



The American Legion

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August 2024

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Commander's Comments



Legion Family,

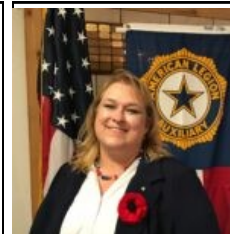
I thank everyone who came out and supported our 4th of July celebration. Fun was had by all! Our

breakfast and steak nights are getting better. If you can volunteer a couple of times a year for one of these, please do so. The Department Convention went well, with a big Congratulations to Peter Muth being installed as 3rd Division Vice Commander, Shirley Platt is our Department Historian, and George Alva as the Sons of the American Legion Detachment Commander! We wish you all success this year!

We will be moving the flag poles and the monument in the near future. To facilitate this, we will be selling bricks. Once the project is launched, these bricks can be purchased in memory of a Veteran or Legion Family member or could be a personal brick for yourself and your family. Special flyers will be sent out with the website address and QR code that you can scan to take you directly to our fundraiser site, where you can fill in your information and purchase your bricks. The bricks will be sent directly to the post to be added to the memorial. Different sizes are available. A special invitation will be sent out in a few weeks for this endeavor, so be on the look out. The ground breaking for this will be on Veterans Day, November 11, at 4:30. More information will be sent out on the ground breaking as it gets closer. We are also accepting cash donations that can be mailed or delivered to the post, please indicate that it is for the monument.

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Auxiliary News



Howdy!

Here's hoping everyone is enjoying their summer despite the extreme temperatures. Remember to stay cool and hydrated. We want you to be healthy and we want to see your smiling faces at our meetings and events.

The American Legion Auxiliary Department of Texas has installed Sharon Phelps as President, and elected Leigh-Anne Stewart as Vice-President. I know they will do a terrific job and we must do all we can to support their efforts. A special thanks goes out to immediate Past Department President Holly Heatly. We wish her the best of luck in her future endeavors and her continuing work in the Auxiliary.

Christmas is only five months away, but it is not too soon to start planning the Children's Christmas Party. We need wonderful volunteers and a charming chairperson to coordinate the party. Please let me know, as soon as possible, if you are interested. Membership is everyone's responsibility. Membership is the lifeblood of our organization. I'm inviting everyone that reads this article to attend our next meeting and see what we are doing for our community and the people we are chartered to serve. When you come to the meeting, bring someone with you that may be qualified to join the Auxiliary. Being part of what we do may appeal to the guest you bring with you. Our next general membership meeting will be at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, August 7, 2025, immediately after joint session with The American Legion.

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We are looking forward to another fun month. Don't forget about our Tuesday Morning Coffee and their "Founder's Day" Luncheon, Breakfast, Steak Night, and many other events. Make sure to check the calendar for all of the dates and times. As always, thank you to all of the volunteers that make this happen. We look forward to seeing all of you soon.

For God and Country,
Commander Creech

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In closing, I wish to thank the members who work so hard for the success of our Unit, and for those that provide the goodies and work the table for Desserts for Donations on steak nights. You're pretty awesome. Every one of you.
For God and Country.

Robin Alva
President, ALA Unit 593



SALute From the Squadron Commander

Hello SAL. Hope you're all doing well.

It's membership renewal time. The sooner you renew (or sign up a new member) the better it is for all, and especially for you! Signing up before October 11 gets you a discount on your dues plus a free chicken fried steak dinner on October 11.

Our SAL Facebook page has new Admins. If you happen to see anything derogatory, obscene, or otherwise harmful to the squadron please let Dave Paris, Dennis Ducharme or Joe Falco know.

Our annual golf tournament takes place on October 20th. Watch for an upcoming flyer with sign up information.

Just a couple of quick reminders about upcoming meals:

August 9, Chicken Fried Steak
September 13, pre Oktoberfest German meal
October 11, Early Bird dinner (CFS)

Until next month.....

