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*Commander's Corner*



The summer heat has returned to South Texas, yet it is not stopping our post from supporting our Community, State and Nation. July was an eventful month capped off with the Department Convention and the Legacy Scholarship Dinner. John Orff led our delegation to the convention and will be updating us all on the information in August. Ken Echerd's submission of our history book took 3<sup>rd</sup> place, and Dennis Ducharme was awarded the Joint Member of the Year for SAL and the Legion. Congratulations for these outstanding accomplishments.

As we start this new Legion Year it is important that we focus on building an Active Membership. All of us are Ambassadors of Post 593 and the American Legion. As you meet people in your lives ask if they are a member, and tell them all the wonderful things we do in supporting our local community. Invite them to the post and show them how to get involved. For those already belonging to our post, identify your

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*Auxiliary News*



August already.....

We are getting ready for another busy and productive year! Watch your emails and newsletters for all of the upcoming events!! Before you know it, the holidays will be here!!!

We have started renewing memberships for 2015 – so please pay your dues when you can, we want to be at 100% by December 31<sup>st</sup> and I know we can achieve this goal! Dues are \$25.00 and if you are paying by check please make it out to American Legion Auxiliary Post 593.

Until Next Month.....  
Michelle Muth

**Community Service—Blood Drive**

The blood drive held on July 12th during the monthly breakfast yielded 16 units of blood donations. Thanks to all who participated in this valuable community service. Watch for future opportunities to donate blood. We will try to announce them in the newsletter.

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passion or interest and get involved. We have members that mow our yard, clean our post, work the kitchen, maintain the shuffleboard table, donate blood, maintain our facility, conduct clean up along Topperwein road, and work on the various committees that we have at our post. Whatever your interest, or available time, we have an opportunity for you to be an integral part of Post 593.

I always say "Do what you can, when you can". This is more than a phrase to me. I believe it is important for all of our members to be active. However, you are the one that defines active. There are a multitude of opportunities available for all of us to be as involved as our hearts and time allows. The heart and soul of the American Legion is based on volunteers. Find your passion, join in, and together we will move forward.

Enjoy this August by stopping by for Chicken Fried Steak night, Breakfast, or Steak night. Visit with your fellow members, invite new members, and decide what you want to participate in, and how you can make it better.

This is OUR House  
Do what you can when you can

Danny Peter Muth  
Post Commander

### **SAL Corner**

Congrats to our very own S.A.L Commander Henry Creech for being installed as the 3<sup>rd</sup> Division S.A.L. Commander! We are so proud! July was a very busy month for the S.A.L. being involved with Chicken Fried Steak, Steak Night, and Breakfast. The ALR Legacy Dinner was a great success raising funds for the children of our fallen soldiers. We have started soliciting for donations and door prizes for our big event on 19 October 2014 - S.A.L. Annual Golf Tournament. Please contact Marcelo M. Buckley for additional information or to donate at [mbuckley1@satx.rr.com](mailto:mbuckley1@satx.rr.com). If you, your family or your work would like to sponsor a hole with a sign at the hole for \$50 please contact us. It helps us help the children of our veterans.

### **VA Replacing Medical Scheduling System**

The Department of Veteran Affairs has announced it is continuing the process to replace its medical appointment scheduling system through an acquisition process. VA recently met with technology vendors, which should provide VA with a better understanding of what needs to be included in the upcoming scheduling system solicitation.

Submitted by Sebastian Rodriguez, Post Service Officer

### **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.

### **RIDER'S REPORT**

I am humbled to have been selected as your ALR Director for 2014/2015. I will do my absolute best to move this Chapter down the road and to uphold your expectations. With the help of the newly elected board members, and all of you, the ALR riders, we will have an exciting and fun filled year. Keeping in mind, I understand we cannot support every function/event, but I do ask that you help when you can. We have an awesome group of riders, and together, there is nothing we can't accomplish.

Reminder of who we are as American Legion Riders. We are well known for our charitable work, which has raised hundreds of thousands of dollars for local children's hospital, schools, veteran's homes, severely wounded service member's and scholarships. Since 2006, Riders nationwide have participated in the Legion Legacy Run, to annually raise money for the Legacy Scholarship Fund, established to provide scholarships to children of U.S. military personnel killed since Sept 11, 2001.

Speaking about the American Legion Legacy Scholarship. The American Legion wants to ensure higher education is a possibility for children whose parents have been killed while serving our country while on active duty. It is a civic duty to provide them with equal opportunity. The Legion offers its support through the Legacy Scholarship Fund. As many of you know, we held our annual "Taste of Freedom" Legacy Dinner on 26 July 2014 at the Knights of Columbus in Schertz, Texas. The event was "First -Class". I cannot thank everyone enough who assisted in making this year's event a huge success. A special "thank you" goes out to Danny Muth for chairing this past year's event.

During the month of July 2014, the Riders set the bar. We participated in more than 30 events and logged over 124 hours; amazing accomplishment when you sit back and think about what we do.

In closing, once again, thank you very 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 1<sup>st</sup> Class!

A few events for August 2014:

5 Aug – ALR Grill and Executive Board Meeting  
8 Aug – Chicken Fried Steak Night and Disabled Veteran Visit  
9 Aug – Breakfast at the Post  
12 Aug – Riders General Membership Meeting  
29 Aug – Steak Night

JOHN A. BOCK  
Director, American Legion Riders

### **ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTERS**

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

## 2015 Dues Cards are in!!!

If you do not want the frequent renewal notices from National American Legion, now is the time to bring your 2015 dues to the Post. You can give them to the bartenders and they will get the dues to the Adjutant.

Our membership goal for 2015 is 698 members. We were just slightly short of this number last year and the Commander wants to be 100% this year. You can do your part by renewing and inviting an eligible veteran to join.

