



WATCHWORD

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Faribault, MN**

Commander's News – Dan Rasmussen

Hello Members of the American Legion, Auxiliary, Sons of the American Legion and Legion Riders!

2020 was a tough year; the Executive Board has implemented cost saving measures, but our basic building expenses do not stop. Utilities, taxes and insurance must stay current. Money is being used from the Club's saving account to pay our \$8,000 a month expense. We presently are operating only with volunteers.

We as members need to support the Legion to the best of everyone's ability. Whether you make a monetary donation, patronize the club, share ideas, verbally spread the word to others to book their event(s) at the Legion or volunteer your time, we all need to do our part to ensure our Legion not only survives, but thrives.

Discussions about bringing in other events have taken place, some ideas were: Euchre and/or cribbage tournaments, Sunday and/or Monday Bingo, and Corn Hole games to draw in our younger members and their families. Contact the Event Coordinators or Commander of your interests and ideas. With our large member base, don't be just a name and number on your respective group roster; get involved because involvement is not only good but vital!

We are planning to have a Fish Fry every Friday in Feb. and Mar. with additional entree(s) for dine-in or take-out. SAL is cooking up an Egg Bake with Biscuits & Gravy Breakfast on Feb. 21. Advance tickets - \$11. At the door the price increases to \$12. Please support us.

We need an Event Coordinator, Chef, Janitor and Bartenders. If interested or know of someone who may be interested, contact post43eventcoordinator@gmail.com or call the Legion.

Auxiliary President News – Paulette Jameson

The ALA will resume our meetings on Monday, Feb. 1st at 6:30 pm. The Salad Luncheon and our Poppy Drive will be discussed at the meeting, our only fundraisers, for our depleting treasury.

The Luncheon is set for Saturday, April 10th with limited seating available. All salads will be made in-house. Watch for a letter outlining details. Make sure we have your correct address, phone number, and email and pay your \$30 dues, if you have not already done so.

Unit #43 - An Americanism essay contest for grades 3 – 12 and scholarships for graduating seniors with military affiliation are now open with deadlines of **March 1, 2021**. Detailed info is on the Legion website. Chair Karen Rasmussen can be reached at kadras1217@gmail.com or 507-331-0126 (leave message).

SAL Commander News – Ron Hammond

Now that the governor has dialed back on COVID-19 restrictions, Post 43 will be getting back to business. I ask that you please consider volunteering and supporting your Club. Together we will get through this. Our meetings are on the second Tuesday at 6 p.m. Stay well and thank you!

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Home phone: 507-334-6998 Cell phone: 507-210-2578

Email: jhammond@hickorytech.net

Ensure your contact info is up to date, so you can be informed about upcoming meetings, events and changes. Thanks.

It cost the Legion returned mail fees if your address is incorrect. Please email post43eventcoordinator@gmail.com with your current address and phone number. Only local mailings will be done, others should use the Legion website for a copy.

February	March
1 - Membership/Auxiliary Meetings 6:30 pm	1 - Membership/Auxiliary Meetings 6:30 pm
5 - Fish Fry	5 - Fish Fry
9 - SAL Mtg 6 pm DAV Mtg 6:30 pm	9 - SAL Mtg 6 pm. DAV Mtg 6:30 pm
11- Burger Baskets	11- Burger Baskets
12 - Fish Fry	12 - Fish Fry
15 - Exec Mtg 6:30 pm	15 - Exec Mtg 6:30 pm
16 - Aux Exec Mtg 3 pm	16 - Aux Exec Mtg 3 pm
19 - Fish Fry	19 - Fish Fry
21 - SAL Breakfast 8 - Noon Frontline 1 pm	21 - Frontline 1 pm 25 - Burger Baskets
25 - Burger Baskets	26 - Fish Fry
26 - Fish Fry	29 - Blood Drive
Every Tues - Wing Night	Every Tues - Wing Night
Every Wed - KC Bingo	Every Wed - KC Bingo
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Frontline Honors Ceremony

Every 3rd Sunday of the month at 1:00 p.m.

We honor the fallen Service Members that were killed in action the previous 30 days fighting in the wars in Afghanistan, Iraq, and Syria, or training to protect the United States.

We also recognize our nation's Colors with a formal dedication. If you would like a flag flown over Post 43 in honor of a veteran or a family member on active duty, please contact the Legion.

Their sacrifice - Our honor

Your Post 43 Watchword newsletter is available on our Website:

<http://www.mnlegionpost43.org>

All specific recommendations for your Legion website, your Post, or any general questions, please call

507-334-8784 or send a message to:

faribaultlegion43@gmail.com



Post 43 Officers

Commander: Benji Young
 1st Vice: John McDonough
 2nd Vice: Luverne Malecha
 Adjutant: Candace Ballstadt
 Chaplain: Glen Wegner
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Executive Board Members:

Jim Cross, Charles Eastman, George LaRoche,
 Jim Nielsen, Dennis Rinehart, Glen Wegner
 Debra Petersen, Will Marcum, Ron Hammond

Auxiliary Officers:

President: Paulette Jameson
 1st Vice: Jeannie Michels
 2nd Vice: Open
 Secretary: Karen Rasmussen
 Treasurer: Darlene Liverseed
 Sgt at Arms: Jeanette Hammond
 Chaplain: Kathy Larson
 Historian: Karen Rasmussen

Executive Committee Members:

Winnie Hughes, Diane Juvland,
 Kathy Larson, Tammy Lemke, Candy Braun

Sons of the American Legion

Commander: Ron Hammond

1st Vice: Open

Adjutant: Jim Douda

Treasurer: Open

Chaplain: Open

Sgt at Arms: Troy Dunn

