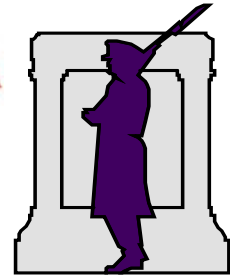




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American Legion Post #43  
Naperville, IL  
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Celebrating 105 Years of Service to Veterans, U.S. Military, Youth, & Community

## COMMANDER'S CALL

Happy September! As usual, September is a busy month for us. We have:

- ◆ The Labor Day Parade taking place on **Monday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>** (parade details will be sent out in an e-mails)
- ◆ Our golf outing on **Thursday, September 5<sup>th</sup>** (10am shotgun start)
- ◆ The monthly membership meeting on **Thursday, September 5<sup>th</sup>** at 7pm
- ◆ Our first dinner / social of the Legion year on **Saturday, September 21<sup>st</sup>** starting at 5:30pm

◆  
Please consider attending one or all these events.

Now is the time to start thinking about our **Boys State and Girls State** programs. Both are great ways for Post 43 to have a positive impact on the youth of our community. If you're not familiar with these programs, please go to the following links:

<https://www.legion.org/boysnation/about>  
<https://www.legion-aux.org/ALA-Girls-Nation/>

In short, attendees get a week-long firsthand learning experience into the democratic form of government and much more. The only requirement is that attendees must be between their Junior and senior year in High School.

We had good turnouts at our burgers and bags tournaments in June, July and August and we would like to continue doing fun events like these. If you have any suggestions for activities, events, sponsorships, fundraisers - or any suggestions on how to improve Post 43, please let me know and we can organize and schedule them.

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

Semper Fidelis!

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Tom Jorstad

## Sr. Vice Commander

### Strengthening Our Ranks: A Call to Action

As we continue to honor the proud traditions of the American Legion, it is crucial to focus on growing our membership to sustain our mission of supporting veterans, engaging youth, and serving our communities. Recruiting new members is essential for continuing our legacy and expanding our impact.

Membership in the American Legion offers many benefits, including:

- ◆ **Advocacy:** A collective voice for Veterans' rights and benefits.
- ◆ **Support Services:** Assistance with VA claims, healthcare, and employment opportunities.
- ◆ **Community Engagement:** Opportunities to participate in local events and volunteer projects.
- ◆ **Youth Programs:** Involvement in mentoring, scholarships, and leadership development for young people.

To effectively recruit new members, we must reach out to a broad audience, including recent Veterans, Active-Duty / Reserve / National Guard personnel, and community members who share our commitment to service. I encourage our current members to invite friends, family, and colleagues that fall into these categories. If you are on social media, when participating in Legion activities, I urge you to take a picture and share some words about where and what you are doing. Exhibiting the many engaging activities we participate in is key to reaching a larger pool of new members.

But recruiting new members is just the beginning. Retaining and engaging them is crucial. Post 43 strives to provide a welcoming environment and encourages active participation in meetings, committees, and events.

As Senior Vice Commander, I am dedicated to leading our recruitment efforts. Together, we can build a stronger, more vibrant Naperville Post 43 that continues to honor and serve our Veterans, our communities, and our Nation.



Jennifer Slown  
Senior Vice Commander, Post 43



Jennifer Slown

## Jr. Vice Commander

Dear Post 43 Membership,

We have several upcoming events:

### **September Dinner Social: Installation of New Post Officers**

**Saturday, September 21st** is for our first dinner social of the season. This special evening will feature the installation of our new post officers and will be a wonderful opportunity to welcome and support our new leadership team. The event will begin with a social hour at 6:00 PM followed by dinner at 7:00PM. We hope all members will be able to attend and show their support.



Dan Sullivan

### **October Dinner Social: Oktoberfest Celebration**

**Saturday, October 19th** is the Post 43 Oktoberfest! Celebration. This evening will include traditional German food, music, and fun activities. Don your best Oktoberfest attire and join us for a night of camaraderie and celebration. The festivities will kick off with a social hour at 6:00 PM followed by dinner at 7:00PM.

### **Veteran's Day**

**Monday, November 11th** is Veterans Day! President Wilson declared Armistice Day, November 11, 1919 to commemorate the end of the Great War, or the War to End all Wars, now known as World War I. President Eisenhower, in 1958 after World War II changed the name of commemoration from Armistice Day to Veteran's Day and November 11th became a federal holiday. We look forward to serving a traditional holiday meal of Turkey and stuffing with all the fixings. Social hour will start at 6:00 PM followed by dinner at 7:00PM.

Thank you to all of our members for the volunteer work to plan and deliver these upcoming social events which help build a strong community of purpose and patriotism! More information and RSVP details will be sent out in an e-mail.

Sincerely,

Dan Sullivan

Junior Vice Commander

American Legion Post 43, Naperville



## AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS CHAPTER 43



Steve Strickland

The Rider's lead the India Day Parade for the 8<sup>th</sup> year.

