



The American Legion
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December 2022

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Mon-Fri: 2 pm—9 pm
Sat: 12 pm — 9 pm
Sun: 12 pm — 8 pm

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Commander's Comments



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year everyone! I hope you had a great Thanksgiving with family and friends. Thank you to all who cooked and brought food for the Post's Thanksgiving Dinner. Everyone had a wonderful time! The decorations in the hall and Post look great. Thank you to all the volunteers who spent time shopping for new decorations and for those who put them up. There are lots of parties this time of year and the Legion has some too. The 20th District party will be held at our Post on Saturday, December 3rd at 6 pm (open to all members of all posts within the 20th District). The Children's party will be held on Sunday, 11 December at 1 pm, and the Seniors party is on Sunday, 18 December at 1 pm. Be sure to sign up if you'll be attending either the Children's or Seniors party. Space is limited. Welcome to all new members! Especially the ones from Windcrest Post 612. In case you didn't know, Post 612 has merged with us. Have you signed up to receive the newsletter by email? If you'd like to receive it, send an email to alpost593newsletter@yahoo.com and provide your email address. You'll get a notice when the newsletter is available, with a link to take you there. Speaking of email, please be sure to update your email address on-line at mylegion.org. We use email almost exclusively to communicate with you from the Post level. The cost of postage is just too high to send out regular mail to over 800 members each month. Children & Youth (C&Y) Programs are important to the Legion. Next month is the District Oratorical contest. The oratorical contest allows any 9th grader and above to prepare a

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Auxiliary News



Ho Ho Ho! Can you believe it's already December? It seems like we went from 100 degrees straight to 40. Well, I guess we did. It is, after all, Texas. I hope all of you are well and looking forward to the holiday season. We are already halfway into this year so I would like to thank everyone in the Unit that supported the Unit and the Post Family thus far. We have had a lot of great things going on and will be heading into the new year on a great foot. Our Unit started the Dessert for a Donation table on Chicken Fried and Steak Nights, which has been a success. We are planning to start up again in January. Thanks again to all that contributed their baking abilities and those that enjoyed the treats. We also made our October Membership Goal Challenge set out by Department's Membership Committee. We even received an award! Thanks to V.P. Irma and all that have helped recruit and maintain our members. On page 3 I have included a couple of pictures taken during the visit from two of our Girls State attendees. Such amazing young ladies. Visiting with and hearing these young ladies speak, truly gives us hope for this country's future as well as knowing our hard work fundraising is for a great cause. Our Girls State Chairman Catherine McDonald has done a great job of networking and recruiting these ladies. With that, as busy as we have been, December will be even busier. I will highlight some of the December and January's events so please plan to join us or support from afar.

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5-minute speech on the U. S. Constitution and present it, without notes, to the judges. After all contestants finish this section, the judges draw one of four Constitutional Amendments as a topic for a 3-minute speech. The quality of the speeches always amazes me. Boys and Girls State is limited to high school juniors but are other C&Y programs sponsored by the Legion and Auxiliary. If you know of a highly qualified junior, please encourage them to research Boys or Girl State and get ready to apply.

We need a Second Vice Commander and a Member-at-Large. If you're interested in either position, please let me know. We have to advertise the vacancies for 30 days. We'll have nominations and elections at our January General Membership meeting on Wednesday, 4 January. One last note...membership. If you haven't renewed your membership for 2023, please do so soon. Our dues are still only \$36.00 for the year. You can come in and pay them, mail them to us, or go to mylegion.org and pay them online. Be sure to invite your eligible family and friends to become members. Sometimes, all it takes is to simply ask them.

From my family to yours, have a safe, happy, healthy, and blessed holiday season.

Dennis Ducharme, Commander

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First off, December 7th will be our General Membership meeting. Don't forget we now meet at 7:00 pm. This meeting will be mostly spent on firming up plans for December's events. Please attend if you can.

December 11th from 1 pm to 3 pm will be the Children's Christmas Party. The ages are infant through 11. Children from the community are invited as well. All attending need to sign up by the cut-off date to ensure they have a special gift with their name on it. The cut-off date is December 6th. Shopping will be done according to the signup list. Santa has RSVP'd and as always there will be some fun, hotdogs, treats and gifts. The signup sheet has been posted on the board at the Post. Marsha Zimmerman is chairing this event and the S.A.L. is providing hotdogs. Thank you! December 18th from 1 pm to 3 pm will be the Seniors Dinner. Sue Buckley and her crew will be organizing this day full of fun, a holiday meal, and a visit from Santa. Thanks, members, for volunteering to provide items. It is much appreciated. After speaking with Sue, she indicates she still needs \$5 HEB or Walmart gift cards. These will be used as part of the door prizes/gifts for those attending. If you would like to come and join in the most rewarding experience of preparing and serving our local seniors, let Sue Buckley know or feel free to contact me.

