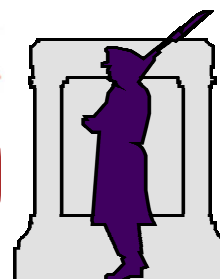




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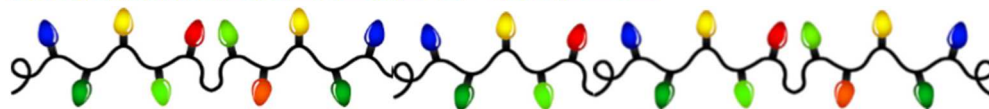


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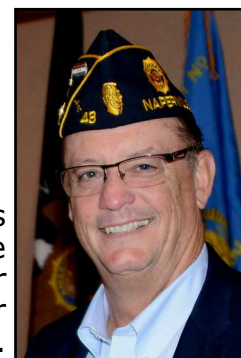
**Celebrating 100 Years of Service to Veterans, U.S. Military, Youth, & Community**

## COMMANDER'S CALL

**Jack Amberg - Post Commander**



## HAPPY HOLIDAYS



The American Legion Youth Cadet Law Enforcement program was established in 1971 to connect the youth of our community to the law enforcement people who protect them. I am looking for someone to chair this committee. I believe it is important that our youth understand the role of Law Enforcement in our Society. The view of that role seems to have become a bit distorted by many media outlets and groups that don't understand.

The youth who would be involved do not have to be interested in Law Enforcement as a career, but rather interested in the safe functioning of our Society. We'd like to recruit as diverse a population of youth as possible so that the respect for persons empowered with the responsibility of enforcing the law at all levels can be rekindled.

The goal is to expose youth to the riggers of training that is experienced by Law Enforcement personnel, while giving them a voice or venue to get answers to the questions they have. The program will involve getting Police representatives and reach out to high schools to connect them. There is more information available....just reach out to me and I'll get it to you.

That said, we are also looking for nominations for the Fire Fighter of the Year and Policeman of the Year. If you have nominations, you can send them my way and I'll forward them to the committee.

Finally, from the command team at Post 43, to every Member of Post 43 and their families, may your Christmas be Merry, your New Year Bright! If you practice other religions, then I wish Peace and Blessings on you and yours as you understand it.

Our next Post 43 meeting is Thursday, Dec 5th, 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

## Sr. Vice Commander

"WE ARE MAKING PROGRESS! As of today our membership stands at 416 of 573, or 72%. If you are reading this and have not sent in your dues for 2020, please send in your check for \$40 to Post 43 home address. Thank you to everyone for your hard work and dedication to our Post bringing in new members. This endeavor is absolutely a team effort. We've still have some ground to cover though, so we can't let up just yet! Our goal is 100%+



Jennifer Slown

November was a busy month with the Healing Fields, Post events, and of course Veterans Day and all the activities of the weekend. The cold weather and snow didn't keep our dedicated Veterans away as all Naperville 203 schools had Veteran coverage. While out in the community, our members did a fantastic job sharing with other Veterans the benefits of being members of Post 43. With the newly printed "recruitment business cards", our members are able to easily share information on when we meet and how to join Post 43. If you would like some of these cards to pass out, let me know!

Saturday, November 16th was our Post Revitalization "call-a-thon". Members called Legion members at large and encouraged them to transfer to Post 43. Thank you to those that assisted!

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 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019 and May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020 will win the kitty! To ensure you are credited for those you recruit, simply notify Adjutant Rios so we have an accurate accounting!

Thank you again for all of your support in service to Veterans and our Community. You, our steadfast members, are the reason Post 43 is the BEST Post in Illinois!"

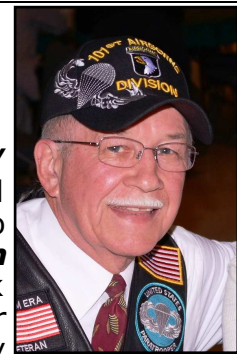
Semper Fidelis!  
Jennifer Slown  
Sr Vice Commander



Commander Jack Amberg swears in new Post 43 members Rose Porter and Jason Coombs at Nov 7th Post meeting.

