



**The American Legion**  
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**February 2024**

**Hours of Operation**  
 Mon-Fri: 2 pm—9 pm  
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 (May remain open after posted closing times to serve customers)

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**Commander's Comments**

Greetings Members,  
 Yet another month has passed us by with plenty of events happening at Post 593. First, I wish to thank all members for their patience as our staff worked through a series of illnesses that prevented our canteen from opening. It was definitely a trying time, but rest assured the building has been completely cleaned and sanitized to prevent further sickness. Once again, Thank You.

We began our month with the annual New Years Eve celebration. Our new 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander, Tracy Velez, did a great job promoting this event on short notice. Tracy will be trying different things to give members a reason to visit Post 593. Please, give her any ideas you may have to help.

The “pill basket” has been updated to only include members that have paid their 2024 dues. Names will be added as members renew their membership. Keep this in mind as you sign the Daily or Monthly Books. No current membership = no names in the pill basket.

January found Post 593 hosting our annual John Orff / Georgia Horner CASI Chili Cookoff for the 31<sup>st</sup> year and once again it was a success. Unfortunately, the number of cooks was not as high as in previous years because of the cold weather, but fun times were had by all nonetheless. I have participated as a judge for many years, and I must say that some of the best chili I have ever tasted was presented this year. I heard from several cooks that they always enjoy coming to our Post for this event because of our friendliness and enthusiasm.

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**Auxiliary News**

Howdy!  
 January was another outstanding month for your American Legion Auxiliary Unit. We truly appreciate everyone that came out and supported the CASI Chili Cookoff. As many of you know, that is our major fundraiser for Girl's State and each one of you contributed to its success.

To continue with the fundraising efforts, the Auxiliary will be serving several meals in the coming months.

- 2/11 Burger Burn 1:00 PM
- 3/6 Potato Soup 5:30 PM
- 3/22 Fish Fry 5:30 PM
- 4/3 King Ranch Chicken 5:30 PM
- 4/19 Italian dinner 5:30

We are also continuing to offer Desserts for Donations during Steak Nights.

We look forward to seeing you there! Your donations and support are greatly appreciated.

With the new year, the election of new officers will be here before you know it. Please consider stepping up to fill one of the many positions available. If you aren't currently attending meetings, we ask that you come join us and see what we're all about. We welcome your thoughts and ideas for fundraisers and other activities. Reminder that our monthly meetings are the first Wednesday of each month at 7pm. 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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Thank you to all members that stopped by to judge or merely observe. Your conduct is what keeps bringing the chili cooks back year after year.

We concluded the raffle of the Henry rifle on Saturday, January 20<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to all that purchased tickets and congratulations to the winner. This raffle garnered \$1,640 to help offset the cost of the Air Conditioning unit we had to buy earlier this year. As a non-profit organization, we must find ways throughout the year to bring in monies to help support ourselves and the many Legion programs that we sponsor. This is yet another example of what we can do if we put our heads together.

February is upon us which means the San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo is right around the corner. I hope that you take the opportunity to enjoy the events this year. Please keep this in mind when supporting the Rodeo events: The Rodeo supports our youth in many ways to include college scholarships. Although Post 593 is not participating directly, we can help the youth of our community by taking the time to visit the Rodeo grounds. If you go to the grounds, please be careful and responsible.

Folks, keep any members that are experiencing difficult times or hardships in your thoughts and prayers. Never forget that others may be having a tough time right now for reasons beyond our knowledge or understanding. They are still members and as such, deserve our support and possibly prayers.

Thank you for your support of The American Legion. We are the oldest veterans service organization and the only one that is chartered by Congress. This means we must show Congress each year that we are supporting the ideals that were set forth in the original charter such as fighting for the rights of veterans and their families as well as supporting our Community, State, and Nation. Post 593 does this as well as any post in our nation. Keep doing that!

Proud to be your Commander,

Sincerely,

Jack Leanhart  
Commander  
The American Legion Post 593



### ***SALute From the Squadron Commander***

I apologize for my mix up in last month's newsletter on the chicken fried steak schedule.

The new chicken fried steak schedule for the 2024 year is April 12th , August 9th , October 11th. March 8th has been given to the Scouts for a spaghetti dinner,

February will start a new S A L program, any member attending the five meetings from February through June will get a S A L shirt.

For the 2024-2025 year, at the February meeting the squadron will decide what will be awarded for attending nine meetings

The S A L membership is doing good, as of January 2024 we are at 93 of 129 for 72.9 %

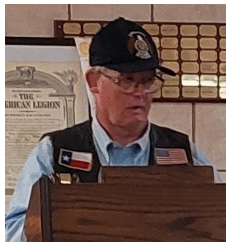
If anyone needs or knows of someone in need of prayers please notify George Alva.

