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Commander's Corner



Happy New Year. I hope everyone had a blessed 2014, and is looking forward to a great 2015. I would like to thank the membership for giving of their time, energy, and money over the last year in support of our Post and causes. Let us all continue in 2015 to make this Post a place that we enjoy spending time with friends and comrades as we support our Veterans, and Veterans causes.

As a reminder you will be asked for your 2015 membership card beginning on 1 January when you enter the canteen. Please show your card pride. If you have not renewed, you will be able to do so on the spot. Remember that it takes members to accomplish all that we do, so please renew your membership with our Post. At the same time, I would like to challenge everyone to recruit one member to join in the month of January. We all know eligible future members that we associate in other areas of our lives. Bring them down, and show them the advantages of being a member of Post 593.

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Auxiliary News



Happy New Year!!!

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season! I want to thank everyone that came out and supported the Kid's Christmas Party and the Seniors Christmas Dinner. We could not have done it without all of the wonderful "workers"!! Again, THANK YOU!

We have some great events coming up in January – so mark your calendars:

Friday, January 9th - Chicken Fried Steak is back – 6 pm to 7:30 pm. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

Saturday, January 10th – SAL will be cooking up some eggs at the monthly Breakfast. Kitchen opens up at 8 am! Invite your family and your friends – OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!!

Saturday, January 17th – Casi Chili Cook Off – the Auxiliary will be having their annual Silent Auction – if you have anything slightly used or new that you would like to donate please see myself or Sue Buckley. There will also be a dart tournament and a shuffleboard tournament.

Friday, January 30st – Steak Night! The SAL will be in the kitchen – they will serve from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm or until we run out! Remember (continued from page 1)

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We will be starting Breakfast, Chicken Fried Steak, and Steak Night again in January. Come on out and enjoy good times with great people, doing amazing things. We will also have our quarterly blood drive during breakfast, so come out and give a part of yourself in support of our community, State, and Nation.

This is OUR House
Do what you can when you can

Danny Peter Muth
Post Commander

SAL Corner

Thank you all for a wonderful 2014. Squadron 593 appreciates all that our legion has done to help us meet our goals. We look forward to doing even more for our Legion in 2015.

Thank you all once again for the food and monetary donations to make the Christmas baskets a resounding success.

Please take note---if your SAL dues are due please pay them ASAP. You will not be able to join in our activities after January 1st if you fall into arrears.

One last reminder, about our monthly Chicken Fried Steak nights. Our serving hours will change to 6-7:30PM (1800-1930). Please come out to support our veterans and crew for this awesome monthly meal.

Wishing all a happy, healthy, and prosperous New Year.

Henry Creech
SAL Commander

**BLOOD DRIVE AND BREAKFAST
January 10TH**

On Saturday, January 10th, the South Texas Blood and Tissue Center blood mobile will be visiting the Post during the monthly breakfast. They will be in the parking lot from 0800-1145. Get 2015 started right and donate a unit of blood. The holidays have been hard for the blood banks and they need all "types" of blood. This post is known for its selfless generosity so let's show the blood bank some of that spirit. For God and Country, donate on January 10th.

this is OPEN TO THE PUBLIC as well!
Sunday, February 1st – SUPERBOWL PARTY!!!!

Please don't forget to pay your membership dues! If you don't pay them by January 31st, you will lose your "years". The bartenders will be asking to see everyone's membership cards starting on January 1st.

Until Next Month.....
Michelle Muth

RIDER'S REPORT

December was a great month for the Riders. We started the month off by supporting the "Blue Santa Program." We delivered two boxes of toys and \$815 in gift cards to the Converse Police Department. We then turned around that evening and got together for the Riders "Annual Christmas Party". What a great time. Approximately 68 riders showed up for this event. Finally, we supported Post 593 "Children's Christmas Party". Over 75 children attended this event and they had a wonderful time. On top of these 3 events, we supported the Mercenaries Fundraising Event, Bair Foundation Toy Drive, 4 PGR missions, Wreath's Across America, and the Raffle in support of the Legacy Scholarship. I can't think of a better way to end the 2014 year.

Side Note: From July – December 2014 you have donated 772 volunteer hours to Post 593, the Community, and the State. The events you have participated in over the past 6-month's would not be such a huge success if it wasn't for the time you sacrifice out of your day. Thank you so much for stepping up and representing our Post!

In closing, I want to personally thank each and every one of you for what you have done and continue to do. As 2014 comes to a close, I wish each and every one of you a safe and enjoyable Holiday season and may 2015 bring you much joy and happiness.

JOHN A. BOCK
Director, American Legion Riders

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.

ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTERS

To get your name on the electronic delivery list, please send an email to post593newsletter@yahoo.com. Thanks for your support to save some dollars\$\$\$.

New Building Interest Survey.....Please return by January 18, 2015

The New Building Committee would appreciate you answering the below questions in regards to whether you would support the efforts of obtaining a new Post Hall and Canteen.

