



The American Legion
 William M. Randolph, Post 593
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February 2023

Hours of Operation

Mon-Fri: 2 pm—9 pm
 Sat: 12 pm — 9 pm
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Commander's Comments



Welcome to February! The weather may be chilly, but we have some hot events planned this month. On Saturday, January 28th the Converse Police Department held their Coffee with a Cop event at our Post. Thank you to Ed Richards and his team for hosting them at our Post and directly contributing to the event's success.

January's Breakfast and Steak Night were also very successful. The word is getting out and our attendance is climbing each month. Thank you to the volunteers that go shopping, do all the prep work, cook, and clean up afterwards. It's appreciated!

A huge Thank You to Ken Rodd for the excellent job he did running the Legion's Chili Cook-Off. It was a huge success directly attributable to his efforts.

We will be holding our Four Chaplain's Ceremony on Friday, 3 February 2023 at 7:00 pm. If you have seen this ceremony before, I know it will be on your to do list again this year. If you haven't seen it before, I highly encourage you to come out and experience it. It is a very moving ceremony that talks about the torpedoing of a US Army transport ship and the sacrifice of four chaplains who gave up their lifejackets to save others. We have one of the best ceremonies that I have ever attended.

The Steel Guitar Jam Session starts back up on the second Sunday of the month, 12 February. If you never heard these gentleman play, you are missing out on something special.

Our Super Bowl party is also on Sunday, 12 February. We're having a Tailgate Competition in 5 food categories with judging starting

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Auxiliary News



Greetings and Happy February! I hope everyone had a productive and successful January! It was a whirlwind, but I think we, as a Unit, really took the opportunity of the fresh start by tackling and making plans for future events. January was a busy month. We had successful "Dessert for Donations" tables at both Chicken Fried and Steak Nights. Thank you so much to all that not only prepared the delicious desserts but to those guests that contributed generously. Know these funds will be used over the next few months in supporting Auxiliary Programs as well as local ALA events. I can't forget to mention the Auxiliary's Burger Burn was a success as well. Hats off to the Burger Burn crew!

In January a great number of ALA members staffed and ran the first Post breakfast of the year. I don't want to leave out our Legionnaires that joined in as well. We worked well as a team and finished the morning with several compliments as well as making funds for the Post over and above the breakfast expenses. Thank you to all that staffed the kitchen and those that supported it by having your morning meal with us. We were also fortunate to have local law enforcement join us.

The CASI Chili Cookoff Weekend was the same weekend as Department's Midwinter Conference in Austin. Well, as you can imagine, it was a fast and furious weekend, but it ended on a great note.

While some members attended the Midwinter Conference, others helped ALA with serving the CASI chili judges both days, held the Silent Auction on Saturday - one of

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at 4:00 pm. Super Bowl coverage begins at 5:00 pm with drink specials, 50/50 raffle and snacks. Bring your favorite finger food or side to share. The game starts at 5:30 pm. The ALR will be holding their 18th Annual Rolling Run on March 18th. We're looking for sponsors to help raise funds. Sponsors will be listed on a banner displayed during the run, they'll be listed in the newsletter for 3 months and they will be listed on the video board in the Post for 3 months. Please see the flyer in this newsletter for more info. These events are all open to the public.

Our Sgt-At-Arms had to resign for personal reasons. We will be taking nominations off the floor and voting for a new one during the February General Membership meeting. If you're interested in running for this position and have questions, ask any Executive Committee member. I'd like to ask everyone to update their email address and phone number on the mylegion.org website. When we need to, we'll send out email or call. Usually, it's to remind you about renewing your membership or to do buddy checks. We have about 20% of members with either a missing email address or phone number, or both. If you have trouble logging into the site, feel free to send an email to our Post at Post593tx@yahoo.com and send us your information. We'll update it for you. I promise we won't spam you.

Finally, membership. We are still pushing hard to renew as many members as possible. We did good recruiting new members and we're doing everything possible to concentrate on retention of current members. You can renew online at mylegion.org, drop a check in the mail with your membership number, or stop by the Post and renew in person. Our dues are still only \$36.00 for the year. Thank you for all you do. For God and Country,

Dennis Ducharme, Commander

2nd Vice-Commander Report



Friends! February 12th is going to be a very busy and active day at Post 593. We will have a Tailgate Competition, music from the Steel Guitar Association, Auxiliary Burger Burn, and the biggest football game of the year! May your favorite team be one of the two in this year's Super Bowl. We hope to see all your happy, smiling faces supporting your Post.

You'll notice the price of breakfast has increased to \$10 per plate. That's the result of rising food prices. This is still a great deal for the really hardy breakfast you will continue to enjoy. We thank you for your understanding and your continued support.

