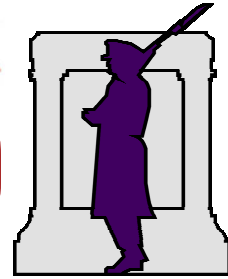




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Naperville, IL  
[www.naperlegion.org](http://www.naperlegion.org)



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

## COMMANDER'S CALL

**Jack Amberg - Post Commander**

Greetings Fellow Legionaries:

As you read this, we are in the last month of the first quarter already. Can't believe the year is going by so fast! Your American Legion continues to work for you and for all Veterans. The second six priorities for 2020 are below. I continue to be impressed with how far the American Legion is able to make our yearly dues of \$40 go!

**Veteran Homelessness:** VA pledged to eradicate Veteran homelessness and The American Legion supports the continued funding of programs to address this serious issue. Congress must continue making investments in affordable housing, and programs that help get Veterans and their families off the streets and into stable housing with supportive services.

**VA Benefits:** Many military retirees are forced to forfeit a portion of their pension in order to receive VA service-connected disability pay. VA survivor benefits are also offset from military Survivor Benefit Plan annuities. The American Legion supports legislation to repeal both of these unjust offsets.

**GI Bill:** Expanding GI Bill benefits to include access to capital for entrepreneurial Veterans enables them to overcome a major obstacle in building a small business. The American Legion supports legislation that would expand GI Bill benefits to assist Veterans in obtaining access to small business capital.

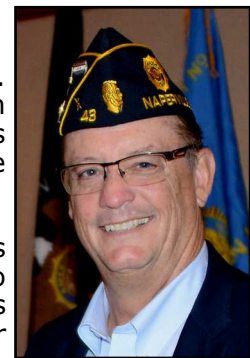
**Veteran Employment Rights:** The American Legion will continue to urge Congress to prohibit employers from pressuring service members into waiving their employment rights and protections through arbitration agreements.

**National Security:** The American Legion supports a defense budget that reverses sequestration and its effects, rebuilds U.S. military end strength and weaponry and fairly compensates military personnel, especially in an ongoing time of global warfare.

**Implement, Oversee New Laws:** The 115th Congress was filled with significant wins for America's veterans. Now, these wins must be implemented. The American Legion will continue to support the oversight over the implementation of critical legislation passed during the 115th Congress, securing that these laws are enacted correctly and in the best interests of America's veterans.

You can see that our membership dues are not wasted. They are used at all levels of The American Legion. Next Month, I'll research and share the Department of Illinois American Legion Priorities.

Jack Amberg  
Commander, Naperville American Legion Post 43



## Sr. Vice Commander

As of right now our membership stands at 530 of 573 or 92%. This is fantastic progress, but we are 43 members shy of meeting our numbers from last year! Sadly we lose Legionnaires each year that pass away, and those that move out of state and transfer to another post. Though we will never replace their memory, we must sustain their legacy by recruiting new members to fill our ranks.



Jennifer Slown

On to some good news, WE ARE MODERNIZING! We recently set up a PayPal account, so that Post 43 can accept credit cards for membership dues and renewals. We have not yet integrated this function into the [naperlegion.org](http://naperlegion.org) website, but expect to see an announcement soon once that function is up and running. The goal of this change is to streamline our membership process and cut down on wait times for checks being received and membership cards being mailed. Current members can renew on the National website, but new members who join on the National page are not associated with our Post automatically, meaning we miss welcoming new members!

We are also reintroducing the "5 for 4" dues program. When you pay for four years up front (\$160) you get your fifth year free! If you already paid your 2020 dues, you will have to wait until July 1<sup>st</sup> to take advantage of this. That brings up another good point, you may not know that The American Legion runs on fiscal year, not the calendar year. The fiscal year starts July 1 and ends June 30th. That means if a new member joins in May 2020, their 2021 dues will be due starting July 1st, **NOT January 1st**. If you're in a mid-year pay cycle, i.e. you joined between Aug-May and traditionally pay your dues at that time, consider marking your calendar to renew in July. This helps us keep an accurate accounting of our membership.

Lastly, 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! To ensure you are credited for those you recruit, simply notify Adjutant Rios, so we have an accurate accounting! Thanks for being a valued member of Post 43!

