



Post 43 Commander Greetings from the Commander’s Corner! Welcome to Post 43. We have been making a lot of improvements around here lately. Jill has done a wonderful job at getting some of our history back up on the walls of our club and I have personally noticed people walking around admiring and reading it. There is more work to be done and all the staff here at Post 43, paid and unpaid, have been working hard to finish things up. Work is continuing in the event space, all 6 of the TVs are up and running. The KC is using them for BINGO and Randy, our Gambling Manager, has been using them for the house races. One of the Celebrations of Life that was held in our event space used them for their memorial video and a Class reunion used it for their past memory video. This helps broaden the number of things we can do in our event space. As we continue to improve our club and event space there are a few things we need. The first being more money, the 2nd is we need more volunteers to help with improvements but also to help with events and the set up and take down that goes along with those events. We also need more members to continue our mission. If you know someone who may qualify to be a member of the Post, the Auxiliary, or the SAL, then please talk to them about what we are here for, we are not just a bar and event center, we are a group of like-minded people with a mission to help veterans and their family members, we are also here for youth and community support. Members are the most important part of our mission, without our members we the American Legion cannot continue to do what we do. John Haessig Commander, American Legion Post 43 Unit #43 Auxiliary Hello Auxiliary Members, As I embark on a second year as the President of the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 43, I am in awe of all we did last year and look forward to another great year. We have so much to celebrate. Our National Security Program report not only took honor at the Department level it was moved on to National. I am looking forward to seeing if we receive the national award. We have received many awards and will be presenting them soon. These awards are a demonstration of all the work we do day in and day out serving and caring for veterans and our community. This last week two young men left for basic training. My heart leaps with gratitude for every person who has taken the time to serve our country. Today my son is somewhere on the other side of the world serving while his wife and children carry on with daily life, excited for their reunion. Recently, I witnessed four of our Honor Guard members standing, waiting for the time they would place the flags. I was struck by the honor and sacrifice these guys continue to give. They continue to serve even retirement or exit from active military service. If we all followed this example of sacrifice just think how things would be. There are many ways to serve with the Auxiliary. We have many projects, and the Legion can always use volunteers in serving food.	Got an idea? I would love to have a beverage and hear it! Let's make this year, a year to remember, a year to grow, and a year to show our support everywhere we go. Our mission field in supporting veterans is right here in our own backyard. Can't wait to see you again or to meet you for the first time. November 11th, Veteran's Day is a good day to set aside some time and share with veterans. In Honor, Gina Little, Auxiliary President Sons of the American Legion Squadron #43 Greetings to All, Let me first introduce myself to all new members. My name is Paul (PJ) Johnson, and I am once again the Commander of Squadron 43, of Post 43 Sons of the American Legion (SAL). I have been Commander in the past and have once again taken over the role at the Post. We will be having monthly meetings, beginning on the 1st Wednesday of September, which falls on the 3rd, at 6:00 PM. We will discuss various ways that our new club manager (Jill) would like our help with activities at the Post. Currently, there are opportunities for us to run the meat raffles and race raffles which occur on Wednesday evenings during KC Bingo. Also, we would like to discuss the possibility of putting together a couple of kitchen crews to help during the week in the evenings. To those who haven’t stopped into the Post in a while, please consider dropping by for one of our regularly scheduled events or just a random drop in to see all of the new changes since your last visit. The Club has a fantastic new manager in Jill Manahan, as well as new bartenders, all contributing towards a very positive vibe. Hope to see many of you soon. My contact information is: 507-384-1004 or I can be reached at bigpj@hotmail.com if you have any questions. Your Comrade and Friend, PJ
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All dates below are subject to change, please visit your Post for current function dates			
SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	December
1 – Labor Day - CLOSED 2 – Wing Night 5:00-7pm 3 – KC Bingo 6:00pm 4 - Burger/Philly Night 5:00-7pm 5 – NO Friday Supper due to city water line maintenance 8 – Tacos 5:00-7pm / 6:30pm Post & Aux Membership Mtg 9 – Wings 5:00-7pm 10 – KC Bingo 6:00pm 11 - Burger/Philly Night 5:00-7pm 12 – Steve & Steve Band 13 – MSAD Alumni 5:00pm 14 – Cornhole 12:00pm 15 – Tacos 5:00-7pm/ Post & Aux Exec Mtg 6:30pm 16 – Wing Night 5:30-7pm 17 – KC Bingo 6:00pm/Kwik Trip 18 – Burger/Philly Night 5:00-7pm / Kwik Trip 19 – Friday Supper 5:00-7pm 20 – Paradise City Wrestling 7:00-10pm 21 – 1:00pm FrontLine Honors 22 – Red Cross Blood Drive 11:30-5:30pm/Tacos 5:00-7pm 23 – Wings 5:00-7pm 24 – KC Bingo 6:00pm 25 - Burger/Philly Night 5:00-7pm 28 – Cornhole 12:00pm 29 – Taco 5:00-7pm 30 – Wings 5:00-7pm/Mayering Mtg 3:30pm	1 – KC Bingo 6:00pm 2 – Burger/Philly Night 5:00-7pm 3 – Friday Supper/ Korea Last Man’s Supper 5:00-7pm 4 – Pregnancy Options 5 – Cornhole 12:00pm 6 – Tacos 5:00-7pm/6:30pm Post & Aux. Membership Mtg 7 – Wings 5:00-7pm 8 – KC Bingo 6:00pm 9 – Burger/Philly Night 5:00-7pm 11 – Anniversary Party 12 – Cornhole 12pm 13 – Tacos 5:00-7pm 14 – Wing Night 5:30-7pm 15 – KC Bingo 6:00pm 16 – Rice County Historical 5:00-8pm 17 – Friday Supper 5:00-7pm 19 - 1:00pm FrontLine Honors 20 – Tacos 5:00-7pm / 6:30pm Post & Aux Exec Mtg 21 – Wings 5:00-7pm 22 – Bingo 6:00pm 23 – Burger/Philly Night 5:00-7pm/Fbo Foundation 25 – Rescue 55021 Auction-and Band 4:00-9pm 26 – SAL Breakfast for AAUW 27 – Legion Membership Dinner Social 5pm, Dinner 6pm 28 – Wings 5:00-7pm 29 – KC Bingo 6:00pm 30 - Burger/Philly Night 5:00-7pm 31 – BOO Crawl	2 – 70 th Birthday Party (Mills) 3 – Tacos 5:00-7pm – 6:30pm Post&Aux Membership 4 – Wings 5:00-7pm 5 – KC Bingo 6:00pm 6 - Burger/Philly Night 5:00-7pm 7 – Friday Supper 5:00-7pm 10 – Tacos 5:00-7pm 11 – Veteran’s Day Program & Lunch/Tacos 5:00-7pm 12 - KC Bingo 6:00pm/Kwik Trip 13 - Burger/Philly Night 5:00-7pm/Kwik Trip 14 – Grooms Dinner 15 – Wedding 16 – KC 4 th Degree Poultry Bingo/1:00pm FrontLine Honors 17 – Tacos 5:00-7pm / 6:30pm Post & Aux Exec Mtg 18 – Wings 5:00-7pm 19 – KC Bingo 6:00pm 20 – AG Luncheon 21 – Friday Supper 5:00-7pm 24 – Tacos 5:00-7pm 25 – Wings 5:00-7pm 26 - KC Bingo 6:00pm 27 – Thanksgiving Tom & Jerrys 10:00am-3:00pm	1 - Tacos 5:00-7pm – 6:30pm Post&Aux Membership 2 – Wings 5:00-7pm 3 – KC Bingo 6:00pm 4 - Burger/Philly Night 5:00-7pm 5 – Harry Meyer Ctr Christmas Party 4:00-7pm 6 – River Community Church Christmas Party 7 – Holiday Market 8 – Legion Christmas Party Social 5pm- Dinner 6pm 9 - Tacos 5:00-7pm 10 - KC Bingo 6:00pm 11 - Burger/Philly Night 5:00-7pm 12-14 – Toys for Tots Pool Tourney 15 – Tacos 5:00-7pm/6:30pm Post & Aux Exec Mtg 16 - Wings 5:00-7pm 17 – KC Bingo 6:00pm 18 - Burger/Philly Night 5:00-7pm 19 – Friday Supper 5:00-7pm 20 – 60 th Birthday Party Jeff & Mark 21 - 1:00pm FrontLine Honors 22 – Tacos 5:00-7pm 23 – Wings 5:00-7pm 25- Christmas - CLOSED 29 – Tacos 5:00-7pm 30 – Wings 5:00-7pm
<i>FrontLine Honors Ceremony</i> <u>1:00pm – every 3rd Sunday of the month.</u> <i>We remember the fallen by reading all U.S. Service member names that were killed in action or have died because 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.</i> <i>Their sacrifice. Our honor.</i>			
<u>Come on in, we’re open!</u> Monday – Friday 11 AM to 8 PM or later Happy Hour Specials \$3 Tap & Domestic Bottles & Rail Drinks Saturday 10 AM to 8 PM or later Sunday 10 AM to 8 PM or later			