For God and Country,
Rick Moe
Commander
Sq 593



Riders Report

Greetings fellow Riders and supporters. The June 2024 Installation is over and there was a changing of the guard as Director of the Riders. Ed Richards did an exceptional job this past year as the Director and I will try to continue keeping to that same standard. Special thanks to Ed one last time.

Our new year is upon us and we have a lot to do this year. Our budget is fine but we need to ensure Veteran groups are helped accordingly. Our events will be directed towards donations to those groups. The next huge event is our Hail and Farewell in Port Aransas. We did this a few years ago and it was enjoyed by many. From 16 -18 August, we will be duplicating efforts to have that same type of fun. If interested, please contact Gomer NLT 1 August 2024. We currently have 21 people attending and already secured two huge VRBO's/AirBNB's next to each other.

In the upcoming months, please help us support Veteran programs. If you are interested in joining our American Legion Rider group of approximately 95 members, please reach out to Gomer. God Bless our Veterans, families, and friends.

Paul “Timmy” Goymerac
ALR Director



1st Vice Commander Report

As one of the largest Posts in Texas, we have to work extra hard to meet and maintain our 100% goal-but it can happen and it does happen. If you have not renewed for 2025, please renew for this year as quickly as possible and bring in new members as well.

There are multiple ways to renew:

- Online at mylegion.org and print your membership card;
- Send in your reminder renewal form that is mailed by Headquarters;
- Leave a check with the bartender for the membership bag (make sure your Legion ID number is on the check).

If you have served in federal active duty in the United States Armed Forces since December 7, 1941, and have been honorably discharged; or are still serving, you are eligible to join! Bring in your friends, family, and neighbors to register for the Legion (and check eligibility for Auxiliary and Sons as well!).



2nd Vice Commander Report

It's time to PARRRRTY!!

We have lots of events coming up in the next few months and we need to start planning and working on them to make them successful and MEMORABLE! So we need everyone possible to attend the **H&E Meeting, Wednesday, August 14 at 7 p.m.** WHY?? Because we have Cornhole Championship, Shuffleboard Tournaments, Bar Championships, we have dinners, Patriot's Day, Halloween, Veterans Day, Golf Tournaments, Rider's Rides, Christmas Parties...well... this is what's known as **“Target Saturation”** and we need to hit all the targets dead on and not miss a one. It needs to be ALL HANDS ON DECK!!!! So come to the meeting and LET'S GET THIS PARTY STARTED!!!!

Oh and checkout the Cornhole Flyer later in the newsletter, I'm even trying to make a “Wings Night”

Kevin Winchowski
2nd Vice

The Fourth Pillar- Children and Youth

ROTC and School Awards Programs



With the end of the school year, ROTC and School Awards will next be awarded in the Spring 2025. We will again present ROTC awards in six high schools and UTSA and School Awards at six elementary schools and two middle schools.

There was another significant event on Tuesday, July 16, 2024. The East Central Independent School District is opening a new elementary school, Honor Elementary School, at 3610 N Graytown Rd, Converse, TX 78109, for the Fall school year. They had requested and our Post 593 Executive Committee approved our providing a United States and Texas flags to be flown at the school. The ECISD held a Leadership and Training Session on July 16th attended by all teachers and staff – well over 120 individuals. I was able to talk about our Post 593 and American Legion being based upon Duty, Honor and Country. Thus, it was symbolic that our American Legion Post 593 could provide flags to a school named “Honor” Elementary School. The pictures show my presenting the flags to ECISD Superintendent Roland Toscano and Honor Elementary School Principal Stephanie Orsak. It was a proud day for Post 593 and was well appreciated by the entire group. When school starts, I plan to go to the school and talk with their flag patrol members about the handling and folding of the flags.

Jack Leonhardt, Programs Coordinator





SCHOOOL'S OUT FOR SUMMMER!