The ALA Burger Burn will return on Thursday January 12th from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm. Come out and let Michelle, Sue and the crew work that grill and you can take a break from cooking at home. Michelle has the touch with that grill.

The CASI Chili Cookoff hosted at our Post the third week

of January will be here in no time. The Unit will hold a silent auction on Saturday. These funds benefit the Girls State Program. We have received a lot of items and appreciate it tremendously, but we will continue to accept new or *gently used* items for the auction. If you drop off an item at the Post, please attach a note stating it is for the CASI ALA. Don't forget Sunday's cookoff is sponsored by the Unit. Come and support. The ALA grill will be open. If you'd like to be a judge on either day, there will be a signup sheet on the board.

With December soon comes January and that means if you have not renewed by then, your membership will be expired. Please beat the rush and send those renewals in. If you know of someone that has moved, or would like to join or transfer, let us know so we can reach out to them. Irma would appreciate your assistance. If you need to renew, your dues can be dropped off at the Post with "Irma" noted on the envelope, or you can mail it to the post, or even renew 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 right 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.

Please keep an eye out for email and 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 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 and would like to, please send an email to me at czavala@gvec.net or Aux593info@gmail.com and we will make sure you're added or your email address is corrected. Until we meet again, remember our Veterans, Active Duty, and their Families... our Mission! Stay safe!

Candy Zavala, Unit 593



Riders Report



Happy Holidays American Legion Riders! Winter is almost here and we have some great events coming up. December kicks off a great time for our riders and their family members beginning 10 December 2022. On 10 December we will start the morning off with our Operation Blue Santa and drop off \$25 Walmart gift cards to the Converse Police Department. KSU at 0850. If interested in donating, please drop off gift cards or money to buy cards at Post 593 canteen. Later that night we have our annual ALR Christmas Party. Social Hour begins at 6:00 pm and meal starts at 7:00 pm. That will definitely be a great time.

The ALR will conduct their 3rd Annual Spiritual Ride on Wednesday the 21st. We will ride to the homes of 4-5 riders who are ailing or fighting disease, say a prayer, and wish them a speedy recovery. Last year's Spiritual Ride was in honor of two who passed away but this year's ride has nobody who passed. It was well received last year so we hope to have a great showing. If you want more details, go to our Facebook page or email me at paul.goymerac@gmail.com. Have a merry Christmas and thanks again for all that you do. God Bless our veterans, family members, and friends.

Paul "Timmy" Goymerac, ALR Director.

SALute From the Squadron Commander



Hello to all the S.A.L members. Thank you to all that give support by being a member, going to meetings, helping with projects, and helping with membership. Thank you to Rick Moe and Dave Paris for all the work they have done with membership. At this time, we are

above our goal of 55%. We are at 70%! This coming year our membership dues will be going up to \$25.00. If you are a Legion member and you join, as a dual member you pay only \$15.00 for the S.A.L. If you have son or grandson under 18 years of age, they pay only \$15.00.

This year we will continue to help the vets at Audie Murphy by giving them 20 rolls of quarters. If you would like to donate, we accept check, cash, or quarter rolls. You can give them to me or one of the other S.A.L. officers.

We still need a Second Vice Commander. If anyone would like to help by taking this position, please let me or one of the other officers know.

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

If anyone needs or knows of someone in need of prayers, please notify our squadron Chaplain George Alva.

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

Hope to see all at the next meeting on December 20, 2022.

Bill Cox, Squadron Commander

We send our love, our prayers, and our gratitude to all the men and women in uniform who are far away and cannot be home with family and friends at this special and wonderful time of year. Thank you for your sacrifice and for our freedom.



United States Army!
United States Marine Corps!
United States Navy!
United States Air Force!
United States Space Force!
United States Coast Guard!
National Guard of the United States!

