



WATCHWORD
 June 2023 – August 2023
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Greetings!

My year as Commander is rapidly coming to an end. I would like to give a huge thank you to all who have contributed and volunteered to make this year a success. We all need to pitch in to make for continuing success.

It will soon be Memorial Day on May 29. It is a sober reminder of the price so many have paid for our freedom. Join us for the flag raising ceremony at the courthouse, the parade, and the program at Central Park.

Our Legion dining room will be getting a new floor installed during the week of May 22-26. Also on the schedule is a new door on the south side that will be more energy efficient.

In June, we are sending 26 students to Safety Patrol camp run by the Minnesota Highway Patrol. Since its inception the safety of students has been very successful.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you.

Commander Jim Nielsen

DEAR MEMBERS,

As your American Legion Auxiliary President this past year, I want to thank all of you for a great year of new events and activities! Your support and cooperation have really helped develop a new Fall Fundraiser, a Christmas Craft Market, trips to deliver supplies for veterans to CRRC and AFSC - plus touring them! We have accomplished a lot by working together!! Now we are looking ahead to the next three months-June, July, August- of events for our American Legion Auxiliary.

- Poppy Days have just been successfully completed - many thanks to our Chairladies: Winnie Hughes & Jeanette Hammond:) :)
- Memorial Day, Monday May 29th., a day to remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice. Flag raising ceremony at the Rice Co. Veterans Memorial at 9, parade at 10 from the library down Central Ave. & turn to go to Central Park for a program, & "free will " lunch at the legion with raffles. Carol McHugo, an Auxiliary member, is the grand Marshall & served 23 years in the Army Reserves.
- These seven Faribault High School graduates are enlisting into the military & the Auxiliary presented them with red, white, & blue cords to wear for graduation: Cameron Annis, USMC; Brayden Bottke, ANG; Justin Drevlow, USMC; Samuel Roder, ANG; Carson Smith, USA; Tyler Trapp, USMC; & Natalie Tuma, ROTC-ANG. Karen Rasmussen also presented Blue Star Banners to their parents & Louise Flom announced the names at the All-School Assembly. We wish to congratulate all the area graduates & wish these seven – Godspeed.
- We amended our Standing Rules to not meet in July & August.
- June 5th. will be our INSTALLATION of OFFICERS. and we will also have a hors d'oeuvres potluck. Plan your food selection:)

Slate of officers for 2023-2024: President - Kathy Larson

1st Vice - Gina Little 2nd Vice - Open

Secretary - Karen Rasmussen Treasurer - Darlene Liverseed

Membership - Jeannie Michaels Chaplain - Paulette Jameson

Executive Committee: Candy Braun, Misty Ekiss, Jeanette Hammond, Sandy Kuhlman, Len Nielson

Sergeant of Arms : Ellen Blume & Mary Lilliquist

- June 14th is Flag Day. There will be a Flag Retirement Ceremony with the central Vets & Scouts on the East Side of the Legion Club at 5 (or 5:30?)The Heritage Days Parade is on June 17th.
- July 13-15 will find some of us at the Department Convention at Jackpot Junction near Redwood Falls.
- OUR NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING WILL BE ON MONDAY SEPTEMBER 11th. WE WILL BE WORKING ON OUR FALL LUNCHEON FUNDRAISER:) SCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY OCTOBER 14th :)
- * We still have items to deliver to Fisher House & may plan a summer field trip to the Cities. They have some beautiful gardens to see.
- *When you see school supplies go on sale, plan to pick up 10-20 or so items for our "Give 10 to Education " program. We had 200 items this past year. Can we top that ? If you stay at a motel, bring back the little shampoos, conditioners, lotion & soap you don't use for our hygiene care packages for homeless veterans.
- * The Past Presidents Parley Scholarship will be due Thursday on Oct. 12th. College students check it out at: mnlegionpost43.org under Post and Auxiliary Scholarships

Enjoy your summer, encourage your family, friends & neighbors to display our American Flag . Please remember ALL THE VETERANS WHO GAVE ALL SO WE COULD LIVE IN FREEDOM!!

GOD BLESS AMERICA!!!