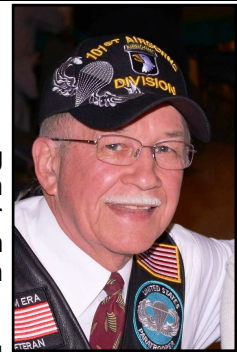
Semper Fidelis!  
Jennifer Slown  
Sr Vice Commander



Commander Jack Amberg swears in new Post 43 members Frank Delgado, Vince Nirtaut, and Erica Katz at February meeting.

## Jr. Vice Commander

Our February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020, "**Salute to our Youth**" Dinner/Social was a big success in spite of the bitter cold and snow on the ground. Our own **Kendall Cooks** once again stepped up and provided us with their signature **Prime Rib Dinner**. We recognized our youth who participated in the following "Youth Programs": Girls & Boys State, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Speech Contest, and 5 Eagle Scouts from Troop 106.



Richard Karbarz

Our next Dinner/Social is **March 21, 2020, a "St. Patrick's Day and Legion Birthday"** theme. The American Legion continues to advocate for meaningful Veterans legislation as it surpasses the 100<sup>th</sup> year mark. We continue to adhere to our core beliefs of: a) principles over politics, b) patriotism over partisanship, c) policies over personalities; and be beholden only to "God and Country". As in the words of President Lincoln once promised, we "care for him who shall have borne the battle, and for his widow and his orphan" still rings loud and clear. We continue to support a strong Veterans health care system that undoubtedly saves countless lives. So, as we celebrate the 101<sup>st</sup> Legion Birthday, The American Legion will always be an organization of principles, and not politics.

In Addition to celebrating The American Legion Birthday, we will also be celebrating "St. Patrick's Day" with a performance from the McNulty School of Irish Dance, led by Barbara McNulty (i.e., green attire is the theme of the day!). Our Dinner/Social will kick off at **6 pm; dinner at 7 pm** at the **VFW Hall**. The menu for this event will be prepared by Corky's Catering: Corned Beef & Cabbage, German Potato Salad, Carrots, Rye bread, and fantastic dessert donated by Prima Sweets (Nadia Rios & Stacey Harrison).

Our last Dinner/Social is **April 18th, 2020**, and is our salute to "**Past Commanders**". We will also recognize our Citizens of the Year and High School Scholarships winners. So please mark your calendars for this special event! The menu for this event is "**BBQ**", and I am still in the process of selecting a caterer for this evening. As our agenda for this Dinner/Social is quite full, we will not have any other 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!** Be sure to call or email your RSVP, when the email blast goes out to ensure you have a spot reserved! Warm regards and good health!

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



Photos by Roger Treend





## AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS CHAPTER 43



Its official, Spring is coming early and the Riders are ecstatic. Punxsutawney Phil did not see his shadow, which means that for only the 21st time in 100 years our cuddly oracle has called for an early end to Winter. We are getting the chrome polish ready because on 14 March the Riders are scheduled to participate in the annual St. Patrick's Day Parade. That is really the beginning of Spring for us. Thanks Phil!

Your Legion Riders have continued to attend Coffee with the Veterans events, especially at Brookdale Senior Living in Lisle. We love the visits and the trading of stories back and forth during our visits. We learn so much from those that have gone before us.

An upcoming event is a **"Dine In" at Texas Roadhouse on Tuesday March 24, 2020**. After our "Dine In" last year they gave us approximately \$950.00 in meal gift cards that we distributed to various senior living Veterans groups/homes. We hope you can attend as the food is great and they contribute generously to Veterans causes.

At our last Riders meeting, we had the great honor of presenting a Gold Star family member with a memorial bracelet (previously called POW/MIA bracelets). Some of our members met Naperville resident Wendy Lehman Yellin, and she noticed the bracelet that one of our members was wearing. She explained that she was a Gold Star sister, and would love to wear a bracelet to honor those that sacrificed all for our Country. We were able to have a custom bracelet made, which shows her brother's name, PO2 David J. Lehman. We presented Wendy the bracelet, a framed photograph of her with her brother, while he was serving in the Navy, and a bouquet of flowers. It was an emotional evening for both Wendy and all the Riders. Her brother served on a Navy Patrol Boat River (PBR), and was killed by small arms fire on 14 December 1968 in Viet Nam. We honor his legacy.



Our next Riders meeting is 25 March 2020 at the Patio of the VFW/Legion. Meeting starts at 7:00 pm. If you are interested in becoming a Legion Rider, you are welcome to attend a meeting.

