



**Post 43 Commander**  
Greetings from the Commander's Corner!

Legionnaires, Auxiliary and Sons,

As we come up to the spring of the year and some warmer weather, we are looking at some new events for the year. I want to thank all of you that have volunteered to help with our events this last fall and winter. We cannot make these events work without our volunteers. We will be having more events this spring and summer as our Club Manager Jill is working hard at getting more events into our event space. Some are small, some are very large but they all help us keep the club open and running. There are still maintenance issues and improvements that need to be completed but we are currently looking great compared to what our event space looked like a year ago. I also want to thank all the people that responded to our request for donations for the improvements we have completed and to help with the ones yet to come this spring and summer.

Please keep in mind we are always looking for new members and volunteers. You do not need to be a member to volunteer. Our membership is very important as this is how we can say to Senate and Congress we are over one million strong. The National and State foundations fight with the Government to get Veterans and their family members the benefits they deserve, and we need to support that fight in any way we can to include getting more members. Please keep pushing Legion Membership in any way you can. There are many ways to be a member and support the Legion also remember we are not just a smoke-filled bar. This is a safe place where we can all come to and talk about what is important to us and support each other whether it is military related or personal and not judged. We have our Spring Fling on March 20, 2026, I hope to see you all there. This is the first day of spring so come down and enjoy the friendship and see all the improvements we have made. We will have a live band there for your enjoyment. Our Friday Fish fries will start soon so let's get that word out and see if we can break some records for numbers of people coming and enjoying the great food our kitchen staff puts out.

God Bless, Enjoy your spring and be safe  
John Haessig Jr, Commander  
American Legion Post 43 Faribault

Hello Legion Family,  
In Service,  
Gina

With a new year brings new plans, new dreams, and new issues. I was honored to attend a roundtable discussion on January 31st with members of the 1st and 3rd Districts. The reality of membership dwindling was a hot topic along with some Legion posts closing. Join me in New Prague in May for the 3rd District Convention. I want to encourage you all to frequent the Legion Club for a beverage, a meal and best of all, friendships. This morning, I noticed an obit of someone I have known since childhood. I didn't know that he was a veteran. He will be buried at Fort Snelling and my heart burst with pride as I know some of my friends will be standing in his honor. These friends I have only met due to the Legion. The Auxiliary has a challenge for membership. Sign up or renew (two years lapsing membership) 10 individuals and I will personally be providing a reward. I have recruited 4 Auxiliary members and 2 SAL members and provided many other applications. Let's grow our Legion Family!

This year is the 250th Birthday of the United States. We will be hosting a celebration this summer. It's a good time to get involved and help plan an event showcasing our building, our patriotism, our loyalty to veterans. There is a Spring Fling fundraising event on March 20th. I hope many will partake. We are excited to host our Salad Luncheon on April 11th.

With much love and dedication to each of you,  
Gina Little  
Unit 43 Auxiliary President

**Sons of the American Legion Squadron #43**  
Nothing reported at the time of this printing.

**FrontLine Honors Ceremony**  
**1:00pm – every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month.**

*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. **Their sacrifice. Our honor.***

**Come on in, we're**  
**open!**  
**Post Hours**  
**Monday, Wednesday - 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:**

- MARCH 20<sup>th</sup> – **SPRING FLING**
- MAY 2<sup>ND</sup> – **CRAFTERS MARKET**
- Watch for more info on our Facebook page and flyers at the Legion

**\*\*Wing Night\*\* *MOVED to***  
**Wednesday**  
**Every Wednesday – 5:00 –**  
**7:00pm**

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

- If you are interested in placing a paver stone at the Rice County Veterans Memorial, for more details, contact a member of American Legion Post 43 or go to: <https://ricecountymemorial.org/>

The **Post 43 WatchWord** newsletter is available on the Legion Website: [www.mnlegionpost43.org](http://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](mailto:faribaultlegion43@gmail.com)

## **AUXILIARY SALAD LUNCHEON**

\*\*\* April 11, 2026 \*\*\*

*Salads, Soup and Breads/Butters  
Basket Drawings and a speaker  
from Burkhartzmeyer's*

*Tickets will go on sale March 2<sup>nd</sup> at the  
Membership meeting and at the bar until April 3<sup>rd</sup>.  
Tables of 8 are preferred \$25.00 per person  
Contact Candy Braun if you can help with salad prep on  
Thursday or Friday April 9 or 10<sup>th</sup>.*

I would personally like to thank everyone who has stepped up to help resolve our financial problems that were caused by the major improvements to the event hall and bar. The changes that have been made will be monitored to determine the impact.

The monetary donations have been helping to eliminate our backlog of invoices. Hopefully again, once caught up we will be able to track inventory and income more accurately so we can get our accounts built back up.

Thanks to all the current and future donations.

