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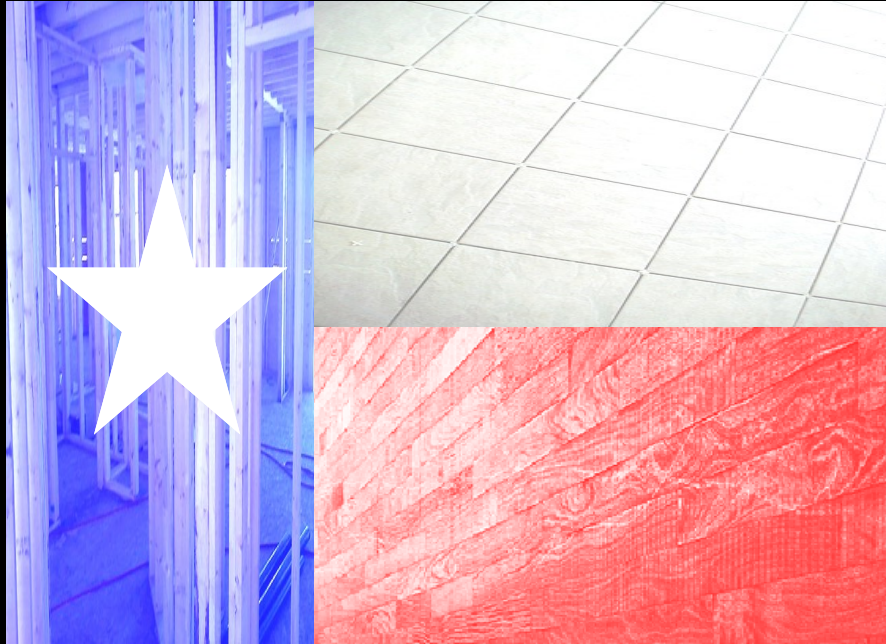
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Veterans helping one another as well as the local community, state and nation. That's the mission of The American Legion. William M. Randolph Post 593 takes this mission seriously. After more than 40 years of service to others, they're asking for help from the community. "Post 593 needs a new Post Home to better serve not only our retired and disabled veterans, but our active duty troops and local community as well. The community needs a modern hall that can hold 300-400 people that's available to use for weddings, retirements, or any other reason. Quite frankly, we've out-grown our current facility. To make matters worse, our current facility is in need of some major repairs and it wouldn't make economic sense to repair it. The only problem is we don't have the funds to build one," Post Commander Jack Leanhart reports. "This is what has inspired our Legion Jubilee. We thought we'd hold a huge community out-reach program and have fun doing it."

To help raise funds for a new Post Home and increase awareness among the local community, Post 593 is preparing to hold the second annual Legion Jubilee May 7-10 at Converse City Park. There will be carnival rides and games over the four day period, three bands on Friday night and seven bands on Saturday on two stages, a Health Fair, Arts and Crafts booths, a horseshoe tournament, food booths, face painting, martial arts and gymnastics demonstrations, car and motorcycle

show, a motorcycle run, a Fire Department demonstration, a K-9 demonstration by the Police Department, plus a whole lot more. Even the mayor of Converse, Al Suarez, is participating. In addition to formally opening the Jubilee, he'll pull a stint in the dunking booth.

Post Chaplain and Jubilee organizer Dennis Ducharme encourages the community to come out in force to support the Legion in its mission of service. "We have a history of service to our community. We do a lot of good things on a regular basis, but unfortunately, we don't do a very good job of promoting ourselves," Chaplain Ducharme said. "For years our Post has sponsored scholarships for high school students, sent high school juniors to Boys and Girls state where they spend a full week learning about our state government, helped veterans at the VA hospital and wounded soldiers at

Brook Army Medical Center, participated in community events, sponsored holiday food and gift baskets, provided manpower to community service projects, sponsored a Boy Scout troop, sponsored high school oratorical contests, provided over sixty-thousand dollars in the last three years for scholarships to children who have lost a parent to the war on terrorism, and a whole lot more. We're active and we make a difference in folk's lives."

