



William M. Randolph, Post 593

**The American Legion
Of The United States of America**

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December 2021

Hours of Operation

Monday--2pm—9pm
Tue-Thurs: 2pm—10pm
Friday: 2pm — 1am
Saturday: Noon — 1 am
Sunday: Noon — 8pm
(Hours may vary due to business)

Post 593 Officers:

Commander: Dennis Ducharme
1st Vice: Ed Richards
2nd Vice: Joe Falco
Adjutant: Nick Mills
Finance: Ray Barger
Chaplain: Kelly Mosely
Judge Advocate: Danny Muth
Historian: Kelly Osbold
Service Officer: Brad Martin
Sgt At Arms: George Alva
Hubmaster: Dennis Ducharme
Members at Large: Henry Creech,
Jack Leanhart, Jimmy May, Art
Osbold, Ken Rodd,

Auxiliary Officers:

President: Sandy Vinson
Vice President: Robin Alva
Secretary: Amanda Silvas
Treasurer: Sue Buckley
Historian: Vacant
Chaplain: Irma Ducharme
Sgt At Arms: Donna Grimmer
Members at Large:
Rosie Cherry, Michelle Muth,
Patricia Perdok

Sons of the American Legion:

Commander: Joe Falco
1st Vice: Bill Cox
2nd Vice: Henry Creech
Adjutant: George Alva
Membership Chair: Rick Moe
Finance: Dave Paris
Chaplain: Dennis Ducharme
Historian: Ken Echered
Sgt At Arms: Ed Richards
Judge Advocate: Henry Creech
Members At Large:
Rick Moe, Ken Rodd

ALR Officers:

Director: Paul Goymerac
Asst Director: Greg Spatz
Secretary: Becky Spatz
Treasurer: Robin Alva
Road Captain: Sean Lowder
Membership: Amy Reed
Sgt At Arms: Robert Hendricks
Chaplain: Ed Richards
Service Officer: Daniel Riggs
Historian: Alice Wagener
Members at Large:
Jim Rusick, Matt Scott,
John Zimmerman

Commander's Comments



Legion Family,
First, I would be remiss if I didn't thank those who participated in all of the events in November. Wow!
Our Post recently participated in a number of significant ceremonies and events over an eight day period in support of veterans and the community. This is not unusual. We do these types of events all year long. What makes it especially worthy of recognition is the number of events in such a short timeframe. Allow me to elaborate and brag just a little...

November 6th: Grand Opening of New Converse City Park, Universal City Veterans Day Parade, Post 593 Veterans Day Ceremony & Musical Tribute with 50 year Membership Certificate Presentation

November 10th: Observation of Marine Corps 246th Birthday

November 11th: Unveiling of Heroes Memorial Monument, ALR Supports Our Lady of the Lake University Veterans Day Ceremony, Scouts Flag Retirement Ceremony at Post 593

November 13th: Texas Honor Ride Refueling by Post 593 American Legion Riders, Operation Overpass by Post 593, Post 593 Fundraiser for Legionnaire/Cancer Patient

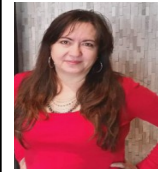
That was a busy week! Thank you to all the volunteers who made it possible!

Thanks to Brad Martin, our Service Officer, for his work taking care of veterans (he's been busy!) and for taking care of our grounds.

Thanks to Ed Richards, Dan Riggs, Nick Mills and Traci Permenter for cleaning up the Legion shed.

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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 2022 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 goal with your continued support.

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

Sunday, December 5th from 1 to 3 pm – Kid's Christmas Party – 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!!

Sunday, December 19th from 1 to 3 pm – Senior's Dinner – This is always a good time with a great meal. Hope to see a great turn out this year after missing out on our last one!!

January 15 & 16th – CASI Chili Cook-Off – This is the time of year that we start collecting very gently used or new items for the silent auction which is one of our biggest fundraisers we hold for Girls State. Please see Michelle or Sue if you have anything you would like to donate. If you drop off any items at the Post, please put them in the Auxiliary room and mark it for "CASI".

If you would like to help with any of these fun activities, please reach out. We greatly appreciate your continued support.

Reminder, our meeting this month is on December 1st at 7:30 p.m. and we would love to see you there.

Wishing you all a very Blessed and Merry Christmas!!
Sandy Vinson
ALA President Unit 593
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And thanks to Ed Richards, Dave Paris and Henry Creech for making Buddy Check phone calls.

