



WATCHWORD  
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Greetings,

The new year is starting off good at the club. We had two pool tournaments in January that brought in good revenue. Thanks to all the volunteers that made it happen. We still have a way to go to get back to where we were before the pandemic, but we're getting better. There are quite a few events scheduled for March, as well as fish fries during February and March. Please contact Misty if you can help. We need a lot of volunteers. Our building needs a new roof. We're going to have to borrow some money to complete the project. If you can make a donation or contact area business owners and ask for donations, that will reduce the amount we have to borrow.

- Club suppers are 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Fridays
- Wing nights every Tuesday
- Burger baskets 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday
- Membership meetings are the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday at 6:30. Come and bring a friend.
- KC bingo on Wednesday night starting at 6:00 P.M.

Memorial Day will be here soon. Central Vets meetings will be scheduled to make plans.

Please continue to pray for our troops

John McDonough, Commander

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Hello Auxiliary,

Thank you, Auxiliary members, for all you've done this year to serve and bless others. November was a very busy month. The school supplies that were collected for Give 10 for Education (155 items) were presented Nov. 1st to teacher and veteran, Joe Pientka, to distribute to the teachers at Jefferson School. A total of 800 apples were delivered on Nov. 5th for the school staff at 15 Faribault schools. Also, gift bags were presented to veterans in the area nursing homes and senior living facilities for Veterans' Day. Supplies, including insulated coffee cups, coffee, and paper products were collected and delivered to Fisher House. Forty zip lock bags were filled with hygiene products, such as deodorant, lotion, toothbrush, toothpaste, shampoo, comb, etc., and delivered to the CRRC in Mpls. for homeless vets. Then in December, we once again handed out gift bags for Christmas to the veterans in the nursing homes and senior living residences. This month, an ambitious Valentine project netted 100 small vases and heart-shaped dishes with flowers plus 2 larger vases with bouquets were delivered to spouses, daughters, etc. of veterans.

A committee is working on plans for a fall fundraiser to replace our yearly Salad Luncheon. A number of issues simply prevent us from continuing our popular Salad Luncheon which the Auxiliary has been putting on for 30 years. A shout-out to Babe, Candy, and Pat and other faithful volunteers for all their hard work to make the Salad Luncheons so successful and enjoyable. And thank you to Pat, Winnie, Linda, and Kathy who are stepping up to make plans for a fall event.

Notices have been put in the newspaper and on Facebook with information for the Dept scholarships for seniors and for the essay contest. Due date is March 1st. Also, information can be found on the website: [mnlegionpost43.org](http://mnlegionpost43.org). A Poppy Poster contest will be held once again with entries due April 1st.

Our Poppy fundraiser will be held in May, and we're looking forward to another successful year. The 3rd District Convention is being held in Forest Lake on May 21st.

Thank you to all the members who have paid their 2022 dues. Those who still need to pay, please give or send your \$30 to Jeannie Michels at 1818 Ladonna Lane, Faribault, MN, 55021.

Thank you for your faithful service to our veterans, military, their families, and our community. It is very much appreciated.

Paulette Jameson, President

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The S.A.L. was able to donate \$1026.20 to the Legion Building fund after hosting two omelet breakfasts. We very much appreciated the help from the Auxiliary working the floor and all SAL members. Thank you to all, job well done. We could use more volunteers, why not try it you may have fun doing it.