Anyone wishing to participate or volunteer should contact Chaplain Ducharme at (210) 630-0655 or visit our website at <http://www.Post593.org>.





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THE AMERICAN LEGION WILLIAM M. RANDOLPH, POST 593 A B R I E F H I S T O R Y

The idea for Post 593 began in 1968 after the 11 fledgling members met at Otts Barbeque in Universal City and culminated in a temporary charter being granted on January 22, 1969. The first acting Commander was Earl Grover. The first meeting was held at the Universal City Aero Realty office.

In March, 1969, Mrs. Randolph, the widow of the late William M. Randolph, was asked if the post could be named in his memory. Mrs. Randolph agreed.

The first members of the American Legion Post #593 were always aware of the growth restrictions placed on them by the size of the first Post Home, their original meeting place. During the Executive Meeting on April 7, 1971, the executive board agreed that a real-property committee be formed to search for a suitable location.

In March, 1972, the executive board announced to the general membership meeting that the American Legion Post was on the move. Negotiations were under way to purchase a new Post Home in Converse, TX. The property was a 4-year-old brick structure with 2400 square foot on 1.43 acres of land. The land was located on Legion Drive in Converse. The structure was formerly the Church of God of Cleveland, Tennessee. With the move, there was plenty of room to grow and expand. The building chairman, Mr. Loren Elbel, supervised the structure's remodeling. The legion post was occupied in July 1972.

Several renovations have occurred throughout the years. Our lounge/dining area was completed in October 1999. We are now at over 800 members strong.

We still do the barbecues and participate in parades as in years past. Today, we are engaged in many veteran activities including visits to the Audie L. Murphy VA Hospital, Soldiers Family Assistance Center (SFAC), Lonesome Dove, Nursing Home Visitation, Legacy Scholarship Program, Fisher House, Operation Wounded Warrior and Patriot Guard Missions. And we participate in the local community by sending high school students to Boys and Girls State, sponsoring Oratorical Contests, Junior ROTC, Boy Scouts, Flag Program, Food Baskets for the Needy, Scholarships, Adopt-a-Highway program, Clothing Donations, recycling program, and providing parks and recreation assistance and meeting space for the local community. Among other services, the American Legion Riders of Post 593 are actively involved in raising funds for the American Legion Legacy Fund, a program designed to provide scholarships for the children of veterans who are killed in action. Last year, our Legion gave the largest single donation of any post in the nation.

Who is William M. Randolph?



CPT William M. Randolph

A native of Austin, Texas, Captain William Millican Randolph attended Texas A&M before entering the Army in 1916. Following pilot training at Kelly Field, he received his wings in 1919. He earned a remarkable record and contributed immeasurably to the progress of aviation during his 9-year flying career. In 1928 he was selected to a committee to recommend a suitable name for the new flying training field the Air Corps planned to build just east of San Antonio. On 17 February 1928, Captain Randolph was killed when his AT-4 crashed on takeoff from Gorman Field, Texas. Seven months later the War Department agreed to name the field after Randolph.

Randolph Field was dedicated June 20, 1930, with an estimated 15,000 people in attendance and a fly-by of 233 planes, possibly the largest assembly of military aircraft in the world.

Captain Randolph is buried at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery.

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THURSDAY, MAY 7TH: 5 – 11 PM: FAMILY NIGHT!

- NO ALCOHOL ON SALE TONIGHT AND NO ARTS & CRAFTS BOOTHS
- CARNIVAL, 5 PM – CLOSING, WRIST BANDS ONLY \$15 TODAY!
- LEGION FOOD BOOTHS, 5 PM – 10 PM
- ENTERTAINMENT: KARAOKE, 6 PM – 10 PM
- OBEDIENCE DOG TRAINING DEMO BY FOUR PAWS INN, 7 PM
- TEEN SQUARE DANCERS, 7 PM (BY POOL)

FRIDAY, MAY 8TH: 4 PM – 12 AM

- CARNIVAL, 4 PM – CLOSING
- LIVE ENTERTAINMENT: ROCK NIGHT, 5 BANDS!!
- FOOD BOOTHS, 4 PM – 11 PM
- ARTS & CRAFTS BOOTHS, 4 PM – 11 PM

