



Greetings,

Hopefully the worst of winter is behind us.

We had a very successful January with hosting the two big pool tournaments.

February has several events scheduled. Fish Fries begin on February 17 and continue every Friday during Lent. The American Legion birthday dinner is coming up on Monday, March 13.

Since we have events coming up, we are desperately in need of volunteers to expand our pool of those willing to help out. If you can help out, even occasionally, please consider volunteering.

We will soon be looking for people willing to serve on the board and fill various offices. Please thoughtfully consider if you are asked to fill a spot.

Jim Douda continues to do a great job as Gambling Manager but would like to retire. If anyone is interested in this paid part-time job, please notify one of the board members. Training is required and available.

I look forward to seeing you at the club. Support your American Legion. We need your help and support.

### Commander Jim Nielsen

Thank you to all our faithful American Legion Auxiliary members for your many volunteer hours helping to HONOR OUR VETERANS!!

We are already in the New Year of 2023 and have accomplished many projects, events for our military and Faribault community!!

Here are some of our contributions in December, January and February

**December:** 3<sup>rd</sup> - The First Christmas Market was a huge success - 40 various craft and artistic vendors. Thanks to new member Kari Casper (organizer) and Candy Braun (food/recipe chairwoman). Our ALAux made almost \$1000 for projects by selling lunch – December 27 our Auxiliary Past Presidents Parley awarded a scholarship to Claudia Liverseed and gifts to female veterans.

**January:** A Large Donation of winter clothing and backpacks, to the **Homeless at the VA's CRRC** using 2 Thrivent Impact Gift Cards. (Walmart retail would have been \$1191) for all the items plus our gifts of eleven - \$20 gift cards and 20 hygiene gift bags. The **Ronald McDonald House** received a donation of \$136 from the Am. Legion, Sons of the Legion, and Am. Legion Auxiliary from the 75 lbs. of pop can tabs collected and value matched by the post, unit and squadron. Four members of our Unit 43, Karen Rasmussen, Gina Little, Paulette Jameson and Kathy Larson attended the Third District Mid-Winter Conference at Lonsdale on January 21. January 28 - **New membership orientation** was held for 7 of the 10 new members of the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 43. Joyce Elsen, Christy Dore, Irene Helgeson, Virginia van Sluis, Mariann Goettsch, Ann Poe, Sylvia Kerben were welcomed by Karen Rasmussen (orientation leader), Jeannie Michel s, (Membership chair), Paulette Jameson, Chaplain, and Kathy Larson President. It was an informational and enjoyable session giving the new members of our mission, goals and our many projects for the Veterans and their families. Members met in early February and made silk floral arrangements in a round glass bowls as **Valentine's Day gifts for Veteran widows** or spouses, female relatives with a Thank You message card. We wished to thank those women who gave support to their loved ones in the service while they were managing families /work alone. Many ladies expressed such outpouring of appreciation and thanks for our gifts. They were very happy to be remembered. February 20 - Monday Executive Committee Meeting at 6:30; February 12 - (Lincoln's B-day) Presidents Day, February 22 - Washington's Birthday)

**March:** Wednesday, March:1 - "Americanism Essay Contests" due (Karen R.); March : 6- Poppy Poster Drawing and coloring page contest starts; March 6- Our American Legion Auxiliary . and Legion Membership Meeting - 6:30; March 11- Third Family Gathering at Apple Valley 1776 - time to be announced at our Membership meeting; March 13 - **Monday Evening is Our American Legion Birthday Dinner** - Come and join us for a social time and dinner . Dinner free for paid members. Take time to enjoy old friends and meet new friends!! March 20 - Executive Committee Meetings 6:30

**April:** April 1- Youth Contest activities: Poppy Poster Drawing Contest and Poppy Coloring Page Contest due; April 3- American Legion Auxiliary and Legion Membership Meeting- 6:30; April 15- Dept. Legion Family Appreciation Party- New Prague Post 45 Social: 4:00 Dinner: 5:00 Program 6:00; April 17 - Executive Committee Mtgs. 6:30

