



WATCHWORD

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Faribault, MN



Greetings from American Legion Post #43 Commander Dan Rasmussen and American Legion Auxiliary Unit #43 President Karen Rasmussen:

- Happy 100th Birthday to The American Legion on March 15, 2019!
- We had a successful Salad Luncheon with guest presenter, Jody Long, plant manager of Jennie-O. Thanks to our Legion members who helped park cars, present Colors and do dishes!
- Thanks for helping us celebrate The Legion's Birthday with the birthday dinner on March 12th. The Auxiliary will be gifting the Club with a roaster for their birthday gift.
- Three and one-half pages of signatures were gathered at the dinner to fax to our D.C. Senators and Representative to urge them to support S.504, **The Legion Act**. It will take an act of Congress to change the Legion charter to allow veterans who served in "peace time" to be able to join the Legion. A veteran is a veteran and raised their hand to serve regardless if the United States was in a war or hostilities situation or not.
- We had Sue Register, Volunteer Services Coordinator for Hastings Veterans Home, update us at a joint gathering of the Legion and Auxiliary in March. We presented her with laundry bags and products.
- Vigilant Guardians will present to joint Legion and Auxiliary April 1st.
- Believet, a service dog program for disabled veterans out of Northfield, will present to the joint membership meeting May 6th.
- Installation of Officers will be on June 3rd with Department President Jean Walker as our special guest and installer. Potluck to follow.
- The Auxiliary National President, Kathy Dungan, will be in our area May 16th, at a luncheon in Chanhassen and dinner in Montgomery.
- Poppy Days will be May 16th and 17th.
- District 3 Convention in Forest Lake on May 18th and 19th. Faribault will host next year in 2020.
- We are now collecting the Kwik Trip "Milk Moola" pouch strips and milk bottle caps, "Box Tops for Education" and "Loaves 4 Learning" from Country Hearth and Village Hearth breads by the pop tab container in the front entryway.
- **Wear Red on Fridays to Remember Everyone Deployed.**

Dan Rasmussen, Post 43 Commander and Karen Rasmussen, Unit 43 President

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

March	April	May	June
14 – Community Co-op 18 – Men's Exec Board 19 – Farm Business Breakfast Chamber Event /Wings 20 – KC Bingo 22 – FBO Archery Burger 23 – Spirit Fest 25 – Blood Drive 26 – Wings 27 – KC Bingo/Aux E Board/D.A.V. Mtg 28 – Burger Baskets 29 – Ducks Unlimited 30 – Wedding 31 – Set Up Hospital Aux	1 – Hospital Aux Sale 9 am.- 6pm./ Membership Mtg 6 pm 2 – Hospital Aux Sale 9 am.- 6pm. 4-7 – City Pool Tournament 9 - Wings 10 – KC Bingo 11 – Exchange Club Burger Basket Fund Raiser 12 – Fish Fry 13 - Set-up Tour of Tables 14 – Tour of Tables/ Frontline Honors 1 pm. 15 – Legion Exec Board 16 - Wings 17 – KC Bingo 19- Club Supper & Vietnam Last Mans 20 – Wedding 21 – Blessed Easter 23 - Wings 24 – KC Bingo/Aux Exec Board 4 pm / DAV Mtg – 7 PM 25 – Burger Baskets 27 – Hospital Aux Style Show 28 – S.A.L. Omelet Breakfast Fbo Fast Pitch 30 - Wings	1 – KC Bingo 3 – Club Supper 4 – Luncheon 5 – Marine Corps League Breakfast 6 – Membership Mtg 6 pm 7 - Wings 8 – Teachers' Retirement Party 9 – Burger Baskets 11 – Hi Flyers 14 - Wings 15 - KC Bingo 17 – Club Supper 18 – Wedding 19 – S.A.L. Omelet Breakfast for Vigilant Guardians/ Frontline Honors 1 pm. 20 – Legion Exec Board 21 - Wings 22 – KC Bingo/Aux Exec Board 4 pm 23 – Burger Baskets 28 – Wings / DAV Mtg 7 PM 29 – KC Bingo 31 – Blood Drive	1 – Wedding 3 – Membership Mtg 6pm 4 - Wings 5 – KC Bingo 7 – Club Supper 8 – Historical Society 11 - Wings 12 – KC Bingo 13 – Burger Baskets 16 – Frontline Honors 1pm 17 – Legion Exec Board 18 - Wings 19 – KC Bingo 20 – Korean Last Mans 21 – Club Supper 25 - Wings 26 – KC Bingo / DAV Mtg 7 PM 27 – Burger Baskets
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	<i>Burger Baskets, Chicken Strip or Philly Cheese Steak Baskets</i> Every 2nd & 4th Thursday 5:30pm – 7:00pm \$5-6.00	Sunday Suppers <i>5:00pm – 7:00pm</i> <i>Generous Servings - Reasonable Prices</i>	

FrontLine Honors Ceremony

1:00pm – every 3rd 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 dedication.

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.

Their sacrifice. Our honor.

Your Post 43 WatchWord newsletter is available on our Website:

<http://www.mnlegionpost43.org>

If you have any specific recommendations for our Website, our Post, or any general questions, please send a message to:

FboLegion43@hotmail.com

Did you know????

We have a group of new friends meeting at Post 43 and here is their introduction to those who do not know their organization. They will introduce themselves at a joint membership meeting on April 1st.

Vigilant Guardians Veterans Motorcycle Club is the only Veterans Motorcycle Club “VMC” in the state of Minnesota. Every one of our members wears this title as a badge of honor. Open to all branches of the Armed Forces.

The primary focus of our club is simple: As a 501c(3) non-profit organization, provide the best support to our fellow veterans, community, and their families in times of need. Our mission as a club is continuously evolving and we are always looking for innovative ways to provide support to our veteran community.

Whether we are filling propane tanks to help keep a home warm, shoveling snow for a disabled veteran, or providing reliable means of transportation for a widow or a fallen comrade. We believe in keeping things local in order to bring positive veteran focused actions in our communities.

A sincere thank you to Lee Flandrich Jr. & Yvette Hammond (son-in-law and daughter of Ron and Jeanette Hammond) for their generous contribution to the Post 43 Building Fund plus a matching gift from BNSF.

Your membership is important to Post 43, if you have not paid your membership dues for 2019, please do so. Legion dues are \$40.00, Auxiliary dues are \$25.00 and S.A.L. dues are \$15.00.



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Post 43 Officers

Commander: Dan Rasmussen
1st Vice: George LaRoche
2nd Vice: open
Adjutant: Benji Young
Chaplain: Kirk Mansfield
Finance Officer: Jack Claeson

Executive Board Members:

Jim Cross, Charles Eastman, Luverne Malecha
Jim Nielsen, Dennis Rinehart, Glen Wegner
Past Commander: John McDonough

Auxiliary Officers:

President: Karen Rasmussen
1st Vice: Chris Terrell
2nd Vice: open
Secretary: Candy Braun
Treasurer: Darlene Liverseed
Sgt at Arms: Ruth Seykora
Chaplain: Winnie Hughes

Executive Board Members:

Jeanie Bowers, Pat Ernste, Rose Johnson, Kandie Mensing,
Babe Nordgaard, Ruth Seykora and

Sons of the American Legion

Commander: Paul Johnson

1st Vice: Matt Hilley

Adjutant: Jim Douda

Treasurer: Bob Johnson

Chaplain: Bob Ernste

Sgt at Arms: Stew Schuenke
