



The American Legion
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Commander's Comments

Hello Legionnaires,
 Where has the time gone? It seems like only a couple of weeks ago, we were getting ready for Thanksgiving, and now it has passed with Christmas right around the corner. I trust all of you enjoyed your time with family and friends. I hope all of you took a moment to reflect on whatever you are thankful for in your lives and give thanks where necessary. Personally, I am thankful for the family that my parents began many years ago. I am thankful for a very special person in my life who shall remain nameless here (although most know who that is). I am thankful for being part of the largest veteran service organization in the United States that continues to support the ideals it proposed in 1919. And I am proud to represent The American Legion Post 593 as its commander.

The holiday season is a busy time of the year for Post 593 in many ways. We come together to celebrate, we support our community, and we always support one another.

CELEBRATIONS

The 20th District Christmas Party is on Dec 2nd at Post 485. Social hour begins at 6 pm. This is open to all members of Post 593, not just District Officers. I hope to see some of you there.

The Post Christmas Party is on Christmas Eve.

The Auxiliary will be hosting the annual Kids Christmas Party and Senior Christmas Party again this year.

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Auxiliary News

Howdy!
 During this holiday season, I hope that you each take a little time and think of all the blessings you have in your life. We all have things going on in our lives, but it's good to take time and reflect on all that is good. If you are able, spread your goodwill to others. Greet others with kindness. Help when and where you can. All these little things can mean a lot to someone feeling down or in need.

The Kid's Christmas Party is Sunday, December 10th. If you haven't already, please sign your kiddos up. Always a fun time, with a special visit from Santa Claus!!! The following Sunday, December 17th is the Senior's Christmas Party.

We are still asking for new or gently used items to sell in our auctions at the CASI Chili Cookoff in January. This is our unit's biggest fundraiser. If you are able, please leave your items in the Auxiliary room and tag them for CASI. Your donations go a long way to help support your unit to sponsor these very deserving young ladies.

No one person can do everything. We all need YOU! Even if it is the smallest of tasks, it all adds up to support our veterans, community, and youth.

Robin E. Alva
 President, ALA Unit 593

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Please, keep one thing in mind as you celebrate with Post 593 and/or family and friends. These celebrations will be in vain if any of you are injured after celebrating. So, I ask one thing of each of you: Celebrate responsibly. Do all you can to ensure you make it to 2024.

COMMUNITY

Post 593 continues to support families in need by supplying grocery items so they can have their own Thanksgiving dinner. This effort was spearheaded by Brad Martin again this year, and I can't thank him enough. I know Brad had many people assisting, and I promise to thank them personally when I learn their names. Many thanks to all of them.

Post 593 hosted our own Thanksgiving Dinner so members had a place to enjoy the holiday that may not have family in the area or simply wanted to be with the people they consider family, aka FRAMILY. As usual, Post 593 provided the meats, and members provided the side dishes and desserts. Thank you to Dave and Karen Paris, Henry and Shelli Creech, Brad and Karon Martin, and Bill and Tammi Cox for preparing the turkeys, and Manny and Tracy Velez for providing the ham. I could not be there, but I know it was appreciated by all who attended.

I wish all of you a very Merry Christmas just a few weeks ago. I hope that each of you has the opportunity to spend quality time with family and friends once again. In my opinion, there is no other time of the year that compares with Christmas. This will be followed by another celebration for New Years. Check the calendar for details.

I ask all of you to think about the new motto of The American Legion; Be the One:

Be the One to ASK veterans in your life how they are doing.

Be the One to LISTEN when a veteran needs to talk.

Be the One to REACH OUT when a veteran is struggling.

Helping each other is how we maintain our strength.

Once again, thank you for all that you do. I am proud to be your commander.

Jack Leanhart
Commander



SALute From the Squadron Commander

Hello to all the S A L members .

The SAL is collecting quarters to donate to veterans at the Audie Murphy VA Hospital as well as providing a gift basket. If you would like to donate cash or quarters please see a S A L officer.

