



# **WATCHWORD**

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## **COMMANDER'S COMMENTS**

Greetings from your commander:

- We need candidates for officer positions. At this time, we don't have a 2nd vice commander. If you're interested in holding an office, let me know or contact any executive board member, and we'll get your name to the nominating committee.
- We also need more people for the Central Vets Funeral detail. If you can help, contact me or Glen Wegner.
- Remember the Frontline Honors ceremony on the 3rd Sunday of the month at 1:00 pm. All are invited.
- Memorial Day will be here soon. We need people to help at the Courthouse Ceremony, the parade, the program at Central Park, and the luncheon at the Legion hall.
- Post 43 will be hosting the District convention in 2020. It's still a long way off, but there are a few things we should address soon. We'll discuss it more at future membership meetings.
- Try to attend the monthly membership meeting at 6 pm the 1st Monday of the month.
- Don't forget the Legion Birthday Dinner on March 12<sup>th</sup>.
- Please continue to pray for our troops.

John McDonough, Post 43 Commander

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## **AUXILIARY PRESIDENT'S NOTES**

Now that Christmas and New Years are behind us, we can look toward some warmer weather, tax season and melting snow. Thank you to all that brought books to the Christmas gathering. These books will be donated to the Veterans children, either at the VA Hospital or the Fisher House. Before we know it our famous delicious Salad Luncheon will be taking place on the 10 of March. Tickets are sold out and the salad luncheon committee is busy with plans. Members will be called to please bring a salad or make a donation to help with this event. Baskets for the silent auction are always welcome. This is such a great event because of people like you, always willing to help in some way. If you want to volunteer on any committee, please let someone know.

Poppy plans will begin soon. This is a fun project. Call Jeanette Hammond or Irene Eiler to get on the list to help. There is so much to do prior to getting out on the street with the poppies in hand.

It is election time for new officers in May. Plan to see new faces on the board and taking positions. New ideas are always welcome and fun to implement. The new president will be asking for volunteers for committees also.

The National Convention will be held at the convention center in Minneapolis at the end of August this summer. The parade will be on the 26<sup>th</sup> and all units are encouraged to participate. Gold shirts will be worn by all in the parade and when members register they will be able to get a gold shirt. More information will be available on the ALA website as it becomes available.

Karen Rasmussen and I attended the ALA mid-winter conference in LeCenter in January. Our organization continues to struggle with membership, as is common in most organizations, and attempts to develop new ideas to encourage participation. All do agree that what we do is so worthwhile for our veterans and their families. Our projects help so many people and are rewarding.

Winnie Hughes, Unit 43 Auxiliary President

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

March	April	May	June
2 – Club Supper 5:30-7pm 4 – S.A.L. Omelet Breakfast Fbo Wrestling 5 – Membership Mtg 6pm 8 – Burger Baskets 9 – Salad Luncheon Set-up 10 – Salad Luncheon 11 – S.A.L. Rugby Omelet Breakfast 12 – Legion Birthday Dinner Social 5pm, Dinner 6pm 14 - V.F.W Mtg. 10 am. 15 – Co-op Luncheon 16 - Club Supper 18 – FrontLine Honors – 1:00 pm 19 – Exec Board – Blood Drive 11-4:00 pm 21 - 40 & 8 Mtg 7 pm. 22 – Burger Baskets 23-25 – City Pool Tourney 28 – Rice Cty Soil & Water 28 – D.A.V. Mtg 7 pm.	2 – Membership Mtg 6 pm. 6 – Ducks Unlimited – <b>No Club Supper</b> 8 – Omelet Club Breakfast 8-noon 11 – V.F.W. Mtg. 10 am. 12 - Burger Baskets 15 – Tour of Tables – FrontLine Honors – 1:00 pm 16 – Exec Board 18 – 40 & 8 Mtg. 7 pm. 20 – Club Supper and Vietnam Last Man Dinner 21 – Faribault High Flyers 25 – D.A.V. Mtg 7 pm. 26 – Burger Baskets 29 – Habitat	4 – Club Supper 5:30-7 pm. 5 – Dist 1 Hospital Luncheon 7 – Membership Mtg 6pm. 9 – V.F.W. Mtg 10 am. 10 – Burger Baskets 12 – Wedding 14 – Blood Drive 12-6:00 16 – 40 & 8 Mtg 7 pm. 18 – Club Supper 5:30-7pm. 19 – Wedding 17 – FrontLine Honors – 1:00 pm 21 – Exec Board 23 – D.A.V. Mtg 7 pm. 24 – Burger Baskets 28 – Memorial Day	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 15 – Club Supper 17 – FrontLine Honors – 1:00 pm 18 – Exec Board 20 – 40 & 8 Mtg 7 pm 21 – Korean Last Mans’ 27 – D.A.V. Mtg. 7pm. 28 – KDHL Breakfast 7-9:30 am. – Burger Basket