Well not exactly for Troop 593, they have been doing a lot of learning this month. They started off learning about cooking, food safety, and running a business as they put together their first Taco Dinner Night at the Post. The top two pictures show them preparing for the meal, they netted approximately \$450.00. That was enough to pay for three and a half scouts' registration fees to continue in the Scouting program. We now have thirteen youth in the program. Thank you to all that came out and supported them and thank you to **HEB** for the \$100.00 gift card that helped defray some of the cost.



One Saturday they spent at Randolph AFB earning their Aviation Merit Badge. They had a tremendous amount of fun learning how planes fly, seeing vintage aircraft and spending time in simulators. Perhaps one or more will pick up a career in the aviation field.

The lower right picture shows an Eagle Scout candidate presenting his Eagle Scout Project to the Converse Parks and Recreation Committee. He wants to build a "Take a Book, Leave a Book Library" and a bench at Anton Schumann Nature Center here in Converse. He received their approval, now they will present it to the Converse City Council for final approval. Thus the Troop learned about layers of our government and how our troop and American Legion mirror our governing processes. Additionally they learned more about serving our community.



No rest for the weary, as they begin working on the Communication Merit Badge and Public Speaking Merit Badge at the end of the month.

Thank you Post 593 for giving these scouts an OUT-
STANDING Program!!!!





A Letter from the Sons of the American Legion Detachment Commander

Replace the Pain Project

Suicide doesn't take away the pain, it gives it to someone else. Too many people choose to end their own lives for a variety of reasons, but the common thread in every act of suicide is pain. There are many good mental health programs that address the issue of suicide among veterans and active-duty members, but children are rarely mentioned.

As S.A.L. Detachment of Texas Commander, I have created a service project specifically for children of military families. The project will succeed only with your help. It is called Replace the Pain. We will strive to replace the pain with hope and optimism. Together, we can work to reduce the incidence of child suicide in military families. Sadly, it does happen. One child ending their own life is one too many!

I have reached out to Communities in Schools South Central Texas; a non-profit organization that empowers students to achieve. One of the areas of their expertise is in Mental Health and Counseling. In their 2023 Impact Report they state, "CIS supports the mental health of students and families in two ways: Site Coordinators provide daily interventions, referrals, parent consultations, individual and group counseling or supportive guidance, suicidal ideation and self-harm interventions. Clinical counselors provide intensive, solution-focused therapy to students experiencing anxiety, depression, self-harming behaviors or suicidal ideation and the like. The opportunity is provided to those who experience barriers to accessing care in the community. This initiative is provided at no additional cost to the district and families."

Life is rough, but a child should not get to a point where they believe death is the only way out of a situation. Every child is a potential nurse, master of the arts, plumber, attorney, CEO, space explorer, admiral, teacher, electrician, luthier, movie star, world leader, house builder, soldier, author, scientist, etc. The only way to find out is to help them grow into adulthood and achieve their potential.

By this time, you're probably asking how you can help. There are two ways. The first is with financial donations. Have squadron fundraisers and make the check payable to the American Legion Department of Texas. Specify that the donation is for the Replace the Pain Project. The money will be donated to CIS. CIS will designate the S.A.L. donations to help the children of military families in the service area.

The other way to help is through personal donation of time. Time is the most valuable thing we possess and the greatest gift we can give. If there is a child you know that might be at risk of self-harm, reach out and let the child and their family know that you are there to help. You can get the child involved in an activity at which you excel. Teach the child. Share your knowledge. Give the child a purpose, something to look forward to and be excited about. Make them part of the Legion family. Help them get involved in life and in living. Let them know someone cares.

All of us working together can make this program successful and ensure that it is still relevant and helping those in need long after we have been transferred to Post Everlasting.