The S A L is up to 58.9% of our membership goal. Thank you to all that have renewed and a special thanks to those that joined for the first time.

We will have a short membership meeting on December 19th followed by our Christmas party. Please contact Mikey Wilson if you would like to help.

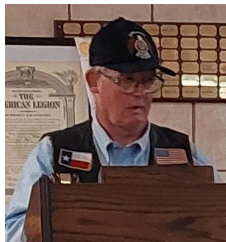
As always we are looking for ways to help the Vets and their families.

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

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

Hope to see all of you at the next meeting on December 19, 2023.

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 9 December 2022. On 9 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, please let the staff know it is for Blue Santa. 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 be a great time. ALR will also be attending the South-Central Texas ALR quarterly Meet & Greet at Post 447 in Round Rock, Texas. The ALR will conduct their 4th Annual Spiritual Ride on Wednesday the 20th. We will ride to the homes of 2-3 riders who are ailing or fighting disease, say a prayer, and wish them a speedy recovery. 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 ed.richards@comcast.net. Have a merry Christmas and thanks again for all that you do. God Bless our veterans, family members, and friends.

Ed "Mr. Gadget", ALR Director.

1st Vice Commander Report



78.39% of our 819 member goal!

Remember, bartenders should be doing membership checks; if you bring in guests, there is a sign-in sheet at the bar. Starting in January, you need to be able to show a 2024 membership card. Renew now!

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!).

The Fourth Pillar- Children and Youth

Troop 593 supported the City of Converse, our American Legion Post, furthered their personal knowledge of our natural resources and practiced the art of democracy this month.

November 11, 2023, Veterans Day, Troop 593 conducted the Honor Guard flag ceremony at the City of Converse Veterans Day Purple Heart Ceremony. A ceremony honoring Veterans and revealing the newest members of the Purple Heart Medalists. Our Commander spoke at the ceremony and the Riders attended it as well. Later that night the troop perform a Flag Retirement Ceremony retiring over 200 U.S. and Texas Flags. Members of the Riders also attended and helped retire flags that served our Nation and were in need of an honorable retirement.

Members of the troop spent a weekend camping at Garner State Park learning about wildlife, plant life, and learning, and putting into practice, wilderness survival skills. They learned how to test berries to see if they are edible, make casts of animal tracks, and how to cook a fish on a rock.

Lastly they nominated new leaders to run the troop with the election to take place in December.

Veterans Day 2023

History of Veterans Day

World War I – known at the time as “The Great War” – officially ended when the Treaty of Versailles was signed on June 28, 1919, in the Palace of Versailles outside the town of Versailles, France. However, fighting ceased seven months earlier when an armistice, or temporary cessation of hostilities, between the Allied nations and Germany went into effect on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month. For that reason, November 11, 1918, is generally regarded as the end of “the war to end all wars.”

Veterans Day continues to be observed on November 11, regardless of what day of the week on which it falls. The restoration of the observance of Veterans Day to November 11 not only preserves the historical significance of the date, but helps focus attention on the important purpose of Veterans Day: A celebration to honor America’s veterans for their patriotism, love of country, and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good.—U.S. Dept of Veterans Affairs

American Legion Post 593 Observances

Our Lady of the Lake University Ceremony

We had members attend this celebration on November 10th to honor our Veterans.

Flags on Town Square

Members of the Post placed Flags on the Converse Town Square

City of Converse Veterans Day Purple Heart Ceremony

The City of Converse inducted three members to the Purple Heart Memorial at the Senior Center. American Legion Post Troop 593 Presented the Colors for the celebration. Veteran, Mayor Al Suarez, gave opening and closing remarks thanking Veterans and their families for serving our community, nation, and world. Our Commander, Jack Leanhart, was the guest speaker. He spoke of Our Day, recognizing what we did and how the American Legion serves our Veterans. In attendance were approximately twenty Riders as well as other Legionnaires. It was a truly impressive ceremony.