**May:** May 1- American Legion Auxiliary and Legion Membership Meetings -6:30 "MAY DAY"; May 15- Executive Committee Meetings 6:30; May 6 - Joint District Testimonial Chanhassen Post 580; May 19-20 - Sun/Mon District Convention Forest lake Post 225; May 26 - "Official Poppy Day" Poppy **Volunteers needed**; May 29 - Memorial Day - Ceremony at the Courthouse, Parade, Program, Lunch at the Legion Club

"God Bless our Veterans and God Bless our Country"

**Kathy Larson,**  
**American Legion Auxiliary President -Unit #43**

### SAL Membership Eligibility

The Sons of The American Legion is made up of boys and men of all ages whose parents or grandparents served in the United States military and became eligible for membership in The American Legion. All male descendants, adopted sons and stepsons of members of The American Legion and such male descendants of veterans who died in service during WW1, and December 7, 1941, to date as set forth in Article IV, Section 1 of the National Constitution of The American Legion or who died subsequent to their honorable discharge from such service shall be eligible for membership in the Sons of The American Legion. There shall be no forms or class of membership except an active membership.

**Ron Hammond**  
**SAL Commander**

**Post 43 Announcements**

<b>2022 Ceremonial Honor Guard Funerals</b> (*Denotes Post 43 Member)	2/18/22 – John Vogelsberg	5/4/22 – Richard O’Neill	7/30/22 – David Ponto	10/14/22 – Daniel Reuvers
	2/26/22 – Albert Ennis	*5/23/22 – Richard Gabbert	*8/6/22 – Sidney Vikla	10/15/22 – Arthur Schwartz
	2/26/22 – Earl Lockwood	*6/3/22 – Anthony Tonga	*8/29/22 – Ronald Schwartz	10/18/22 – David Doneux
1/6/22 – Steve Blackstad	*3/18/22 – Gerald Luckow	6/4/22 – Jerome Zacharias	*9/1/22 – Tom Nelson	*11/7/22 – Michael Karp
1/19/22 – Peter Burkhartzmeyer	3/23/22 – Vincent LaCanne	6/10/22 – Marion Mahoney	*9/20/22 – Harold Bonde	11/10/22 – Robert Ford
1/29/22 – Guy Albers	3/28/22 – Gerald Von	7/1/22 – Robert Hisdahl	9/26/22 – James Schmidke	11/28/22 – Bernard Bongers
*1/24/22 – Ronald Hunt	*4/8/22 – Kenneth Eul	7/9/22 – Vincent Paul	9/30/22 – Dennis Willaby	12/9/22 – Lawrence
2/3/22 – Willis Yule	4/21/22 – Donna Anderson	7/12/22 – Joseph Forcelle	*10/1/22 – David Shafer	12/14/22 – Andrew Speikers
2/4/22 – Anthony Petricka	*4/28/22 – William Harn	7/14/22 – James Bahe	10/6/22 – Alvin Babcock	*12/22/22 – Donald
2/15/22 – Clifford Nelson	*4/29/22 – Lynn Paquette	7/23/22 – Donald Poehier	10/7/22 – Wallace Mathies	12/29/22 – Rodney Little

<b>Additional Post 43 Deceased</b>	4-4-22 – Raymond Spoore	6-11-22 – Deborah Wesley	7-6-22 – Larry Myers	9-6-22 – Edwin Krause
11-20-22 – Gene Hart	11-27-22 – James Sande	12-3-22 – Duff Davidson	12-21-22 – Otto Gjerald	12-14-22 – Dennis Glynn

<b>SAL Deceased</b>	12/23/22 – Joseph Grunz,
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The **Rice County Central Veterans Association Honor Guard** is tasked with Veteran funeral details in the local area and present during official ceremonies to include Memorial Day and Veterans Day. The **Post 43 Color Guard** is tasked with local and regional parade attendance and other official duties to include Flag Day, Memorial Day / Veterans Day programs, and the monthly Post 43 FrontLine Honors Ceremony. If you are interested in looking for a meaningful way to continue serving your country and your community, please stop by the post and inquire within. **Service over Self.**

