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Commander's Corner



Happy New Year to all! Please do not be offended when you come to the post and are asked for your membership card, the rules state if you have not paid your 2018 dues by December 31st, you are expired. There is a short lee-way if you do not want to lose your years in service, but you need to pay them as soon as possible. You can see any bartender, Velma Smith, Paul Goymerac or myself to pay dues or answer membership questions. \$36 a year is equal to \$3 a month, and we can all afford that to ensure we have people fighting for our military and veterans benefits.

We have had a very busy last 6 months. We hosted our first skeet shoot at the HAWGR ranch, we helped significantly with Hurricane Harvey, sponsored a cub scout troop, supported Blue Santa, Gifts for Children, sent gift cards for hurricane families, hosted the district Christmas party and now starting a youth shooting program! This month we have our 25th annual CASI chili cook-off! None of this would be possible without our membership, so thank you all!!!! We will be working on

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Auxiliary News



Happy New Year!!!
I pray that all had a very blessed and Merry Christmas. I want to send a HUGE shout out to everyone that helped with the Kid's Christmas Party and the Senior's Christmas Dinner. We had a great turn out for both and could not have done it without all the awesome planners and helpers. You all rock!!!

January is going to be another fun and busy month so please mark your calendars for these tasty upcoming events:

Friday, January 12th - Chicken Fried Steak is back – 6 pm to 7:30 pm. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

Saturday, January 13th – Breakfast is back. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. We will start serving at 8 am - \$6.00 for all you can eat!!!

January 19th to 21st - CASI Chili Cook Off! Auxiliary will be having our annual silent auction – this is our biggest fundraiser of the year! If you have anything slightly used or new that you would like to donate please see Michelle, Hannah or Sue. You can also bring them to the Legion's smaller meeting room and mark them for CASI. Between the food from the grill, entertainment, chili judging (my FAVE) and our monthly shuffleboard and dart

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boy's state, youth programs, community projects and various other items, so your continued support is appreciated. Let's continue the great work that 593 has been doing for years!!!

Veterans serving Veterans

For God and Country,

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tournaments, this is going to be a really fun weekend!

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Friday, January 26th – Steak Night is back – 6 pm to 8 pm or until we run out. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC and only \$13.00.

Please don't forget to pay your membership dues! If not paid by January 31st, you will lose your "years". The bartenders will be asking to see everyone's membership cards starting on January 1st.(Continued on page 2)

Until next time, respectfully yours,

Riders Report

Happy New Year!

2018 is going to be a busy year. Starting off we will host the South Central ALR Meet and Greet on Jan 6, 2018, the Rolling Run, March 17, 2018 and Apr 13-15. 2018 is the Rockport Getaway.

Jun 22-24, 2018 we host the ALR State Rally. Rally planning meetings will follow each General Membership meeting. We will need everyone to help make these events a success. If you have any ideas for Rides, please pass them to the Road Captain.

The Post and Ladies Auxiliary will host the CASI Chili Cookoff Jan 19-21, please come out and support...you can also be a judge! Thanks to everyone for donations to Blue Santa and Thanksgiving and Christmas Baskets!!

Keep Your Knees in the Breeze!



SAL Corner

Happy New Year Folks!

Wow, a new year already. Did you make your New Year's resolutions? I'm sticking with the old reliable "I'm going to lose weight this year."

Your Sons have been busy the past couple of months. In November, we donated to the Thanksgiving baskets that the Post provides to those in need.

In December we had Sons members visit and bring gifts and donations to some of the residents of the Audie Murphy VA Hospital. This included the patients who come out to our chicken fried steak dinners each month. I'd like to personally thank those folks who took the time to make goodie bags and take the time to bring a little cheer to some of our veterans. This year we collected \$350 for 35 rolls of quarters: one roll per patient for 35 patients. Thank you so much to all who donated. I truly believe we do make a difference to our community. And lastly, we donated to the Christmas baskets for those in need.

The SAL will be holding a Casino night on Saturday, 3 March. Please watch for more info.

