



WATCHWORD

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Greetings from your commander:

As my year as commander is coming to a close I want to thank all the people who helped me out and made it a fun job. All the volunteers, kitchen staff, bartenders, exec board members and general membership. A special thanks to Babe Nordgaard. She held the kitchen together while we were without a cook. We are interviewing candidates, so hopefully by the time you read this we'll have that position filled.

Our slate of officers for 2018-2019 are Commander Dan Rasmussen, 1st Vice George LaRoche, 2nd Vice – open, Chaplain Kirk Mansfield, Executive Board: Jim Nielsen, Dennis Reinhart, Chuck Eastman, Luverne Malecha, Finance Officer Jack Claeson.

Spring is finally here. It came quickly. Tuesday, April 24th, there was still an ice fisherman on Lake Mazaska. On Monday, April 30th, all the ice was off. Looking forward to a pleasant summer.

Memorial Day is coming soon. We have our courthouse ceremony at 9:00 a.m. Parade starting at the library at 10:00 am. Followed by the ceremony at Central Park after the parade. Lunch will follow at the American Legion. We'll need a lot of help, so try to attend.

Flag Day is June 14th. We'll have a flag retirement ceremony at the club. The Boy Scouts always help us out with that.

Remember the club suppers on the 1st and 3rd Fridays starting at 5:30 p.m., Wing Nights on Tuesdays and Burger Baskets on the 2nd and 4th Thursday.

Thanks to everyone for a great year.

John McDonough, Post 43 Commander

AUXILIARY PRESIDENT'S NOTES

This is my last article as my term as President will end in June. The past two years have been an enjoyable time with the Auxiliary and I want to thank all the women that helped support me. The executive board and all women that have introduced themselves to me at different events, I say "Thank you".

The passion of helping veterans and supporting our military has been the goal of our Auxiliary and many of the projects which we completed have shown that drive for all of them. Meeting veterans in nursing homes and assisted living facilities means so much to them and we, as Auxiliary members, get more satisfaction than they do to help in any way that we can. I hope I have been able to fill the position with the respect that it deserves and have represented all women belonging to the Auxiliary. I will continue to help and volunteer in any project that I can and would like to focus on Children and Youth and junior members in hopes of getting them involved with Veteran events. Our future is in our young ladies and education needs to be provided to help them become involved.

Our slate of officers are President Karen Rasmussen, 1st Vice – open, 2nd Vice Chris Terrell, Treasurer Darlene Liverseed, Historian Linda Claeson, Sargent at Arms Ruth Seykora. Executive Board: Pat Ernste, Jeanie Bowers, Babe Nordgaard, Rose Johnson, Ruth Seykora and Kandie Mensing.

Birds are finally chirping and the grass is getting green. Finally, after a snowy and cold April we look ahead to hopefully a warm summer. Poppy Days will be behind us soon and many volunteers have worked hard again to make this a successful drive to raise money that goes directly to help veterans, military and their families in need. National Poppy Day is May 25 and Memorial Day May 28. I hope to see many of you at the Memorial Day events in Faribault. The true cost of freedom indicated by the little red paper Poppy signifies the blood shed by our fallen veterans.

Many of the past projects these past two years have helped me understand all that needs to be done for our military men and women. Suicide prevention efforts, instituting gender-specific health care for women veterans, end homelessness of veterans and the very need to protect our American flag are a few of the concerns that ALA has brought before the House and Senate.

June 14 is Flag Day. Please display our beautiful Red, White and Blue flag at your home. Mother's Day and Father's day is fast approaching. Give this gift to someone in your family to display. This will be a gift that they will remember.

Our 100th Anniversary will be this summer in Minneapolis. Watch the web site for more information. The parade will be on Aug. 26th. The convention dates are Aug. 23rd through the 26th.

I will be honored to serve as Chaplain of the Auxiliary for the next year and look forward to seeing many of you at our events. Come down for Sunday night supper, wing night, burger basket and of course our Friday night suppers.

May God Bless you and your family, our military men and women and have a safe summer.