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

Hope to see all at the next meeting on February 20th.

Bill Cox  
Squadron Commander

## *Riders Report*



A new year and new challenges for the American Legion Riders at Post 593. I would like to thank all the riders for their continued support as we grow and continue to support our Veterans and their associated programs. In January, we started estimating projects for our Vets-Helping-Vets program. Riders supported the Post in conducting the annual CASI cookoff. We had riders attend the American Legion Riders South Central Texas Legacy Run meeting held in Austin. We also attended the State of Texas ALR meeting held during the Departments Mid- Winter Conference. March 16th is our Rolling Run event and we are now accepting auction items. Our flyer will be posted on our Facebook site and an event will be made. On Tuesday, 6th February, our Executive Committee will review the final flyer and start hanging flyers throughout the community. This will be another great event and we will also have a live band this year. If you have not renewed your membership for SAL, Legion, or Auxiliary....please do so. You have to be in good standing with one of those Divisions in order to renew as a Rider. Amy Reed is our membership person so please coordinate to renew with ALR Post 593. The next ALR General Membership meeting will be 13 February at 7:00 pm. We had 20 – 25 members attend in January so its great to see new faces and other riders who normally do not attend meetings. We will continue to have free food beginning at 6:30 pm prior to the GMM. God bless our Veterans and have a great 2024.

Ed “Mr. Gadget” Richards

ALR Director



## *1st Vice Commander Report*

Remember, you need to be able to show a 2024 membership card to the bartender at canteen. Renew now! We are at 90.72% of our goal of 819 members. Keep bringing in those renewals and new members! There are multiple ways to renew:

- Online at [mylegion.org](http://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!). Volume 17 Issue 2 Legion Membership Update Steve Orlando, 1st Vice Commander/Membership

## **The Fourth Pillar- Children and Youth**

Troop 593 had its four newest scouts earn their first rank and one older scout earn his Life Rank, his next will be the highest rank of Eagle. We now have three Scouts working on their Eagle Rank. 2024 may be an awarding year for the troop. February will host our Annual Awards Dinner (Baden Powell Dinner) where the troop will be presented the Journey to Excellence Award, Gold Level. This is the highest award a troop can receive. Additionally we will have our inauguration ceremony for the newly elected youth leaders and Winter Court of Honor.

March will be busy with our Spaghetti Dinner on March 8th to help our scouts go to Summer Camp or use their money to pay for their Eagle Scout Service Project. Additionally in March they will have an interpatrol Chili Cookoff at their March Campout at Lake Corpus Christi State Park.

Thank you Post 593 for making all this possible for the scouts!!!!



## **Post 593 Rings in the New Year!!!**

Patrons in the tavern join in the fun performing Y. M. C. A. (above). To the right, Henry and Shelli Creech were the Hit of the Night in a Karaoke Duet!

All attending had a great time, even your editor put on his dancing shoes, which doesn't happen often.

Champagne toasts at the stroke of midnight and 2024 began!



# Burger Burn 2024 start off on Fire!!!



Dart League are on point hitting their intended targets.



## A Chilly Chili Cookoff, It's CASI Time!!!



Above, Commander Leanhart observes a contestant as our Boy Scout Troop 593 question various contestants on how to make chili and how to conduct a chili cook-off.







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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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*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!**

# February (as of Jan 30, 2024 10:00 a.m.)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<b>1</b> Dart League 7 pm Pool League 8 pm	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Zumba—6:00 pm  Boy Scouts 6:30 pm Shuffle Bd 7:00 p.m.	<b>6</b>  Coffee & Doughnuts  9-11 am  ALR Exec Mtg 7pm	<b>7</b>  Four Chaplains Ceremony 6 p.m.  Post GMM 7pm  Auxiliary Mtg 7pm	<b>8</b>  Dart League 7 pm  Pool League 8 pm	<b>9</b>  Soup & Sandwich Dinner 6-7 p.m.	<b>10</b>  Breakfast 8-11:00am
<b>11</b>  Steel Guitar Association and Burger sales	<b>12</b>  Boy Scouts 6:30 pm  Shuffle Bd 7:00 p.m.	<b>13</b>  Coffee & Doughnuts  9-11am (Taco Tuesday)  ALR GM Mtg 7pm	<b>14</b>  Valentine's Day  Bubba's 33 Din-  Ash Wednesday	<b>15</b>  Dart League 7 pm  Pool League 8 pm	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Boy Scouts 6:30 pm  Shuffle Bd 7:00 p.m.  <span style="background-color: #00aaff; color: white; padding: 2px;">Presidents Day</span>	<b>20</b>  Coffee & Doughnuts  9-11 am  S.A.L. GM Mtg 7pm	<b>21</b>  Post Exec Mtg 7 pm	<b>22</b>  Dart League 7 pm  Pool League 8 pm	<b>23</b>  Steak Night 6pm - 8pm	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>  Shuffle Bd 7:00 p.m.	<b>27</b>  Coffee & Doughnuts  9-11 am	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>  Dart League 7 pm  Pool League 8 pm		