American Legion Post 593 Flag Retirement Ceremony

Troop 593 hosted this year’s Veterans Day Flag Retirement ceremony where approximately 150 U.S. Flags and 50 Texas State Flags were retired. This ceremony included members of Troop 593, family members, and Riders

Pictures capturing Veterans Day 2023





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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

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Date

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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!

December

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 District Xmas Party, Post 485
3	4 Boy Scouts 6:30 pm Shuffle Bd 7:00 p.m.	5 Coffee & Doughnuts 9-11 am ALR Exec Mtg 7pm	6 Post GMM 7pm Auxiliary Mtg 7pm	7 Pot Luck Lunch—Noon Dart League 7 pm Pool League 8 pm	8 Stew and Chili Mac Night 6-8 p.m. \$8	9
10 Kids Christmas Party 1-3 pm	11 Boy Scouts 6:30 pm Shuffle Bd 7:00 p.m.	12 Coffee & Doughnuts 9-11am ALR GM Mtg 7pm	13	14 Dart League 7 pm Pool League 8 pm	15	16
17 Senior Christmas Party 1-3 pm	18 Hanukah (thru Dec 26) Shuffle Bd 7:00 p.m.	19 Coffee & Doughnuts 9-11 am S.A.L. GM Mtg 7pm	20 Post Exec Mtg 7 pm	21 Dart League 7 pm Pool League 8 pm	22	23
24 Christmas Eve Post Christmas Party	25 Christmas Post Closed	26 Kwanza (thru Jan 1) Coffee & Doughnuts 9-11 am	27	28 Dart League 7 pm Pool League 8 pm	29	30
31 NEW YEAR'S EVE						

January

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 New Year's Day Shuffle Bd 7:00 p.m.	2 Coffee & Doughnuts 9-11 am ALR Exec Mtg 7pm	3 Post GMM 7pm Auxiliary Mtg 7pm	4 Dart League 7 pm Pool League 8 pm	5	6
7	8 Boy Scouts 6:30 pm Shuffle Bd 7:00 p.m.	9 Coffee & Doughnuts 9-11am ALR GM Mtg 7pm	10	11 Burger Burn 5:30pm Dart League 7 pm Pool League 8 pm	12 Chicken Fried Steak Night 6pm-7:30pm	13 Breakfast 8-11:00am
14 Steel Guitar Association and Burger sales	15 Boy Scouts 6:30 pm Shuffle Bd 7:00 p.m.	16 Coffee & Doughnuts 9-11 am S.A.L. GM Mtg 7pm	17 Post Exec Mtg 7 pm	18 Dart League 7 pm Pool League 8 pm	19 CASI Cookoff Spaghetti Dinner 6 pm	20 CASI Cookoff
21 CASI Cookoff	22 Boy Scouts 6:30 pm Shuffle Bd 7:00 p.m.	23 Coffee & Doughnuts 9-11 am	24	25 Dart League 7 pm Pool League 8 pm	26 Steak Night 6pm - 8pm	27
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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.

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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Sons Of American Legion and Capo's Pizza



**Order from Capo's Pizza from Monday
November 27th to Sunday December 3rd and
Capos will donate 20% of your order to the SAL!**

*Only valid at Capo's Pizzeria located at 8522
Broadway St. This is valid with pick up and dine in
orders. Please bring this flyer in when paying for
your order.*

Purchase Amount _____

Donation Amount _____



December 8th, Come HUNGRY!!!!

Stew and Chili Mac Night 6-8 p.m. \$8



WE WILL NEED CHILI JUDGES ON SATURDAY JANUARY 20TH AT 1:59 PM & SUNDAY JANUARY 21ST AT 12:50 PM. YOU CAN JUDGE ONE DAY OR BOTH DAYS. THE SIGN UP SHEET IS POSTED AT THE LEGION.

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