



**The American Legion**  
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Commander's Comments



Happy Easter everyone. April is a great time to get out and get things done. Clean out the garage, do some yard work, recruit a new Legion member or renew your Legion membership for 2023. Yes, we are still short about 25 renewals for 2023. Thirty-six dollars is a small price to pay for supporting our active-duty members, your fellow veterans, and their families. Our voice in Congress remains strong because of your membership. We need your renewals. Thank you, sincerely, for those of you who have already renewed or recently joined our Post. It's much appreciated!

I can't pass up an opportunity to thank those folks who always volunteer during the month. Our breakfast crew, the Tuesday Morning Coffee & Donuts crew, the St. Patrick's Day Corned Beef & Cabbage crew, and our Steak Night crew. Your efforts are truly appreciated and enjoyed by many. Thank you for all you do! Folks, it's time to think about a new year of Legion Officers. It's time to nominate those individuals who you think will do the best job for our Post. Every April, a "Screening Book" is created for the purpose for all Post Legionnaires to place another member in nomination for all Post officer positions. The job description for each position is in the book. If you think someone will do a great job on the Executive Committee, talk to them. See if they'll accept your nomination, and if they will, write their name in the Screening Book. The book will be available in the canteen from 1 to 30 April. After that, nominations for new officers can be made at the May General Membership Meeting on 3 May 2023. Nominated individuals must

Auxiliary News



Here Comes Peter Cottontail! It is almost officially Spring! I hope all are well. Before I start, as usual I would like to thank all that helped the magic to happen over the last month all the way from our Desserts for Donations to the Penny Wars, the Burger Burn, and supporting our Post family's events, you all ROCK!

We have been diligently working our Girls State Program and are able to send 14 to 15 girls this year due to the support of our Post family. You all are amazing and will certainly make a difference in the lives of those girls we send. Girls State takes place in June in Seguin. We are fortunate with that as well. We usually have our alternates called last minute due to being so close to its location.

The Spring brings both the 20th and 3rd Division conventions right here in our backyard over at Post 2 on Fredericksburg Road. If you'd like to attend, please reach out and we will give you the details. You will always learn something new.

April 5th is our monthly General Membership meeting, 7:00. As usual there is business to conduct, after-action reports to hear about and plans made. We will also drape our charter during the joint session in recognition and honor of the three members we have lost as of recent. Please join in if you can.

Irma, our VP/Membership Chairman, and I would like to thank everyone that renewed both online and by check. We are doing well in working towards our goal, but we still have a way to go. I will say, by looking at the unpaid member roster, a good number of the unpaid frequent the Post or

initial acceptance in the Screening Book or be in attendance to accept the nomination at the May GMM. Nominations will be closed at the end of the May GMM. Voting starts at 2pm on Wednesday, 7 June 2023 and closes that night at the June GMM. We have two new fund raisers coming up at the Post. The first is a shoe drive. The shoes donated to our shoe drive fundraiser should be gently worn, used or new. There are boxes at the Post for your donation. Simply bring in a pair and drop them off in the box. This fundraiser runs from 27 March to 26 May 2023. Next, we have a casino bus trip planned for Saturday, 27 May 2023. We only have 56 tickets to sell. We'll be going to Lucky Eagle Casino. Show time is 6:30am, the bus departs at 7am, we get to the casino around 10am, gamble, leave the casino at 4pm and will be back to the Post around 7pm. We'll have games, raffles and fun on the bus. You may bring small coolers on the bus. Roundtrip tickets are \$60 each. This is open to the public, so invite your family and friends. See the flyer in this newsletter for more info. Lastly, we're looking for a new newsletter editor. George Alva has been doing a superb job as newsletter editor but has other commitments coming up so he must relinquish his editor duties. Please see me or any member of the Executive Committee if interested.

For God and Country,

Dennis Ducharme  
Commander

are family members of those that do. Please renew or encourage your family and friends to renew ASAP as you will not be a member in good standing, won't be able to vote, hold an office, etc. You will also lose your eligibility for some of the ALA programs, to include the Auxiliary Emergency Fund. If you or someone you know needs to renew, dues can be dropped at the Post with "Irma" noted on the envelope, or it can be mailed to the Post or even renewed online. So many options!

To renew online: the National ALA website is <https://www.legion-aux.org/members>. It is easy and you can print your card then and there. You just need your current membership card or your member number and a credit card. If you are interested in becoming a Paid Up for Life member, we can help you with that as well. I have printed the cost calculation and will make sure to leave a copy at the post. Now for a glance at preliminary glance at April's outline. Of course, this is subject to change:

April 1, 20th District Spring Convention. Post 2, 9am to 3 pm.

