



WATCHWORD

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Greetings from the Commander Corner!

My name is Mark Quinlan and I am this years' commander. Just a few introductory words. I joined the Navy in 1980 where I served onboard a nuclear submarine, the USS Parche, until 1984. I then joined the Air Force Reserve as an air cargo specialist.

Now on to modern day. A big thank you to our Post Commander Jim Neilson for his leadership and keeping the Post going this past year.

Have you checked out our new floor in the banquet room yet? It looks great, it's very durable and should last for many years.

Legion folks should offer a "thank you" to Misty, our bar manager. She contacted the proper contractors that determined damages to the roof should be covered by insurance. The roof is scheduled to be replaced beginning August 21st through the end of the month.

We are working on bringing back the Property Committee. If you have a little time and can volunteer at your own pace, give your name to me. We will be mowing, weeding, and edging. We would also like to bring back the "in-house" committee. Give your name to Jim Douda if you can help with repairs and painting. Again, it's at your time and pace.

I am looking for a metal sheet to be donated to the Legion so I can get a laser cut of a soldier to be placed in front of the building.

We are in need of more Color Guard members for events and parades. Come on guys and gals, here is your chance to represent Post 43 in ours and other communities. There are about 15 events each year but you don't have to attend every event. Also, think about helping with the lunch counter on bingo nights, wing nights, etc.

My last item is something that not many people want to talk about...don't forget to think about leaving a donation to the Legion in your will. The donation can be as much as you want. Donations are greatly appreciated!

That's it for now,

Post 43 Commander Mark Quinlan

Hi Ladies,

With the beginning of a new year, I am honored to serve and represent all of you as the American Legion Auxiliary President for a second year.

Our Faribault Unit #43 contributes a lot of time, effort and dedication for our community Veterans and their families though our many projects! This should be another great year to continue that legacy! We have opportunities for fellowship and building relationships, as well as accomplishing our mission to provide for veterans.

Monday, September 11 at 6:30pm. is our first membership meeting to "**Welcome back everyone**". At this meeting we will be discussing our Fall Luncheon to be held on Saturday, October 14 at noon. This year we will have a military theme. We are excited to have two female guest speakers to inform us on that topic. We will be served lunch, have beautiful gift items to bid on and door prizes will be available. This will be our 31st luncheon fundraiser which is very important financially for supporting our many projects. Tables of 8 will be available at \$25.00 a ticket per person is encouraged but buying smaller number of tickets will be welcomed. Please make a donation if you cannot attend: }

September 18 – 6:30 pm. Auxiliary Executive Committee Meeting

September 29 - 10am. Honoring First Responders on "**World Heart Day**" Our Auxiliary will again be delivering muffins to our local Fire and Police Departments, Sheriff's Office Emergency Department and Ambulance staff with special treats for the K9 staff. All the First Responder Units have military Veterans.

December 2 – Saturday – The Holiday Crafters Market

December 4 – Christmas Membership Dinner

I'm looking forward to seeing you ladies in September!

God Bless America

Kathy Larson, American Legion Unit #43 Auxiliary President

Post, SAL & Unit 43 Announcements

***** Auxiliary Fall Luncheon *****

October 14th – Noon

Tickets available at the September 11th Membership Meeting

Tickets are \$25.00 per person

***** Auxiliary Crafters Market *****

Saturday, December 2, 9-5:00

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.

Membership Dinner is November 6. Social at 5:00pm, Dinner 6:00 pm.
\$10.00

Post 43 Christmas Dinner is December 4. Social 5:00, Dinner 6:00 pm.
\$10.00

Birthday Dinner – March 11th, 2024 (**Meals for Members \$10.00 and Non-member \$15.00**)

***** Post 43 is searching for new gambling manager to take over the current role fulfilled by Jim Doua.** If you are interested in this position, please inquire within by speaking with Misty or Jim.

Please note: The Post Membership approved that there will be a \$10.00 charge for each of the following meals beginning 2023: Membership dinner (10-3-23), Christmas dinner (12-12-23) and Birthday dinner (tba).

Post 43 Color Guard – Another years' summer parades and events were attended by the Color Guard. We had one parade in Medford that only three of us were able to cover. Any Legion or S.A.L member that is interested, please contact Jim Doua. You don't need to attend all events, just a few helps. Shirts, caps, and belts are provided.