<h2>WING TUESDAYS</h2> <p>5:30 – 7:00 pm.</p> <p>Bone-in 6 for \$5, 14 for \$10                      Boneless 8 for \$5, 18 for \$10                      \$15.00 for a 6 beer bucket</p>	<p><i>Burger Baskets,                      Chicken Strip or Philly Cheese                      Steak Baskets</i></p> <p><b><u>During Lent, a fish sandwich                      or shrimp basket is available</u></b></p> <p><b>Every 2<sup>nd</sup> &amp; 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday                      5:30pm – 7:00pm                      \$5-6.00</b></p>	<h2>Sunday Suppers</h2> <p><i>5:00pm – 7:00pm                      Generous Servings -                      Reasonable Prices</i></p>	<p><i>April 8<sup>th</sup>                      Club Breakfast</i></p> <p>includes pancakes,                      scrambled eggs,                      biscuits &amp; gravy and                      sausage                      \$8.00</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>FrontLine Honors Ceremony</b>  <i>1:00pm – every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month.                      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 tribute.                      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></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><i>Their sacrifice. Our honor.</i></b></p>		<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Your Post 43 WatchWord newsletter                      is available on our Website:</b>  <a href="http://www.mnlegionpost43.org">http://www.mnlegionpost43.org</a></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>If you have any specific recommendations for our Website,                      our Post, or any general questions, please send a message to:</b>  <a href="mailto:FboLegion43@hotmail.com">FboLegion43@hotmail.com</a></p> <p style="text-align: center;">○ You may find current information regarding Veterans on                      the Legion Facebook page:  <b>Faribault American Legion, Post #43</b></p>	
<p>If you would like to join any of the following groups or learn more information on our activities, please inquire within:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Post 43 Color Guard</li> <li>• Rice County Central Veterans Association Honor Guard</li> <li>• Rice County Veterans Memorial Expansion Project</li> <li>• Post 43 Legion Riders</li> <li>• Patriot Guard Riders</li> </ul>			
<p>Did you know????</p> <p>Although we are not a fulltime restaurant, Post 43 offers an array of meals that you may not be familiar with and all are open to the public.</p> <p>On the 1<sup>st</sup> &amp; 3<sup>rd</sup> Fridays, we offer “<b>Club Suppers</b>”. The 1<sup>st</sup> Friday’s menu is steak, shrimp, fried or baked cod. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday’s menu is ribs, shrimp, baked or fried cod. Both Friday meals include a potato option and salad bar for \$10.00-\$13.00. Meals are served from 5:30-7:00pm.</p> <p>Every Tuesday, we offer <b>bone-in or boneless chicken wings</b> with a variety of sauces. Bone in are 6 wings for \$5.00 or 14 for \$10.00. Boneless wings are 8 for \$5.00 or 18 for \$10.00. Served 5:30-7:00 pm.</p> <p>The 2<sup>nd</sup> and the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month we have <b>Burger Baskets</b> but there is much more! You can get a burger or cheeseburger with fries or tater tots for 5 bucks!! We also offer chicken strip baskets with potato choice for the same price. Many have enjoyed our Philly Cheese Steak sandwich for \$6.00. During Lent we will be adding a fish sandwich for \$5.00 or shrimp basket for \$6.00. Both include the choice of potatoes or you can add an order of onion rings for an additional dollar. 5:30- 7:00 pm.</p> <p>Then we have <b>Sunday Suppers</b> which is a beef commercial (sometimes turkey). This robust meal includes mashed potatoes, salad and garlic toast and sometimes soup. Prices vary but are very reasonable.</p> <p>Don’t forget to attend the <b>Sons of the American Legion Omelet Breakfasts</b> when they are on the calendar.</p>			

These guys give you a plethora of fixings that you select to put in your omelet. For \$9.00 you get a 3-egg omelet, country potatoes, cinnamon roll, juice, milk and coffee. PLUS they donate a HUGE portion of their intake to youth groups, etc. just for working the floor. Served from 8:00 am. - noon.

Meals aside, we also offer **weekly specials** for a selected beer and liquor...one dollar off. Don't forget the number of the day, if your last number on your membership card matches the daily number you can get one drink or beer for 25 cents!!

Don't be a stranger...come in and have a meal and/or a drink with us!! We've been missing you. By the way, the majority of helpers in the kitchen for these events are volunteers and we can use more help. It's a couple of hours in a given week. No culinary school degree required.

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1st Vice: Dan Rasmussen  
2nd Vice: open  
Adjutant: Benji Young  
Chaplain: Kirk Mansfield  
Finance Officer: Jack Claeson  
Finance Accountant: Bob Johnson

**Executive Board Members:**

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

**Executive Board Members:**

Candy Braun, Jeanette Hammond, Cathy Horvath, Ruth Seykora

**Sons of the American Legion**

Commander: Paul Johnson

1st Vice: Matt Hilley

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Treasurer: Bob Johnson

Chaplain: Bob Ernste

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