Tom Dillon  
Director ALR Chapter 43  
630-803-2047

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



7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Speech Contest on the US Constitution was held on February 8<sup>th</sup> at the Post home. 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 received at least \$25.

## VFW FISH FRY

Judd Kendall VFW Post 3873 is pleased to announce that our **"All You Can Eat – Open to the Public"** Friday Fish Fries will begin on February 21<sup>st</sup> and run through Lent.



Fridays  
February 21 – April 10  
4:30 pm – 7:30 pm

Located at:  
908 W. Jackson in Naperville

Adults	\$12 + tax
Seniors	\$10 + tax
Children (4-11)	\$7 + tax
Children 3 & under	free

\*Cash and credit cards accepted

Over the past 50+ years, this has become a much-loved part of the Naperville social scene. Despite inflationary pressures, we continue to maintain our low pricing.



Menu varies each week. Visit our website  
[www.napervfw3873.org](http://www.napervfw3873.org) or call Belgio's Catering at  
(630) 369-6100 for the current week's menu.

**BELGIO'S**  
CATERING  
[www.belgios.com](http://www.belgios.com)



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!

Yes, that is correct! We need approximately 20 Volunteers to help at the DuPage Veterans Foundation Fundraiser to be held **Saturday, May 2nd** at the DuPage Airport (Calamos Hanger) as in years past. All proceeds will go to support Honor Flight Chicago to fly our WWII; Korean (Era); and Vietnam (Era) Veterans to Washington, DC to be "Honored" for their special day.

If you can help, please let me know either by emailing me at [wayne.l.fischer@gmail.com](mailto:wayne.l.fischer@gmail.com) or calling me at 630-240-8868. Please plan to be there no later than 10 am so we can get everyone assigned for specific jobs. Based on our Posts donations we will have meal tickets for everyone. This year promises to be even better than years past and Volunteers make it all work smoothly.



Thanks-Wayne

## Boy Scout Troop 106 Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser-April 26<sup>th</sup>

Please mark your calendars for Sunday April 26<sup>th</sup> and plan to attend the 6th Annual Fundraiser for our Post sponsored Boy Scout Troop 106 from 4-7pm. Come out and enjoy a great dinner, while at the same time, helping these young men raise funds for Troop Scouting Programs for this year. They will do the work and all you will need to do is come, eat and enjoy the evening. There will be some entertainment provided by the Scouts during the event. The price is right @ \$10 for Adults and \$7 for children 3-11, while those under 3 are free.

Please come out and support our Boy Scout Troop 106!!  
For additional information, please contact: Ken Hogan  
[kenhogan2@gmail.com](mailto:kenhogan2@gmail.com) or 630-335-6569.



## Color Guard

**St Patrick's Day Parade**  
**Saturday, March 14th, 2020**  
**10 am**  
**(Arrive by 9:15 am Mill St. & 5th)**

In order to carry all the flags and rifles we need at least 11 volunteers for this parade.

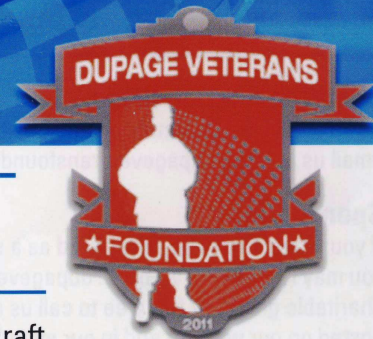
For more information contact  
Jim Sarns at 630-234-6292  
[jsarns@outlook.com](mailto:jsarns@outlook.com)





# DUPAGE VETERANS FOUNDATION

**2020 Fundraiser**  
to benefit Honor Flight Chicago



**THE DUPAGE  
AIRPORT**

2700 International Dr., West Chicago, IL  
Calamos Investments Hangar

**FEATURED EVENTS** ★ Period Military Vehicles ★ Aircraft  
★ Patriotic Program ★ Lunch ★ Bagpipers ★ Vintage  
Military Uniforms ★ Other Memorabilia ★ Silent Auction ★

**WWII & Korean War Era Veterans: FREE ADMISSION**

\$30 in Advance ★ \$40 At The Door ★ \$20 Child

**LIVE  
MUSIC!**

**MAY 2, 2020 ★ 11AM - 3PM**





## Honor Our Senior War Veterans For Their Service and Sacrifice...

### HERE IS HOW YOU CAN HELP

#### TO PURCHASE TICKETS

The ticket price includes lunch, entertainment, featured events and most importantly an opportunity to thank our senior war veterans in person.