Happy New Year from your Sons!

For God and Country,

Dennis Ducharme
Squadron 593 Commander



Due to increased prices of printing and bulk postage we ask all members that have a current email address too please send your email information to post593tx@yahoo.com.

Thank you

2017 Legion College class graduates ready to lead, mentor

Are you ready?

That was the question posed to the 2017 American Legion College class by National Commander Denise H. Rohan Friday morning, prior to the start of their graduation in the National Executive Committee Room at National Headquarters in Indianapolis.

“Are you ready to share your experiences, your talents and the knowledge you gained here this week?” she asked. “Are you ready to mentor the future leaders of this great American Legion Family? Are you ready to be ambassadors of The American Legion and know that everywhere you go, any time you are wearing The American Legion emblem, people will be looking at you as heroes? And they will be expecting you to set an example. Are you ready to be part of a special group of men and women who are so proud to call themselves National American Legion College alumni?”

All 55 students applauded in their answer to Rohan that they were ready to leave Indianapolis with a set of new leadership skills and tools and share them with their posts, districts and departments.

“I want to go back and inspire other Legionnaires. And also be able to mentor them,” said Valerie Scheuering of Post 37 in Nevada.

“The comradeship we have developed this week has been fantastic,” said Thomas Schreck of Post 1830 in New York. “With the interchange of all the different ideas, we’ve all picked up something from everybody that will help us in going back and helping our fellow veterans and Legionnaires in our hometown.”

“I didn’t know much about Legion College before coming here,” said Paul Edwards of Post 255 in Minnesota. “My mentor strongly suggested that I come. The path before me was not clear. After attending Legion College, I still don’t know exactly where my path is leading but I do know it’s going the right way.”

As the five districts’s participants lined up to accept their diploma from Rohan and receive their Legion College pin from Past National Commander and Legion College Chancellor Dave Rehbein, the district leaders spoke a few words about their group and about their hope for all 55 of the students.

“It is amazing to watch 55 Legionnaires come together for the sole purpose of evolving themselves to be a strong force and agents of change,” said Joshua Clement, a 2015 Legion College graduate and member of Post 2 in Montana.

“These Legionnaires understand the value of being a grassroots organization and know how it takes drive and effort to continue to grow us. They are all change agents. Everyone in District 1 is ready to lead up and continue to purple up to make this organization grow. Because we are The American Legion.”

More than 900 Legionnaires have graduated from American Legion College in the past 18 years, and over the course of that time the program’s curriculum has evolved to focus more on leadership development. Deanna Hurlless of Post 14 in Wyoming has been looking forward to attending the program to gain more leadership tools and knowledge and this past week she’s “learned a lot,” she said. “Now I need to pass it forward. Because that’s the reason we are here ... to pass it forward.”

Hurlless has only been a member of The American Legion for nine years because she didn’t know about the organization, as there wasn’t a presence in the community where she grew up and was never informed about the organization upon her military discharge in 1983. But once becoming a member of Post 14, she hit the ground running.

“The first time I read the preamble it was very emotional for me because of how much it meant to me. I believe in everything it says,” Hurlless said. “The American Legion is definitely a passion of mine. I believe in what we’re here for – the four pillars.”



Blue Water Veterans are not presumed to have been exposed to Agent Orange or other herbicides. Some of the open sea ships docked to the shore of Vietnam, operated in Vietnam's close coastal waters and sent smaller vessels ashore, or conducted operations on the inland waterways of Vietnam.

These Blue Water Veterans, who did not set foot in Vietnam or serve aboard ships that operated on the inland waterways of Vietnam anytime between January 9, 1962, and May 7, 1975, must show on a factual basis that they were exposed to herbicides during military service to receive disability compensation for diseases related to Agent Orange exposure. These claims are decided on a case-by-case basis.

VA maintains an evolving list of U.S. Navy and Coast Guard ships associated with military service in Vietnam and possible exposure to Agent Orange based on military records. The latest version of the ships list can be found on VBA’s [“Veterans Exposed to Agent Orange”](#) Web page.



