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Hours of Operation

Monday--CLOSED
Tue-Thurs: 3pm—9pm
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Saturday: Noon—11 pm
Sunday: Noon—6pm
(Hours may vary due to business)

Post 593 Officers:

Commander: Paul Goymerac lst Vice: Dennis Ducharme 2nd Vice: Joe Falco Adjutant: Nick Mills Finance: Ray Barger Chaplain: Ed Richards Judge Advocate: Danny Muth Historian: Kelly Osvold Service Officer: Mike Potter Sgt At Arms: Brandon Riggs Hubmaster: Dennis Ducharme Members at Large: Jimmy May, Art Osvold, Ken Rodd, Daniel Riggs,

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President: Sandy Vinson
Vice President: Robin Alva
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Historian: Vacant
Chaplain: Irma Ducharme
Sgt At Arms: Tammi Cox
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Members At Large:
Rick Moe, Ken Rodd

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Director: Paula Johnson

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Treasurer: Robin Alva
Road Captain: Sean Lowder
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Sgt At Arms: Robert Hendricks
Chaplain: Robert Comas
Service Officer: Daniel Riggs
Historian: Alice Wagener
Members at Large:
Bubba Elrod, Jay McCall, Matt Scott

Commander's Comments



As we enter the Christmas holiday season, I would like to thank our members for their ongoing support and wish everyone a Merry Christmas and happy holiday. Our Post is

slowly recovering from our Canteen closure and we are gradually seeing more members around the post. If you would like to help those less fortunate during this holiday season, we have various support events that you can get involved with. Auxiliary will still have the kids and senior Christmas party, ALR is supporting Blue Santa, and the Legion Service Officer is coordinating Christmas food baskets. Any and all assistance would be appreciated. Each event is listed on our webpage or has flyers on our Facebook site.

Last month was ended off with a successful Thanksgiving dinner and thank you to all those helped make that a great day. December will be fully packed with events in our hall but there still are available dates if you want to rent the hall. Contact Traci during business hours if you, friends,

Auxiliary News



Happy Holidays!! I pray that you and yours had a happy and safe Thanksgiving. It's so hard to believe that the New Year is going to be here so soon. Please remember

to renew your 2021 membership of \$28.00 before the end of the year if you have not done so already. We are getting closer every month to our 2021 goal with your support.

As always, we have some great events coming up so be sure to check out the monthly calendar and note the following:

Kid's Christmas Drive-Thru Party – Sunday, December 13th from 2 to 3 pm - Please sign up your children or grandchildren on the signup sheet at the Post as soon as possible. The deadline to coordinate this event is quickly approaching. Santa and his Elves want to make sure they have gifts, crafts, and goodies for all the little ones coming by this year!!

<u>Senior's Christmas To-Go Dinner</u> – Sunday, December 20th at 1 pm Continued on page 2

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or neighbors are interested. Early in December, we will be honoring Brad Grievas' life. He passed away in November. God Bless his wife and family, may he rest in peace. There are others who are battling cancer, recovering from surgery, or fighting other illnesses. Please keep them in your prayers.

Finally, December is our last month for a major membership push. If we meet our annual mission by 31 DEC 2020, it will benefit our Post immensely. Those who have not renewed, you can do so online via legion.org, stop in and pay, or mail in your renewal. If you know of any eligible friends or neighbors, please have them stop by and inquire about a membership. The more members we have, the more we can help Veterans, members, and the community.

Have a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year. God Bless our Veterans, family members, and the American Legion Post 593 as a whole.

Paul (Gomer) Goymerac Post Commander

Dear Post Family,

I am asking for you to pray for compassion and healing for all of our friends and families from all sickness. I am asking for prayers for our country. It seems we take a step backward for every step forward. We are warriors and have preserved the peace by working together, so, I ask that you pray for patience, tolerance, and healing for our great nation. We should also pray for an end to this pandemic and comfort for all those affected by this disease. Appreciate and love your families every day. I am thankful to our very active Post Family members who are always serving our needs and those of our community.

Ed Richards Chaplain Post 593

The Canteen is currently open at the following times:

Monday-Closed Tue-Thu—3PM-9PM Fri—3PM—11PM Sat—Noon—11PM Sunday—Noon—6PM

Watch our Facebook page for any changes.

The Canteen is currently set up to adhere to the State distancing mandates. Please do not rearrange chairs and tables.

A mask or face covering is required upon entry and anytime you're not seated. Please follow this closely. We don't need to draw any undue attention or face a fine/suspension from TABC.

Thank you, Traci Permenter Post Home Manager Continued from page 1

The signup sheet for this event will be posted in the hall-way at our December general membership meeting. All participants this year will need to RSVP to be served due to current circumstances and to plan accordingly.

Although we are doing things differently this year to accommodate social distancing rules, we look forward to serving our Post family and community through these great annual events.

Also, this is the time of year that we start collecting gently used or new items for the Silent Auction for the CASI Chili Cook Off which is in January. At this time, this event is still planned, however, please keep an eye on your email and our Post website for any updates or postponements. This is our largest fundraiser of the year and is how we are able to send some great young ladies to Girls State each year. Once we know for sure, if you have something you would like to donate please reach out to Michelle Muth or Sue Buckley and we will make arrangements to pick it up or you can drop it off at the Post. Please place any dropped off items in the non-smoking room and mark it "CASI".

