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Commander's Corner



Another month has past us by and Post 593 continues to amaze me. Being prior military very few of us ever toot our own horn about what we do. I would like to high-

light the amazing support Post 593 provides for our Community, State, and Nation.

We support our local Community by providing Breakfast and Steak night. We support Night In Old Converse and many other local events. We host the Veterans from the VA at our monthly Chicken Fried Steak Night. We sponsor a quarterly Blood Drive for the local area. We also provide Holiday Baskets, and Seniors and Children's festivities during the Holidays.

We provide support to our State by sponsoring boys for Boys state, and Department Oratorical Competition. We have members holding positions at the District, Division, and Department levels. We assist in the Texas Honor Ride to include standing with Flags on the overpasses as they ride through.

We provide support to the Nation with our

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Auxiliary News



School has started and we are all back into our "Fall" routines! I would like to thank everyone that came out and supported Breakfast and Steak night in September – the Auxiliary always has a great time in the kitchen!

We have some exciting things coming up, so mark your calendars!! Friday, October 10th is Early Bird Dinner – so get your 2015 membership paid before or on October 10th and get a Chicken Fried Steak Dinner cooked by the S.A.L. for only \$4.00. On Saturday, October 11th is the Fall Convention for the Auxiliary at Post 579. Friday, October 31st is "Stake" Night – we will be having a Halloween Contest and Twister! Read the commanders article for information on Twister!

We will begin selling or Poppies again – so please be on the lookout for those! The Casi Chili Cook Off is right around the corner and we will start collecting new or slightly used items for our Silent Auction – if you have something you would like to donate please see me!

Until Next Month.....Michelle Muth

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annual donation to the Legacy Scholarship fund. Post 593 provides support for flag lines at funerals and the annual reading of the names at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery. We also provide a donation to the National Emergency Fund annually.

What we do is amazing when you look at all the people, events, and programs we support. Pass this information on the next time someone asks what Post 593 and the American Legion is.

This is OUR House

Do what you can when you can

Danny Peter Muth
Post Commander

SAL Corner

We are busy preparing for our Annual Fall Classic Golf Tournament on Sunday, 19 October at NorthCliffe Golf Club, Cibolo, Texas. Please contact one of my Chairperson for additional information at mbuckley1@satx.rr.com. Four man team Florida scramble (best ball). \$60 per person, start time 7:30am. Proceeds go towards Boy's State, Child Welfare and veteran's Programs. Please sponsor a hole for only \$50. Chicken Fried Steak night was good on 12 September 2014 and please join us every month on the 2nd Friday. Please come join us at our General Membership Meeting the last Tuesday of each month at 7:30pm and get to know our members and see what's being planned and maybe even help out! We need your support!

Henry Creech
S.A.L. Commander

Texas Offers Veterans Benefit Programs

Gov. Rick Perry has launched a public service announcement (PSA) to raise awareness of state resources available to help Texas veterans navigate the Veterans Administration health care system. The PSA directs veterans to call the Texas Veterans Hotline at 1-800-252-8387 (VETS) for assistance with accessing VA health care benefits. The Texas Cable Association and Texas Association of Broadcasters will air the PSA on their respective member networks and on-line throughout the state. Perry has also asked Texas hospitals and medical clinics to open their doors to Texas veterans who have faced bureaucratic challenges in accessing health care through the VA. But they cannot begin treating VA patients until the VA gives them authorization and ensures timely reimbursement of the cost of care provided.

Submitted by Sebastian Rodriguez, Service Officer

RIDER'S REPORT

We had another exciting month and the riders led the way once again. I would like to begin by "thanking" Sean O'Brien for putting together the "2nd Annual Thunder on the Dam" fundraising event in Marble Falls, Texas. Thank you to all that supported this great event. The money raised from this event will be donated to the Legacy Scholarship Fund. I would also like "thank" all of you who escorted the NM Riders to San Antonio in support of "Operation Wounded Warrior"; However, the rider's didn't stop there. We attended more than 27 events this month, including PGR missions and local events in/and around the San Antonio area. Some of the events we supported were the "8th Annual Wounded Warrior event", "Wounded Warrior Amputee Football Game", "1st Annual Memorial Run", "7th Annual Fisher House Fundraising Event", "Operation Wounded Warrior", "BAMC Fisher House BBQ", "Post 2 Fundraiser", and a ride to a "Cave With No Name", just to name a few. I couldn't be more proud of our rider's accomplishments; you all should be very proud of yourselves for what you do for this community and for our veterans. You are an amazing group of riders. This past quarter you had attended more than 81 events, donated more than 465 volunteer hours, and affected more than 7343 people in our surrounding community.

