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Commander's Corner



I hope everyone is having a prosperous 2015. I know we are only one month into it, but with as many things as our Post does, this year will fly by also. In January we had a New Year's Celebration, Breakfast with Blood Drive, Chicken Fried Steak night, Casi Chili Cook Off, Steak Night, and a Super Bowl Party. All were wonderful events.

I would like to highlight one event and thank its organizer. I have talked for the last year about finding your passion, and doing "What you can, When you can." Ron White has done this with by organizing the Post 593 Blood drives each quarter. In January, we as a post donated 15 units. These units were raised to support River, a 2 ½ year old boy fighting cancer. This is an incredible way for our post to support our community. Thank you Ron for all of your hard work and dedication that you have shown in organizing this great quarterly event. I hope to see even more members come out and donate in April.

As the weather warms, I hope it will warm your heart and help everyone to find their

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Auxiliary News



Happy Valentine's Day!!

I want to thank everyone that came out and supported the Silent Auction we had during the Casi Chili Cook Off! Thanks to everyone that donated or purchased anything!

Without great support, the Auxiliary would not have the success it has! So, again, thank you!!! I also want to thank everyone that came out and supported breakfast and steak night – great events and fun had by all!

For the next 15 months the Auxiliary is supporting the **15 Can Challenge**!! We have placed a bin at the Legion and we are asking each member of Post 593 to donate 15 cans or perishable items – you can purchase all your items at once or pick up a few items each week. We have 15 weeks to get as many donations as we can – we want to have a trailer full! At the end of 15 weeks, we will donate all the food to a charity of our choice! Lets show all the other Posts that Post 593 REALLY ROCKS!!!

2015 is going to be a great year!

Until Next Month.....

Michelle Muth

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passion to get involved in supporting our American Legion Post, the Community, State, and Nation.

This is OUR House

Do what you can when you can

Danny Peter Muth
Post Commander

SAL Corner

Thanks for your continued support of the SAL.

Our next big event is the **Casino Night**. The event will be on Valentine's Day, February 14, 8-11PM. Casino gaming, prizes, snacks, music, renewal of wedding vows and a photo area will be provided. Tickets are a very reasonable \$30 per person which will include your gaming chips, food, and most of all, Fun! See any SAL member for tickets or more information. This event is not a fund raiser, but rather the cost is to cover expenses. It's the SAL's way of saying thanks to the Legion Family for supporting us. Come on out for a night of fun with your Sweetheart. You won't be disappointed.

Looking forward to a wonderful 2015 supporting the Legion Family

Henry Creech
SAL Commander

Notice

The Detachment of Texas has endorsed Post 593 SAL Commander Henry Creech for Detachment Commander for the 2016—2017 year. We are behind you Henry.

Legislation to Boost Vet Employment

Legislation to boost veteran employment and offer a financial break to small businesses will give military retirees, reservists, and some disabled veterans an advantage in hiring against civilians and other fellow veterans. Under the Hire More Heroes Act, a small business not offering a health plan could hire someone covered by Tricare or receiving care from the Department of Veterans Affairs and not have to pay the employer mandate stipulated in the Affordable Care Act. Read more about the bill on Military.com

Submitted by Sabastian Rodriguez, Post Service Officer

NOTARY PUBLIC

Notary service is available to Post members and their families at no cost to them. Contact Joe Guastella at 683-6582 to make arrangements.

RIDER'S REPORT

January brought us some sad news as Post 593 lost one of its longtime members, Mr. Thomas McLeod. A PGR mission was held in his honor on 23 January 2015. Mr. McLeod was an Army Veteran who served in Vietnam and retired after 27 years as a Command Sergeant Major. I want to personally thank everyone who made it out for the interment service at Ft Sam Houston National Cemetery. Our sincere condolences go out to his family and friends.

On a brighter note, the ALR attended four other fundraising events this month. Thank you to all who attended and helped cook lunch for the Casi Chili Cook-off; for those riders which attended Post 300 Fish Fry, Post 592 fundraising event, and attended the fundraising event for Rowan Wilburn, thank you so much for taking the time out of your day in supporting our other Post(s) and our community.

In closing, I want to personally thank each and every one of you for what you have done and continue to do for Post 593, the Community, State, and Country.

JOHN A. BOCK
Director, American Legion Riders

2015 Dues Cards Mandatory!!!

This time of year, members ask "Why do I have to show my membership card?" The answer is simple... "As of January 1st, your 2014 membership is expired".

Further, if you do not renew by February 1st, you will lose your continuous years of membership and be considered delinquent.

The American Legion membership year is July 1st to June 30th each year. This crosses 2 calendar years but it is the Fiscal Year for the National Legion. You hurt the post by waiting until December 31st to renew.

The National Commander Helms has announced a "member retention surge". He wants everybody to renew their membership and invite an eligible veteran. The American Legion is getting ready to celebrate 100 years and would like membership to be its largest ever for that celebration. With all the veteran's concerns it's important that Congress and other government agencies understand that the veterans do have a large and loud voice. Membership in The American Legion is a big part of that.

Remember, you can renew on-line at Legion.org. It is fast and secure. Over 115 Post 593 members have renewed on-line so far this membership year.

ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTERS

To get your name on the electronic delivery list, please send an email to post593newsletter@yahoo.com. Thanks

Boy's State

The American Legion has many programs that support the ideals of commitment to the advancement of Community, State, and Nation. As well as providing for the comfort and well-being of Veterans, The American Legion strives to aid in the growth and education of our youth. They are our future. One of the programs that specifically addresses the education of young men is American Legion Boy's State. You have probably heard about this program. In case you haven't, this is what it is about:

In the early 1930's there was a growth of socialism through Young Pioneer Camps throughout the United States. Two legionnaires from the state of Illinois decided that this was unacceptable and started the first American Legion Boy's State at the Illinois State Fair. The current program has grown immensely since then.