## Jr. Vice Commander

**WOW!** We had a great turnout for our **Veterans Day Dinner/Social**, given that the weather turned on us with several inches of snow. I thank you for your attendance and look forward to seeing everyone on January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020 as we install our **Legion Riders Officers**. Please note that we will be taking a break for the holidays, so we don't have anything scheduled for December 2019. I would like to wish everyone Merry Christmas & Happy Holidays!



Richard Karbarz

Our November, **Veterans Day** Dinner/Social, as always was superb in that we had a full house, and our legendary "Turkey" dinner prepared by our tireless and dedicated Kendall Cooks was the meal of the night. As this was a joint dinner (Post 43 and VFW Post 3873), both Commanders shared with us the essence of being a Veteran, and discussed Veterans Day meaning and history.

Our **January 11<sup>th</sup>** Dinner/Social will kick off **at 6 pm; dinner @ 7 pm** at the **VFW Hall**. This will be your opportunity to meet and greet the newly installed Legion Riders Officers. I am currently working with Texas Roadhouse to provide their delicious menu for this occasion, and bring back NVHS Jazz quartet or Patrick Schiller professional vocalist/keyboardist with a voice and style like Billy Joe. This will be your opportunity to wish your current/newly met friends a "Happy New Year"!

Our February Dinner/Social is February 15th, 2020, **"Salute to our Youth"**, so please mark your calendars for this special event. Once again we will have our magnificent Kendall Cooks prepare their delicious specialty menu of **"Prime Rib Dinner"**. As this is a youth presentation event, we will not provide any entertainment.

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: **March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020**, and **April 18<sup>th</sup>, 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.



Photos by Jim Hoch





## AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS CHAPTER 43



Last month I mentioned that the Fall is a great time to ride motorcycles. You dress in your warm leathers with crisp Fall temperatures and enjoy the beautiful changing colors of the leaves, before Winter sets in. I was wrong!! I apologize for those comments as I was greatly misinformed by Mother Nature. Winter arrived two months early with below zero wind chills and snowy and salted streets. My mistake!! This early onset of Winter may have slowed us down, but your Riders are still supporting Veteran causes.

In the last month the Riders rode to Midway Airport for last Honor Flight of 2019. Winter did however cancel our motorcycle escort of the Healing Fields American Flags. Some members did help in the setup when the snow melted a few days later. We also rode to a wonderful Veterans weekend breakfast at Our Saviour's Church in Naperville. This is a yearly event put together by Post 43 member Russ Harwood and the Men's Ministry. We cannot thank Russ enough for his efforts. The guest speaker was Dan Jurjovec, who is the president of Naperville Responds for Veterans. He gave a great presentation of the many things that the organization does to support the local Veteran community. Rider members also rode in the funeral escort of a deceased Veteran, and attended a memorial ceremony at Serenity Park in Oswego. Weather permitting we hope to still ride in other events such as the Little Friends Parade of Lights in Naperville on Nov. 29th.

Rider 2020 Officer elections will be held soon and planning has already begun for the 2020 Honor Flight Chicago Fundraiser, which will be held on 2 May this year. Last year our Motorcycle Run for this event raised over \$4500.00, which was given to the DuPage Veterans Foundation to help support Honor Flight Chicago. We hope to do even better in 2020!

Our next Rider meeting is 18 December 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.

Tom Dillon  
Director ALR Chapter 43  
630-803-2047



## 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> GRADE SPEECH CONTEST

**Contest Date: February 8, 2020**



### **Purpose**

Participation in this competition gives students a deeper knowledge and appreciation of the United States Constitution and furthers their research, essay writing, and public speaking skills. Entering this contest gives students valuable insight into the rights and privileges of American citizenship and the associated duties and responsibilities.