Kathy Larson,
American Legion Auxiliary President -Unit #43

In the last Watchword we talked about the eligibility for the SAL, the value of your membership to the SAL is to strengthen:

- Patriotism
- Knowledge
- Honor
- Helpfulness
- Courtesy
- Reverence
- Comradeship

We as a group reinforce this in each other by volunteering together at various club functions and community service.

Sincerely,

Ron Hammond

SAL Commander

Post 43 Announcements

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.

FrontLine Honors Ceremony

1:00pm – every 3rd 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 under the **Post & Unit 43 Scholarships** category.

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. Be sure to check deadline dates for the various scholarships.

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

June	July	August	September
1 – Wing Night 2 – 5:00 PM - Club Supper 3 – Euchre / 1:00 PM ICV Meeting 5 – 6:30 PM – Auxiliary & Post Membership Mtg 7 – KC Bingo 8 – Burger Baskets 9 – Set up for Wedding/Reception 10 – Wedding 11 – Wrestling for Rhett’s Syndrome 1:00 PM Open / 3:00 PM Start 13 – 6:30 PM – DAV Meeting 14 – Flag Day / KC Bingo 15 – Wing Night 16 – Club Supper 17 – Euchre 18 – Father’s Day / 1:00 PM – FrontLine Honors 19 – 6:30 PM – Auxiliary & Post Membership Mtg 21 – KC Bingo 22 – 12:00 PM – Korean War Last Man’s / 5:30 PM – Burger Baskets 24 – Anniversary 27 – Kwik Trip 28 – KC Bingo 29 – Rice County Historical Society 30 – Celebration of Life	1 – Euchre 3 – 6:30 PM - Auxiliary & Post Membership Mtg 4 – Independence Day / Post 43 closed 5 – KC Bingo 6 – Wing Night 7 – Club Supper 11 – 6:30 PM – DAV Mtg 12 – KC Bingo 13 – Burger Baskets 15 – Euchre 16 – 8-12 – SAL Breakfast / 1:00 PM – FrontLine Honors 17 – 6:30 PM – Auxiliary & Post Membership Mtg 19 – KC Bingo 20 – Wing Night 21 – Club Supper 22 – Reception 25 – Kwik Trip 26 – KC Bingo / Kwik Trip 27 – Burger Basket 28 – 11:30 AM – 5:30 PM Red Cross 29 – Euchre / Reception	2 – KC Bingo 3 – Wing Night 4 – 5 PM - Club Supper 7 – 6:30 PM - Auxiliary & Post Membership Mtg 9 – KC Bingo 10 – Burger Baskets 12 – Euchre 16 – KC Bingo 17 – Wing Night 18 – Club Supper 20 – 1:00 PM – FrontLine Honors 21 – 6:30 PM - Auxiliary & Post Membership Mtg 23 – KC Bingo 24 – Burger Baskets 26 – Euchre 30 – KC Bingo 31 – Wing Night	1 – Club Supper 4 – Labor Day / Post 43 closed 5 – Wing Night 6 – KC Bingo 7 – Burger Baskets 8 – Chicken Dinner 9 – Euchre 11 – 6:30 PM - Auxiliary & Post Membership Mtg 12 – Wing Night 13 – KC Bingo 14 – Burger Baskets 15 – Club Supper 17 – 1:00 PM – FrontLine Honors 18 – 6:30 PM - Auxiliary & Post Membership Mtg 19 – Wing Night 20 – KC Bingo 21 – Burger Baskets 22 – Chicken Dinner 23 – Euchre 26 – Wing Night 27 – KC Bingo 28 – Burger Baskets

Burger Baskets,
Chicken Strip, or Philly
Cheese Steak Baskets
Every 2nd & 4th Thursday
5:30pm – 7:00pm

*****WING NIGHTS**
*****APRIL – AUGUST – 1ST / 3RD / 5TH THURSDAY**
 5:30 – 7:00 pm.
Bone-in 5 for \$7, 12 for \$13
Boneless 8 for \$7, 16 for \$13

The **Post 43 WatchWord** newsletter is available on the Legion Website: 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

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