I would like to personally welcome our newest riders: Greg Lopezieo, Brian Johnson, Roger Heiner, Dan Hecker, Paul Goymerac, William Gary, Cheryl Fleck, Lori Darling, and Keith Bock

In closing, once again, thank you so much for what you have done and for what you continue to do for our Legion, Community, State, and Country. Please remember, whatever it is that you do, do it 1st Class!

JOHN A. BOCK
Director, American Legion Riders

"New Building" Committee

The "new building" committee will be meeting on Tuesday Oct 21st at 7:30 PM. We would sincerely like to have your participation on this and every 3rd Tuesday of the month. If your attitude is "we can do this!" then we really need your help. Please come join us.

NOTARY PUBLIC

Notary service is available to Post members and their families at no cost to them. Contact Joe Guastella at 683-6582 to make arrangements.

ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTERS

To get your name on the electronic delivery list, please send an email to post593newsletter@yahoo.com. Thanks for your support to save some dollars\$\$\$.

Sunday, October 12 – Memorial for JoAnn Joslin

On Sunday, October 12th at 1PM, the Post will celebrate the life of our departed dual member, JoAnn Joslin. She wanted no services upon her death yet Post 593 wants to allow friends to celebrate her life contributions.

There will be a short service by Legion Chaplain, Chris Reed and Auxiliary Chaplain, Catherine McDonald. Then, as JoAnn liked to socialize, there will be finger foods and a chance for her friends to remember the life of JoAnn Joslin.

Please come and invite her friends from the Dart Leagues, the Sportsman, Legion and Auxiliary.

HAPPY HALLOWEEN !!



Vampires, Witches, Bats and Goblins

Are concocting a special Halloween brew.

The American Legion Post 593 is celebrating Halloween

And all we need is you!!!

Don't take your trick-or-treat bag out on the streets,
Come to Post 593 for "witches brew, music and tasty treats!!

There will be prizes for the very best dressed,

So put your imagination to the test.

American Legion Post 593

Friday, October 31st—judging at 9 pm

"Stake" Night at 6 pm—\$13

Come out for a great "stake" before the party begins!

****Adults only for the contest****



FUNdraiser for Halloween:

We will have a Twister Game on Halloween night to raise money for the American Legion National Emergency Fund. You can vote for your two favorite members of the Executive Boards of our four pillars starting October 1st. You can vote for two candidates once a day from October 1st until 6 PM on October 31st. It is one dollar a vote, or a total of two dollars a day. The two highest voter getters will play twister at 8 PM on the dance floor. The Bar staff will have the list of available board members, and detailed rules. Decide who you want to be on the floor playing twister with who, and come on out and vote.

Sons of the American Legion Annual Fall Classic Golf Tournament

Northcliffe Golf Club, Cibolo TX

Sunday, October 19th, 2014—8 AM Shotgun Start(7:30 AM Show Time)

\$60 per person or 1 payment of \$220 per 4 person team

Include golf Cart, Meal Afterward, Drinks & Door Prizes

Open to the Public

(You do not have to be a Legion Member to play.)

Proceeds go towards Boy's State, Child Welfare and Veterans Programs

Oratorical Contest

“A constitutional speech contest”

The American Legion Oratorical Contest exists to develop deeper knowledge and appreciation for the U.S. Constitution among high school students. Since 1938, the program has presented participants with an academic speaking challenge that teaches important leadership qualities, the history of our nation’s laws, the ability to think and speak clearly, and an understanding of the duties, responsibilities, rights and privileges of American citizenship. The program has featured numerous politicians and prominent contestants over the years, including former president candidate Alan Keyes and CNN anchor Lou Dobbs.