Gambling laws: New laws and software changes have been implemented and installed by our software supplier.

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

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

SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
4 – Labor Day – CLOSED 5 – Wing Night 6 – KC Bingo 7 – Burger Baskets 9 – Euchre 11 – 6:30 PM - Auxiliary & Post Membership Mtg 12 – Wing Night – DAV Mtg 6:30pm 13 – KC Bingo 14 – Burger Baskets 15 – Club Supper (Ribs) / Class of ‘63 17 – 1:00 PM – FrontLine Honors 18 – 6:PM – Auxiliary & Post Executive Mtg 19 – Wing Night / Kwik Trip 20 – KC Bingo / Kwik Trip 21 – Burger Baskets 22 – Club Supper (Steak) 23 – Euchre 26 – Wing Night 27 – KC Bingo 28 – Burger Baskets / Kwik Trip 9-1:00 29 – Red Cross	2 – 6:30 PM - Auxiliary & Post Membership Mtg / Turkey Commercials 3 – Wing Night 4 – KC Bingo 5 – Burger Baskets 6 – Club Supper / Last Mans’ 7 - Euchre / Pregnancy Options 9 -Roast Beef Commercials 10 – Wing Night / DAV mtg 6:30 11 – KC Bingo 12 – Burger Baskets 13 – Set-up Aux Fall Luncheon 14 – Aux Fall Luncheon 15 – Legionville Breakfast / 1:00 PM – FrontLine Honors 16 – 6:30 PM – Auxiliary & Post Membership Mtg / Turkey Commercials 17 – Wing Night 18 - KC Bingo 19 – Burger Baskets / Rice County Historical Society 20 – Club Supper 21 – Euchre 23- Roast Beef Commercials 24 – Wing Night 25 – KC Bingo 26 – Burger Basket 27 – Chicken Dinner 29 – SAL Omelet Breakfast / AAUW 30 – Post 43 Membership Dinner Social 5:00, dinner 6:00pm (\$10.00 member / \$15 non-member) 31 – Wing Night	1 – KC Bingo 2 – Burger Baskets 3 – Club Supper 4 - Euchre 7 – Wing Night 8 – KC Bingo 9 – Burger Baskets 10 – Chicken Dinner 11 – Veterans’ Day 12 – KC Poultry Bingo 13 - Roast Beef Commercials 14 – Wing Night / DAV mtg 6:30 / Kwik Trip 15 – KC Bingo / Kwik Trip 16 – Burger Baskets / Fbo Chamber Lunch 17 – Club Supper 18 – Euchre / KC Membership Dinner 19 - 1:00 PM – FrontLine Honors 20 – 6:30 PM - Auxiliary & Post Executive Mtg / Turkey Commercials 21 – Wing Night 22 – KC Bingo 23 – Thanksgiving CLOSED 24 – Chicken Dinner 27 – Roast Beef Commercials 28 – Wing Night 29 – KC Bingo	1 – Club Supper 2 – Crafters Market / Euchre 4 – 6:30 pm – Auxiliary & Post Membership Mtg / Post 43 Christmas Dinner – 5pm Social / 6pm Dinner (\$10 member / \$15 non-member) 5 – Wing Night 6 – KC Bingo 7 – Burger Basket 8-10 – Toys for Tots Pool Tournament 12 –Wing Night 13 – KC Bingo 14 – Burger Baskets 15 – Club Supper 16 – Euchre / Reception 17 – 1:00 PM – FrontLine Honors 17-20 – Toy for Tots Distribution 18 – 6:30 PM - Auxiliary & Post Executive Mtg 19 – Wing Night 21 – Burger Baskets 22 – Chicken Dinner 25 – Christmas - CLOSED 26 - Wing Night 28 – Burger Baskets 30 - Euchre

<p><i>Burger Baskets,</i> <i>Chicken Strip, or Philly Cheese Steak Baskets</i> 1st thru 4th Thursdays 5:30pm – 7:00pm</p>	<p>***WING NIGHTS ***NOW EVERY TUESDAY NIGHT 5:30 – 7:00 pm.</p>
	<p>Commercial suppers! New starting in October! We will be rotating turkey and beef commercial dinners on Monday nights 5:00 to 7pm. Check the calendar to see which option is being offered that week. Chicken dinners are also offered on Fridays not marked as Club suppers. Suggestions for different food options are welcomed.</p>

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