***Auxiliary Unit #43 Deceased***

4/20/22 – Lavonne Morgan	9/9/22 – Harriet Berghoff	10/6/22 – Dorene Trahan	10/22/22 – Mardell Sauferer	11/11/22 – Gloria Stewart
6/4-/2 – Colleen Stam	9/14/22 – Marie Jasinski	10/15/22 – Mary Willaby	11/6/22 – Judy Waterstraat	11/30/22 – Janice Drache

***FrontLine Honors Ceremony***  
***1:00pm – every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month.***

*We remember the fallen by reading all U.S. Service member names that were killed in action or have died as a result of their military service over the course of the previous 30 days. In addition, we will recognize our nation’s Colors with a formal dedication. If you would like to have the flag fly over Post 43 in honor of any Veteran, alive or deceased, or a family member currently serving in the U.S. Armed Forces, please inquire within.*

***Their sacrifice. Our honor.***

**Legionville School Patrol** – Our Legion is working on getting donations to send students to the school patrol training. This training is held in Legionville in Brainerd. If you would like to donate or if you know of a business that would be interested in donating to the school patrol fund,  
**Please contact Dave Lee, Chairman.**

**\*\*\* Post 43 is searching for new gambling manager to take over the current role fulfilled by Jim Douda.** If you are interested in this position, please inquire within by speaking with Misty or Jim.

**Unit #43 Auxiliary** is requesting candidates for the ALA Past President’s Scholarship. You may find the link to the scholarship application found on [www.mnlegionpost43.org](http://www.mnlegionpost43.org) under the **Post & Unit 43 Scholarships** category.

The **Post 43 WatchWord newsletter** is available on the Legion Website: [www.mnlegionpost43.org](http://www.mnlegionpost43.org) If you have any specific recommendations for our Website, our Post, or any general questions, please send a message to: [faribaultlegion43@gmail.com](mailto:faribaultlegion43@gmail.com)

**Membership dues**

Please check to be sure you have paid your **2023** dues. Legion dues are \$40, Auxiliary are \$30 and S.A.L are \$25. The Legion birthday dinner is Monday, March 14th. This dinner is free for all paid up members.

**2023-2024 scholarships! Legion, Auxiliary and 40 & 8!!**

Scholarships are available for sons and daughters and grandchildren of Legion and Auxiliary members. Applications are available on the Legion website at [mnlegionpost43.org](http://mnlegionpost43.org) .Be sure to check deadline dates for the various scholarships.

**Legion Jackets.**

Orders are now being taken for Legion jackets. These jackets are primarily worn by the Legion Honor Guard but are available to any Legion, S.A.L. or Auxiliary member. Prices range from \$93-101 [extra-large sizes have an additional fee]. The price of a jacket includes the "new" Legion logo and your name. If you are interested in purchasing a jacket, contact the Legion. Be sure to leave your name and contact information.

**Wheelchairs, walkers, etc.**

Numerous pieces of equipment have been donated for use to those who need such items. Contact Deb Peterson or Jim Douda for availability.