The Thanksgiving Day meal was a huge success! Thank you to everyone who came out and made it special. As always, there was lots of great food. Thank you to Dave and Karen for baking a turkey, Peter and Michelle for smoking a turkey and cooking the ham, Dan and Amy for frying 2 turkeys and everyone who brought a side dish or dessert. And a special thank you for those that helped clean up afterwards.

Merry Christmas from my family to yours! I hope each one of you is able to spend this joyous holiday season with family and friends. Please remember those not as fortunate as us. Volunteer for one of our many programs that gives the Christmas spirit to those who may not be so happy this time of year. Remember, this time of year is difficult for many people. Put a smile on someone's face. We're collecting food and donations for family dinner baskets and toys or gift cards for underprivileged children. And we need comfort items for seniors and hospitalized veterans. Join in with one of our programs to make someone happy or start one that will help. Remember, the season is about giving! This is also a time to remember the reason for the season and celebrate. Please review the calendar carefully this month for the dates and times of all the parties. We will have our members Christmas Party, the Seniors Christmas Party, the Children's Christmas Party, the SAL and ALR Christmas parties, visiting the VA Hospital, the 20th District Party, our New Year's Eve party and many others.

I would encourage each of you to not only participate in a Legion Holiday activity, but help with the setup, donate time or money, cleanup or provide transportation for an individual who needs a ride. Not only will you be helping out the Post, but you will really feel the Christmas Spirit and the magic of the season.

Have fun and be safe. Please plan on using a designated driver or Uber. We want to see you back in 2022.

One last thing for this month. Please, please, please renew your membership before the end of the year. Everyone knows how important this is for this year. If you are having difficulty or know of anyone who is, please contact the Adjutant, 1st Vice Commander or myself. Thank you in advance for taking care of this matter.

Again, I wish everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, and Happy New Year.

For God and Country,

Dennis Ducharme
Post Commander



SALute

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays!

This has been another challenging year to say the least, but we've managed to accomplish most of our goals. I thank each and every one of our members for that. Let's make 2022 even better!

Our SAL Christmas party will be on Tuesday, December 21, 7:00PM. Please come out, it'll be a great time!

Membership is still a top priority, please renew today.

With the new Legion year, it would be really nice to see some new faces at our monthly meetings and events. Our Monthly General Membership Meeting is always on the 3rd Tuesday of the month. Hope to see you there.

Be safe and be well,
Joe Falco
Squadron 593 Commander

Canteen News

Greetings All!

It's that time of year again and your Canteen Staff is gearing up for a festive season! Monday, Dec 13th we will begin with the 12 Drinks of Christmas and Progressive 50/50. Each day we'll offer a special Christmas themed drink at a special price (\$1-2). Get your drink card on the 13th and have it marked each day when you buy the Christmas Drink of the Day. Present your card with all 12 days marked on the 24th for a free drink of choice and be entered into a prize drawing (to be drawn at 5 pm)!

The Progressive 50/50 offers \$1 tickets (or 6 for \$5) each day beginning the 13th. Each day, beginning the 14th we will draw a ticket from the previous day to win 10% of that day's sales. 40% will be added to the next day and 50% go into the final pot. Final pot winner will be drawn at the Post Christmas Party on Dec 24th at 7 pm.

The Post Christmas Party will be held December 24th (as always!). We'll put out some snacks and encourage you to bring your favorite to share as well. Be sure and wear your favorite Holiday Attire as we will be awarding a prize (s)? for the "best"! (We don't know the definition of "best"...that totally depends on what y'all show up with!!) Hope to see everyone there!

Traci Permenter
Post Home Manager

Base entrance using VIC (Veterans ID card).

1. Stop at the visitor's center at main gate.
2. Take registration and proof of insurance.
3. Complete paperwork and you are finished.
4. Proceed to the gate.