April 2nd, 1:30 pm. Children's Easter Egg Hunt. Infant through age 11. Hotdogs, hunting of eggs and of course Peter Cottontail will be leading the charge and available for pictures.

April 13, 5:30 to 7:30, Unit 593 Burger Burn.

April 14, Chicken Fried Steak, 6 pm and Unit "Desserts for Donations".

April 28, Steak Night and Unit "Desserts for Donations" table.

Please keep an eye out for email and the ALA Unit 593, Converse, Tx., Facebook Page posts. Make sure to "Like" our FB page so you receive notification of recent posts. If you would like to post pictures of a Unit 593, feel free or send them to me and I will do it for you. If you are not receiving emails from [Aux593info@gmail.com](mailto:Aux593info@gmail.com) and would like to, please send an email to me at [czavala@gvec.net](mailto:czavala@gvec.net) or [Aux593info@gmail.com](mailto:Aux593info@gmail.com) and we will make sure you're added or your email address corrected.

I hope to see you sometime this month. You have many choices and opportunities to come down and visit or participate. Thank you all for your service to our community and Veterans. Until we meet again, remember our Veterans, Active Duty, and their Families...our Mission. Have a Blessed Easter!

Candy Zavala, Unit 593



## 2nd Vice-Commander Report



Legion Breakfast on April 8th from 8 am until 11 am. It will cost \$10. I believe I have staffing covered but I will check at the beginning of next week. Brad Martin and I are trying to get a blood drive planned for the breakfast in May.

Legion Steak night is on April 28th from 6pm to 8 pm. 50/50 raffle and music. \$16 dollars a plate. I need feedback

on if we want to keep the fish on the menu after Lent for \$12 a plate.

Bar Champion Tournament on April 15th. Starts at Noon. \$5 buy in. Single elimination brackets for Pool, Darts, and Redneck Shuffleboard all to gain points to play to be the bar champion. Blind Draw for your partner in a two person team up. Who is going to be our Bar Champion. Please sign up today by the kitchen window. Money due on the 15th.

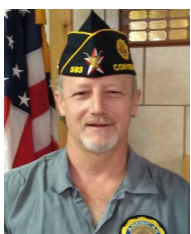
Penny Wars has started again. – Each House has a jug. Pennies count for points; all other coins deduct points. Dollars will add points for the amount of pennies in them. Whoever wins the competition gets all 4 jugs. Each house needs to decide what charity the money raised will go for. This insures competition not just for the house, but for the charity also. Rules are posted by the Jugs. Congratulations to the Rider who won last time. \$687.09 went to Foundation 14.

Bus Trip to Lucky Eagle Casino. Saturday May 27th. Leave from the Legion at 7 am. Back at the Legion at 7 pm. \$60 per person. All are welcome including non members (over 21 years of age) so please spread the word. I have placed flyers at the VFW and Post 667. We have over 40+ seats left to fill. Drinks are allowed on the Bus as long as they fit inside a cooler (6 pack size). See Flyers for details or ask me. If you want Flyers to post in other locations I can print some out.

I have formed an H&E committee that will be meeting every month after the Executive meeting. All are welcome to come and help plan for the year. All ideas are welcome. I will have an agenda and sign in sheet but discussion about other things than in the agenda can happen. I hope to keep this meeting around 30 minutes to an hour.

Mikey Wilson, 2nd Vice-Commander

## Riders Report



American Legion Riders, welcome to Spring. Our Rolling Run is complete and it was a great time even though the weather looked wet when we kicked it off. Very little to no rain during the ride, several Posts still attended but caged it, and our auction was a hit. Thank you to

## *SALute From the Squadron Commander*



Hello to all the S.A.L. members and other Legion family. Here's hoping all had a great time in March, also that April there were only good jokes.

We had a great Chicken Fried Steak Night we sold 84 steaks. Great job to the staff and thank you to all that bought the dinners.

Welcome to our newest member Adam Bales, and congratulations to our new Second Vice Commander Mikey Wilson. We look forward to great things from both of these gentlemen.

As always, we are looking for ways to help the Vets and their families. On our own or with Legion or Auxiliary or Riders.

If anyone needs or knows of someone in need of prayers please notify George Alva.

Please remember that it is up to all of us to try to bring in new members.

Hope to see all at the next meeting on April 7th for our next Chicken Fried Steak Night.

Our next S.A.L. meeting will be on April 18, 2023, at 19:00. Have a great month. See all of you later!