Honor Flight Chicago August 28th, The Rider's were there in the Flag Line greeting the Veterans as they returned home.

We will be selling our RED hats and t-shirts at "The Last Fling" Labor Day weekend. Fri – Sun.

6 of the Rider's rode up to Camp Hometown Heroes in Campbellsport, WI to present a \$1,000.00 donation.

We'll be participating in the Naperville Labor Day Parade on Monday September 2<sup>nd</sup>.

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



## **“9/11” 2024 Remembrance Service**

On Wednesday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024, we will be holding our Naperville ‘9/11’ 2024 Remembrance Service at our *“CMDR Dan Shanower/September 11<sup>th</sup> Memorial”* on the Riverwalk next to City Hall starting @ 6pm. As this is the 23rd Anniversary of the attack on our Country, this will again be a very special event as we pay homage and our respects to all 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. Also, this will be the 21st Anniversary of the Dedication of our Memorial Wall. In the event of inclement weather, we will be moving into City Hall.

This year our Guest Speaker will be Elizabeth McConkie, Sophomore @ Sycamore H.S. Elizabeth was a participant in our VFW “Voice of Democracy”. We will again have our Combined Post Honor Guard and Color Guard presenting Honors along with Rich Yndestad and Bob Binder Sounding Echo Taps. And, we will have our Scouts there to hand out programs and flags.

I am sure everyone remembers that awful day in our history or has a personal connection with this event. With that said, I would like to share my personal connection. The Marine H-34 helicopter pilot I flew my 1<sup>st</sup> two Combat Missions in Vietnam as his co-pilot was lost at the Pentagon. Once he got out of the Marines, he joined the National Guard and was stationed in the Pentagon. After the attack he was able to get out but heard someone call for help and he went back in, and his body was recovered later. His name was William Ruth. We always called him “Baby Ruth” because he was short in height, and maybe weighed 120 lbs. His name is on the “9/11” Pentagon Memorial at Arlington National Cemetery. I have personally checked that out.

We hope you can be part of this very special “Remembrance Day” Service.

Respectively-Wayne Fischer

## Historian Report

### A Legendary Era Comes to an End

Nearly 140 years ago this month an epic pursuit came to an end with the surrender of the Chiricahua Apache leader Geronimo.

For some 25 years, the U.S. Army had tried to capture Geronimo without success. At one point an estimated 5,000 American troops – nearly one-quarter of the standing U.S. Army – and 3,000 Mexican soldiers were involved in the pursuit across the Southwest desert both in this country and Mexico.

Geronimo was not a warrior chief like his counterpart Cochise. Instead he was a medicine man whom his followers believe had magical powers. They attributed to him the ability to elude bullets and arrows. In addition, Geronimo was thought to be able to foresee the future as well as an awareness of events that were taking place miles away.

Whatever supernatural gifts he may have possessed, there was no doubt about Geronimo's ability to elude his enemies. In addition, during the rare times he was in custody – mainly as the result of voluntary surrender – Geronimo repeatedly escaped. He was also known to renege on agreements to give himself up because of his own loose interpretation of what surrender meant.

Geronimo did not need supernatural assistance to remain free of his pursuers. As an Apache, he was keenly aware of the desert landscape and used its canyons, gullies and mountains to hide his movements. He also was an excellent horseman, able to cover many miles per day to leave his would be captors in his dust.

In addition to horsemanship, however, he and his followers inherited an unfortunate trait. His tribe had a tradition of raiding to obtain supplies and horses. At one time in 1883, Geronimo and his compatriots in a series of raids were said to make off with 2,000 horses, including 60 Mexican cavalry horses. This practice intensified efforts to end his freedom.

His ability to use the desert as an effective shield led the Army to hire Apache scouts, including Chiricahua, to track Geronimo but he was able to escape their grasp time after time. He also benefitted by fateful accidents. In one instance as U.S troops were closing in on him, a group of Mexican soldiers mistakenly attacked them, killing their leader, Captain Emmett Crawford.

The decades of flight eventually wore Geronimo down and in September 1886 he did finally surrender for good. He spent the rest of his life in captivity, although he took time to appear in Wild West shows and rode in President Theodore Roosevelt's inauguration parade. He died at the Fort Sill, Okla., reservation in 1909 at 79 years of age.

Legend has it that Geronimo's ability to escape was not over, however. Supposedly, a team of Chiricahua compatriots removed his body from Fort Sill and brought it back to the Apache Southwest homeland where he was laid to rest in his desert home.



