



WATCHWORD

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

It has been a busy fall, for example, in September we had our annual Hastings Steak Fry and donated a pickup load of various items with an estimated value of \$3000; plus going to Forest Lake to see how they are preparing for the District Convention in May 2019 (Faribault's turn to host will be May 2020). We, along with the Elks, Marine Corp League and Beyond the Yellow Ribbon also had a send-off for approximately 120 deploying National Guardsmen. October's recap includes the Department Fall Conference in Marshall, our annual membership dinner and having a "paper" drive for Fisher House with an estimated value of \$1000 and presenting them with a \$2000 check. We were also able to tour the Spinal Cord Injury portion of the VA Hospital in Minneapolis which has some state-of-the-art equipment for rehabilitating veterans. It's hard to believe, for instance, that they can map the eye so that the disabled can work a computer with their eyes! The Minnesota Chapter of Paralyzed Veterans was presented a check for \$1000. We have been able to help veterans in these ways due to the success of the Auxiliary Poppy Drive and through the generosity of our members and the community.

We observed the 100th anniversary of the signing of the Armistice with a ceremony at the Veterans Memorial followed by a program and lunch. Details of what happened the morning of November 11, 1918 were read, and a ceremony was held for POW/MIA. Jennie-O Turkey's donation of 130 turkeys for veterans was much appreciated. Gifts were presented to approximately 60-65 veterans in nursing homes and assisted living facilities and Legion and Auxiliary members were also present when some of these facilities and various schools had programs for Veterans Day.

November is National Military Family Appreciation Month and National Education Week is observed. Over 800 apples were delivered to the 16 schools in Faribault. Items have been donated to send to deployed soldiers. Families of those deployed from the National Guards were invited to Wing Night on Giving Tuesday to be presented with Blue Star Banners. It was an honor and a privilege to make them our stars for the night. We were super impressed how far some drove to be our guests. There was a great turnout of families as well as Auxiliary members. Banners are being mailed to those unable to attend as the unit is made up of service members from all over Minnesota, plus Iowa, South Dakota and Wisconsin.

December 3rd is the night of our Christmas Dinner following short meetings of the Legion and Auxiliary. We are asking attendees to bring a new child's book or coloring book and crayons – some quiet activity to help them pass the hours while staying at Fisher House or visiting Hastings Veterans Home. We'll be signing up to visit veterans in their living facility and to deliver some Christmas goodies. There aren't any meetings for the Auxiliary (except for board members on Jan. 23rd) until Feb. 4. Sue Register, Program Director of Hastings Veterans Home, will be addressing the joint membership prior to splitting for our regular Feb. meeting. Another Thrivent Action Team will be working with a \$250 impact card to buy fabric and supplies to make 10-15 large laundry bags, plus dryer sheets and laundry pods as funds allow to present her for the Hastings Home. Other action teams have purchased the blue star banners, items to be mailed to deployed soldiers, and for purchasing Christmas gifts for our local veterans in the nursing homes which makes our funds go further to do more and larger scale projects.

A fund has been established for building improvements by the Legion and SAL.

Dates to save are: Saturday, March 9th for the Auxiliary Salad Luncheon and Friday, March 15th as we celebrate the American Legion's 100th Birthday with our annual Birthday Dinner.

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.

December	January	February	March
1 - Wedding 3 - Legion Christmas Dinner and Meetings Social 5 pm. 4 - Wings 5 - KC Bingo 7 - Club Supper 8 - Pearl Harbor Membership Rally Lunch/ 40 & 8 Party 11 - Wings 12 - KC Bingo 13- Burger Baskets 15 - Wedding 16 - FrontLine Honors 1 PM 17 - Exec Board 18 - Wings 19 - NO KC Bingo; NO 40 & 8 Mtg 17- 19 - Toys for Tots 21 - Fbo Transportation - No Club Supper 24 - Open until 5 pm 25 - Christmas - Closed 26 - KC Bingo/D.A.V. Mtg 7 pm. 27 - Burger Baskets	1 - Customer Appreciation 2 - KC Bingo 3-6 SECO Pool Tournament No Club Supper 7 - Men's Membership Mtg 8 - Wings 9 - KC Bingo 10 - Burger Baskets 11-13 Youth Sparkler Tournament 15 - Wings 16 - KC Bingo 17 - Civil War 18 - Club Supper 19 - Wrestling First Aid Training 20 - FrontLine Honors 1 PM 21 - Men's Exec Board 22 - Wings 23 - KC Bingo/ Aux E Board/D.A.V Mtg 24 - Burger Baskets 27 - Danceline Breakfast 29 - Wings 30 - KC Bingo	1 - Club Supper 50 th Anniversary 4 - Membership Mtgs 5 - Wings 6 - KC Bingo 8 - Ruths House Set-up 9 - Ruths House 10 - I.R.I.S 12 - Wings 13 - KC Bingo 14 - Burger Baskets 15 - Club Supper 16 - Wedding 17 - S.A.L Omelet Breakfast for FHS - FrontLine Honors 1 PM 18 - Men's Exec Board 19 - Wings 20 - KC Bingo 23 - Wrestling 26 - Wings 27 - KC Bingo/Aux E Board/D.A.V. Mtg 28 - Burger Baskets	1 - Club Supper 3 - S.A.L. Omelet Breakfast for FBO Wrestling 4 - Membership Mtgs 5 - Wings 6 - KC Bingo 8 - Salad Luncheon Set-up 9 - Salad Luncheon 12 - Birthday Party Wings 13 KC Bingo 14 - Burger Baskets 15 - Legion 100 year Birthday Party 17 - FrontLine Honors 1 PM 18 - Men's Exec Board 19 - Farm Business Breakfast Wings 20 - KC Bingo 22 - FBO Archery Burger 23 - Spirit Fest 26 - Wings 27 - KC Bingo/Aux E Board/D.A.V. Mtg 28 - Burger Baskets 30 - Wedding
<p 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 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 \$5-6.00</p>	<p align="center">Sunday Suppers 5:00pm - 7:00pm <i>Generous Servings - Reasonable Prices</i></p>	

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:

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Did you know????

Unit 43 Auxiliary used funds collected from our Poppy Drive to help fund two organizations dedicated to helping both veterans and their families. First was the Fisher House, which has two homes across from the VA hospital. There is no charge to stay there while their veteran is in the hospital. The Auxiliary donated \$2000 and lots of supplies.

A check for \$1000.00 was given to the Minnesota Chapter of Paralyzed Veterans who have a spinal cord injury unit at the VA hospital. There were amazing things being done for our veterans. The staff are dedicated to helping these veterans with all the newest of technologies to make their lives meaningful.

The Gambling Control Board has approved numerous styles and value boards. We are currently selling football boards, the latest approved 25# board with pay outs at half (\$50.00) and final (\$150.00) – Cost is \$10 per number which gives you four combinations to win. Boards are at the bar, bartenders can answer any questions. These boards will also be sold for hockey games.

40 & 8 Voiture 1324 Christmas party will be December 8th at the Faribault Legion Social at 5:30 – hors d'oeuvres at 6.

We now have the air conditioning and heating unit from the KC building on blocks in back of our building. Demo of the KC's started Tuesday and the unit was loaded on Wednesday. Funds came from donations made by our members of the Honor Guard. \$200.00 was a very fair price by Fredrickson Construction and Demolition.



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