**All dates below are subject to change, please visit your Post for current function dates**

<b>March</b>	<b>April</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>June</b>
1 – KC Bingo 2 – Burger Baskets 3 – 5 PM - Club Supper / Fish Fry 6 – 6:30 PM - Auxiliary & Post Membership Mtg 7 – Wing Night 8 – KC Bingo 9 – Community CO-OP 11 AM / Burger Baskets 10 – 5 PM - Fish Fry 11 – Euchre 12 – Christ Lutheran Omelet Breakfast / Youth Pool League 13 – 104 <sup>th</sup> Legion Birthday Dinner – 5 PM Social / 6 PM Program w/ dinner to follow 14 – Wing Night / DAV Mtg 15 – KC Bingo 16 – Burger Baskets 17 – 5 PM - Club Supper / Fish Fry 18 – Wedding Anniversary Celebration 19 – 1:00 PM - FrontLine Honors / Youth Pool League 20 – Red Cross Blood Drive / 6:30 PM - Auxiliary & Post Executive Board Mtg 21 – Water Treatment Mtg – 4 PM / Wing Night 22 – KC Bingo 23 – Burger Baskets 24 – 5 PM - Fish Fry 25 – Euchre 28 – Wing Night 29 – KC Bingo 30 – Burger Baskets 31 – 5 PM - Fish Fry	3 – 6:30 PM - Auxiliary & Post Membership Mtg 5 – KC Bingo 6 – Wing Night 7 – 5 PM - Club Supper / Fish Fry 8 – Euchre 9 – Easter Sunday – Post 43 CLOSED 11 – DAV Mtg 12 – KC Bingo 13 – Burger Baskets / Pool Table set up 14 – City Pool Tournament 15 – City Pool Tournament 16 – 1:00 PM - FrontLine Honors 17 – 6:30 PM - Auxiliary & Post Executive Board Mtg 19 – KC Bingo 20 – Wing Night 21 – 5 PM - Club Supper 22 – Euchre / High Flyers 23 – Tour of Tables 26 – KC Bingo 27 – Burger Baskets / Groom’s Dinner 29 – MAW Wrestling 30 – Fbo Youth Baseball Breakfast / Youth Pool League	1 – 6:30 PM - Auxiliary & Post Membership Mtg 3 – KC Bingo 4 – Wing Night 5 – 5 PM - Club Supper 9 – Red Cross Blood Drive / DAV Mtg 10 – KC Bingo 11 – Burger Baskets 13 – Euchre 14 – Mother’s Day 15 – 6:30 PM - Auxiliary & Post Executive Board Mtg 17 – KC Bingo 18 – Wing Night 19 – 5 PM - Club Supper 21 – SAL Breakfast / 1:00 PM - FrontLine Honors 24 – KC Bingo 25 – Burger Baskets 27 – Euchre 28 – 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM – Annual Rolling Thunder Tribute 29 – 12:00 PM - Memorial Day Luncheon 31 – Kwik Trip / KC Bingo	1 – Kwik Trip / Wing Night 2 – 5 PM - Club Supper 5 – 6:30 PM - Auxiliary & Post Membership Mtg 7 – KC Bingo 8 – Burger Baskets 10 – Euchre / Wedding 13 – DAV Mtg 14 – Flag Day / KC Bingo 15 – Wing Night 16 – 5 PM - Club Supper 18 – Father’s Day / 1:00 PM - FrontLine Honors 19 – 6:30 PM - Auxiliary & Post Executive Board Mtg 21 – KC Bingo 22 – Korean War Last Man’s Tribute / Wing Night 24 – Euchre 28 – KC Bingo 29 – Burger Baskets
<p><b><i>Burger Baskets,</i></b> <i>Chicken Strip,</i> <i>or Philly Cheese Steak Baskets</i> <b>Every 2<sup>nd</sup> &amp; 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday</b> <b>5:30pm – 7:00pm</b></p>	<p><b>***WING TUESDAYS</b> <b>MARCH – 1<sup>ST</sup> / 3<sup>RD</sup> / 5<sup>TH</sup> TUESDAY</b> <b>***APRIL – AUGUST – 1<sup>ST</sup> / 3<sup>RD</sup> / 5<sup>TH</sup> THURSDAY</b> <b>5:30 – 7:00 pm.</b> <i>Bone-in 5 for \$7, 12 for \$13</i> <i>Boneless 8 for \$7, 16 for \$13</i></p>		

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**Post 43 Officers**

Commander: Jim Nielsen  
1st Vice: Mark Quinlan  
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Adjutant: John McDonough  
Chaplain: Glen Wegner  
Finance Officer: Jack Claeson

**Executive Board Members:**

Mike Cook, Ron Jameson,  
Luverne Malecha, John McDonough,  
Wayne Minick, Dan Rasmussen, Steve Walter

**Auxiliary Officers:**

President: Kathy Larson  
1st Vice: Gina Little  
2nd Vice: Open  
Secretary: Karen Rasmussen  
Treasurer: Darlene Liverseed  
Sgt at Arms: Ellen Blume / Mary Lillquist  
Chaplain: Paulette Jameson  
Historian: Karen Rasmussen

**Executive Committee Members:**

Candy Braun, Jeanette Hammond, Diane Juvland,  
Sandy Kuhlman, Jeannie Michels

**Sons of the American Legion**

Commander: Ron Hammond

1st Vice:

Adjutant: Jim Douda

Treasurer:

Chaplain: Mike Pittman

Sgt at Arms: Jim Douda