Bill Cox, Squadron Commander

the Auxiliary, Matt & Julie, and Chuck for holding down the cooking/serving responsibilities. Special thanks to all the Riders involved in this year's Rolling Run, we could not have done it without you. We are going to Buda this Saturday to support them, but by the time you read this newsletter, it will be an event of the past. We will let you know how it goes. I also want to thank everyone for the support of Cindy Lowe's Celebration of Life. Allen and his family were blown away by the support and love they received. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

Next key event is the State Rally in El Paso. We are working on getting a trailer for that trip, and deadline to let me know if you are going to ride with us is 1 May. We have hotel rooms and VRBO in El Paso. We will leave early morning on 8 June (Thursday) and return on 12 June (Monday). We expect to be back in the afternoon of 13 June. As of last week, we are expecting around 10 riders. Between now and June, we will have rides on some weekends with a few events supporting other ALR Chapters in the area. We will keep you updated. Finally, I wanted to ensure everyone also knew that we have elections forthcoming and nomination books will be on the bar 1 April. They will be picked up at close of business on 30 April. Please help be part of the election process, not just the ALR, but the Legion, Auxiliary, and S.A.L. as well, if you are a member in good standing. God Bless and have a great Spring.

Gomer "Timmy", ALR Director.

# THE AMERICAN LEGION POST 593

## APRIL 2023 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 <i>20th District Convention at Post 2, 8:00 am</i>
2 <i>Palm Sunday</i>  Children's Easter Egg Hunt (infant through age 11) 1:30 pm	3	4 Coffee & Doughnuts 9-11 am  ALR Exec Mtg 7pm	5 Post GMM 7pm  Auxiliary Mtg 7pm	6 Dart League 7 pm Pool League 8 pm  <i>New Beer's Eve</i>	7 <i>Good Friday</i>   <i>National Beer Day</i>	8 Breakfast 8am- 11:00am
9 <i>Easter Sunday</i>  No Steel Gui- tar until May	10 <i>USS Thresher (SSN 593) sinks in 1963</i>	11 Coffee & Doughnuts 9-11am  ALR GM Mtg 7pm	12	13 Burger Burn 5:30pm- 7:30pm  Dart League 7 pm Pool League 8 pm	14 Chicken Fried Steak Night 6pm-7:30pm w/Desserts for Donations	15 <i>Tax Day</i>  <i>Husband Appreci- ation Day</i>
16	17	18 Coffee & Doughnuts 9-11 am  S.A.L. GM Mtg 7pm	19 Post Exec Mtg 7 pm	20 Dart League 7 pm Pool League 8 pm  <i>Volunteer Recognition Day</i>	21 Boy Scout Troop 593 Spaghetti Dinner 6pm- 8pm \$10  <i>San Jacinto Day</i>	22
23	24	25 Coffee & Doughnuts 9-11 am	26	27 Dart League 7 pm Pool League 8 pm	28 Steak Night 6pm - 8pm w/ Desserts for Donations	29
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### Post Home Manager's Message

Thank you to the Post leadership for their unwavering support and a very special thank you to you, our loyal customers. This wouldn't be possible without you. You are our friends and we enjoy seeing you every time you walk through the door.



We have an amazing hall for rent for all of your special events such as weddings, quinceaneras, birthdays, anniversaries, reunions, etc. For information or to schedule your party please reach out to me, Tracy Diggs at (210) 658-1111. Tell your friends!

### ***USS Thresher (SSN 593)***

Did you notice the hull number? 593! The USS Thresher was a nuclear powered attack submarine that was launched on July 9, 1960 and commissioned on August 3, 1961. She had a complement of 16 officers and 96 men. She was the first in her class of submarines and was the pride of the U.S. Navy during the Cold War.

On April 10, 1963 while conducting depth tests something went horribly wrong and the Thresher became the world's first nuclear powered sub to be lost at sea. 129 men perished 8,400 beneath the surface, 220 miles east of Cape Cod.

This year marks the 60th anniversary of the loss of USS Thresher (SSN 593) and its officers and men. They remain ***On Eternal Patrol.***



*In Memoriam*

Joel Brenner Selko  
John Bishop

The American Legion Post 593 Newsletter has dedicated this page to the memory of loved ones who have left this world much too soon. The criteria for a name to be published on this page is as follows: The deceased must be a member of The American Legion, The American Legion Auxiliary, The Sons of The American Legion, The American Legion Riders, or an immediate family member of such. Specifically, the spouse, parent, child, or sibling of a member. Please inform the Newsletter Editor directly or through one of the chaplains.