THE AMERICAN LEGION POST 593
DECEMBER 2022 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Events and times are subject to change.				1 Dart League 7 pm Pool League 8 pm	2 National Bartender Day	3 Texas Holdem Championship 1 pm 20th District Christmas Party 6 pm
4	5 Shuffleboard League 7 pm International Volunteer Day	6 Coffee & Doughnuts 9-11 am ALR Exec Mtg 7pm	7 Pearl Harbor Day (1941) Post GMM 7pm Auxiliary Mtg 7pm	8 Dart League 7 pm Pool League 8 pm	9	10
11 Kids' Christmas Party 1-3 pm	12 Shuffleboard League 7 pm	13 Coffee & Doughnuts + Taco Tuesday 9-11 am ALR GMM Mtg 7 pm	14	15 Dart League 7 pm Pool League 8 pm	16	17 National Wreaths Across America Day
18 Seniors Holiday Dinner 1-3 pm Hanukkah (through 26 Dec)	19 Shuffleboard League 7 pm	20 Coffee & Doughnuts Breakfast 9-11 am S.A.L. GMM 7 pm	21 First Day of Winter Post Exec Mtg 7 pm	22	23	24 Christmas Eve Post open
25 Christmas Day Post closed 	26 Kwanza (through 1 Jan)	27 Coffee & Doughnuts 9-11 am	28 National Call A Friend Day	29	30	31 New Year's Eve Great Gatsby Party at 593 

Post Home Manager's Message

A friendly reminder to all our friends who may be planning to spend some time in the canteen on Christmas Eve. We will remain open past 6 pm! We will remain open until the last beloved customer leaves, up until closing time. We look forward to seeing your smiling faces!

Don't forget about our Great Gatsby New Year's Eve party. Dress up in your best 20s attire (that's NINETEEN 20s) and join us as we celebrate and bring in the new year!



Members, with the Holiday Season upon us, remember that we have an amazing hall for rent for all of your festivities. For information or to schedule your party please reach out to me, Tracy Diggs at (210) 658-1111.

Flag Etiquette

Once the Colors have been posted by the Sergeant-at-Arms, under the direction of the presiding officer, proper respect is to be shown to the flag of the United States of America during the meeting. If you are leaving the room, stand, stop, face the flag and render a sharp salute. That means raising your right hand to your temple or placing your right hand over your heart. When you return to the room, face the flag, make a complete stop, render a sharp salute and then take your seat.

When the colors are in place, no object or person may pass between the US flag and the unit flag. This area is considered hallowed ground and shall not be desecrated. If you approach the podium, stop, stand before the US flag, salute and walk around the "outside" of the flag onto the platform. Exit the platform from the unit flag side, stop, turn and face the US flag and render a salute before returning to your seat.

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
\$7.00 per plate!**

Time: 5:30 - 7:30 pm

Date: January 12, 2023

Open to the public.



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Chicken Fried Steak Dinner

\$10

January 13, 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.

Information: (210) 658-1111

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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 \$8.00 per plate!

Date: January 14, 2023

Time: 8:00-11:00 AM

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Information: 210-658-1111



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



**American Legion Riders
Post 593
18th Annual Rolling Run
18 March 2023**



- Breakfast/Registration* (9:00 - 10:00 am)
 - * \$20 Riders/\$10 passengers
- 1st Bike out 10:30, last bike in by 3:00 pm
- \$\$ Poker Run \$\$
- BBQ Lunch (12:00 - 4:00 pm)
- Live Band (3:00 - 5:00 pm, 6:00 - 7:30 pm)
- Raffle
- \$\$ 50/50 \$\$
- Live & Silent Auction

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Proceeds to Benefit Veteran and Legion Programs



10/28/2022



We need judges both days, Jan 21st & Jan 22nd. Sign up at the post or call Ken Rodd, 210 887 8827

The Silent Auction



Auxiliary needs items for this event being held on
Jan 21st from 11 am - 4 pm



Come and enjoy this dinner for \$8.00 on Jan 20th
from 6 pm - 8 pm prepared by the Riders



In appreciation for you coming to our Tuesday Morning Coffee & Donuts in 2022, we will have (on December 20th) a Christmas Breakfast for you!

Eggs cooked to order, bacon, hashbrowns, and SOS on toast.

Let us know your thoughts on this.

If you plan to attend, please contact Ken Rodd at (210) 887-8872 or by email at dwgken@aol.com so that we have enough for all attending. And yes, in keeping with our Tuesday morning tradition - it will be free.

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