American Legion Boy's State is a program designed to educate young men about the true meaning of citizenship through the knowledge of how government works. High School Juniors that come from the top of their class are selected by counselors for eligibility to Boy's State. These fine young men are then screened by Post 593 and we select the top 6 – 8 to represent us as delegates in Austin. The program takes place the first week in June. Delegates travel to the University of Texas and participate for one week. They will learn the processes of government at all levels; City, County, and State. They will learn the methods of running for a multitude of offices ranging from City Councilman to State Governor. They will learn how to write, lobby for, and pass a Bill into law. They will attend a session of Congress at the State Capitol. These future leaders will make friendships and contacts that will stay with them forever. I attended Boy's State in the State of Montana many years ago and still remember the debate over the tax on milk. It isn't the significance of the topic; it is the experience that matters.

American Legion Boy's State has grown to become one of the most respected extracurricular programs in the United States. Many notable Americans have participated from all 55 Departments of The American Legion to include (in no particular order) Randy Beamer, Jon Bon Jovi, Michael Jordan, Bill Clinton, Robert Griffin III, Tom Brokaw, Neil Armstrong, Garth Brooks, and the current Governor of Wisconsin, Scott Walker. This is an outstanding program that Post 593 is proud to sponsor. So, when you hear this name in the near future as we begin our process of selecting the delegates for 2015, keep this information in mind. Ask any member of the Executive Committee if you have further questions. By all means, pull me aside and ask me anything you want in regards to Boy's State.

One last note; two boys from each Department Boy's State are selected to attend Boy's Nation in Washington, D.C. at a later date. There they will learn more about government at the national level.

For Community, State, and Nation

Jack Leanhart
Judge Advocate, Post 593

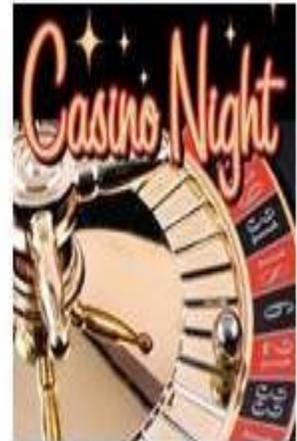
Community Service 15 Can Challenge



1. Every week when you buy groceries, purchase one extra item. It could be a can food or something non perishable.
2. Collect one item each week for fifteen weeks.
3. Drop off at your local American Legion Auxiliary Unit.
4. The Auxiliary Unit will take to the Charity of their Choice.
5. Invite as many of your friends as you can - remember we can change someone's life.
6. Many Communities will benefit.
7. Special certificate for each Unit that participates in the Can Food Drive. Please include in your midyear narrative or year end report, take pictures.
8. Challenge the Legionnaires and Sons of The American Legion to do the same.



Make plans to attend the
Valentines Casino Night



Saturday, February 14, 2015

Donation: \$30 per person

Finger food will be provided.

Roulette, Craps, Black Jack, Texas Hold 'em, and 50/50 Raffle

Schedule of Events:

- Social Hour: 7 - 8pm
- Valentines Renewal of
Wedding Vows: 7:30pm
- Game Play: 8 - 11pm
- Drawings for Prizes: 11pm

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**Everyone has a Chance
to Win!**

At the end of the night, every \$500 in play money earns a ticket. You put your ticket in for a drawing for the item you want to win.

Become a Sponsor!

Sponsor a Table at the Upcoming Valentines Casino Night

Saturday, February 14, 2015

for only \$50!

In addition to having your message displayed above the gaming table on the day of the event, you will also get an ad on the Video Board that will run from the time you submit it until the end of March 2015! That could be for 3 months!

See any SAL member for a sponsorship form!!

Saving Cans

Many thanks to those who have been helping us save cans for the past few years. This has brought into the Legion coffers almost \$10,000 in the last 11 years. Aluminum cans, brass, copper, wire, and batteries are all salvageable. No bottles or plastic please.

Thank you—John Orff

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February 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Four Chaplains 2 pm SUPERBOWL SUNDAY!!!	2 Dart League & Shuffleboard League	3 ALR EXEC. MTG 7:30 PM	4 GMM Mtg. 7:30 pm Dinner served from 5:30 to 7 pm	5 Dart League Pool League	6	7
8	9 Dart League & Shuffleboard League	10 Rider Grill 5-8 pm ALR GMM MTG 7:30 PM	11	12 In City Events Dart League Pool League	13 CHICKEN FRIED STEAK OPEN TO THE PUBLIC! 6-7:30 pm	14 Casino Night BREAKFAST OPEN TO THE PUBLIC 8 - 11 AM
15 Ferret Meeting 2 pm	16 Dart League & Shuffleboard League	17 No Rider Grill New Bldg. Committee Mtg 7:30 pm	18 Exec. Mtg. 7:00 pm	19 Dart League Pool League	20	21 Shuffleboard Tourney 3:30 pm Sign Up Dart Tourney 7:00 pm Sign Up
22	23 Dart League & Shuffleboard League	24 No Rider Grill S.A.L Meeting 7:30 pm	25	26 Dart League Pool League	27 Steak Night OPEN TO THE PUBLIC! 6 PM KARAOKE 8 PM	28



ZUMBA
 Every Tuesday
 At 6:15 pm - \$3

** Breakfast and SteakNight by the Legion **

UPCOMING EVENTS:

ALR Rolling Run - Saturday, March 21st

*We are also on Facebook - Post 593 or American Legion
 Riders Post 593 - CHECK US OUT!!!*