life will last only as long as is necessary for God to accomplish His purpose in us.
- Fight all your battles on your knees and you win every time.
- Trusting God means looking beyond what we see to what God sees.
- If necessary, God will move heaven and earth to show us His will.

Chaplain, Dick Komarek



Veterans Day 2019

We will be conducting flag raisings at all of the District 203 schools on **Monday, November 11th**. The day will start with a breakfast at the District office located at the corner of Webster and Hillside at 7 a.m. Please RSVP by November 2nd to 203RSVP@Naperville203.org

If you have not been assigned a school, call Nina Petru at 630-871-9596 or petru1520@comcast.net. After breakfast we will all head out to 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 we will assign you a school.

Our **Veterans Day Memorial service will be held at 11am on Monday, Nov 11th** at Rotary Hill/Healing Field of flags located in the Riverwalk Park near the Millennium Carillon. Please arrive by 10:45 a.m.

Later that night we will have our Veterans Day Dinner/Social at the VFW Hall. Our social hour will commence at 6 p.m. followed by our traditional Turkey dinner at 7 p.m. It is very important that you RSVP to Richard Karbarz at rkarbarz2742@wowway.com so we have an accurate head count and do not run out of food.



Coffee "and"

Saturday Morning 10 AM



The November dates are:

Nov 2 - Monarch Landing
Nov 9 - Brookdale - Lisle
Nov 16 - Independence Village
Nov 23 - Tabor Hills

Don't forget our monthly visits with Veterans at Monarch Landing, Brookdale-Lisle, Independence Village, and Tabor Hills-Bohemian House. Join us 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 Tabor Hills.

Remember, all are welcome!

Information: Ken Mores 815-353-4102



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





Come Join Us!

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. The Wednesday morning 9:30 am Yoga class at the VFW is led by Kate Fleming. Kate also has Yoga classes for Veterans on Monday (Wheaton), Wednesday (Oswego), and Friday (Winfield).

There is also a Saturday morning class at 9:30 am in the Rubin Center in Naperville, led by Chitra Singh: mailofchitra@gmail.com.

For additional information, contact:
Kate Fleming at giyoga@osotamerica.org

Schedule of Classes: www.giyoga.org

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(Additional Legion Callers are needed!!!)

November 2019 Activities — Opportunities

Nov 2 - Monarch Landing

Nov 7 - Post Meeting 7 pm

Nov 9 - Vet Breakfast at Our Saviour's

Nov 9 - Brookdale - Lisle

Nov 11 - Veterans Day Dinner

Nov 16 - Independence Village

Nov 23 - Tabor Hills

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





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Post 43 member Rich Yndestad and his daughter Kerry (an Air Force Veteran) were on the October 16th Honor Flight Chicago to Washington DC.