George Alva, Commander
Detachment of Texas



POST EVERLASTING '24

"May the Great Commander accept our Brothers and Sisters to His Everlasting Post"

Post 593 Chaplin George Alva conducted our Post Everlasting Ceremony. (left top)

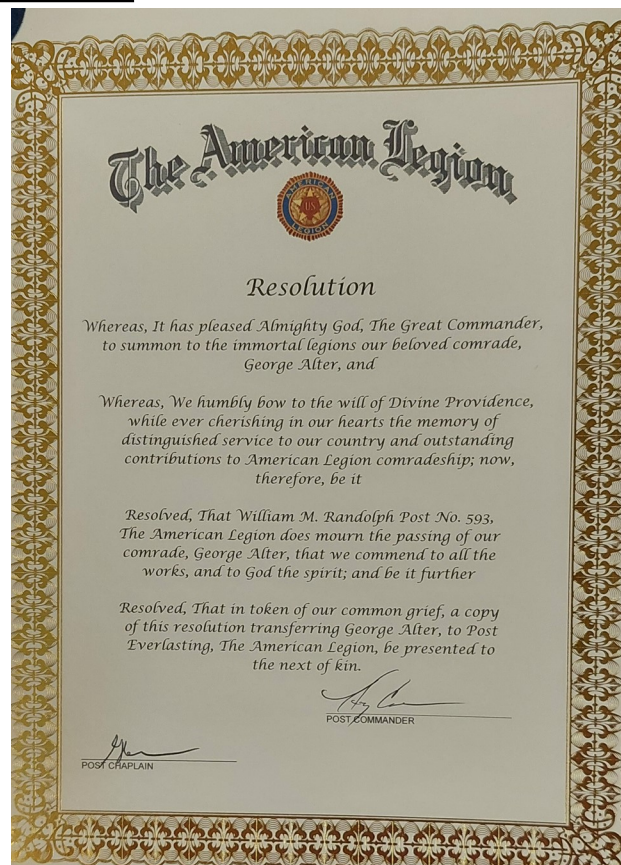
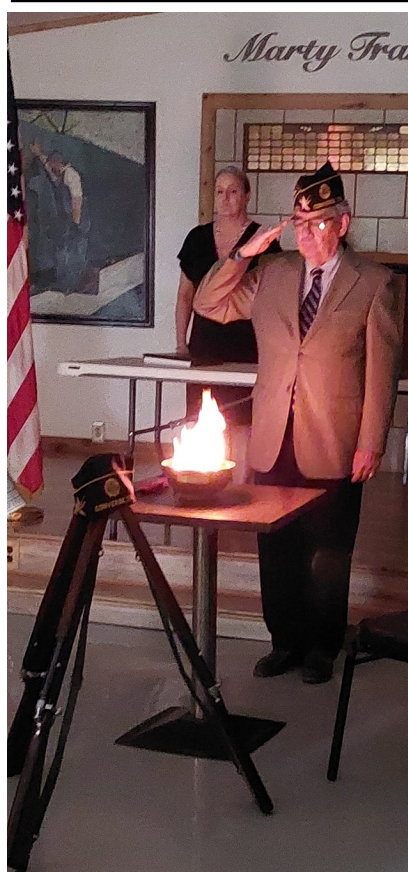
Adjutant Kellie Warrell and Chaplin Alva (top right) read the service and the stories of the lives of our recently deceased members,

Sergeant-at-Arms Tracy Burkett-Velez gives a final tribute to our members. (middle pictures left and right)

Adjutant Warrell fills out the members transfer paperwork. (left below)

Chaplin Alva transfers our members to the Great Commander and Post Everlasting. (center bottom)

Document given to each member's family. (bottom right)





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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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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!



**Surprise a friend with a
Drink Chip for our
Cantina!**

In Memoriam



The Newsletter will dedicate the space above to the memory of loved ones who have left this world much too soon. The criteria 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.