January 2018

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 <i>Happy New Year</i>	2 ALR Exec Board Meeting 7:30 pm	3 General Membership Meeting 7:30 pm	4 Dart League Pool League	5	6
7	8 Shuffleboard League	16 ALR General Membership Mtg 7:30	10	11 Dart League Pool League	12 Chicken Fried Steak Night 6-7:30PM \$8.00	13 Breakfast 8-11AM \$6.00 Blood Drive 8-11AM Stop the Bleed class 1PM
14	15 Shuffleboard League	16 SAL GMM 7:00 pm	17 Legion Exec Meeting, 7 pm	18 Dart League Pool League Tri-City Flyers Grill 6PM	19 CASI Cook Dinner 6PM Music 7:30PM	20 25th Annual CASI Chili Cook-off—Judging 2:00PM Shuffleboard 4pm Aux Grill 5:30pm
21 CASI COOKOFF Judging 1PM	22	23	24	25 Dart League Pool League	26 Steak Night 6-8PM \$13.00	27
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January 12th, 2018

MONTHLY Chicken Fried Steak Night



Serving from 6pm – 7:30pm (or we run out)

\$8.00 -INCLUDES ALL OF THE FOLLOWING: Hand breaded Chicken Fried Steak, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Corn or Green beans and roll. Dessert will be available in October!!



We always have our residents from Audie Murphy Hospital, that are cleared to travel and capable for dinner. There is a nurse present and we enjoy treating them to dinner. Please stop by and say hello!

**American Legion Post 593
Breakfast & Blood Drive
Saturday, January 13, 2018!**



OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

2nd Saturday of every month

8:00 am—11:00 am

326 West Legion Drive
Converse, Texas 78109



On the Menu:

- Eggs to Order
- Pancakes
- French Toast
- Bacon
- Hashbrowns
- Sausage
- Sausage Gravy
- Biscuits
- Orange Juice
- Coffee
- Danishes
- Grits (on occasions)
- Fruit (seasonal)

**COME OUT AND SUPPORT
YOUR POST!!!**

\$6.00 per plate

Sorry, no to go plates

Converse, Texas—POST 593
MONTHLY SHUFFLEBOARD/DART
TOURNAMENT

Saturday, January 20, 2018

Shuffleboard—Sign up at 3:30; Blind Draw
\$5.00 per person

4:00 pm first game starts.

First 24 signed up get to play.

Darts—Sign up at 7:15 pm; first game at 7:30 pm

ALWAYS A GOOD TIME!

The Auxiliary will be serving hamburgers/
cheeseburgers—\$6.00.





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January 26, 2018



MONTHLY Steak Night and Karaoke

Last Friday of the month from January - October.

Serving from 6pm – 8pm (or we run out) Singing starts around 7:30pm

**\$13.00 -INCLUDES ALL OF THE FOLLOWING: 12-14 oz Ribeye,
Baked Potato (with all the fixings), Vegetable (corn or green beans)
salad and roll**





Come enjoy a fun night of games!

Casino Night



\$25 Donation Includes:

- Gambling Money
- Finger Foods

Casino Games Include:

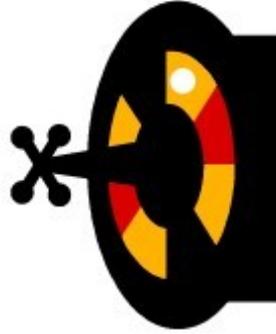
- Blackjack Tables
- Texas Hold 'Em Tables
- Craps

Schedule of Events:

- 7:00: Social Hour
- 8:00 to 11:00pm: Tables Open
- 11:00: Prize Drawings, 50/50 and Raffle Winners Drawn

Get your tickets from:

Dennis Ducharme, Chris Reed or Dave Paris



Saturday, March 3rd, 2018
7:00 – 11:00 p.m.



Events All Evening Long:

- Raffle for Great Prizes!
- 50/50 Drawing
- Live DJ
- Fun All Night Long!

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.

Check us out on Facebook!



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