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Commander's Corner



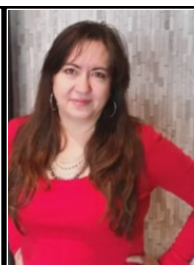
I want to start by thanking everyone that came out to the Early Bird and First Responders appreciation dinner. It was a wonderful turn out and we apologize for the wait that some had to endure. We will not have chicken fried steak night, breakfast or steak night again until January.

The box for non-perishable goods is setting by the office in the canteen, please donate what you can to help with the Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets we give to those in need. We have a lot of things coming up over the next two months and I hope you get the opportunity to come and join us.

On Veterans Day will be joining our riders in support of the Texas honor ride and operation overpass, if you would like to participate please contact the post. Remember we will have a Thanksgiving dinner in which we will provide the turkeys, ham and condiments, bring a side dish, your family and friends and join us for dinner at 2 p.m. on Thanksgiving Day. Please see the calendar for the other events.

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Auxiliary News



Happy Thanksgiving!
I pray that all have a blessed and yummy turkey day!!
First, I would like to thank everyone that came out and paid their dues before or during the Early Bird Dinner. Please remember we are still asking everyone to pay their dues by December 31st. We really want to hit 100% and we need your help! If you know anyone that would like to be a member of the Auxiliary and are eligible, lets' get them signed up!

We have some great events coming up at Post 593 so be sure to check out the monthly calendar, but here are just a few:

Sunday, December 10th – Kid's Christmas Party (1 pm) – we will have a sign-up sheet at the post. Please sign up your children/grandchildren so Santa knows they will be there. We will post the sign-up sheet in November.

Sunday, December 17th – Senior's Dinner (1 pm) – this is always a great time. Hope to see a good turn out again this year!!

January 19, 20 and 21st– CASI Chili Cook-Off – we are looking for used or new items for the silent auction – this is one of our biggest fundraisers.

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A few reminders: our annual dues are \$36 if you have not renewed please do so, our general membership meeting is the first Wednesday of every month at 7:30 p.m., our canteen is open everyday of the year except for Christmas, and our post is non-smoking but we have a new beautiful deck for smoking. Looking forward to seeing you all soon!!!

For God and Country,
Veterans working for veterans,
Chrissy

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Please see Michelle or Sue if you have anything you would like to donate.

Until next time, respectfully yours,
Sandy Vinson
ALA President Unit 593



SAL Corner

Folks,

I want to thank all the volunteers who came out to work Chicken Fried Steak night in October. We served the VA patients, the Converse Police Officers, and it was Early Bird Dinner. So, we were plenty busy! But we also had 3 of our regular volunteers gone. We asked for extra help and we got it! I'm so proud of our Legion Family!

I do have to apologize for the wait. Some folks had to wait a long time for their dinner and that was regrettable. I do hope it was worth the wait.

Then we held our largest fundraiser of the year: our annual Fall Classic SAL Golf Tournament. Thank you to all who golfed, helped out collecting donations, worked the event, cooked, donated items or sponsored a hole. It was a fantastic success because of you!

Finally, the SAL held their second Fishing Outing at Converse's North Park Lake. It was also Movie in the Park night sponsored by the City of Converse. Once again I'd like to thank those who volunteered and those that came out and enjoyed the time out in fresh air.

As we enter the month of November, let us always remember to be thankful for the blessings God has bestowed upon us.

For God and Country,

Dennis Ducharme
Squadron 593 Commander



The Holidays are upon us. As we prepare to celebrate Thanksgiving and Christmas, let us remember those that are less fortunate. The Post Service Officer is collecting non-perishable food items for Holiday Baskets. Please leave donations in the box in the canteen.

We will be participating in Blue Santa with the Converse Police Department on Dec 2 and our Christmas Party will also be held that evening.

I look forward to seeing everyone for Texas Honor Ride and Operation Overpass, Nov 11, 2017. This first wave of bikes are due at Bucee's @ 0930. We will KSU from the Post at 0800. Thanks to everyone that helped with car parking at Night in Old Converse, we raised nearly \$700!

Keep Your Knees in the Breeze!

Brown

Preamble to the Constitution of The American Legion

FOR GOD AND COUNTRY WE ASSOCIATE OURSELVES TOGETHER FOR THE FOLLOWING PURPOSES:

To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America;

To maintain law and order;

To foster and perpetuate a one hundred percent Americanism;

To preserve the memories and incidents of our associations in the Great Wars;

To inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state and nation;

To combat the autocracy of both the classes and the masses;

To make right the master of might;

To promote peace and goodwill on earth;

To safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom and democracy;

To consecrate and sanctify our comradeship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness.