Mikey Wilson, 2nd Vice-Commander

our main Girls State fundraisers of the year, staffed the kitchen both days with a burger burn, and sponsored and awarded prizes for Sunday's cookoff. Wow! Everyone got their steps in each day, but the work was so worth it. Of course, it wouldn't have been as successful but for ALL those volunteered, donated items for the silent auction and those that enjoyed a burger. Unit 593 and our Girls State citizens thank you all. February 1st is our monthly General Membership meeting, 7:00. As usual there is business to conduct, after-action reports to hear and plans to be made for February, March, and April. We will also discuss the Children's Easter Party being hosted April 2nd. We have started 2023 on a roll so let's keep that momentum going. The new Post 2nd Vice, Mikey Wilson, has great ideas for upcoming events. Please join us at the meeting and I will share some plans he has in the works. I also have a fun surprise for you regarding something the Boy Scouts gifted our Unit. I can't wait to share it with you.

February 3rd at 7:00 the Unit has been asked to participate in the Four Chaplains Ceremony held each year at our Post. Though the outcome of the tragedy that occurred February 3rd, 1943, upon the Dorchester, is saddening, I never tire of hearing of the heroism of the four chaplains that compassionately comforted those soldiers that went down with the ship, while sacrificing their own lives. If you've never seen this ceremony, please consider attending. Thank you to the Legion once again for including us. A group of folks within the Legion Family will be holding a Fat Tuesday Party/Fundraising Event on February 17th. Yep, it's a Friday but that's okay. It will have a Mardi Gras theme and the proceeds will benefit one of our members, Melissa Schumann. She was recently diagnosed with breast cancer. Come out and support if you can. There will be food, auctions and more. If you'd like to help or donate, reach out to Paula Johnson.

For those that haven't seen the links for pictures taken at the Children's Christmas Party and the Seniors Dinner, they are below. You can download the pictures free of charge. You will find them along with last year's pictures just in case you would like to print one of those as well. Hats off and a big woohoo to ALA Unit member Marissa Albergaria for her wonderful photography skills.

Here is the Seniors gallery: <https://marissaalbergariaphotography.pic-time.com/Aaq1jz3qI59mK>

Here is the Kids gallery: <https://marissaalbergariaphotography.pic-time.com/c772f2ftC1tAV>

Riders Report



To our American Legion Riders. January has kicked off with Veterans Helping Veterans in full swing. We constructed a porch ramp for one of our Veterans which helps her get groceries and dog food into her house. It was a small job but was so beneficial for her needs. In late January, several of us did another Veterans Helping Veterans project to help remodel wasted area under a staircase to provide storage space. We did this on the 28th and a couple subsequent days after that to put final touches on that project. Contact Gomer if interested in helping with future projects.

In February, we have the inaugural Scavenger Hunt competition between South Central Texas ALRs and others in our community who would like to attend. The winning team will receive a traveling trophy to display in their Post and the next event will shift to either Post 245 or Post 179. The first competition will take place at Post 593 on 25 February 2023 with registration beginning at 0900. Teams may consist of up to 10 people. Motorcycles are not the only vehicles that can partake; trucks or cars are also welcome. Finally, 18 March is quickly approaching and we will have our 18th Annual Rolling Run on that Saturday. We will have a 100-mile ride, food, drinks, live music, raffle for two guns, silent & live auction, and a lot of fun. We hope to see many of you at the Post for this huge event. If you know of any businesses or people who would like to be a sponsor, contact Greg Spatz or Gomer. To all the members, families, and friends, we hope to see you around for our events. Every little bit helps. God Bless our Veterans, Families, and community as a whole.

Paul "Timmy" Goymerac, ALR Director.

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Irma, our VP/Membership Chairman, and I would like to thank everyone that renewed both online and by check. We are doing well in working towards our goal, but we still have a way to go. I will say, by looking at the unpaid member roster, a good number of the unpaid frequent the Post or are family members of those that do. Please renew or encourage your family and friends to renew ASAP as you will not be a member in good standing, won't be able to vote, hold an office, etc. You will also lose your eligibility for some of the ALA programs, to include the Auxiliary Emergency Fund. If you or someone you know needs to renew, dues can be dropped at the Post with "Irma" noted on the envelope, or it can be mailed to the Post or even renewed 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 then and 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 the 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 a Unit 593 event, 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 corrected.

I hope to see you sometime this month. You have many choices and opportunities to come down and visit or participate. Thank you all for your service to our community and Veterans. Until we meet again, remember our Veterans, Active Duty, and their Families... our Mission.

Candy Zavala, Unit 593

SALute From the Squadron Commander



Just like the month of February this article will be short and sweet. Our monthly Chicken Fried Steak Night is always successful because we have a great group of people working together as a team to produce a delicious and filling dinner for a very reasonable price. We sincerely appreciate everyone that shows up to support CFS and our other events each month.

Our membership is another success story. We've achieved the goal, and now we will work to surpass it. We're all responsible for recruiting new members and getting current members to renew. If you know of any young man who is eligible to join the Sons of The American Legion, please let me know and I will explain to him the reasons he should join our great organization.

