



Post 43 Commander

Greetings and Salutations,

Well, the spring and summer weather is finally sticking around now. We have had many things going on in the Legion these past few months. I would like to put out a huge thanks to Jill and the entire Legion staff for keeping things going during the many events we have had. Summertime usually slows down for events as people are taking the time to spend the better weather days with family and friends, go to the lake, or just get some fresh air and sunshine. I hope you all take time for yourselves and do the same thing. The Legion Riders do have a few rides coming up during the Memorial Day Weekend and the following weeks. Please keep in mind that there is no requirement to be on 2 or 3 wheels to participate in these rides. The comradeship is great so feel free to join if you can. The Final planning stages are here for the Memorial Day events that are scheduled to be held at the Veteran’s Memorial, then the Parade down Central Avenue, then the event at Central Park. We are looking forward to hopefully a good weather day and some great time spent honoring all those who have made the ultimate sacrifice in service to our great country. We are also working very closely with the Chamber of Commerce and other Local Businesses like Faribault Harley Davidson for the local USA 250 Celebration that will be held on September 19th at the area around Faribault Harley Davidson. The votes are in and in June we will administer the oath of Office to our Executive board. Here at Post 43 everyone on the Board will be staying for one more year in the same positions they are currently in. If you are interested in getting more involved in the Legion and Post activities and all the behind-the-scenes work we do for Veterans, their families, the Community, and youth, feel free to come and attend our Membership meeting on the 1st Monday of each month at 6:30pm. Ask executive board member about getting more involved we need the newer blood with maybe some better ideas to help us move forward and improve business and our relations with the community. Remember the Commanders Dinner is June 5th.

God Bless, enjoy your summer and be safe.
John A. Haessig Jr., Commander
American Legion Post 43 Faribault

Unit #43 President

Hello Legion Family,
As my second term as President comes to an end, I am in awe of our Auxiliary. Over 10,000 hours serving veterans and our community. Over \$7,000 individually spent caring for veterans and our community.
Last week many of our Auxiliary members distributed poppies in our community honoring those who served our country. It never gets old watching our veterans interact with each other. Seeing some gathering at a table dressed in uniform ready to pay tribute fills my heart to overflowing for their dedication and gratitude for their service.
The Salad Luncheon was a great day and raised over \$6000 for our general funds. Those funds are used for such things as Girls State, Legionville, other children and youth projects, and community efforts. Thanks to all the ladies who helped Candy make it a very special day for the Auxiliary.
Memorial Day is coming very soon. I am encouraging you to partake of the opportunity to gather at the courthouse, on Central Ave to watch the parade honoring those who have fallen, gather at Central Park to hear the program and then to lunch at the Legion and witness veterans gathering. These men and women that gather are a representation of those who sacrificed so we can have the freedoms we have.
When you see a poppy this year, I pray you are reminded of the lives lost, the lives serving and the lives that are working through the day to day of life. Our veterans need us to show up in abundant ways.
Auxiliary members, you don't have to do everything. We have many projects and programs to choose from. Let's make this year an impactful year caring for our veterans.

Be safe and know you are thought of with love and gratitude.
Gina

Sons of the American Legion Squadron #43

SAL members served a classic breakfast for the baseball fundraiser April 26 to 475 people and 175 folks came for the High School Theater group fundraiser Omelets are still available, but some of our customers requested a change. So, we aim to please

FrontLine Honors Ceremony
1:00pm – every 3rd 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 1 to 8:00pm
Tuesday - Closed
Saturday 11 AM to 8 pm
Sunday 12-5:00pm

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to all the new Legion, Auxiliary and Sons of the American Legion members to Post 43. Please reach out to the person that recruited you for what is next for you, whether it be volunteering at kitchen events, delivering gifts to veterans, or bringing a new idea to us. We welcome all suggestions and hope that you attend regular meetings on the first of every month.

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

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

The **Post 43 WatchWord** newsletter is available on the Legion Website: 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

Memorial Day – May 25th, 2026
Schedule of Events

9:00 AM – Veterans Memorial/Courthouse Ceremony
10:00 AM – Annual Parade – Central Ave to Central Park
10:45 AM Central Park Program
12:00 PM American Legion Post 43 Luncheon
2:00 PM Shieldsville Veterans Memorial Observance

- 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/>

Final Roll Call

Sharon Bauer
May Bottke
Todd Caron
Thomas Chavie
David Dienst
Lloyd Holling
Kay Kes
Betty Mc Donald
Wayne "Fred" Minnick
Shirley Rost
Ruth Seykora
Dale Silkey
Jean Storhaug