We are looking at a new hall with stage, kitchen and bathroom facilities that would hold approximately 360 people and be about 8,000 sq ft. This requires 120 parking spaces total so the existing building would have to be torn down. A new canteen, kitchen, offices and bathrooms (about 5,000 sq ft) would need to be built at the same time as a new hall. The existing land we own will need to be raised approximately 3 to 6 feet in order to alleviate all existing drainage problems.

The new Hall and Canteen would be built behind the existing building removing the pavilion and the existing asphalt parking lot. All current structures would need to be demolished in order to raise the land and accommodate the necessary number of parking spots.

A new hall that can hold about 350 – 360 people could be rented for \$750 to \$900 a night. Smaller configurations would be available.

As you can see, this will require a lot of effort....approximately \$1.4 million, but it's possible. We need a total focused team effort to accomplish this project. That's why we need you to turn in this survey. You can complete one as a family, or each family member may turn in one. You can be anonymous, or add your name.

1. Do you believe we need a new Post Hall for rental/income purposes? Yes _____ No _____

2. Do you believe we need a new Post Canteen? Yes _____ No _____

3. Should we remain at our current location or look to purchase land elsewhere in Converse?

Remain _____ Look Elsewhere _____

4. Should the Post take out a traditional mortgage or raise money by selling bonds?

Mortgage _____ Bonds _____

Note: If we take out a mortgage, we would have to pay a commercial rate of approximately 6 to 7% for 15 to 18 years. If we sell bonds, we could stagger the payment periods for 5, 10, 15 or 20 years, or more and have different rates based on investment amount and length of bonds. (i.e. 5 years, 3%, 10 years 4%, etc.)

5. Would you be willing to purchase bonds if we sell them? Yes ____ No ____

6. If yes, roughly how much would you be willing to invest in bonds? \$ _____ (This will not commit you in any way.)

7. Would you be willing to join the New Building Committee if the membership decides to go forward? Yes, I would get involved: _____ No thank you: _____

Please **return** by January 18, 2015 and place in the **Election Box by the Popcorn Machine**,

Or download from the Post's website (www.Post593.org) and email to post593tx@yahoo.com

Or postal mail to: American Legion Post 593, Bldg Cmtee
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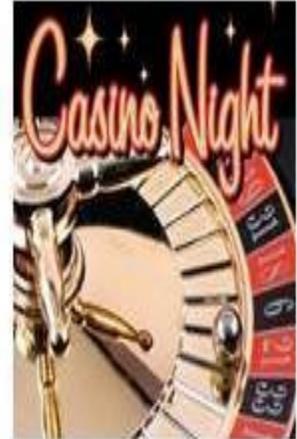
YOUR 2014 MEMBERSHIP CARD IS EXPIRED

As of December 31st, your membership in the American Legion is expired if your card says "2014". You must renew NOW to keep your continuous years current. The bartenders have been instructed to check EVERYBODY's membership card as of January 1st. If you show a 2014 or no card, you will be denied service. If you renew on the spot, ask for a receipt because you will not get a card that same minute. The adjutant has obligations in Austin from Jan 2-5. She will process the late card after that time.

The same goes for the SAL and the ALA. All membership expires December 31 for the 2014 membership year.



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!!

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January 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
February 1st Super Bowl Party!!!			1		2	3 Post 83 - Austin, TX Chili Cook Off
4	5 Dart League & Shuffleboard League	6 "Eras" Rider Grill 6-8 pm ALR EXEC. MTG 7:30 PM	7 GMM Mtg. 7:30 pm Dinner served from 5:30 to 7 pm	8 Dart League Pool League	9 CHICKEN FRIED STEAK OPEN TO THE PUBLIC! 6-7:30 pm	10 BREAKFAST OPEN TO THE PUBLIC 8 - 11 AM BLOOD DRIVE 8 AM
11	12 Dart League & Shuffleboard League	13 Rider Grill 6-8 pm ALR GMM MTG 7:30 PM	14	15 Tri City Flyers Dart League	16 CASI CHILI COOK OFF - COOK'S PARTY	17 CASI CHILI COOK OFF - Silent Auction Dart Tourney 7:15 pm SB Tourney - 4 pm Grill 5 pm - 8 pm Music
18 CASI CHILI COOK OFF	19 Dart League & Shuffleboard League	20 No Rider Grill New Bldg. Committee Mtg 7:30 pm	21 Exec. Mtg. 7:00 pm	22 Dart League Pool League	23	24
25	26 Dart League & Shuffleboard League	27 No Rider Grill SAL Mtg. - 7:30 pm	28	29 Dart League	30 STEAK NIGHT KARAOKE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC	31



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

**** Breakfast and Steak Night by S.A.L. ****

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Mid-Winter Conference - January 16-17-18 in Austin

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

**Super Bowl Sunday February 1st - come on out - will be a great
 time!!**