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Commander's Corner



Happy 2019, how blessed we are to have all of you in our Legion family. I am personally proud of the membership committee, we are hitting goals and making things happen not only for 593 but for the American Legion as a whole. I hope all of you that are reading this have already paid your 2019 dues and you are willing to recruit a new member. Remember we have CASI chili cook off this month, our dinners start again along with breakfast, please look at the calendar for all of our events. Join us as we stand to support Community State and Nation.

For God and Country,
Veterans serving Veterans,
Chrissy

Auxiliary News



C.S. Lewis

You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream.

O the New Year is upon us! Make a vow, not a resolution, to make this your best year yet. New memories are waiting to be written on your heart.

January is CASI cook-off month. Do you have a donation for the auction? Bring it to the legion. Remember our auction items need to be new or in new condition. Michelle is amazing at making great baskets out of the wonderful things you donate. We will need volunteers to help cook that weekend, meet and greet our chili contenders and, of course, chili judges.

Remember this is our biggest fund raiser of the year!

Reminder if you haven't renewed – RENEW. The bartenders will be checking your cards in January.

Paula Johnson
ALA President Unit 593



JOHN ORFF MEMORIAL CHILI COOKOFF
JANUARY 19, 2019

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JANUARY 20, 2019

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AUXILIARY GRILL

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Cheeseburgers/Hamburgers

All the fixins

Chips and dessert

\$6.00



**Be prepared to show your 2019
Membership Card and ID. The
bartenders will checking daily.**

SAL Corner



Happy New Year! Welcome to 2019, the 100th anniversary of The American Legion. I know that each of us is very busy during the holiday season, but it's over and now it is time for us to hit the floor running in 2019. The mission of the SAL is to support the mission on The American Legion. We are fortunate to be members of a very active Post. Let's roll up our sleeves and jump in with both feet, not only to assist Commander Reed, but to assist those we have pledged to help. Can your squadron count on you?

In December your squadron provided food for the Children's Christmas Party and for the Senior's Christmas Party. The turnout for both events was good. A few members of the squadron also took the time to visit the patients at the Audie L. Murphy Veterans Administration Hospital and deliver gifts.

Sadly, we also mourned the passing of our dear friend, Dan McGinnis. Dan donated many hours of his life helping out around Post 593. He will be greatly missed. May he rest in eternal peace.

Chicken Fried Steak Night returns to its regular channel and time slot. Bring your family and friends so that they too may enjoy the world's best chicken fried steak and the world's best karaoke singers. Membership numbers on are track and continue to grow. The numbers look good, but we need you here with us at the Post attending meetings and getting involved. We look forward to seeing you around the Post enjoying cold beverages, good food, music, pool, darts, shuffleboard, Texas Hold 'Em, and especially the camaraderie and fellowship. May 2019 be a good year for all of us.

For God and Country,
George Alva
Squadron 593 Commander



Riders Report

Happy New Year to the American Legion Family, 2018 is gone and now we look to chart our course through 2019. We lost several Legionnaires this past year and ask that you keep their memory alive and their families in your heart. We also continue to pray and support those Legionnaires sick or less fortunate. Because of the whole Legion family, 2018 was a great success for the riders; we hosted the ALR State Rally and donated the proceeds (\$10K) to the American Legion Legacy Scholarship Fund. We send young men and women to Boys and Girls State, supported every program and event within the Post. We served BBQ during the Fisher House annual birthday celebration on Ft. Sam and donated \$1000 in gift cards to the Wounded Warrior Family Support Center. We wrapped up the year with a donation to the Converse Blue Santa Program, donating \$1225 in Wal-Mart Gift Cards. Our donation this year put the Converse Police and Fire Department over their goal, taking 60 + children on a "Shop with a Hero" shopping spree. In addition it gave the Converse First Responders the resources to provide Christmas food basket to 28 needy families. The ALR 593 wish all of you a Happy New Year, good health and all our Lords Blessing.

God Bless the United States of America

Brad Pierce
Director, ALR 593



Service Officer

Different Types of VA 100 Percent Disability Ratings

Total disability based on 100 percent scheduler rating: This is when a veteran's single service-connected disability or alternatively, the veteran's combined service-connected disabilities total to 100 percent.

Total Disability/Individual Unemployability:

Better known as TDIU or IU is a type of rating that can be a bit more complicated than just a regular 100 percent scheduler rating. TDIU is considered once a veteran has made a request to be paid at the 100 percent rate even though his or her disabilities do not combine to 100 percent. A veteran may file a claim for this rating when he or she is unable to maintain substantially gainful employment because their service-connected disability keeps them from doing so. Substantially gainful employment for VA purposes is defined by the amount of earned from an employed position. The total amount of earnings from a job is considered gainful if they are above the poverty level. It is also defined as competitive employment where a non-disabled individual may ear a comparable income to the particular occupation in the same area.