Visit our website: [dupageveteransfoundation.org](http://dupageveteransfoundation.org)

By mail: P.O. Box 299, Wheaton, IL 60187

Checks payable to: **DuPage Veterans Foundation**

(Please indicate how many adult/child tickets you wish to purchase, your address and your phone number.)



This is how your company can help support our cause. All sponsorships and donations will be recognized on our website as well as in printed materials.

#### Sponsor A Veteran \$550

DONATION LEVEL	TICKETS	TABLE RECOGNITION	AD BOOK
5 Star: \$10,000	20	Yes	Full Page
4 Star: \$5,000	20	Yes	Full Page
3 Star: \$2,500	20	Yes	Full Page
2 Star: \$1,000	10	Yes	Half Page
1 Star: \$500	10	Yes	1/4 Page

#### Donation Auction Items

If you would like to donate an auction item, please call us at (630) 668-2050 or email us at [info@dupageveteransfoundation.org](mailto:info@dupageveteransfoundation.org)

#### Sponsorship

If you would like to be recognized as a sponsor for this important cause, you may refer to our website: [dupageveteransfoundation.org](http://dupageveteransfoundation.org) for levels of charitable giving, or feel free to call us at (630) 668-2050. Sponsors will be posted on our website and in our event's printed materials.

#### Monetary Donations

If you are unable to attend our event but still would like to make a charitable contribution, simply to go our website: [dupageveteransfoundation.org](http://dupageveteransfoundation.org) and click "Donate" to pay by credit card. For a donation via check, please make your check payable to: **DuPage Veterans Foundation** and mail to:

**P.O. Box 299, Wheaton, Illinois 60187**

The mission of the DuPage Veterans Foundation is to raise enough money for one HONOR FLIGHT CHICAGO flight for our WWII, Korean and Vietnam War Heroes to fly to Washington D.C. for a day of honor and thanks.

DuPage Veterans Foundation is a 501c3 not-for-profit organization, EIN 32-0353381



[DuPageVeteransFoundation.org](http://DuPageVeteransFoundation.org) ★ (630) 668-2050 ★ P.O. Box 299 Wheaton, IL 60187





## AMERICAN LEGION POST 43 CALENDAR



March 5, 2020  
 March 7, 2020  
 March 10, 2020  
 March 14, 2020  
 March 14, 2020  
 March 17, 2020  
 March 21, 2020  
 March 21, 2020  
 March 24, 2020  
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 March 28, 2020  
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Post Meeting 7 p.m.  
 10 a.m. Coffee at Monarch Landing  
 Hines VA Visit (bus leaves at 6:15pm)  
 10 a.m. Coffee at Brookdale-Lisle  
 St. Patrick's Day Parade 10 a.m.  
 S.A.L. Squadron Meeting 7 p.m.  
 10 a.m. Coffee at Independence Village  
 Dinner/Social - St Patrick's Day  
 Riders Fundraiser at Texas Roadhouse  
 Legion Rider Meeting  
 10 a.m. Coffee at Spring Meadows  
 Chili Cook-off Fundraiser 5:30 pm

April 2, 2020  
 April 4, 2020  
 April 11, 2020  
 April 14, 2020  
 April 18, 2020  
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 April 22, 2020  
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Post Meeting 7 p.m.  
 10 am Coffee at Monarch Landing  
 10 a.m. Coffee at Brookdale Plaza-Lisle  
 Hines VA Visit (bus leaves at 6:15pm)  
 10 a.m. Coffee at Independence Village  
 Dinner/Social - Past Commanders  
 S.A.L. Squadron Meeting 7 p.m.  
 Strength and Honor Luncheon  
 Legion Rider Meeting  
 10 a.m. Coffee at Spring Meadows  
 Troop 106 Spaghetti Dinner 4 - 7p.m.