### **Eligibility**

Contestants must be 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup>-grade students in the general Naperville area attending any public, parochial or private school or homeschooled. They must be under the age of 15 on the date of the county contest (February 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020)

### **Contest Rules**

Each contestant will present a four to six-minute speech on some phase of the Constitution of the United States. The students will be judged on content (70 points) and speaking skills (30 points). Contestants will speak from a podium and should not read their speech but may refer to notes during the speech. They will be shown a time card at the 3, 4, and 5 minutes marks. If there is a violation of the time requirement, a penalty of one point per minute or fraction thereof will be assessed. Friends, family members, faculty and other interested parties may observe the speeches (no cheering or applauding permitted), but participants may not listen to the speech of a competitor.

### **Post Level Competition**

The competition is limited to twelve participants. If more than twelve registrations are received, the first twelve based on date of postmark or emailing will participate. The final deadline for registrations is January 31<sup>st</sup>.

Mail to American Legion Post 43, PO Box 4, Naperville, IL 60566 Attention: John Nelson, or email to [johnmnelson99@gmail.com](mailto:johnmnelson99@gmail.com). The competition will be held at the Post 43 Home at 10 W. Chicago Ave, Naperville, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, at 10:00 am (students check-in at 9:30 am) on Saturday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

### **Awards**

Post 43 awards are \$125 for 1<sup>st</sup> place, \$75 for 2<sup>nd</sup> place, and \$50 for 3<sup>rd</sup> place. All participants will receive at least \$25. Additional awards will be presented at the county level for students advancing from individual post competition.

### **County-Level Competition**

Each post in the DuPage County may advance two students for judging in the County 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Speech Contest. The county competition will take place on Saturday, February 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at the Visitor Center Theater at Cantigny Park, Roosevelt & Winfield Roads, Winfield, IL. Participants should check-in by 9:30 am and the competition will start at 10:00 am.

### **Contact Information**

Direct questions to the American Legion Post 43 Contest Chairman, John Nelson, at 224-575-2377 or [johnmnelson99@gmail.com](mailto:johnmnelson99@gmail.com)

## BOY SCOUT TROOP 106



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

EAA Aviation Museum Event: Troop 106 travelled to the EAA Aviation Museum in Oshkosh, WI, November 16<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>. The Scouts were able to enjoy the day viewing all the historic and experimental aircraft as well as the Warbirds on exhibit.



## HIGH SCHOOL ORATORICAL CONTEST Saturday, January 4, 2020



For more information please go to [www.naperlegion.org](http://www.naperlegion.org) and use links for "Youth" and "Oratorical" to read the "Essentials" details. Encourage High School students to accept a challenge.

For more information contact  
Don Hennessy 630-355-4679



## AMERICAN LEGION POST 43 CALENDAR



December 5, 2019  
 December 7, 2019  
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 December 10, 2019  
 December 14, 2019  
 December 14, 2019  
 December 17, 2019  
 December 18, 2019  
 December 21, 2019  
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 December 28, 2019

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Post Meeting 7 p.m.  
 78th Anniversary Pearl Harbor  
 10 a.m. Coffee at Monarch Landing  
 Hines VA Visit (bus leaves at 6:15pm)  
 10 a.m. Coffee at Brookdale-Lisle  
 Army/Navy Game 2 p.m.  
 S.A.L. Squadron Meeting 7 pm  
 Legion Riders Meeting  
 10 a.m. Coffee at Independence Village  
**No Dinner/Social**  
 10 a.m. Coffee at Tabor Hills

January 1, 2020  
 January 2, 2020  
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HAPPY NEW YEAR!!  
 Post Meeting 7 p.m.  
 10 a.m. Coffee at Monarch Landing  
 High School Oratorical Contest  
 10 a.m. Coffee at Brookdale-Lisle  
 Hines VA Visit (bus leaves at 6:15pm)  
 10 a.m. Coffee at Independence Village  
 Dinner/Social - Rider/SAL Officer Initiation  
 Martin Luther King Day  
 S.A.L. Squadron Meeting 7 pm  
 Legion Riders Meeting  
 10 a.m. Coffee at Tabor Hills

