



WATCHWORD

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Greetings,

Membership meeting is the first Monday of the Month

Veterans Day celebration was a success. We started at 11am. at the new memorial on the North Lawn of the courthouse. Then we had a program and lunch at the legion. We honored Jim Glynn, a World War II veteran, and the last member of the last man's club that was established in 1948.

Thanks to Jenny-O for donating the 128 turkeys that were passed out after lunch.

Christmas Dinner is Dec. 6th. Social hour from 5 to 6, and dinner at 6. Dinner is free to members and \$8.00 for guests.

Frontline Honors Ceremony is the 3rd Sunday of the month.

Tom and Jerry's will be served on Wednesday night before Thanksgiving, and again during bingo on New Year's Day.

We need a new roof on our building. Please support and volunteer for the various fundraisers that will be held.

Continue to pray for our troops.

John McDonough, Commander

Hello Auxiliary,

Before our November 1st meeting, we presented to Joe Pientka, 2nd grade teacher at Jefferson 155 items that we collected for the Give 10 For Education program. He was very appreciative and will distribute the school supplies to the teachers.

On November 5th Auxiliary members delivered 807 apples to the schools for the teachers and staff. We also gave out 68 small gift bags to the veterans in nursing homes and senior living facilities the week of Veterans' Day.

Past Presidents' Parley sent out 37 cards to female veterans for Veterans' Day. PPP will also be giving a \$500 scholarship to Claudia Liverseed, a biochemistry major at UW-Madison.

We will be collecting paper and laundry products and ground coffee for the Fisher House. There are also plans to collect hygiene items for care packages and gift cards (\$5 for McDonalds or Subway; \$25 for Aldi, Walmart, Cub, or Target) for homeless veterans for the VA Community Resource and Referral Center (CRRC) in Mpls. Plans are to deliver these items, along with checks to the Fisher House and Paralyzed Veterans of Minnesota on November 30, Giving Tuesday.

Once again, we will be filling and delivering Christmas gift bags for our veterans in the nursing homes and senior living facilities in December. We will also be sending \$200 for wreaths to be placed at Fort Snelling this year.

The Spring Luncheon fundraiser will be held March 12, 2022. Due to Covid and other challenges, it will be different from our Salad Luncheons of the past years. If you are interested in being on the committee for the Luncheon, please let me know.

The ALA Dept. of MN is preparing a Book of Prayers and Devotions, and is asking members for their submissions of prayers, poems, and devotions. Please contact Kathy Larson, Unit 43 chaplain, if you are interested in contributing. We need to submit them by December 20th.

We will be decorating for Christmas on November 27th.

Thank you, Auxiliary members, for all you do in supporting our veterans, active military, and their families.

Paulette Jameson, President

We served an omelet breakfast for the AAUW on Sunday, October 31, 2021 and received many compliments on a job well done. Everyone did a great job and I personally want to thank all involved.

We plan on doing more omelet breakfasts in the future and can always use help. If you haven't thought of it why not volunteer at some club functions, have some fun and support your organization.

Have a GREAT THANKSGIVING!