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3	4 Boy Scouts 6:30 pm Shuffle Bd 7:00 p.m.	5 Coffee & Doughnuts 9-11 am ALR Exec Mtg 7pm	6 Dinner 5:30—7 pm Auxiliary Mtg 7pm	7 Dart League 7 pm Pool League 8 pm	8 Spaghetti Dinner 6-8 p.m. Support the Boy Scouts!	9 Breakfast 8-11:00am
10 Steel Guitar Association and Burger sales	11 Boy Scouts 6:30 pm Shuffle Bd 7:00 p.m.	12 Coffee & Doughnuts 9-11am (Taco Tuesday) ALR GM Mtg 7pm	13	14 Burger Burn 5:30pm Dart League 7 pm Pool League 8 pm	15	16 Rolling Run
17 St. Patrick's Day	18 Boy Scouts 6:30 pm 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 Fish Fry 5:30-7pm	23
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31 Easter						



*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.

**WHO'S  
READY  
FOR ZUMBA  
TONIGHT?**

*2/5/24 6:15 American Legion Post 593 (\$5 - all proceeds will go to sponsoring a young lady to Girls State in June. Bring a friend! Bring your cousin...cousins. Call your mom, aunt. Well, you get the idea!)*

## *Tuesday Morning Coffee and Doughnuts Plus*



Tuesday Mornings

Time: 9-11AM

**Breakfast Taco Tuesday  
February 13th**

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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# SOUP AND SANDWICH DINNER

\$10 PER PLATE

(In lieu of the monthly SAL Chicken Fried Steak Dinner)

[Next CFS Dinner is Friday, April 12<sup>th</sup>]



Time: 6:00 – 7:30 PM

Date: Fri, Feb 9, 2024

Choice of Ham and Bean Soup or Tomato Soup with Choice of Grilled Cheese or Grilled Ham and Cheese Sandwich. Small dessert included.

Sodas, Water or Adult Beverages Available.

Take out / To-Go meals are NOT available.

Call 210-658-1111 for info.



# 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 10, 2024**

**Time: 8:00-11:00 AM**

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**Post 593**

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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 be passed to help benefit the Warrior and Family Support Center at Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, Texas.

February 11, 2024  
2 to 5 pm

Grill open 1- 3:30PM

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Information  
210-658-1111



Open to the public.



Bring your SWEET-HEART to BUBBAS 33, 3136 Pat Booker, Universal City, for American Legion Dine Night on February 14th from 4pm to 8 pm.

Tell your server when you make your first order you are here for American Legion Dine night. This will insure 10% of your bill will be donated to our Legion Post for our "Veterans In Need Programs". This is also available on orders called in for pickup - just tell the order taker you are American Legion Dine



Their Pizza is made from scratch. The burgers are big served with alot of fries. Chicken wings are very good. All their food is good. Margarita's are excellent.

February 23, 2024

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  
\$16 per plate!**

Open jukebox for your musical pleasure.

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

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**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY UNIT 593 UP-  
COMING EVENTS**

**Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup>** (5:30 pm to 7 pm) – Potato and Ham  
soup, crusty bread, salad, dessert – \$10.00

**Friday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>** (5:30 pm to 7:30 pm) –  
Auxiliary Fish Fry  
Fried Fish, coleslaw, French fries, hush puppies and dessert  
- \$10.00

**Wednesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>** (5:30 PM – 7 PM) – King Ranch  
Chicken, salad, dessert - \$10.00

**Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup>** – Italian Night  
MORE INFO TO COME

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS.**

# TROOP 593

INVITES YOU TO A

## Spaghetti Dinner

## Fundraiser



**\$10 per plate**

**Spaghetti with sauce**

**Salad, Bread & Tea**

Scouts will be offering personalized leather rounds with your Service Branch emblem for \$10 each.

**FRIDAY, MARCH 8TH**

**6PM - 8PM**

**AMERICAN LEGION, POST 593**

*Service in Action*

# **THE GREAT TEXAS AIRSHOW**



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# *Thunderbirds*

**APRIL 6-7, 2024**

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T-6 ★ T-38 ★ T-1 ★ C-5 ★ F-16

Great fun and entertainment for the whole family.

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SATURDAY - FAMILY DAY

SUNDAY - VETERAN RECOGNITION DAY

**FREE ADMISSION**



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