I wish to thank the members that attend the monthly meetings and offer their contributions. Please remember that we are still in search of a 2nd Vice Commander. If you know of anyone in need of prayers or spiritual uplift, please let our Chaplain, George Alva know.

I look forward to seeing you at the February 21st meeting at 7:00 pm.
Hey guys, don't forget that Valentine's Day is February 14th!

Bill Cox, Squadron Commander

THE AMERICAN LEGION POST 593

FEBRUARY 2023 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Post GMM 7pm Auxiliary Mtg 7pm	2 Dart League 7 pm Pool League 8 pm Ground Hog Day	3 Four Chap- lains Ceremo- ny at 7:00 pm The Day the Music Died	4 Breakfast 8am- 11:00am
5	6 Shuffleboard League 7pm	7 Coffee & Doughnuts 9-11 am ALR Exec Mtg 7pm	8	9 Burger Burn 5:30pm- 7:30pm Dart League 7 pm Pool League 8 pm	10 Chicken Fried Steak Night 6pm-7:30pm	11
12 Tailgate Com- petition Steel Guitar Association Burger Burn Super Bowl Lincoln's Birthday	13 Shuffleboard League 7pm	14 Coffee & Doughnuts 9-11am ALR GM Mtg 7pm St. Valentine's Day	15 Post Exec Mtg 7 pm	16 Dart League 7 pm Pool League 8 pm	17 Melissa Schu- mann fund raiser 6:00 pm	18
19	20 Shuffleboard League 7pm President's Day	21 Coffee & Doughnuts 9-11 am S.A.L. GM Mtg 7pm Fat Tuesday Party 4:30-7:30 pm	22 Ash Wednes- day Washington's Birthday National Mar- garita Day	23 Dart League 7 pm Pool League 8 pm	24 Steak Night 6pm-7:30pm World Bar- tender Day	25
26	27 Shuffleboard League 7pm	28 Coffee & Doughnuts 9-11 am				

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!

Abraham Lincoln.
16th President of
The United States of
America.
February 12, 1809.



George Washington
1st President of
The United States of
America.
February 22, 1732.

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
\$8.00 per plate!**

Time: 5:30 - 7:30 pm

Date: February 9, 2023

Open to the public.



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Chicken Fried Steak Dinner

\$10

February 10, 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 \$10.00 per plate!

Date: February 4, 2023

Time: 8:00-11:00 AM

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Information: 210-658-1111



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



Jam Session

Monthly Jams of the San Antonio Steel Guitar Association are held the second Sunday of the month from 2 PM to 5 PM at American Legion Post 593. The musical jams are free and open to the public. Food and drink are available for sale, and a donation can is passed to help benefit the Warrior and Family Support Center at Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, Texas.

February 12, 2023

1:00 - 5:00 PM

Grill open 1- 3:30PM

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Open to the public.

The Four Chaplains' Memorial Ceremony

In the Legion Hall
Friday, February 3rd @ 7:00 pm.

The Four Chaplains were four United States Army chaplains who gave their lives to save other civilian and military personnel as the troop ship SS Dorchester sank on February 3, 1943, during World War II. They helped other soldiers board lifeboats and gave up their own life jackets when the supply ran out. The chaplains joined arms, said prayers, and sang hymns as they went down with the ship. Come join us as we honor these four brave heroes.





Thank You to Our 2023 18th Annual ALR Rolling Run Sponsors



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**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; 9 mm and AK-47
- \$\$ 50/50 \$\$
- Live & Silent Auction
- **Proceeds to Benefit Veteran and Legion Programs**



Contact Dennis Ducharme
@ 210.630.0655
To become a sponsor!

Looking for Local Sponsors: \$50 each

- Includes: Name/Logo on Banner
- 3 Months on Video Board
- 3 Months in Newsletter

(Over 850 Legion mbrs, 300 Auxiliary mbrs, 100 Sons mbrs, 125 ALR mbrs)

Name _____ Phone # _____

Address _____

Paid by Cash/Check _____ Date _____

Email _____

Receipt

Received \$ _____ from: _____

Date

For sponsorship for The American Legion Rider's 18th Annual Rolling Run, 18 March 2023.

Received by: _____


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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 _____

Paid by Cash/Check _____ Date _____

Email _____ 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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Eat Tuesday On a Friday!

Join us February 17th, 2023 @ 6 pm
in support of Melissa Schumann's
fight against breast cancer!

**Nobody
Rides
Alone** 

Music with 
DJ Mike

Brisket plates 
Gumbo 
Desserts 

Raffle items
and Beads!! 

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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

February 24, 2023

6:00pm - 7:30pm

Info: (210) 658-1111

Dine-in or take out.

Open to public.

Steak Night



12-oz ribeye cooked to order.

Salad, dinner rolls, and choice of vegetable.

**All this for the incredibly low price of only
\$15 per plate!**

Open jukebox for your musical pleasure.

Join us for a great meal, music, and
fellowship.

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