**AMERICAN LEGION POST 43 CALENDAR**



Sep 2, 2024  
 Sep 5, 2024  
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 Sep 7, 2024  
 Sep 14, 2024  
 Sep 17, 2024  
 Sep 20, 2024  
 Sep 21, 2024  
 Sep 21, 2024  
 Sep 25, 2024  
 Sep 28, 2024

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Labor Day  
 Post Meeting 7:00PM  
 Golf Outing Tamarack Shotgun Start  
 10 AM Coffee at Monarch Landing  
 10 AM Coffee at Brookdale  
 S.A.L Squadron Meeting 7:00PM  
 Toys for Tots Golf Outing-Bliss Creek  
 American Legion Dinner 6:00PM  
 10 Am Coffee At Tabor Hills  
 Legion Riders Meeting 7:00 PM  
 10 AM Coffee at Story Point

Oct 3, 2024  
 Oct 5, 2024  
 Oct 12, 2024  
 Oct 12, 2024  
 Oct 15, 2024  
 Oct 19, 2024  
 Oct 19, 2024  
 Oct 23, 2024  
 Oct 26, 2024

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Post Meeting 7:00PM  
 10 AM Coffee at Monarch Landing  
 10 AM Coffee at Brookdale  
 Legion Rider Fundraiser  
 S.A.L Squadron Meeting 7:00PM  
 American Legion Dinner 6:00PM  
 10 Am Coffee At Tabor Hills  
 Legion Riders Meeting 7:00 PM  
 10 AM Coffee at Story Point

Nov 2, 2024  
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Nov 7, 2024  
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 Nov 10, 2024  
 Nov 11, 2024  
 Nov 11, 2024  
 Nov 15, 2024  
 Nov 16, 2024  
 Nov 19, 2024  
 Nov 23, 2024  
 Nov 27, 2024

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10 AM Coffee at Monarch Landing  
 249th USMC Birthday Ball @ the Naperville Marriot  
 Post Meeting 7:00PM  
 10 AM Coffee at Brookdale  
 Happy 249th Marines  
 Veterans Day  
 Veterans Day Dinner 6:00PM  
 Costume With Hero's Party 7:00PM  
 10 Am Coffee At Tabor Hills  
 S.A.L Squadron Meeting 7:00PM  
 10 AM Coffee at Story Point  
 Legion Riders Meeting 7:00PM



## Sons of the American Legion

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 September 17th and all members of the Legion and Legion Riders are welcome and encouraged to attend.

We are always welcoming new members and transfers. Many Legionnaires hold dual memberships in S.A.L. All male descendants, adopted sons, and stepsons of members of The American Legion, and such male descendants of veterans who died in Service, are eligible to join. The S.A.L. Squadron 43's main goals are to support our Post and support our Community.

Regards,  
SAL Commander, Post 43  
Chris Lance  
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### Coffee With Vets Saturday Morning 10 AM



The SEP dates are:

SEP 7th—Monarch Landing  
SEP 14th—Brookdale - Lisle  
SEP 21th—Tabor Hills  
SEP 28th—Story Point-Naperville

Don't forget our monthly visits with Veterans at Monarch Landing, Brookdale - Lisle, Tabor Hills, and Story Point-Naperville. Join us on the 1st Saturday at Monarch Landing, 2nd Saturday at Brookdale in Lisle, 3rd Saturday at Tabor Hills and 4th Saturday at Story Point-Naperville. All are welcome to Attend!!

Information: Jim Stoffregen 630-430-4966 or Jerry Cooney 630-995-5053





## Something Reassuring:

### The MVP

The Million Veteran Program was started in 2011 and now has over 1,000,000 participants. The objective of the program is to collect data on a massive scale to better determine trends in diseases. The data collected is used in making discoveries that will lead to better detection, prevention and treatments for conditions that matter to Veterans. Below is a list of the areas where the research is being used.

Here is the reassuring thought on MVP:

Is it not a good feeling that your health care facility is not sitting on its laurels, but is looking ahead? It is continuing to improve the services used for their veterans. A medical facility that just sees patients becomes complacent. It's good to know our health care is working to find significant medical break throughs.

Dennis Lukavsky  
Service Officer:  
VFW Post 3873  
American Legion Post 43

American Legion Golf Outing

Naperville American Legion Post 43  
Roosevelt-Aurora American Legion Post 84

GOLF OUTING

THURSDAY  
SEPTEMBER 5, 2024

Tamarack Golf Club  
24032 Royal Worlington Dr  
Naperville, IL

10 AM Shotgun Start



Golf Packages Are All-Inclusive

- Individual \$150
- Foursome \$600
- Dinner-Only Option \$50

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Registration	8:30am
Shotgun Start	10am
Lunch	11am - 1pm
Dinner & Awards	3:30pm



[bit.ly/LegionGOLF](http://bit.ly/LegionGOLF)

Proceeds from Post 43 will benefit The American Legion  
Operation Comfort Warriors Program

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MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS are the first Thursday of every month at 7 PM, at the VFW Hall, 908 W. Jackson Naperville, IL  
 Special Meetings are held at the Post Home, 10 W. Chicago Av., Naperville, IL

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**SEP 2024**

**Activities - Opportunities**

- SEP 1st Post Meeting 7pm
- SEP 3rd Coffee-Monarch Landing
- SEP 10th Coffee-Brookdale in Lisle
- SEP 17th Coffee-Tabor Hills
- SEP 24th Coffee-Story Point

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





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## Post 43 Volunteer Nights at Naper Nights Concert Series