In order to qualify for TDIU or IU, a veteran must have one disability rated at 60 percent or one disability rated at 40 percent with enough additional disabilities that combine to a rating of 70 percent or above. It is important to keep in mind that just because the initial criteria for IU are met, does not mean that a 100 percent disability rating will be awarded. A veteran will need to provide medical evidence that shows that they are unable to work in both a physical and a sedentary work environment.

Temporary 100 Percent Disability Rating:

This rating is given to veterans who have been hospitalized for 21 days or longer or had surgery for a service-connected disability that requires at least a 30 day convalescence period. The VA will pay the veteran at the 100 percent rate for the extent of the hospital stay or convalescence period.

Permanent and Total Rating:

The permanent and total rating is given when the VA recognizes that a veteran's service-connected disabilities have no probability of improvement. This means that the veteran will remain at the 100 percent rating permanently without the need for future examinations.

If improvement is noted during a re-examination, a reduction from the 100 percent rating may be proposed. It is important to note that most ratings are not considered permanent and are subject to future review.

Sebastian Rodriguez
Service Officer

American Legion Post 593

January 2019

Phone: 210-658-1111



Looking Ahead
(events subject
to change)

The Legion
Canteen will
be opening
At 11:30AM
On Sundays thru
Football season.
Free food,
watch the calendar
for other
Specials and
events

February 3
Superbowl Party

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5
			Post General Membership Mtg 7:30PM	Dart League 7 pm		
6 Canteen open 11:30AM	7 Shuffleboard League 7:30 pm	8 ALR Exec Mtg 7:30 ALR Gen Mbr Mtg 7:30 pm	9	10 Dart League 7 pm	11 Chicken Fried Steak Dinner 6:-7:30PM \$8.00 Karaoke 7:30PM	12 Breakfast 8-11 am \$6.00
13 Canteen open 11:30AM	14 Shuffleboard League 7:30 pm	15 SAL General Membership Mtg 7:00PM	16 Post Exec Mtg, 7:00 pm	17 Tri-City Flyers Dart League 7 pm	18	19 CASI Chili Cook-Off Shuffleboard Tournament 3:30PM Grill 4:30PM Dart Tournament 7:00PM
20 CASI Chili Cook-Off	21 Shuffleboard League 7:30 pm	22	23	24 A:R Bike Night and Grill 6:00PM	25 Steak Night 6-8:00PM \$13.00 Karaoke 8PM	26
27 Canteen open 11:30AM	28 Shuffleboard League 7:30 pm	29	30	31 Dart League 7 pm		

Chicken Fried Steak Dinner



We will be hosting the Converse Police Department this month. Come say hello.

Time: 6:00-7:30 PM

Date: January 11, 2019



Hand breaded Chicken Fried Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, choice of Vegetable, Dinner roll.

Karaoke and music to follow for your singing and dancing pleasure. All for the bargain price of \$8.00 per plate.

We will be hosting VA Patients from Audie Murphy VA Hospital. Please be sure to stop in the hall to visit with them.

Information: 210-658-1111

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**Eat in or
take out**

Breakfast

Eggs cooked to order, Omelets, Pancakes, French
Toast, Bacon, Sausage, Hash Browns, Toast, Fresh
Fruit, Pastries, Coffee, Juice

All you can eat for the bargain price of

\$6.00 per plate

Date: January 12, 2019

Time: 8:00-11:00 AM



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**Sorry,
no To-Go orders**



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Monthly Tournament Night Shuffleboard and Darts

Saturday, January 19, 2019



Shuffleboard Tournament sign-ups are at 3:30PM, matches begin at 4:00PM.

\$5 buy-in, 1st and 2nd place payouts immediately and earn monthly points towards the quarterly prize payout.

Dart Tournament signups are at 7:00PM, matches begin at 7:30PM.

\$5 buy-in, 1st and 2nd place payout nightly.



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Grill opens at 4:30PM



Salt & Pepper DINER

ALR 593 Bike Night and Grill



January 24, 2019
1800hrs - Until
Grill open at 1800hrs

Reconnecting with ALR 593
Spread the Word - Bring a Friend!



A casual get together. An opportunity for fellowship and food.
We will also discuss the weekend ride.

Steak Night



Date: January 25, 2019

Time: 6:00-8:00PM

Information: 210-658-1111

**Eat in or
take out**

13 oz Ribeye, cooked to order, Baked Potato, choice of Vegetable, Salad, and Dinner rolls.

Karaoke and Music to follow for your singing and dancing pleasure.

All for the incredibly low price of \$13.00 per plate.

Come on out for a great meal, music, and fellowship.

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