2017 Legion College class graduates ready to lead, mentor

Are you ready?

That was the question posed to the 2017 American Legion College class by National Commander Denise H. Rohan Friday morning, prior to the start of their graduation in the National Executive Committee Room at National Headquarters in Indianapolis.

"Are you ready to share your experiences, your talents and the knowledge you gained here this week?" she asked. "Are you ready to mentor the future leaders of this great American Legion Family? Are you ready to be ambassadors of The American Legion and know that everywhere you go, any time you are wearing The American Legion emblem, people will be looking at you as heroes? And they will be expecting you to set an example. Are you ready to be part of a special group of men and women who are so proud to call themselves National American Legion College alumni?"

All 55 students applauded in their answer to Rohan that they were ready to leave Indianapolis with a set of new leadership skills and tools and share them with their posts, districts and departments.

"I want to go back and inspire other Legionnaires. And also be able to mentor them," said Valerie Scheuering of Post 37 in Nevada.

"The comradeship we have developed this week has been fantastic," said Thomas Schreck of Post 1830 in New York. "With the interchange of all the different ideas, we've all picked up something from everybody that will help us in going back and helping our fellow veterans and Legionnaires in our hometown."

"I didn't know much about Legion College before coming here," said Paul Edwards of Post 255 in Minnesota. "My mentor strongly suggested that I come. The path before me was not clear. After attending Legion College, I still don't know exactly where my path is leading but I do know it's going the right way."

As the five districts's participants lined up to accept their diploma from Rohan and receive their Legion College pin from Past National Commander and Legion College Chancellor Dave Rehbein, the district leaders spoke a few words about their group and about their hope for all 55 of the students.

"It is amazing to watch 55 Legionnaires come together for the sole purpose of evolving themselves to be a strong force and agents of change," said Joshua Clement, a 2015 Legion College graduate and member of Post 2 in Montana.

"These Legionnaires understand the value of being a grassroots organization and know how it takes drive and effort to continue to grow us. They are all change agents. Everyone in District 1 is ready to lead up and continue to purple up to make this organization grow. Because we are The American Legion."

More than 900 Legionnaires have graduated from American Legion College in the past 18 years, and over the course of that time the program's curriculum has evolved to focus more on leadership development. Deanna Hurless of Post 14 in Wyoming has been looking forward to attending the program to gain more leadership tools and knowledge and this past week she's "learned a lot," she said. "Now I need to pass it forward. Because that's the reason we are here ... to pass it forward."

Hurless has only been a member of The American Legion for nine years because she didn't know about the organization, as there wasn't a presence in the community where she grew up and was never informed about the organization upon her military discharge in 1983. But once becoming a member of Post 14, she hit the ground running.

"The first time I read the preamble it was very emotional for me because of how much it meant to me. I believe in everything it says," Hurless said. "The American Legion is definitely a passion of mine. I believe in what we're here for – the four pillars."



Holiday Food Baskets The Time is Getting Close

Our Service Officer, Sebastian Rodriguez, has placed a box in the canteen outside the office. It is time to start thinking about bringing non-perishable items down for the Holiday Food Baskets.

Post 593, annually, provides food baskets to those in the community who need a hand up. We will provide Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets. All will have a tukey...the rest will depend on our generous donations of "fixins".

When you go to get your groceries, put an extra can of beans, corn, fruit, cranberry sauce, stuffing, etc. in your basket and bring it to the Post. It goes to help those that need it most. Each of us can put a smile on somebody's face during the holidays.

Also, if you know an individual or family who needs assistance of food, let Sebastian know. We want to help and Sebastian Rodriguez is the best at making that happen!



November 2017

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 General Membership Meeting 7:30 pm	2 Dart League Pool League	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	Shuffleboard League	ALR Exec Board Meeting 7:30 pm		Dart League Pool League		Texas Honor Ride refueling & Operation Overpass
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	Shuffleboard League	ALR General Membership Mtg 7:30	Legion Exec Meeting, 7 pm	Dart League Pool League		Shuffleboard 4pm Aux Grill 5:30pm Dart Tourney 7:15pm
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	Shuffleboard League	SAL GMM 7:00 pm		Thanksgiving Day Thanksgiving Meal at Post, 2PM		
26	27	28	29	30		
	Shuffleboard League			Dart League Pool League		