Thank you

Brad Martin
Post 593 Service Officer



Riders Report



Welcome to December, the month where Post 593 ALR shines with great support to the community and our members. Last month ended with a very busy schedule but it was all worth it. We supported the Veterans Day unveiling of the Purple Heart monument, Our Lady of the Lake University Veterans Day Celebration, Texas Honor Ride, Operation Overpass, and Chrissy Reed's benefit. All were very successful and over a three-day period. Special thanks to all those who helped and supported all the events....you ROCK! In December, we start out with a bang by having Operation Blue Santa, 2021 ALR Christmas Party on 11 December from 5:30 pm until closing, and then conducting our second Annual Spiritual Ride on 22 DEC beginning at 5 pm. All of these events are designed to support ourselves for a great year; support those ailing, hurting or grieving; and helping the Police Department take care of many less fortunate children who would not have a Christmas present if it wasn't for Operation Blue Santa. ALR is already collecting \$25 Walmart gift cards for Operation Blue Santa or cash donations. 100% of proceeds will be donated to the Converse Police Department to buy presents and an Xmas meal for several community children. If interested in helping donate, please see Daniel Riggs, Paul Goymerac, or Sean Lowder. Our target date for purchasing gift cards is 10 December 2021 and no date is set for dropping off the stack of gift cards at the Converse Police Department. Those interested in the Spiritual Ride on 22nd December, please contact Paul Goymerac, Greg Spatz, or Sean Lowder.

Finally, I would like to reach out to the Prayer Gods in our ALR as one of our own battles Covid. John Zimmerman is doing better than yesterday but we need as many prayers as possible. Prayer power is what we are all about. To others battling Covid, please save a prayer for them as well. To everyone of Post 593, the American Legion Riders wish you a Merry Christmas and we hope to see you during the holidays. Keep your eyes on facebook for dates that we have tailgate parties on the Pavilion and support for other Legion events as a whole. God Bless our Veterans and God Bless The American Legion Family.

Paul (Gomer) Goymerac
Post 593 ALR Director

Flying Flags For Heroes

Preston Sharp is a 16-year old member of the S.A.L. in Redding, California. Six years ago, he placed a U.S. flag on his grandfather's grave and noticed that there were no flags on the graves of other veterans. This upset him to the point of taking action. He decided to make a difference. He started doing odd jobs and asked for donations to buy U.S. flags. He placed the first few hundred by himself, but before long, placing flags on the graves of veterans became a community-wide event that captured the attention of the media and the 45th President of The United States who praised him during The State of The Union Address!

National S.A.L. Commander Michael Fox has selected the Flying Flags For Heroes program as his service project during his term of office. The goal is to place U.S. flags on the graves of one million veterans buried in local cemeteries throughout the fifty-four detachments. The Commander instructed each detachment to appoint one person to oversee the project in each state. Detachment of Texas Commander Tom Arista appointed 20th District Commander George Alva to this task. Commander Alva has set the goal at 18,000 flags to be placed at cemeteries to honor those veterans who gave part or all of their lives to protect our country's freedom. It is a monumental task, but it is not beyond the ability of Texans to get it done!

The deadline is just a few days prior to the next national convention in September of 2022. The flags do not have to be placed on a specific date nor all on the same day. Even though this is an S.A.L. driven project, Commander Fox wants each event to involve the community. Invite friends, neighbors, family, elected officials, celebrities, and the media to join you.

Contact your local non-national cemetery and ask for permission to place the flags. Find out how many veterans are in the cemetery and where they are located. Some cemeteries may have flags they will let you use. If they don't, 4" x 6" stick flags are very affordable which means you can purchase them or ask for donations for this patriotic cause. On your selected date, have a brief and solemn ceremony and place the flags at each grave marker. Take photos and upload them and any other pertinent information to www.flagsforheroes.com. Record how many flags were placed. If the cemetery asks you to remove the flags, please do so and use them for another flag placement event. If you place only one flag, that puts us one flag closer to the goal, but more important than that – it is one veteran you have taken the time to honor. All veterans have paid with their lives. Some paid instantly, others paid over a lifetime.

If you have any questions please email Commander Alva at cdrsal20dist@gmail.com.


We are the proud possessors of a priceless heritage.