Young orators earn some of the most generous college scholarships available to high school students. Over \$138,000 in scholarships can be awarded each year. The overall national contest winner gets an \$18,000 scholarship. Second place takes home \$16,000, and third gets \$14,000. Each department (state) winner who is certified into and participates in the national contest’s first round receives a \$1,500 scholarship. Those who advance past the first round receive an additional \$1,500 scholarship. The American Legion’s National Organization awards the scholarships, which can be used at any college or university in the United States.

Eligibility and details:

- * Any student attending high school (grades 9 – 12) or being homeschooled and are considered high school level.
- * Contestants are not required to have any affiliation with the American Legion or Armed Services; community may be targeted
- * Post 593rd has three formal schools that we directly support; Karen Wagner HS, Judson HS, and TMI. They already received their information
- * Post 593rd has funds established to help pay costs associated with the program; travel, lodging, etc.
- * Competition begins in January but takes a couple months to prepare
- * Competition culminates in the spring (April) for those who make it to the National level

POC for this program is Paul J. Goymerac, call or text [210-724-3754](tel:210-724-3754) or paul.goymerac@gmail.com

Come Enjoy Breakfast And Be A Blood Donor

Be a **Doer** and **Donate** blood today. Scan this code or visit southtexasblood.org to learn more about blood donations.



American Legion

Post 593

326 Legion Dr.

Converse, TX 78109

Saturday, Oct. 11th

8:00am – 12:05pm

In the parking lot

For further information, please
contact Ron White at 210-274-3280

All presenting donors will receive:

- T-shirt
- the satisfying feeling of saving lives
- a mini-physical



Connect for Life

Anyone who is 16 years old weighing 120 pounds (with a parental consent form), or at least 17 years old weighing 110 pounds & in good general health can donate blood. Donors must present photo ID, last four digits of their social security number and their birth date.



**South Texas
Blood & Tissue Center**

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October 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 GMM Mtg. 7:30 pm Dinner served from 8:30 to 7 pm	2 Grill 6 – 8 pm Dart League	3 Night in Ole Converse	4 Night in Ole Converse
5 Jam Session Grill open at 2 pm	6 Dart League & Shuffleboard League	7 Rider Grill 6-8 pm ALR Exec. Mtg. 7:30pm	8	9 Grill 6 – 8 pm Dart League Pool League	10 CFS DINNER 6-8 PM - \$8 OPEN TO PUBLIC Shuffleboard Tourney\$5	11 BREAKFAST 8 – 11 AM - \$6 OPEN TO THE PUBLIC Blood Drive – 8 am
12	13 Dart League & Shuffleboard League	14 Rider Grill 6-8 pm ALR GMM Mtg. 7:30 pm	15 Exec. Mtg. 7:00 pm	16 Grill 6-8 pm Tri-City Flyers Dart League	17	18 Dart Tourney 7:15 pm Shuffleboard Tourney – 4 pm Grill 5 pm – 8 pm
19 SAL Golf Tournament	20 Dart League & Shuffleboard League	21 No Rider Grill New Building Committee Meeting 7:30 pm	22	23 Grill 6 – 8 pm Dart League Pool League	24	25
26	27 Dart League & Shuffleboard League	28 No Rider Grill SAL Mtg. – 7:30 pm	29	30 Grill 6-8 pm Dart League	31 "STAKE" NIGHT!!! 6-8 PM \$13 OPEN TO PUBLIC! Shuffleboard Tourney\$5	ADULT COSTUME CONTEST 9 PM 10/31/2014



ZUMBA
 Every Tuesday
 At 6:15 pm - \$3

****Riders have breakfast and "stake" night!**

UPCOMING EVENTS:

BLOOD DRIVE – SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11th – 8 AM

We are also on Facebook - Post 593 or American Legion
 Riders Post 593 - CHECK US OUT!!!

[Adult Halloween Party - Friday, October 31st](#)
 Costume contest/music