February 1, 2020  
 February 6, 2020  
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10 a.m. Coffee at Monarch Landing  
 Post Meeting 7 p.m.  
 10 a.m. Coffee at Brookdale-Lisle  
 7th & 8th Grade Speech Contest  
 Hines VA Visit (bus leaves at 6:15pm)  
 Valentine's Day  
 10 a.m. Coffee at Independence Village  
 Dinner/Social -Youth Recognition  
 President's Day  
 S.A.L. Squadron Meeting 7 p.m.  
 10 a.m. Coffee at Tabor Hills  
 S.A.L. Pancake Breakfast 7 a.m.-11 a.m.  
 Legion Rider Meeting







I wish all Post 43 Legionnaires and their families a most joyful, peaceful and blessed Holiday Season. May we all recapture, relive and remember the memorable and nostalgic memories of holiday's past. Maybe we've experienced victory and healing over a long sickness or the thankfulness we felt when a loved one returned from a long tour of duty or maybe the relief when another family member serving in harm's way is returned to us unharmed, after having defended our Nation's flag. However, maybe this season brings back memories of anguish, pain and loss of a loved one who died suddenly but bravely and with dignity, while fighting for all this Nation, represents. For you, be reminded of this sure promise from God's word: One day we will see our loved ones at the greatest reunion of all believers in heaven! Now, a final reminder to remember to join us Tuesday, December 10th from 6-9pm, when we depart from the VFW Canteen for our annual holiday visit to our recovering Veterans at Hines. Gifts will be presented to each vet and each Vet's service song will be sung by the choir (that includes you); and we will take requests from them to sing their favorite Christmas carols. Finally, as we close 2019, a year of division the likes we have not seen since the Civil War, be in prayer for our Country and its leaders. Pray that a spirit of national repentance and humility will return us to Godly values like having respect for each other, love replacing anger, and discord and true forgiveness for how we may have mistreated or neglected others over the past year. We need to think of others more than ourselves. All of this can be achieved if we each take responsibility for our actions instead of blaming others and making excuses. Making a positive difference starts with each of us! Last month I listed the first 10 life principles to living a fulfilling life as experienced by Pastor Charles Stanley.

Here now are principles 11-20:

- The awareness of God's presence energizes us for our work
- Trusting God means looking beyond what we can see to what God sees
- God assumes full responsibility for our needs when we obey him
- Peace with God is the fruit of oneness with God
- Listening to God is essential to walking with God
- Whatever you acquire outside of God's will eventually turns to ashes
- As children of a sovereign God we are never victims of our circumstances
- Anything you hold too tightly, you will lose
- Obedience always brings blessings
- God blesses us so that we might bless others

Be kind to one another and watch out for each other as you scurry about this holiday season, and give the greatest gift anyone could receive - your love, talents and the giving of your time! Merry Christmas! Happy New Year 2020!

God Bless You!

Chaplain, Dick Komarek



## 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 December 17th, 2019 and all members of the Legion and Legion Riders are encouraged to attend. Plans are in the works for our **2nd Annual Pancake Breakfast** on Sunday, February 23, 2020



7 am to 11 am, Adults \$7, Kids \$5 (12 & under), VFW Hall

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



### Coffee "and"

**Saturday Morning 10 AM**



The December dates are:

Dec 7 - Monarch Landing  
Dec 14 - Brookdale - Lisle  
Dec 21 - Independence Village  
Dec 28 - 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**  
**1-855-948-2311**





## 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](mailto:mailofchitra@gmail.com). **(No Class Dec 7 & 14)**

For additional information, contact:  
Kate Fleming at [giyoga@osotamerica.org](mailto:giyoga@osotamerica.org)

Schedule of Classes: [www.giyoga.org](http://www.giyoga.org)

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Doug Deetjen    Jack Shiffler    Doug Askren





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**MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS** are the first Thursday of every month at 7 PM,  
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(Additional Legion Callers are needed!!!)

## **December 2019 Activities — Opportunities**

**Dec 5 - Post Meeting 7 pm**

**Dec 7 - Monarch Landing**

**Dec 14 - Brookdale - Lisle**

**Dec 21 - Independence Village**

**Dec 28 - Tabor Hills**

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





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**Post 43 Sr. Vice Commander Jennifer Slown as Adjutant at the  
Marine Corps Ball held on Nov. 9th at the Naperville Marriott.  
(Photo by Jim Hoch)**