Ron Hammond, Commander

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

February	March	April	May
18 – Club Supper 19 – MAW Wrestling 20 – IRIS Breakfast/Frontline Honors 21 – Exec Mtg 22 – Wing Night 23 – KC Bingo 25 – Fish Fry 26 – Euchre Tourney	1 – Wing Night 2 – KC Bingo 4 – Club Supper/Fish Fry 5 – Cornhole Tourney 6 – Christ Lutheran Breakfast 7 – Membership Mtg. 8 – Wing Night/ DAV Mtg 9 – KC Bingo 10 – Burger Baskets 11 – Fish Fry 15 – Wing Night 16 – KC Bingo 17 – Community Coop 18 – Club Supper/Vietnam Last Mans 20 – Frontline Honors/VA Film/Youth Pool League 21 – Exec Board/Blood Drive 22 – Wing Night/Chamber Breakfast 23 – KC Bingo 24 – Burger Baskets 25 – Fish Fry 26 – Cornhole Tourney 29 – Wing Night 30 – KC Bingo	1 – 3 City Pool Tourney 4 – Membership Mtg 5 – Wing Night 6 – KC Bingo 6-7 – Kwik Trip 8 – Fish Fry 10 – Marine Corps League Breakfast 12 – Wing Night/DAV Mtg 13 – KC Bingo 14 – Burger Baskets 15 – Club Supper/Fish Fry 17 – Easter/Frontline Honors 18 – Exec Mtg 19 – Wing Night 20 – KC Bingo 26 – Wing Night 27 – KC Bingo 28 – Burger Baskets	2 – Membership Mtg 3 – Wing Night 4 – KC Bingo 6 – Club supper 7 – Rice County Veterans Memorial Dedication 10 – Wing Night 11 – KC Bingo 12 – Burger Night 14 – MAW Wrestling 15 – Baseball Fundraiser 16 – Exec Mtg 17 – Wing Night 18 – KC Bingo 20 – Club Supper 24 – Wing Night 25 – KC Bingo 26 – Burger Baskets 31 – Wing Night
<p><b>WING TUESDAYS</b> 5:30 – 7:00 pm.</p> <p>Bone-in 5 for \$7, 12 for \$12 Boneless 8 for \$7, 16 for \$12</p>	<p><b><i>Burger Baskets, Chicken Strip, or Philly Cheese Steak Baskets</i></b></p> <p><b>Every 2<sup>nd</sup> &amp; 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday</b> <b>5:30pm – 7:00pm</b> <b>\$7.00 - \$9.00</b></p>	<p><b><u>Rice County Veterans Memorial Dedication</u></b> <b>Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022 – 1:00 PM</b></p>	
<p><b><i>FrontLine Honors Ceremony</i></b> <b><u>1:00pm – every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month.</u></b></p> <p><i>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.</i></p> <p><i>In addition, we will recognize our nation's Colors with a formal dedication.</i></p> <p><i>If you would like to have the flag fly over our Post in honor of any Veteran, alive or deceased, or a family member currently serving in the U.S. Armed Forces, please inquire within.</i></p> <p><b><i>Their sacrifice. Our honor.</i></b></p>		<p><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><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:faribaultlegion43@gmail.com">faribaultlegion43@gmail.com</a></p>	
<p><b>Did you know???</b></p>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Volunteering to help on wing night or helping with orders on burger night only takes about two hours of time.</li> <li>• During ballroom events where meals are served, there is always a need for those who can help on the floor delivering orders or clearing tables.</li> </ul> <p>We know the volunteer card gets played a lot in an organization like this, however volunteers are a huge part of our Legion. Please donate a couple of hours here and there to help.</p>			
<p><b><i>Scholarship Applications</i></b></p> <p><i>If you have family or friends that have college age students, have them obtain an application. The American Legion has 4 scholarships available, 40 &amp; 8 has 4 nurses training, and the Auxiliary has scholarships as well.</i></p>			
<p><b><i>The Faribault American Legion Auxiliary is participating in the following contests for youth:</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Americanism Essay Contest (due March 1st)</li> <li>• Poppy Poster Contest (due April 1st) - A <b>\$10</b> cash prize will be awarded for first place in each of the classes I-VII if all qualifications are met.</li> <li>• Youth Poppy Coloring Sheet (due May 1st)</li> </ul> <p><b>For more information: <a href="http://mnlegionpost43.org">mnlegionpost43.org</a> and tab for "Auxiliary 43 Contests"</b></p>			

**A documentary viewing for those who seek answers in the fight against suicide.**

**Crisis Hotline: Veterans Press 1**

**Sunday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

**2:00 PM**

**Faribault, MN – American Legion Post 43**

- Open discussion with Question & Answer session to follow
- Staff from Minneapolis VA Medical Center will be on site to answer questions about services they provide and help they can offer
- Open to the public – FREE admission

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**All are welcome to join us for this important community awareness event.**



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