May 2, 2020  
 May 2, 2020  
 May 7, 2020  
 May 9, 2020  
 May 12, 2020  
 May 14, 2020  
 May 16, 2020  
 May 19, 2020  
 May 23, 2020  
 May 25, 2020  
 May 27, 2020

Saturday  
**Cancelled**  
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DuPage Honor Flight Fundraiser  
**No Vet Coffee** at Monarch Landing  
 Post Meeting 7 p.m.  
 10 a.m. Coffee at Brookdale-Lisle  
 Hines VA Visit (bus leaves at 6:15pm)  
 Poppy Day  
 10 a.m. Coffee at Independence Village  
 S.A.L. Squadron Meeting 7 p.m.  
 10 a.m. Coffee at Spring Meadows  
 Memorial Day Parade  
 Legion Rider Meeting



**WE NEED  
 YOU!**



## Sons of the American Legion Squadron 43

We want to thank all those that came out to our 2nd Annual Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, February 23rd, 7 to 11 am.

Our stated S.A.L. meeting is every third Tuesday at 7pm. We meet in the lower level "patio" at the VFW hall. Our next stated meeting is scheduled for March 17<sup>th</sup>.

As a reminder 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. All are welcome and I encourage all to attend.

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



Ole and Sven die in a snowmobiling accident, drunker than skunks, and go to Hell. The Devil observes that they are really enjoying themselves. He says to them 'Doesn't the heat and smoke bother you?' Ole replies, 'Vell, ya know, ve're from norderen Minnesoota, da land of snow an ice, an ve're yust happy fer a chance ta varm up a little bit, ya know.'

The devil decides that these two aren't miserable enough and turns up the heat even more. When he returns to the room of the two from Minnesota, the devil finds them in light jackets and hats, grilling Walleye and drinking beer. The devil is astonished and exclaims, 'Everyone down here is in misery, and you two seem to be enjoying yourselves?' Sven replies, 'Vell, ya know, ve don't git too much varm veather up dere at da Falls, so ve've yust got ta haff a fish fry when da veather's dis nice.'

The devil is absolutely furious. He can hardly see straight. Finally he comes up with the answer. The two guys love the heat because they have been cold all their lives. The devil decides to turn all the heat off in Hell. The next morning, the temperature is 60 below zero, icicles are hanging everywhere, and people are shivering so bad that they are unable to wail, moan or gnash their teeth. The devil smiles and heads for the room with Ole and Sven. He gets there and finds them back in their parkas, bomber hats, and mittens. They are jumping up and down, cheering, yelling and screaming like mad men.

The devil is dumbfounded, 'I don't understand, when I turn up the heat you're happy. Now it's freezing cold and you're still happy. What is wrong with you two?'

They both look at the devil in surprise and say, 'Vell, don't ya know, if hell is froze over, dat must mean da Vikings von da Super Bowl.'



## Chili Cook-off and Fundraiser for Wayne Fischer

Naperville's Veteran's organizations have benefited from many talented and hard-working officers. Some, such as Phil Maughan, Past State Commander of the VFW and George Cramer, Past National Commander of the VFW, have risen to high office.

Wayne Fischer, a man well known and respected in The American Legion and the VFW, is currently Sr. Vice Commander, American Legion, Department of Illinois. He will become Commander of the Department of Illinois at The American Legion state convention in July 2020.

The two-year period of his service as Vice Commander and Commander, entails travel throughout the state of IL, and to many National functions. While his major travel and lodging expenses are covered, there are many incidental expenses that are not. So, Post 43 is throwing a party!!

Well, actually it is a Chili Cook-off, at VFW Post 3873's Kendall Hall, on **March 28**. There will be Chili with all the fixings, a big pot by the Kendall cooks to tide you over until the judging of the competitors is complete, and then you can dig into their creations. There will be entertainment, a cash bar, raffles of donated craft goods, white elephant baskets, tickets, wine baskets and who knows what else Naperville's great businesses and citizens will donate.

Come for a good cause and to have a good time starting at 1730 hours (oops, that's 5:30 PM for civilians) on March 28.

To attend or donate. (pay at the door, cash, check, credit card):  
Nadia Rios 630-728-7519 or [rios.nadia@gmail.com](mailto:rios.nadia@gmail.com)

To donate baskets, event tickets or other goods to be raffled, or to make a cash donation: Doug Deetjen 630-719-1133 or [drdeetjen@gmail.com](mailto:drdeetjen@gmail.com)  
Questions? Contact Jim Vahle 630-864-7183 [vahlej@comcast.net](mailto:vahlej@comcast.net)

Details to follow later!