Post, SAL & Unit 43 Announcements:

SAVE THE DATE : SPRING SALAD LUNCHEON APRIL 11, 2026

Everyone should have received their dues notification by now. Please remit your dues payment to Ed Little (Legion \$50.00), Jeannie Michaels (Auxiliary \$40.00) or Bob Johnson (S.A.L. \$25.00)

****Wing Night****

Every Tuesday – 5:00 – 7:00pm

****Burger/Philly Night Every Thursday - – 5:00 – 7:00pm****

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

Veterans Day 2025

Tuesday, November 11th, 2025

- 11:00 AM – Ceremony at the Rice County Veterans Memorial
- 12:00 PM – Luncheon at American Legion Post 43

Rice County Veterans Memorial

- There are 907 Veteran paver stones at the Memorial

All 907 took an oath, and along with their families, they sacrificed for your country.

THANK YOU, VETERANS!

If you are interested in placing a paver stone at the Memorial, for more details, contact the Commander of American Legion Post 43 or go to:

<https://ricecountymemorial.org/>

Suicide Prevention Month – September 2025

Each September, NAMI recognizes **Suicide Prevention Month** as a time to raise awareness, spread hope, and spark meaningful action around one of the most urgent mental health issues of our time. Our goal is to ensure that individuals, friends, and families have access to the tools, resources, and support they need to talk openly about suicide prevention, recognize warning signs, and seek help.

This month: **Start a Conversation. Be the Difference.**

With one conversation, asking someone how they’re really doing — and being ready to truly listen — can save lives. Because here’s what we know: No one has to face this alone. Help exists. Healing is possible. And all it can take is for one person to start a conversation.

<https://www.nami.org/Get-Involved/Awareness-Events/Suicide-Prevention-Month/>

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