SATURDAY, MAY 9TH: 10 AM – 1 AM

- CARNIVAL, NOON – CLOSING
- LIVE ENTERTAINMENT: COUNTRY NIGHT, 7 BANDS!!!
- CAR SHOW, REGISTRATION FROM 9 AM – 12 PM
- ARTS & CRAFTS BOOTHS, OPEN AT 10 AM
- CONVERSE POLICE DEPT., CHILD FINGERPRINTING, 10 AM – 2 PM
- CONVERSE PET SHELTER, 10 AM – 6 PM
- HEALTH FAIR, 10 AM – 8 PM
- FOOD BOOTHS, 11 AM – 11 PM
- SILENT AUCTION BIDS / RAFFLE TICKETS ON SALE
- MOTORCYCLE RUN, 1ST BIKE OUT AT 10 AM
- DUNKING BOOTH, NOON – 6 PM
- OPENING CEREMONY, 1 PM – 1:15 PM
- SQUARE DANCERS, 1:15 PM – 2 PM
- MARTIAL ARTS DEMONSTRATION, 3 PM
- POLICE DEPARTMENT DOG DEMONSTRATION, 3:30 PM
- MOTORCYCLE RUN, LAST BIKE IN 3:30 PM
- CAR SHOW AWARDS, 4:30 PM
- MOTORCYCLE SHOW, JUDGING AT 4:30 PM
 - BIKE RUN AND SHOW AWARDS AT 5:30 PM





SUNDAY, MAY 10TH – NOON TO 6 PM

- CHILI AND BEAN COOKOFF, REGISTRATION BEGINS AT 7:30 AM
- CARNIVAL, NOON – CLOSING
- LIVE ENTERTAINMENT: 3 BANDS!!!
- FOOD BOOTHS, NOON – 5 PM
- CONVERSE PET SHELTER, NOON – 5 PM
- ARTS & CRAFTS BOOTHS, NOON – 6 PM
- FACE PAINTING, NOON – 4 PM
- DUNKING BOOTH, NOON – 4 PM
- CLOGGERS DEMONSTRATION, 1 PM – 1:30 PM
- HORSESHOE TOURNAMENT, STARTS 1 PM
- RIVER CITY GYMNASTICS DEMONSTRATION, 2:30 PM
- CHILI AND BEAN COOK OFF, TURN-IN AT 2:30 PM
- CHILI AND BEAN COOK OFF, AWARDS AT 4 PM
- SILENT AUCTION / RAFFLE DRAWING, 4 PM
- FIRE DEPARTMENT DEMONSTRATION, 4:30 PM
- FLAG RETIREMENT CEREMONY, 5:15 PM
- “MY MOM IS THE BEST” ESSAY CONTEST AWARDS, 5:30 PM
- CLOSING CEREMONY, 5:40 PM



**LIVE MUSIC
SCHEDULE**

THURSDAY – FAMILY NIGHT

- 6 – 10 PM: KARAOKE BY BILLY FEEHAN

FRIDAY – ROCK NIGHT

- 5 – 6 PM: JAR OF FLIES
- 6:30 – 7:30 PM: PURPLE SAGE
- 8 – 9 PM: RHYME MIND THEORY
- 9:30 – 10:30 PM: JUMPING MUNKS
- 11 PM – MIDNIGHT: DICK WIGGLER & THE CATTLEGUARD



SATURDAY – COUNTRY NIGHT

- 2 – 3 PM: EMMERSON BIGGINS
- 3:45 – 4:30 PM: CHRIS KING
- 5 – 6 PM: ERIC SCOTT
- 6:30 – 7:30 PM: JACK LEVITT
- 8 – 9 PM: SYX
- 9:30 – 10:30 PM: TINA Y & GRUPO TORMENTA
- 11 PM – MIDNIGHT: ASHLEE ROSE

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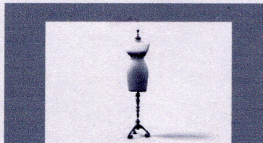
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