Ron Hammond, Commander

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

November	December	January	February
<p>19 – Club Supper 20 – Euchre Tournament 11am. 21 – Youth Pool League / Frontline Honors 22-23 – Hospital Aux Sale 24 – KC Bingo 25 – Thanksgiving 27 – Christmas Decorating 28 – Youth Pool League/Toys for Tots Breakfast</p>	<p>1 – KC Bingo 2 – Pool Tourney Set-up 3-5 – Pool Tournament/No Club Supper 6 – Legion Christmas Dinner Social 5-6, Dinner 6pm 8 - KC Bingo 9 – Cornhole League 7pm/Burger Baskets 10 – Bentley Benefit 13-15 – Toys for Tots 15 – NO KC Bingo 16 – Cornhole League 17 – Club Supper 18 – Euchre Tourney 19 – Youth Pool League/Frontline Honors 20 – Exec Mtg 22 – NO KC Bingo 23 – Burger Baskets 24 – Open until 5 25 – Merry Christmas Closed 29 – NO KC Bingo 31 – Open until 5</p>	<p>1 – KC Bingo/Meat raffles 3 – Membership Mtg 5 – NO KC Bingo/SECO set-up 6-9 -SECO Pool Tourney/No Club Supper 11 – DAV Mtg 12 – KC Bingo 13 – Cornhole Tourney/Burger Baskets 14 – 16 Youth Sparkler pool Tourney 15 – Euchre Tourney 16 – FrontLine Honors 17 – Exec Mtg 18 – U of MN Beef Cert 19 – KC Bingo 20 – Cornhole League 21 – Club Supper 22 – Rice Cnty Steam & Gas 24 – Blood Drive 25 – U of MN 26 – KC Bingo 27 – Cornhole League/Burger Baskets 28 – KC Membership 29 – Euchre Tourney</p>	<p>3 – Cornhole League 4 – Club Supper 5 - Cornhole Tourney 11am. 6 – Lions Club Breakfast/Youth Pool League 7 – Membership Mtg 8 – DAV Mtg 10 - Cornhole League/Burger Baskets 12 – Ruth’s House/Euchre Tourney 13 – Iris Breakfast & Bingo/Youth Pool League 17 - Cornhole League 18 – Club Supper 19 – MAW Wrestling 20 – SAL Omelet Breakfast for roof project / FrontLine Honors 21 – Exec Mtg 24 - Cornhole League/Burger Baskets 26 – Euchre Tourney</p>
<p align="center">WING TUESDAYS 5:30 – 7:00 pm.</p> <p>Bone-in 5 for \$6, 12 for \$11 Boneless 8 for \$6, 18 for \$11</p>	<p align="center"><i>Burger Baskets, Chicken Strip, or Philly Cheese Steak Baskets</i></p> <p align="center">Every 2nd & 4th Thursday 5:30pm – 7:00pm \$6 - \$7</p>	<p align="center">New REVISED : Salad Luncheon Fundraiser will be held March 12, 2022</p>	
<p 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.</i> <i>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 align="center">Your Post 43 WatchWord newsletter is available on our Website: http://www.mnlegionpost43.org</p> <p align="center">If you have any specific recommendations for our Website, our Post, or any general questions, please send a message to: faribaultlegion43@gmail.com</p>	

Did you know???

Each year on December 7, Pearl Harbor survivors, veterans and visitors from all over the world come together to honor and remember the 2,403 service members and civilians who were killed during the Japanese attack on December 7, 1941. Another 1,178 people were injured. Eight Navy battleships were among the 18 Naval ships either damaged or sunk. On Oahu military bases, 178 aircraft were destroyed.

December 7 was a catalyst that led to a changed world. The 80th Commemoration will tell the story of the multi-pronged attack across the Pacific and in particular the attack on Pearl Harbor. The goal of the commemoration is to ensure that future generations will understand the valor and legacy of those who perished and those who fought throughout the war. The commemoration also highlights the importance of the peace that brought reconciliation, a reconciliation that continues to move forward today in creating a better future for all. <https://www.pearlharborevents.com/>

Operation: 23 to Zero is a non-profit Veterans support organization with the primary objective to curb the massive rates of veteran and military suicide through awareness and providing a network of fellow military members to connect with for help and support. Those who join us for Operation: 23 to Zero events are provided opportunities for people to come together in a comfortable setting and meet other similarly minded individuals, ranging from Vietnam era vets, all the way up to OIF/OEF. On November 10/11, members and supporters of OP2320 stood watch for 23 consecutive hours at the Rice County Veterans Memorial to honor the fallen who have died by their own hand. At the bottom of every hour for 23 hours straight, a pair of boots was placed on the Memorial, followed by a prayer and a final salute for each. For those who face darkness, you are not alone. You do belong, you are worthy, and you are loved. There is hope. There is more than hope, there is help. You do not have to fight alone; we are your beacon of light and we can help. <http://www.op23tozero.com/> email: operation2320@outlook.com

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