American Legion Post 593

December 2021

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Kids Christmas Party 1PM		Coffee & Doughnuts 9-11AM ALR Exec Mtg 7:00 PM		Pool League 8PM Dart League 7PM		ALR Christmas Party 6:00PM
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	Shuffleboard 7PM	Coffee & Doughnuts 9-11AM ALR Gen Mbr Mtg 7:00 PM	Post Exec Mtg, 7:00 pm	Pool League 8PM Dart League 7PM		CASI Christmas Party
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Seniors Christmas Dinner 1-3PM		Coffee & Doughnuts 9-11AM SAL Christmas Party 7:00PM		Pool League 8PM Dart League 7PM	Legion Christmas All Day	Merry Christmas Post Closed 
26	27	28	29	30	31	
		Coffee & Doughnuts 9-11AM		Pool League 8PM Dart League 7PM	New Year's Eve	

Looking Ahead
(events subject
to change)

All Legion Meals
start back in
January

Jam Session are
back in January

Jan 15-16
CASI Chili
Cook-Off

Help Bubba find Blue

ALA President, Teresa Simmons-Copeland, has named K9s for Warriors as a special project for her year. Her mascot is a plush dog named Blue. Blue was kidnapped at DEC. Bubba, his long-lost brother, is looking for him.

Go to Facebook "Help Bubba find Blue" to follow his adventures.

FYI: K9s For Warriors is ending veteran suicide and returning our warriors to a life of dignity and independence. They rescue and train shelter dogs to be paired as Service Dogs for warriors with service-connected Post-Traumatic Stress, Traumatic Brain Injury and/or Military Sexual Trauma. They recently opened a facility in San Antonio (near ACS on Hwy 151).

Will you help me with a donation?

ALA Unit 593

326 Legion Drive W

Converse, TX 78109

(Indicate your donation is for The K9 Warrior Program)



Tuesday Morning Coffee and Doughnuts



Tuesday Mornings
Time: 9-11AM

**Come join for complimentary coffee and
doughnuts, fellowship, and good
conversation.**

Every Tuesday Morning, from 9-11 AM

**William M. Randolph
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Canteen Christmas 2021 at Post 593



12 Drinks of Christmas (Dec 13 – 24)

The Canteen will offer a different Christmas themed drink each day at a special price (\$1 – 2). Buy the first drink on the 13th, get a card and have it marked. Bring the card in each day and get it marked when you buy the “Christmas drink of the day”. On Dec 24th, at 5 pm, everyone with all 12 drinks marked will receive a free drink and be entered into a drawing for a prize! (Drawing held at 5:30)



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Progressive 50/50 Drawing

We'll start selling tickets on the 13th of December at \$1 per ticket or 6 tickets for \$5. Beginning December 14th, at approximately 5 pm each day, we'll draw a winner (need not be present to win) who will receive 10% of that day's pot. 40% will be added to the next day's pot, and 50% will go into the final pot. On Dec 24th, at approximately 7 pm we'll draw the winning name of the final pot!





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29th Chili Cookoffs

January 15 & 16, 2022

326 Legion Drive W, Converse, TX



CHILI- Sat \$22.00 entry fee, 2:00 pm turn in
Sun \$22.00 entry fee, 1:00 pm turn in.

Open meat both days

Special prize for the cook with the most points in chili both days awarded Sunday.



Beans - Saturday - turn in at noon. \$5.00 entry-
50% to 1st place beans.

Do not miss this great auction on Saturday from 11-to
after announcements- here you find great item at great
prices



Complementary breakfast Saturday and
Sunday from 8 am to 10 am . Serve yourself
on how much you want to eat.



Saturday nite starting about 6 PM, one of Post 593
favorite DJs making his once a year appearance, all
the way from Houston TX - Welcome back NIGEL



Covered Pavilion to cook under for 30 plus cooks .
Plenty of RV Parking - no hookups- check in anytime.

For more information contact Ken Rodd - cell 210 887 8827 or email at
casihotrodd@aol.com



A military veteran is entitled to a FREE Texas License plate if you received one of these medals. You DO NOT have to be disabled. Unmarried spouse's of deceased veterans are eligible also for these plates

Air Force Cross

Air Medal

Air Medal with Valor

Airman's Medal

Army of Occupation Medal

Army Distinguished

Service Cross

Bronze Star

Bronze Star with Valor

Coast Guard Medal

Defense Meritorious

Medal

Defense Superior Service

Medal

Distinguished Flying Cross

Distinguished Flying Cross

with Valor

Distinguished Service

Medal- Air Force, Army

Coast Guard, Navy

Distinguished Service

Medal Dept. of Defense,

Dept of Homeland

Security, Dept of Transp

Legion of Merit

Meritorious Service Medal

Navy/Marine Corp Medal

Navy Cross

POW Medal

Silver Star

Soldiers's Medal

For a Dept of Motor Vehicles application email me:
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Ken Rodd

American Legion & VFW Member