Winnie Hughes, Unit 43 Auxiliary President

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

June	July	August	September
1 – Club Supper 5:30-7pm. 4 – Membership Mtg 6pm Installation of Officers 8 – Historical Society 9 – Dozark Grad Party 10 – Maki Graduation Party 13 – V.F.W. Mtg 10 am. 14 – Burger Basket / Flag Day Ceremony 15 – Club Supper 17 – Mullenberg Graduation Party - FrontLine Honors – 1:00 PM 18 – Exec Board 20 – 40 & 8 Mtg 6 pm 21 – Korean Last Mans’ 22 – Anniversary Party 23 – All You Can Eat Pasta 27 – D.A.V. Mtg. 7pm. 28 – KDHL Breakfast 7-9:30 am. - .Burger Basket 5:30-7pm.	2 – Membership Meeting 6 – Club Supper 5:30-7pm. V.F.W. 11 – V.F.W Mtg 10 am. 12 – Burger Baskets 5:30-7pm. 15 – FrontLine Honors – 1:00 PM 16 – Exec Board 18 – 40 & 8 6 pm. 20 – Club Supper 5:30-7pm. 25 – D.A.V Mtg 7pm. 26 – Burger Basket	3 – Club Supper 5:30-7pm. 4 – Wedding 6 – Post Meeting 8 – V.F.W Mtg 10 am. 9 – Burger Baskets 5:30-7pm. 11 – Wedding 14 – VFW Last Man’s- noon 15 – 40 & 8 6:00 pm. 17 – Club Supper 5:30-7pm. 18 – Wedding 19 – FrontLine Honors – 1:00 PM 20 – Exec Board 22 – D.A.V. 7 pm. 23 – Burger Baskets 5:30- 7pm.	3 – Membership Mtg 7 – Club Supper 12 – V.F.W. 10 am. 13 – Burger Baskets 17 – Exec Board 16 – FrontLine Honors – 1:00 PM 19 – 40 & 8 6 pm. 20 – Taste of Faribo 21 – Club Supper 26 – D.A.V. 7 pm. 27 – Burger Baskets
<p style="text-align: center;">WING TUESDAYS 5:30 – 7:00 pm. Bone-in 6 for \$5, 14 for \$10 Boneless 8 for \$5, 18 for \$10 \$15.00 for a 6 beer bucket</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Burger Baskets, Chicken Strip or Philly Cheese Steak Baskets</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Every 2nd & 4th Thursday 5:30pm – 7:00pm \$5-6.00</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday Suppers <i>5:00pm – 7:00pm Generous Servings - Reasonable Prices</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">ALL YOU CAN EAT PASTA FEED June 23rd Marinara or Alfredo Sauce with Bread Sticks \$10.00 5:00 pm. until gone</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><i>FrontLine Honors Ceremony</i> <i>1:00pm – every 3rd Sunday of the month.</i> <i>We remember the fallen from the wars in Afghanistan, Iraq, and Syria by reading all U.S. Service member names that were killed in action over the course of the previous 30 days. In addition, we will recognize our nation’s Colors with a formal dedication.</i> <i>If you would like to have the flag fly over our Post in honor of a Veteran or a family member on active duty, please inquire within.</i> <i>Their sacrifice. Our honor.</i></p>		<p style="text-align: center;">Your Post 43 WatchWord newsletter is available on our Website: http://www.mnlegionpost43.org</p> <p style="text-align: center;">If you have any specific recommendations for our Website, our Post, or any general questions, please send a message to: FboLegion43@hotmail.com</p>	

Did you know????

- Post 43 is pleased to announce that the following four students received a Legion scholarship for 2018: Benjamin Vroman, Zachary Smisek, Jacob Pleschourt and Kailen Kurtzweil. Each student will receive a \$500.00 scholarship.
- Auxiliary Unit 43 was proud to present a \$750.00 scholarship to Heather Shoolz at South Central College from funds of the Salad Luncheon.
- The Auxiliary presents red, white and blue graduation cords to graduating seniors who are enlisted in the military.
- Recently Post 43 has had to purchase two new deep fat fryers because after many attempts to revive the old ones they continued to trip out during frying sessions. The S.A.L. and Auxiliary both donated \$500.00 toward this expense.
- On top of that our dishwasher has decided it cannot wash another dish and therefore a new dishwasher was purchased and installed this past week. That is a serious blow to the budget costing \$24,000.00!!!! It’s a beautiful new

machine but we could use any help you can give us to help re-coup the costs.

\$10,000.00 from gambling will be used to help with the cost.

- The costs of these to purchases are crazy expensive but in order to keep our kitchen working we needed to make these purchases. Donations from the Post, Auxiliary and S.A.L. have helped with some of the costs.
- We are holding a chili feed on May 25th and an all you can eat Pasta Feed on June 24th to raise funds to defray the cost of these projects. Personal donations would remain anonymous and happily accepted!

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Jim Cross, Charles Eastman,
George LaRoche, Bill Manahan, Jim Nielsen,
Dennis Rinehart, Glen Wegner
Past Commander: Luverne Malecha

Auxiliary Officers:

President: Winnie Hughes
1st Vice: Laura Truman
2nd Vice: Karen Rasmussen
Secretary: Pat Ernste
Treasurer: Darlene Liverseed
Sgt at Arms: Geri Ochs
Chaplain: Kandie Mensing
Historian: Linda Claeson

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Sons of the American Legion

Commander: Paul Johnson
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Adjutant: Jim Douda
Treasurer: Bob Johnson
Chaplain: Bob Ernste
Sgt at Arms: Stew Schuenke