



WATCHWORD

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Greetings from Dan and Karen:

It's been an honor to serve as the leaders of your Legion and Auxiliary this past year. There always is a learning curve with anything new, but we have appreciated the dedication of the executive boards and members who have participated in the events and activities. We wish Commander Benji Young and President Rose Johnson and their boards the best of luck in our continued support of our veterans, active-duty military and their families. There is always more that can be done for those who serve and have served our country to protect our freedoms. We will also need support and suggestions for hosting the District 3 Convention next May 15th and 16th.

We wish everyone a great summer of rest and renewal. Thanks for the memories!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Members that voted me to be our Commander. I am very excited to be the Commander of Faribault American Legion Post 43! Hopefully, together, we can make some great changes to help move the Club forward financially and increase membership!

I spent 15 years in the Army Reserves and Army National Guard, including two deployments for Operation Enduring Freedom in the War on Terror. Military Police and M1 Abrams Tank Crewman are a couple of my MOS's, but I spent the majority of my career in the Infantry. I spent my last 3 years on active duty training Infantry soldiers for combat operations in Afghanistan.

One of the biggest struggles that we have endured is that of volunteers. I want to increase activities at the Club, but that requires more people to volunteer for the Club. Without a profitable Club operation, we won't have a Post and we can't just depend on a handful of volunteers at every event. We need more people to help us out as we move forward. We do NOT want to follow in the footsteps of our fellow Veteran organizations that seem to be withering away.

If you haven't been active I am asking for your help! I am very open to ideas and suggestions. Only together, as one team, can we be successful and continue to provide outstanding benefits to community youth organizations and Veteran's alike. I would really like to strive for the Faribault American Legion to become a destination point for many in the community! I look forward to meeting as many of our members as possible during my Commandership.

Benji Young

Hello my Legion Family,

For those of you who don't know me, I am Rose Johnson your incoming President. I have been an Auxiliary member for many years (20+), My father and brother are both Navy veterans and my father-in-law was an Army veteran. My sister-in-law Pat Ernste got me interested in becoming involved before we even came home from Arizona. Since then I've been involved as co-chair along with Pat and Candy Braun with our Salad Luncheon for many years. I've served on our Executive Board and as Secretary for several of our Past Presidents. I look forward to this upcoming year and I am hoping to meet many more of my Legion family.

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

July	August	September	October
<p>1 – Post Membership Mtg 2 – Wing Night 3 – KC Bingo 4 - Closed 5 – Club Supper 7 – Sunday Supper 9 – Wing Night 10 – KC Bingo 11 – Burger Night 14 – Sunday Supper 15 - Post Exec Board Mtg 16 – Wing Night 17 – KC Bingo 19 – Club Supper 21 – Frontline Honors 1 pm./ Sunday Supper 23 – Wing Night 24 – KC Bingo 25 – Burger Night 27 – Wedding 28 – Peace Lutheran Lunch/Sunday Supper 30 – Wing Night 31 – KC Bingo</p>	<p>2 – Club Supper/ 417th Reunion 3 –Wedding 4 – Sunday Supper 5 – Post Membership Mtg 6 - Wings 7 – KC Bingo 8 – Burger Night 11 – Sunday Supper 13 – Aux. E Board 2:30 pm./Wing Night 14 – VFW Last Mans’ lunch/ KC Bingo 16 – Club Supper 18 – Sunday Supper/ Frontline Honors 1 pm. 19 – Post Exec Board Mtg 20 - Wings 21 – KC Bingo 22 – Burger Night 24 –Wedding 25- Sunday Supper 27 – Wing Night 28 – KC Bingo</p>	<p>1 – Sunday Supper 2 – Post Membership Mtg 3 – Wing Night 4 – KC Bingo 6 – Wedding/ NO Club Supper 8 – Sunday Supper 10 – Wings 11 – KC Bingo 12 – Burger Baskets 15 – Frontline Honors 1 pm./Sunday Supper 16 – Post E Board Mtg 17 – Wing Night 18 - KC Bingo 19 – Taste of Faribault 20 - Club Supper/ 1959 Class Reunion 22 – Hosp. Aux. Set-up/ Sunday Supper 23-24 - Hosp. Aux. Sale 24 – Wing Night 25 – KC Bingo 26 - Burger Baskets 29 – Sunday Supper 30 – Blood Drive</p>	<p>1 – Wing Night 2 – KC Bingo 4– Club Supper/1968 Reunion/Korean Last Mans’ 5 – Gillis Wedding 6 –Breakfast for Fbo Kids/ Sunday Supper 7 – Post Membership Mtg 8 – Wing Night 9 – KC Bingo 10 – Burger Baskets 12 – Wedding 13 – Sunday Supper 15 – Wing Night 16 – KC Bingo 18 – Club Supper 19 – Amer. Patriots Lunch/Mtg 20 – Frontline Honors 1pm./Sunday Supper 21 – Post E Board 22 – Wing Night 23 – KC Bingo 24 – Burger Night 26 – Wedding 27 – S.A.L. Omelet Breakfast for A.A.U.W./ Sunday Supper 29 – Wing Night 30 – KC Bingo</p>
<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> Every 2nd& 4th Thursday 5:30pm – 7:00pm \$5-6.00</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday Suppers <i>5:00pm – 7:00pm</i> <i>Generous Servings - Reasonable Prices</i></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 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 hosted a flag retirement ceremony on Flag Day June 14th. There were approximately 22 scouts (boys and girls) attending the ceremony along with their families. This ceremony is the one of the official ways of discarding worn flags that are turned into the Post. There is an official reading with Legion members and Scout leaders followed by the official burning of retired flags.

Milestone Senior Living invited the Color Guard and the Auxiliary to celebrate Flag Day at their facility. Laura Truman, chair of V & R arranged for this event to take place. Several Auxiliary and Post members were able to attend. Colors were posted, pledge was recited, and patriotic music was played by May Bottke. Small flags were given to residents provided by the Auxiliary. Refreshments and fellowship after the service was enjoyed by all attending. Any members who have extra time this summer are always invited to visit our veterans in any of our facilities in Faribault. Many are unable to come down to the club and have been active members in the past. We do not want to forget what they have done for our organization.

Unit 43 Auxiliary had another amazing Poppy Days this year! Eight thousand five hundred forty-four dollars were collected from all the generous folks in our Faribault community!! Thank you to the more than 65 ladies who helped with this project. Each year as our volunteers accept donations for poppies and return to the Legion headquarters with all their poppies gone. We are grateful and humbled by the stories told to us by veterans and families as we share conversations. The stories told are "collected stories"; they come from every age group from the 70 plus years of a fallen WWII hero who proudly brought a scrapbook of his fathers' military history for me and another vet to look over.

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 \$30.00 and S.A.L. dues are \$15.00.



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