



WATCHWORD

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Faribault, MN

Greetings all! We have made it through a very difficult time of our involuntary business closure, but we are not out of the woods yet. I want to thank each and every volunteer and individuals that donated your time at the Club or gave us generous donations throughout these trying times ... without you we would not be in the position that we are today! Our need for volunteers, however, is still very much needed. Our list of volunteers has grown some but we still have a few volunteers that are at the Club far more than they should be, and we don't want our volunteers getting burned out. Volunteers are critical to our Post continuing into the future.

I am calling on our Membership, not only of the Legion Post but also of the Ladies Auxiliary and the Sons of the American Legion. Please help us in any capacity that you can. Donating a little bit of your time to help with any task is very helpful for us. Even if your ability to help is simply to patronize the Club, it is ALL appreciated! If you aren't comfortable coming into the Club, we are still offering orders to go. We will only be able to take all of our organizations to success now and into the future if we are working together.

Times like these often force change in organizations. We have an Event Coordinator volunteer and all event inquiries are going to that person. If you know anyone looking to book an event please have them call our Event Coordinator at (507) 291-5920. To survive, we must change and adapt to our environment. Please know that any changes are with the future of all our organizations in mind. I encourage you to reach out with ideas and feedback on Club operations. I will never claim to know everything, and we can only improve upon things if we know what is broken or what we could improve upon.

It is also the time of year where we are needing to renew our memberships! Please consider renewing sooner than later. Again, if you are not comfortable coming into the Club you can certainly mail your membership to us and we will get it processed as quickly as possible. I appreciate you all and cannot wait to hopefully see you down at the Club soon!

Commander Benji Young

Update from the Auxiliary President Rose has resigned her position for personal reasons. Paulette Jameson will move up from 1st Vice to President, please congratulate her when you see her.

The Executive Committee has decided that we will **not be holding a September general membership meeting**. We plan to meet in October subject to change.

Membership notices should be coming to you soon. Please send your dues to Jeannie Michels at 1818 LaDonna Lane, Faribault

We still need a couple of volunteers to chair our Service to Veterans committee.

The Fisher House paper shower will not be held.

Past Presidents Parlay annual meeting will not be held this year due to Covid-19. Please send your \$10.00 dues to the Legion.

We are not able to go to Hastings this year for the rib fest but we will be sending \$500.00 to pay for the ribs.

Sunday Suppers will not be served until further notice. We are still having our **Club Suppers** on the 1st and 3rd Fridays of the month. **Wing nights** are offered every Tuesday and **Burger baskets** are held the 2nd and 4th Thursdays.

As “editor” of the Watchword for the past I don’t know how many years, I want to thank Kirk Mansfield for all the manipulation of the files I sent to him to make our newsletter. Thanks to Bob Johnson, who is no longer employed at the Club, for the hours we spent doing address comparisons and updates and thanks to all of those who helped fold and mail out the Watchword. Kirk and I have decided to resign our positions. Contact Benji if you are willing to help with this publication. Thanks, Candy Braun

Honor Guard donations have paid for light fixture lenses, vent panel replacements, material to seal back entry floor and replacement gliders for chairs.

FrontLine Honors Ceremony

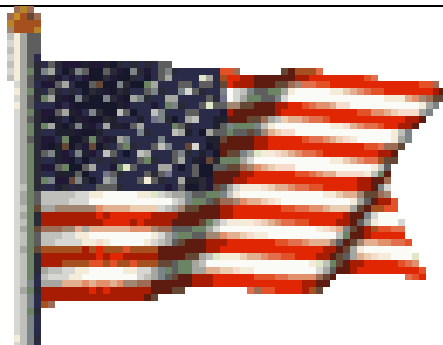
1:00pm – every 3rd Sunday of the month.

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 your Website, your Post, or
any general questions,
please send a message to:**

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Post 43 Officers

Commander: Benji Young

1st Vice: Will Marcum

2nd Vice: Luverne Malecha

Adjutant: Candace Ballstadt

Chaplain: Glen Wegner

Finance Officer: Jack Claeson

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Jim Nielsen, Dennis Rhinehart, Glen Wegner

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Auxiliary Officers:

President: Paulette Jamieson

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Secretary: Karen Rasmussen

Treasurer: Darlene Liverseed

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Chaplain: Open

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Executive Committee Members:

Winnie Hughes, Diane Juvland,

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Sons of the American Legion

Commander: Ron Hammond

1st Vice: Open

Adjutant: Jim Douda

Treasurer: Open

Chaplain: Mike Pittman

Sgt at Arms: Jim Douda

August

3 – Membership Mtg

7 – Club

Supper/Vietnam Last
Man

8 – Wedding

11 – Wings Night

13 – Burger Night

16- Frontline

18 – Wings Night

21 – Club Supper

22 – Wedding

25 Wings Night

27 – Burger Night

September

1 – Wings Night

4 – Club Supper

5 - Fall Colors Run-
VGMC

8 – Wings Night

10- Burger Night

12 – Wedding

**14 – Membership Mtg

15 – Wings Night

18 – Club Supper

19 – Wedding

21-22 – Accessory Sale

24 – Burger Night

25 - VGMC

26 - Wedding