James Douda, Finance Office Post 43

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

<b>March</b>	<b>April</b>	<b>May</b>
2 – 5:00-7:00pm: Beef Commercial or Swedish Meatballs / 6:30pm: Post & Aux Membership Mtg	1 – 5:00-7:00pm: Wing Wednesday & Chef Choice / 6:00pm: KC Bingo /Races & Meat Raffles	1 – 5:00-7pm: Friday Supper Steak
4 – 5:00-7:00pm: Wing Wednesday & Chef Choice / 6:00pm: KC Bingo / Races & Meat Raffles	2 – 5:00-7:00pm: Burger / Philly Night	2 – May Crafters Market
5 – 9:00am-1:00pm Private Event / 5:00-7:00 pm: Burger/Philly Night	3 – 5:00-7pm: Friday Supper Steak & Fish	4 – 5:00-7:00pm Beef Commercials & Swedish Meatballs / 6:30pm Post&Aux Membership
6 – 5:00-7:00pm: Friday Supper-Steak & Fish Fry	4 – 3:00pm: Cornhole	6 – 5:00-7:00pm: Wing Wednesday & Chef Choice / 6:00pm: KC Bingo / Races & Meat Raffles
7 – 12:30pm: Ducks Unlimited Gun Bingo	5 – Easter Holiday – CLOSED	7 – 5:00-7:00pm: Burger/Philly Night / Kwik Trip
10 – 5:00-9:00pm: Gala Lifewise	6 – 9:00am-1:00pm: Lifeline Screening / 5:00-7:00pm: Beef Commercials & Swedish Meatballs /	13 – 5:00-7:00pm: Wing Wednesday & Chef Choice / 6:00pm: KC Bingo / Races & Meat Raffles
11 – 5:00-7:00pm: Wing Wednesday & Chef Choice / 6:00pm: KC Bingo / Races & Meat Raffles	6:30pm: Post & Aux Membership /	14 – 5:00-7:00pm: Burger/Philly Night
12 – 5:00-7pm: Burger/Philly Night / Co-op Meeting	8 – 5:00-7:00pm: Wing Wednesday & Chef Choice/ 6:00pm: KC Bingo / Races & Meat Raffles	15 – 5:00-7:00pm: Friday Supper Ribs
13 – 5:00-7:00pm: Fish Fry	9 – 5:00-7:00pm: Burger / Philly Night	17 – 1:00pm: FrontLine Honors/Youth Pool
14 – Peterson Anniversary	10 – 3:00pm Aux. Luncheon Set-up	18 – 5:00-7:00pm: Turkey Commercial or Beef Stroganoff
15 – 12:00pm: Cornhole / 1:00pm FrontLine Honors	11 – Auxiliary Salad Luncheon - noon	20 – 5:00-7:00pm: Wing Wednesday & Chef Choice / 6:00pm: KC Bingo / Races & Meat Raffles
16 – 5:00-7pm:Turkey Commercials/Beef Stroganoff / 6:30pm: Post & Aux Exec Mtg	15 – 5:00-7:00pm: Wing Wednesday & Chef Choice / 6:00pm: KC Bingo / Races & Meat Raffles	21 – 5:00-7:00pm: Burger/Philly Night
18 – 5:00-7:00pm: Wing Wednesday & Chef Choice / 6:00pm: KC Bingo / Races & Meat Raffles	16 – 5:00-7:00pm: Burger/Philly Night	27 – 5:00-7:00pm: Wing Wednesday & Chef Choice / 6:00pm: KC Bingo / Races & Meat Raffles
19 – 5:00-7:00pm: Burger/Philly Night	17 – 5:00-7:00pm: Friday Supper Ribs	28 – 5:00-7:00pm: Burger/Philly Night
20 – 5:00-7pm: SPRING FLING -Friday Supper Ribs & Fish Fry / Music from Eclipse	18 – Fbo High Flyers	30 – Phillips Wedding
21 – 3:00pm: Cornhole	19 – 1:00pm: FrontLine Honors/Youth Pool	
22 – NOON: Youth Pool	20 – 5:00-7:00pm: Turkey Commercial or Beef Stroganoff / 6:30pm: Post & Aux Exec Mtg	
23 – 106 <sup>th</sup> Birthday Dinner	22 – 5:00-7:00pm: Wing Wednesday & Chef Choice / 6:00pm: KC Bingo / Races & Meat Raffles	
25 – 5:00-7:00pm: Wing Wednesday & Chef Choice / 6:00pm: KC Bingo / Races & Meat Raffles	23 – 5:00-7pm: Burger/Philly Night	
26 – 5:00-7pm: Burger/Philly Night	25 – Meyer Wedding Reception	
27 – 5:00-7:00pm: Fish Fry	26 – 8:00am-noon: Fbo Baseball Breakfast / noon: Youth Pool	
30 – 11:00am-5:00pm: Red Cross Blood Drive	29 – 5:00-7:00pm: Wing Wednesday & Chef Choice / 6:00pm: KC Bingo /Races & Meat Raffles	
	30 – 5:00-7:00pm: Burger/Philly Night	

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**Sons of the American Legion**

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Commander: Paul (PJ) Johnson

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