



Special Newsletter
April 2023

First Division Cantigny
American Legion Post 556
Wheaton, IL

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POST 556 BOARD NEWS

From the Desk of Steve Arango, Senior Vice Commander

April 20, 2023

We have some special events coming up over the next 45 days that all the members should be aware of, which is the reason for this special newsletter.

- Our spring Pancake breakfast is scheduled for Saturday April 29th from 7:30 – 12:30 at Cantigny Park. Due to schedule changes, we will not have the Boy Scouts to assist us in the event. So, we need your help to serve breakfast and as a Dining Room Orderly. Please contact me, Steve Arango at 630-650-6633 or email me back. The success of the Breakfast depends on our participation.
- During the Breakfast this year we will have a Sports Memorabilia Silent Auction/Sale in the Dining Room. Check out the great items on the tables in the Dining Room.
- During the Breakfast we will also have sign-up and information desks for the American Legion Auxiliary and the Sons of the American Legion.
- If you don't have a lot of time on Saturday, at least come and have breakfast.
- Cantigny Park is looking for 6 veterans to participate in a Wreath Laying Ceremony on Sunday, May 28th from 10:30 AM till noon. Email me if you are interested in details. (steve.arango@gmail.com)
- Memorial Day Weekend we will be passing out Poppies again at Cantigny Park, contact Rich Flashing, Jr. Vice Commander if you are free and want to help.
- Next post meeting: Monday, May 8th 2023 starting at 4:30 PM in the Medill Room at Cantigny Park. Everyone is welcome.

INFORMATION FOR THE MEMBERS

Next 3 Months Calendar of Events - 2023

Apr. 29, 23 Saturday	American Legion Cantigny Post 556 Spring Pancake Breakfast 7:30 AM – 12:30 PM, Le Jardin, Cantigny Park
May 8, 23 Monday	American Legion Cantigny Post 556 Monthly Meeting 4:00 – 5:00 PM, TBD, Cantigny Park
May 21, 23 Monday	IL American Legion District 11 Annual Convention Noon – 5:00, Post 76, Carol Stream, IL
May 26 - 29, 23 Fri - Mon	American Legion Cantigny Post 556 Annual Poppy Program 7:00 AM – 5:00 PM, Cantigny Park & Cantigny Golf Course
May 29, 23 Monday	Memorial Day Ceremony 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM, TBD, Cantigny Park
Jun. 12, 23 Monday	American Legion Cantigny Post 556 Monthly Meeting 4:00 – 5:00 PM, TBD, Cantigny Park
Jul. 10, 23 Monday	American Legion Cantigny Post 556 Monthly Meeting 4:00 – 5:00 PM, TBD, Cantigny Park

Check the Post Website for updated activities throughout the year.

<https://cantignypost556.org/>

 **AMERICAN
LEGION**

BE THE ONE

Growing American Legion Cantigny Post 556

As we move forward into 2023, we want to grow Post 556 with a renewed membership drive plus we feel the foundation for that growth is to embrace 2 of the major programs identified as the American Legion Family. Members of The American Legion, [American Legion Auxiliary](#) and Sons of The American Legion comprise the Legion Family, which has a combined membership of nearly 3 million.



American Legion Auxiliary

Founded in 1919, The [American Legion Auxiliary](#) has nearly 1 million members from all walks of life. While originally organized to assist The American Legion, the Auxiliary has achieved its own unique identity while working side-by-side with the veterans who belong to The American Legion. Like the Legion, the Auxiliary's interests have broadened to encompass the entire community.

The American Legion Auxiliary is made up of the male and female spouses, grandmothers, mothers, sisters, and direct and adopted female descendants of members of The American Legion. Through its nearly 10,500 units located in every state and some foreign countries, the Auxiliary embodies the spirit of America that has prevailed through war and peace.



Sons of the American Legion

Founded in 1932, the Sons of The American Legion exists to honor the service and sacrifice of Legionnaires.

SAL members include males of all ages whose parents or grandparents served in the U.S. military and were eligible for American Legion membership.

Although SAL has its own membership, the organization is not a separate entity. Rather, SAL is a program of The American Legion. Many Legionnaires hold dual membership in SAL.

Details for these programs will be addressed at the Annual meeting in January 2023.



DUPAGE VETERANS FOUNDATION

2023 Fundraiser Benefitting Honor Flight Chicago

Honoring our Vietnam Era Veterans



**DUPAGE COUNTY
FAIRGROUNDS**

2015 Manchester Rd.
Wheaton, IL 60187

FEATURED EVENTS: Period Military Vehicles •
Patriotic Program • Lunch • Bagpipers • Vintage
Military Uniforms • Memorabilia • Silent Auction

WWII & Korean War Vets: FREE ENTRY

\$35 in Advance • \$45 At The Door • \$20 Child

**LIVE
MUSIC!**

MAY 6, 2023 • 11AM - 3PM



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 veterans in person.

Visit our website: 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 electronic materials.

DONATION LEVEL	TICKETS	TABLE RECOGNITION	WEBSITE
5 Star: \$10,000	30	Yes	Yes
4 Star: \$5,000	25	Yes	Yes
3 Star: \$2,500	20	Yes	Yes
2 Star: \$1,000	15	Yes	Yes
1 Star: \$500	10	Yes	No

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Donate Auction Items

If you would like to donate an auction item, please call us at: **(630) 668-2050** or email us at: dupagevets@gmail.com

Sponsorship

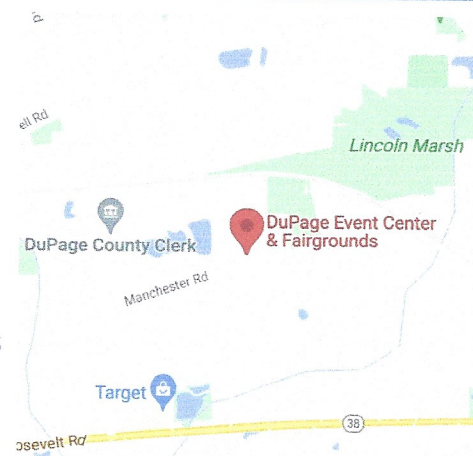
If you would like to be recognized as a sponsor for this important cause, refer to our website: dupageveteransfoundation.org for levels of charitable giving, or feel free to call us at: **(630) 668-2050**. Sponsors will be posted on our website and in our event's electronic materials.

Monetary Donations

If you are unable to attend but still would like to make a charitable contribution, go to our website: dupageveteransfoundation.org and click "Donate" to pay by credit card. For a donation via check, make it payable to: **DuPage Veterans Foundation** and mail to: **P.O. Box 299, Wheaton, Illinois 60187**.

The mission of this DuPage Veterans Foundation event is to raise enough money for one HONOR FLIGHT CHICAGO flight for WWII, Korean and Vietnam 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



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Pancake Breakfast

Spring!

Saturday, April 29, 2023
7:30 AM to 12:30 PM

**Come to the American Legion Cantigny
Post 556 at the Le Jardin Restaurant in
the Visitors Center at Cantigny Park,
1S151 Winfield Rd, Wheaton, IL 60189**

Pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, biscuits and
gravy, butter, coffee, tea, orange juice and syrup
(both regular and sugar-free) will be provided.

\$12 for 13 and over; \$6 for 5 through 12.
Free for children 4 and under.

Parking is free at the park for this occasion.