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## Flags on Town Square Registration Form How to Sponsor a Flag

- \$100 per year payable to American Legion Post 593
- Businesses can "Sponsored By"
- Individuals can "In Memory of"
- Proceeds support flag replacements, signs, and Veterans Programs.
- Displayed 6 times a year:
  - Presidents' Day - 20 Feb
  - Memorial Day - 29 May
  - Flag day - 14 June
  - Independence Day - 4 July
  - Labor Day - 4 Sep
  - Veterans Day - 11 Nov
- Displayed in front of Converse City Hall on Sequin St.
- Displayed with a personalized placard

Contact Dennis  
Ducharme @  
210.630.0655 to  
become a sponsor!



Name

Phone #

Address

Paid by Cash/Check

Date

Email

To Be Placed on Sign

### Receipt

Received \$ \_\_\_\_\_ from: \_\_\_\_\_

Date

For sponsorship for The American Legion, Post 593's **Flags on Town Square** program for 2023.

Received by: \_\_\_\_\_



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April 28, 2023

6:00pm - 7:30pm

Info: (210) 658-1111

Dine-in or take out.

Open to public.

# Steak Night



12-oz ribeye cooked to order.

Salad, dinner rolls, and choice of vegetable.

**All this for the incredibly low price of only  
\$16 per plate!**

Open jukebox for your musical pleasure.

Join us for a great meal, music, and  
fellowship.

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# Jam Session

Monthly Jams of the San Antonio Steel Guitar Association are held the second Sunday of the month from 2 PM to 5 PM at American Legion Post 593. The musical jams are free and open to the public. Food and drink are available for sale, and a donation can is passed to help benefit the Warrior and Family Support Center at Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, Texas.

**May 14, 2023**

Grill open 1- 3:30PM

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*Information*  
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Open to the public.

## *Tuesday Morning Coffee and Doughnuts Plus*



Tuesday Mornings

Time: 9-11AM

Open to the public.

**Come join for complimentary coffee,  
doughnuts, plus other goodies.  
Good fellowship and good conversation.  
Every Tuesday Morning, from 9-11 AM**

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# Auxiliary Burger Grill

**Hamburgers/  
Cheeseburgers,  
FF and dessert for  
\$8.00 per plate!**

**Time: 5:30 - 7:30 pm**

**Date: April 13, 2023**

Open to the public.



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# Chicken Fried Steak Dinner

**\$10**

April 14, 2023  
6 pm - 7:30 pm

Hand breaded  
chicken fried steak,  
mashed potatoes, gravy,  
choice of vegetable, and  
dinner roll.



Open jukebox music to follow  
for your entertainment.



Open to the public.

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# 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 \$10.00 per plate!**

**Date: April 8, 2023**

**Time: 8:00-11:00 AM**

**William M. Randolph**

**Post 593**

**326 Legion Dr W**

**Converse TX 78109**

**Information: 210-658-1111**



**To-Go orders available.  
Open to the public.**

# Bar Champion Tournament

Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup>

Noon to 5pm

Darts / Pool / Redneck Shuffleboard  
Blind Draw for Partners



Bracket Style tournament which incorporates Redneck Shuffleboard, Darts, and Billiards. 2 person teams to be drawn at random. 1st place will receive half of the pot. 2nd and 3rd place will share the other half of the pot, 2/3rds to 2nd Place, 1/3rd to 3rd Place. Entry fee to be determined soon.



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# Bus Trip to Lucky Eagle Casino



Saturday, 27 May 2023

Leave from Legion Post 593 @ 7am

Back to Legion Post 593 @ 7pm



**\$60 per person, round trip**

Must be 21.

Small coolers (6 pack size) allowed on bus.

**Only 56 seats available!** Get your tickets now!

For Tickets See Dennis Ducharme: (210) 630-0655 or

Mikey Wilson: (573) 619-8767

Games/raffles/50-50 during bus ride.



## CASINO BUS TRIP



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THURSDAY, MAY 4, 2023

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# Post 593 Shoe Drive

27 March thru 26 May 2023

Drop them off at the Post  
in the boxes provided.

Please donate your gently worn, used or new shoes, sandals, boots, flip-flops, high-heels, etc. Must not have holes or soles falling off.

The Post will make .40 per pound. All funds raised will go into the general fund.



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**American Legion Post 593  
Boy Scout Troop  
Spaghetti Dinner  
April 21, 2023  
6-8 pm**

\$10 a plate includes salad, bread, and tea



Additionally, should you buy our American Legion Post 593 leather round (\$15), one of our Scouts will stamp your round with the emblem of your service branch AND you will receive one of our Adventure Cards, which gives you discounts at merchants in the San Antonio Area, for FREE!!!