### Coffee "and"

**Saturday Morning 10 AM**



**The March dates are:**

**Mar 7 - Monarch Landing  
Mar 14 - Brookdale - Lisle  
Mar 21 - Independence Village  
Mar 28 - Spring Meadows**

Don't forget our monthly visits with Veterans at Monarch Landing, Brookdale-Lisle, Independence Village, and Spring Meadows. 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 Spring Meadows.

**Remember, all are welcome!**

Information: Ken Mores 815-353-4102

## 2020 AMERICAN LEGION POST 43 SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

### Purpose

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 (up to two) of the class of 2020 from an accredited Illinois high school a scholarship of **\$5000.00**, to paid directly to any technical school or degree granting college or university within the United States, upon confirmation of enrollment.

### Eligibility

- Resident of Illinois who is currently a senior in high school in the class of 2020 and
- Child, stepchild or grandchild or great grandchild of a member of Naperville American Legion Post 43, Chapter 43 Legion Riders, or Sons of the Legion Squadron 43
- Or currently a member of Boy Scout Troop 106, or The Ghostriders Sea Cadet VF-142 Squadron, or was a High School Oratorical Contest participant or attended Illinois Boys/Girls State under the sponsorship of Naperville American Legion Post 43
- Or the child of a Naperville military veteran who, while a resident and on active duty, was killed or suffered a disability of 50% or more as determined by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

### Selection Criteria

- Academic achievement (GPA: high school transcript required)
- Leadership and participation in school and/or community activities
- Honors,
- Community Service
- Patriotic Involvement
- Student essay describing the responsibilities of citizenship in a democratic society. The essay shall be the original work of the student. Any other material must be footnoted. The essay shall not be longer than three typed pages, and will be formatted with one-inch margins, 1.5 line spacing and 12-point font.
- The grading of this essay will be based on grammar, spelling, originality, context and content at a level consistent with exceptional high school work. The essay may count up to 30% in selecting the winner.

### Applying for the Award

Send all required material and supporting documentation to American Legion Post #43, P.O. Box 4, Naperville, IL 60566, Attention: Scholarship Committee. Please include your name, address, phone number & email address for contact information. Applications must be received by **March 25, 2020**.

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 18, 2020 at the American Legion Awards and Recognition Banquet.

Questions: contact Jim Vahle 630-864-7183, vahlej@comcast.net





**WILL YOU NOMINATE NAPERVILLE'S CITIZEN(S) OF THE YEAR?**

Naperville American Legion Post 43 began naming a Citizen of the Year in 1986. Six 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 18, 2020.**

Winners will be announced in the local media and honored at the Legion's Awards and Recognition Banquet on April 18, 2020. So, fire up your keyboard; sharpen your pencil; and make sure the selection committee knows about your candidate.

Questions? Want information on recent Citizens of the Years and their contributions?

Contact: Jim Vahle  
(630) 864-7183  
[vahlej@comcast.net](mailto:vahlej@comcast.net)



**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 at the Fort Hill Center in Naperville, led by Chitra Singh:** [mailofchitra@gmail.com](mailto:mailofchitra@gmail.com).

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

Schedule of Classes: <https://giyoga.org/calendar/>

G.I. Yoga is a program of [osotAmerica.org](http://osotAmerica.org)

# TAPS

Paul W. Junkroski Sr.  
Albert J. Bartus  
William A. Kolkman  
Nunzio V. Evola  
Leroy N. Clifton  
Arnold "Arnie" Massier



## SICK CALL

Paul Abelson

Paul Hogan

Jack Shiffler







## **American Legion Post #43**

PO Box 4, Naperville, IL 60566

**MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS** are the first Thursday of every month at 7 PM,  
at the VFW Hall, 908 W. Jackson Naperville, IL

Boy Scouts and Special Meetings are at Post Home, 10 W. Chicago Av., Naperville, IL

[www.naperlegion.org](http://www.naperlegion.org)

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Jennifer Slown 630-803-2251

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Richard Karbarz 630-527-9438

#### **Sgt.-At-Arms**

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## **March 2020**

### **Activities — Opportunities**

Mar 5 - Post Meeting 7 pm

Mar 7 - Monarch Landing

Mar 14 - Brookdale - Lisle

Mar 21 - Independence Village

Mar 21 - Dinner/Social 6 pm

Mar 28 - Spring Meadows

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





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**Post 43 WWII & Korean Veterans at Post Dinner/Social in January.**  
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