August

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Dart League 7 pm Pool League 8 pm	2	3
4	5 Boy Scouts 6:30 pm	6 Coffee & Dough-nuts 9-11 am ALR Exec Mtg 7pm	7 Dinner—BEEF STROGANOFF Post GMM 7pm Auxiliary Mtg 7pm	8 Burger Burn 5:30pm Dart League 7 pm Pool League 8 pm	9 Chicken Fried Steak Night 6pm-7:30pm	10 Breakfast 8-11:00am
11 Steel Guitar Association and Burger sales 2—5 pm	12 Zumba 6 pm Boy Scouts 6:30 pm	13 Coffee & Dough-nuts 9-11am (Taco Tuesday) ALR GM Mtg 7pm	14 H&E Meeting 7 pm	15 Founder's Day Lunch (noon) Dart League 7 pm Pool League 8 pm	16 ALR Hail & Farewell Ride thru Sunday	17 Shuffle Board Tourna- ment 2:30 pm
18	19 Boy Scouts 6:30 pm	20 Coffee & Dough-nuts 9-11 am S.A.L. GM Mtg 7pm	21 Post Exec Mtg 7 pm	22 Dart League 7 pm Pool League 8 pm	23 Cornhole Championship Tournament 6 pm	24
25	26 Zumba 6 pm Boy Scouts	27 Coffee & Dough-nuts 9-11 am	28 Articles due to Editor	29 Dart League 7 pm Pool League 8 pm	30 Steak Night 6pm - 8pm	31

Tuesday Morning Coffee and Doughnuts Plus



Tuesday Mornings

Time: 9-11AM

**Breakfast Taco Tuesday
August 13th**

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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ALA UNIT 593

General Membership Nights

5:30 PM – 7 PM or until we run out
(FIRST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH)

AUGUST 7th – BEEF STROGANOFF, SALAD, ROLL, DESSERT \$10



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SEPTEMBER 4th – TATOR TOT CASSEROLE, SALAD, DESSERT \$10



ALL PROCEEDS GO TO VETERAN PROGRAMS!!

Auxiliary Burger Grill

Hamburgers/Cheeseburgers,
FF and dessert for
\$10.00 per plate!

August 8

Time: 5:30 - 7:30 pm

Open to the public.



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Chicken Fried Steak Dinner

\$13

August 9, 2024

6 - 7:30 P.M.

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



Open jukebox music to follow
for your entertainment.

Dine in or
carry out.

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: August 10, 2024

Time: 8:00-11:00 AM

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Information: 210-658-1111



Open to the public.



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 be passed to help benefit the Warrior and Family Support Center at Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, Texas.

**August 11, 2024
2 to 5 pm**

Grill open 1- 3:30PM

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AT 6PM

SIGN UP AUG 23RD AT 5PM

August 30, 2024

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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»» *Support* ««

American Legion

Monday, September 30th

3pm – 9pm



10%

DONATION NIGHT

Support <American Legion> by
presenting this flyer to the <Live
Oak>

Location and Texas Roadhouse will
donate 10% of your total food
purchases to <American Legion>!

Search



American Legion Post 593, Converse is having a "Dine" at the Texas Roadhouse in Live Oak. Come enjoy some good food as the Roadhouse is donating 10% of your bill back to the Legion. You can dine in or take out. Just show your order taker when you order. Print it out or take a picture of it on your cell phone. Persons do not have to be members of the Legion to participate. Tell your family, friends & neighbors about it. The proceeds from this fundraiser is going for "Veterans helping Veterans in need" program

SUPPORT LOCAL BUSINESS THAT SUPPORTS US



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Live Oak



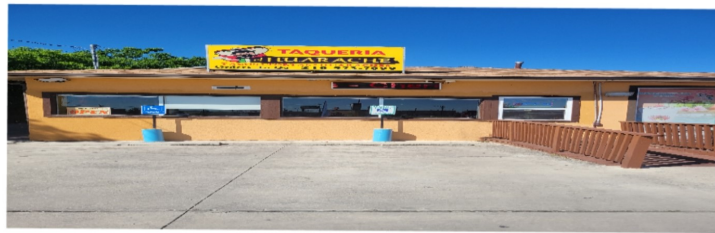
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