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

June	July	August
<p>1 – 6:30 pm Post & Aux Membership Mtg/Installation of Officers with Potluck/Taco Night 5--7:00 pm</p> <p>2 – Closed</p> <p>3 –Wing Wednesday 5-7:00 pm/ KC Bingo 6:00 pm/Races & Meat Raffles</p> <p>4 - Burger/Philly Night 5-7:00 pm</p> <p>5 – Friday Supper-Steak 5-7:00 pm / Past Commanders Dinner</p> <p>6 – Cornhole 3:00 pm</p> <p>8 – Private Event 8:00 am-5:00 pm</p> <p>9 - Closed</p> <p>10 – Wing Wednesday 5-7:00 pm/ KC Bingo 6:00 pm/Races & Meat Raffles</p> <p>11 - Burger/Philly Night 5-7:00 pm</p> <p>15 – Post & Aux Exec Mtg 6:30pm/Taco Night 5-7:00 pm</p> <p>16 - Closed</p> <p>17 – Wing Wednesday 5-7:00 pm/ KC Bingo 6:00 pm/Races & Meat Raffles</p> <p>18 – Burger/Philly Night 5-7:00 pm / Private Event 8:00 am-3:00 pm</p> <p>19 – Friday Supper Ribs 5-7:00 pm</p> <p>20 – Cornhole 3:00 pm</p> <p>21 - 1:00 pm Front-Line Honors</p> <p>23 - Closed</p> <p>24 - Wing Wednesday 5-7:00 pm / KC Bingo 6:00 pm/Races & Meat Raffles</p> <p>25 – Burger/Philly Night 5-7:00 pm</p> <p>30 - Closed</p>	<p>1 – Wing Wednesday 5-7:00 pm/ KC Bingo 6:00 pm/Races & Meat Raffles</p> <p>2 – Burger/Philly Night 5-7:00 pm</p> <p>3 – Friday Supper Steak 5-7:00 pm</p> <p>4 – Happy 4th of July!!</p> <p>6 – 6:30 pm Post Membership/Taco Night 5-7:00 pm</p> <p>7 - Closed</p> <p>8 – Wing Wednesday 5-7:00 pm/ KC Bingo 6:00 pm/Races & Meat Raffles</p> <p>9 – Burger/Philly Night 5-7:00 pm</p> <p>11 – Cornhole 3:00 pm</p> <p>14 - Closed</p> <p>15 - Wing Wednesday 5-7:00 pm/ KC Bingo 6:00 pm/Races & Meat Raffles</p> <p>16 - Burger/Philly Night 5-7:00 pm</p> <p>17 – Friday Supper Ribs 5-7:00 pm</p> <p>19 - 1:00 pm Front-Line Honors</p> <p>20 – Post & Aux Exec Mtg 6:30 pm / Taco Night 5-7:00 pm</p> <p>21 - Closed</p> <p>22 - Wing Wednesday 5-7:00 pm / KC Bingo 6:00 pm/Races & Meat Raffles/Private Event 7:30 am-2:30 pm</p> <p>23 - Burger/Philly Night 5-7:00 pm / Private Event 7:30 am-2:30 pm</p> <p>25 – State Legion Riders Stop 8:30 am</p> <p>27 – Private Event 9:00am-5:00 pm</p> <p>28 - Closed</p> <p>29 – Wing Wednesday 5-7:00 pm/ KC Bingo 6:00 pm/Races & Meat Raffles</p> <p>30 - Burger/Philly Night 5-7:00 pm</p>	<p>1 – Cornhole 3:00 pm</p> <p>3 - 6:30pm Post Membership Mtg/Taco Night 5-7:00 pm / Lifeline Screening 8:00 am-5:30 pm</p> <p>4 - Closed</p> <p>5 – Wing Wednesday 5-7:00 pm / KC Bingo 6:00 pm/Races & Meat Raffles</p> <p>6 – Burger/Philly Night 5-7:00 pm</p> <p>7 - Friday Supper Steak 5-7:00 pm / 417th Reunion</p> <p>11 - Closed</p> <p>12 - Wing Wednesday 5-7:00 pm / KC Bingo 6:00 pm/Races & Meat Raffles</p> <p>13 - Burger/Philly Night 5-7:00 pm</p> <p>15 - Cornhole</p> <p>16 - 1:00 pm Front-Line Honors</p> <p>17 – Exec Board Mtg 6:30 pm / Taco Night 5-7:00 pm</p> <p>18 - Closed</p> <p>19 – Wing Wednesday 5-7:00 pm/ KC Bingo 6:00 pm/Races & Meat Raffles</p> <p>20 - Burger/Philly Night 5-7:00 pm</p> <p>21 – Friday Supper Ribs 5-7:00 pm</p> <p>23 – Alzheimer’s Fundraiser Breakfast 8:00 am - Noon</p> <p>24 - Closed</p> <p>26- Wing Wednesday 5-7:00 pm / KC Bingo 6:00 pm / Races & Meat Raffles</p> <p>27 - Burger/Philly Night 5-7:00 pm</p> <p>27 – Burger/Philly Night 5-7:00 pm</p> <p>28 – Cornhole tbd.</p>

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Sgt at Arms: Bob Flom
Past Commander: Steve Walter

Executive Board Members:

Mike Cook, Dave Cram, Bob Flom, Kirk Mansfield,
John McDonough, Dan Rasmussen, Glen Wegner

Auxiliary Officers:

President: Gina Little
1st Vice: Kayleen Caron
2nd Vice: Karen Rasmussen
Secretary: Amanda Nordstrom
Treasurer: Candy Braun
Sgt at Arms: Judy Lee, Mary Lillquist
Chaplain: Kathy Larson
Historian: Kathy Larson

Executive Committee Members:

Jeanette Hammond, Jeannie Michels, Cathy Horvath,
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Treasurer:

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