Wishing you all a very Blessed and Merry Christmas!! Sandy Vinson ALA President Unit 593 Aux593info@gmail.com



SALute

Howdy SAL and Post 593.

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays!

Membership is still in the forefront. Keep in mind, our dues went up on October 1st to \$25 annually. Please don't let deter you from renewing or joining our great Squadron. We are very active in the Legion and Community and your participation will always be appreciated .

December 15th is the tentative SAL Christmas Party. Please watch our Facebook page and watch for emails with further details.

WE NEED QUARTERS!

Not a place to sleep, but currency. For our Annual donations to the Audie Murphy in-patient veterans. If you have any spare quarters, please consider donating. Give them to any SAL Member, pr let the Bartender on duty know that they are fro the SAL Donations if you leave them with her. Thank you, and Please pass the word!

Be safe and be well, Joe Falco Squadron 593 Commander

Due to rising costs, and additional costs we've incurred due to Covid19 requirements/losses, the prices for all Canteen served items will by raised by .25 per item starting in January.

Traci Permenter Post Home Manager

Riders Report

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

We are looking forward to a blessed 2021. January will be membership clean up, so if you haven't renewed, please do so. There will be a benefit for one of our own in January. Rolling Run in March. Make some meetings and make a difference! We are ALR 593. Christmas party December 12.

"Semper Gumby" (always flexible). God Bless.

Bubbles



Scouting Report



Scouts across the country build on the tradition of honoring our nation's fallen heroes this past Memorial Day by posting public tributes to our veterans in partnership with the National Cemetery Administration, an agency within the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

American Legion Post 593, Charters a Boy Scout Troop and a Cup Scout Pack. This year for Veterans Day, the scouting units retired over 120 flags collected over the past 6 months very honorably in two locations. The youth learned some interesting history and at the same time, practiced requirements by learning the proper way to fold the flag and respectfully retired these torn, tattered and no longer serviceable or usable flags while honoring our veterans. The first ceremony was at the Post Pavillon and the second ceremony was at City Hall.

The youth really did an awesome tribute to our veteran community and also earned respect for our nations flag as well as earning requirements for advancement. "Our Scouts learn the importance of duty to country and of honoring the people who served it through the values outlined in the Scout Oath and Law," said Boy Scouts of America CEO Roger Mosby, a U.S. Navy veteran. "It is our privilege to work with the Department of Veterans Affairs to show our gratitude to fallen service members who otherwise may not receive the attention they deserve during this trying time for our country."

Bill (Wildman) Nupp Unit Commissioner Converse Area, River District Alamo Council, BSA.

First, I want to thank everyone who donated towards the Holiday baskets. Your generosity was truly overwhelming. Your gracious donations enabled us to brighten the Thanksgiving holiday for many Legion families and families within our community. Again, thanks for your generous response for assistance.

Secondly, with current COVID restrictions and in these times of social distancing and isolation, cabin-fever and lack of social interaction coupled with the Holiday season can lead to depression for many. Please stay in touch with your family, friends and neighbors--something as simple as a phone call can make a difference.

If you are experiencing depression, please reach out whether through family, friends or professional help. Additionally, if you are a Veteran or loved one of a Veteran you can call the Veteran's Crisis Hotline at 1-800-273-8255 for assistance.

To say the least this has been a difficult year for our Legion, but thanks to our great membership who did so much behind the scenes we have survived. I have great confidence we will come back stronger than ever in the upcoming year.

Debbie and I wish everyone a joyous Holiday season and a prosperous New Year.

I Love my Legion,

Michael Potter Service Officer

American Legion Post 593

December 2020

Phone: 210-658-1111



Looking Ahead (events subject to change)

Book your Christmas Party Today!

Post Everlasting POSTPONED

Shed Cleanup January 9

Need rep from each Division on hand

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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	7 Canteen Closed	LR Exec Mtg 7:00 LR Gen Mbr Mtg 7:30 PM		10		72 ALR Christmas Party 7PM District Christmas Party Post 828 6PM
Kids Christmas Event 2PM	74 Canteen Closed	SAL General Membership Mtg 7:00PM (Tentative SAL Christmas Party)	Post Exec Mtg, 7:00 pm		18	19
0 Seniors Christmas Event 1-3PM	21 Canteen Closed		53	Post Christmas Celebration 4PM to close	25 Christmas Day Post Closed	56
	28 Canteen Closed	59	30	31 New Year's Eve Theme and Plans TBD Watch our Social Media Sites		



KEN'S HOMEMADE BREAD



I started making homemade bread during this lockdown at home. I enjoy doing it, but it also gives me something to do during the day during this home lockdown for which I am thankful.

I make the bread for those that want it FOR ONLY A DONATION OF THEIR CHOICE. ALL DONATIONS ARE GOING TO POST 593 TO USE DURING THIS SHUTDOWN FOR POST EXPENSES OR OUR PROGRAMS WE PROUDLY SUPPORT.

I make a White bread, a Raisin Bread, an Italian Bread and my all new "Chili Bread" (it has a bit of a bite)). Homemade bread is much better for you than store bought cause it does not have all those preseritives in it.

If you would like to try it just call/text me at 210 887 8827 or email to: dwgken@aol.com. You can pick up from my home, at our Legion Post or I will deliver it to you. Just let me know.

Let's help our post and help me stay busy at home!!!!!

Ken Rodd Life Member Post 593,