The dues year goes from 1 July – 30 June. So no matter when you renewed (or joined) your next year dues need to be paid on or after 1 July. When you pay your dues, \$26 goes to Austin (Department) and then on to National (Indianapolis). After that is done, you will have your membership updated in the data base for National and will be off the renewal mailing list. As you can see, this does not happen overnight.

You have the option of paying on-line. So far we have had over 35 members renew through the website: legion.org. This is the National website so your renewal is recorded much quicker. It saves time and money. The Adjutant gets notified that there are on-line renewals and sends out the 2015 card.

It's, also, "**Early Bird**" season. If you pay your dues (Legion, SAL or ALA) prior to the Chicken Fried Steak Dinner in October, you will get a special price for the dinner and be eligible for prizes. There are several really great prizes being talked about. Stay tuned – final plans have not been finalized.

## Boys State Testimonial

To the American Legion Post 593,

I am a Texas Boys State graduate of 2014 and as I pledged, I am writing an after action review of my experiences at Boys State. I won the election for city and county delegate for Berry City and Benefield County, as I progressed through the political ladder, I received exposure and earned the acceptance and respect of my fellow statesmen. I was also the city color guard for my party. I gave short, three minute speeches in which I was to express to the city and county what I stood for and why I was the best candidate for the position. As the crowds grew larger, the primaries came by, and I gave my speech for governor. Even though I received praises for my speech such as it being "a dynamite speech", I was hit hard when I did not win the election. Instead of giving up on the program and closing myself to the opportunities it presented, I decided to see this as an opportunity to show perseverance and to not give up, always keeping in mind the first advice I received there: "you will get from it as much or as little as you put into it". So I put myself to work and became involved in the Federalist Party's Platform Committee. In it I helped create the political agenda for my party in concern to immigration. I created a bill in which a "Progressive Visa" was put in place and made legal immigration seem much more feasible than illegal immigration. The day before the final elections came, I was informed that a position for Benefield County Sheriff candidate for the Federalist Party opened up, so I took that chance and ended up winning. Boys State not only taught me about the political system and procedure, it also showed me how to deal with adversity through determination and hard work and that if I set my mind to anything, and as long as I believe it I can accomplish it. Boys State is definitely a life changing experience which has shaped me and influenced me greatly and for the good. I met wonderful people with whom I could easily relate and everyone there was kind and open to conversations. I strongly encourage the continuation of the program, it is a wonderful program, one worth keeping and improving. I would like to thank the Commandant Staff, especially Major Joe Claburn for introducing me to the program and to the concept of the American Legion. The American Legion Post 593 for their cooperation, support, and kind treatment, I felt since the first day I walked in for the interview that it was a place where I truly belonged. And finally the Boys State program for giving me such a memorable week and an excellent experience.

Sincerely,

Gerardo Martinez Cordeiro (Texas Boys State Class of 2014)

*(NOTE: Major Claburn is a member of AL and ALR 593. The Boys State Governor went to Boys Nation and was elected Vice-President. We year in year out interview and select top quality boys such as Gerardo. Thanks to all who helped with fundraising for this very worth while program.)*

## Labor Day Celebration: Sunday, August 31st at 2:00 PM

**Food will be served at 2:00 PM. The post will provide burgers and hot dogs. Please bring a side dish or dessert. Come join us in honoring and saluting America's workers plus enjoying some great food and comradeship.**

## Steak Night

We would like your support and for you not to give up on us for steak night. Yes, we ran out (early) in July. We now have a handle on how many of these succulent Penhorn's steaks to purchase. Please, come out Aug 29 and try one. Additionally, an apology to the **Karaoke** singers. We had a mix-up in July so did not have it available—it will be from now on.

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## August 2014

| Sunday                          | Monday                               | Tuesday                                       | Wednesday  | Thursday  | Friday   | Saturday  |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|--|---|--|---|
| 31 Labor Day Celebration - 2 pm | Sept. 1 <sup>st</sup> Labor Day      |   |  |   | 1  | 2   |
| 3                               | 4 Dart League & Shuffleboard League  | 5 Rider Grill 6-8 pm<br>ALR Exec. Mtg. 7:30pm | 6 GAMA Mtg. 7:30 pm<br>Dinner served from 5:30 to 7 pm | 7 Grill 6 - 8 pm<br>Dart League<br>Pool League    | 8 CFS DINNER 6-8 PM - \$8<br>OPEN TO PUBLIC<br>Shuffleboard Tourney\$5     | 9 BREAKFAST 8 - 11 AM - \$6<br>OPEN TO THE PUBLIC         |
| 10                              | 11 Dart League & Shuffleboard League | 12 Rider Grill 6-8 pm<br>ALR GMM Mtg. 7:30pm  | 13   | 14 Grill 6-8 pm<br>Dart League<br>Tri-City Flyers | 15   | 16 Dart Tourney 7:15 pm<br>Shuffleboard<br>Tourney - 4 pm |
| 17                              | 18 Dart League & Shuffleboard League | 19 No Rider Grill                             | 20 Exec. Mtg. 7:00 pm                                  | 21 Grill 6 - 8 pm<br>Dart League<br>Pool League   | 22   | 23  |
| 24                              | 25 Dart League & Shuffleboard League | 26 No Rider Grill<br>SAL Mtg. - 7:30 pm       | 27   | 28 Grill 6-8 pm<br>Dart League                    | 29 STEAK NIGHT!! 6-8 PM \$13<br>OPEN TO PUBLIC!<br>Shuffleboard Tourney\$5 | 30  |



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

**\*\* Legion has breakfast and steak night!**

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

September 21<sup>st</sup> - District 20<sup>th</sup> Golf Tournament

October 19<sup>th</sup> - SAL Golf Tournament

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