



William M. Randolph, Post 593

**The American Legion  
Of The United States of America**

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January 2022

Hours of Operation

Monday--2pm—9pm  
 Tue-Thurs: 2pm—10pm  
 Friday: 2pm — 1am  
 Saturday: Noon — 1 am  
 Sunday: Noon — 8pm  
 (Hours may vary due to business)

**Post 593 Officers:**

Commander: Dennis Ducharme  
 1st Vice: Ed Richards  
 2nd Vice: Joe Falco  
 Adjutant: Nick Mills  
 Finance: Ray Barger  
 Chaplain: Kelly Mosely  
 Judge Advocate: Danny Muth  
 Historian: Kelly Osvold  
 Service Officer: Brad Martin  
 Sgt At Arms: George Alva  
 Hubmaster: Dennis Ducharme  
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 Jack Leanhart, Jimmy May, Art  
 Osvold, Ken Rodd,

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 Vice President: Robin Alva  
 Secretary: Amanda Silvas  
 Treasurer: Sue Buckley  
 Historian: Vacant  
 Chaplain: Irma Ducharme  
 Sgt At Arms: Donna Grimmer  
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 Rosie Cherry, Michelle Muth,  
 Patricia Perdok

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**Members At Large:**  
 Rick Moe, Ken Rodd

**ALR Officers:**

Director: Paul Goymerac  
 Asst Director: Greg Spatz  
 Secretary: Becky Spatz  
 Treasurer: Robin Alva  
 Road Captain: Sean Lowder  
 Membership: Amy Reed  
 Sgt At Arms: Robert Hendricks  
 Chaplain: Ed Richards  
 Service Officer: Daniel Riggs  
 Historian: Alice Wagener  
**Members at Large:**  
 Jim Rusick, Matt Scott,

*Commander's Comments*



Happy New Year Folks!

Wow.....2022 is here! If you haven't renewed your membership, you're late. Please renew today to be sure you keep your continuous years of service. We're about 100 members short of our goal and could really use your renewal. Also, I challenge everyone to recruit one new member in January. If you don't know an eligible person to join the Legion, encourage someone to renew or ask an old member to re-join. Let them know why you're a member and encourage them to join and get involved.

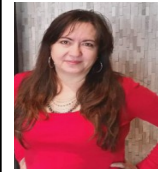
BTW, please don't be offended, but the canteen staff will be asking everyone to show their membership cards to be sure we stay legal with TABC. They will probably ask to see it multiple times until they remember who has shown them their card, so be sure to have it ready and proudly show your card.

As always, last month was busy! I need to thank all the folks who decorated the Post for Christmas, the folks who put on the Children's Christmas party, the folks who put on the Senior's Christmas party, the Post Christmas party and the folks who put on the New Year's party. But mostly, those people who came out and supported all the events. We do it for you! By attending our functions, we know you appreciate and enjoy them and your participation ensures that we will be able to put on future events.

This month we'll be working on the Oratorical contest, Boys State, JROTC awards, the CASI chili cook-off, community projects and various other programs. Thank you to all of the folks who make this happen! Post 593 rocks! And yes, we have the monthly breakfast, Chicken Fried Steak, and steak dinners back on the calendar so come on out

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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 our awesome chairpersons and volunteers. You all continue to amaze with your creativity and organization of everything that goes into the planning and execution of these wonderful events!!!

January is going to be another fun and busy month with several of our monthly events back on the calendar after the holidays, so please check out the calendar for these tasty upcoming events.

January 15<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> is the CASI Chili Cook Off! Auxiliary will be having our annual silent auction plus doing Burger Burns on the grill both Saturday and Sunday – this is our biggest fundraiser of the year! If you have anything very gently used or new that you would like to donate, please see Michelle, Hannah, or Sue. You can also bring them to the Auxiliary room at the Post and mark them for "CASI". Between the food from the grill, entertainment, and chili judging, this is going to be a really fun weekend!!

Last, but not least, please remember to renew your membership dues. If they are not paid by January 31st, you will lose your "years". The bartenders will be asking to see everyone's membership cards beginning January 1st.

Reminder, our meeting this month is on January 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. and we would love to see you there.

Until next time, may you and yours stay safe and healthy,

Sandy Vinson  
 ALA President Unit 593  
[aux593info@gmail.com](mailto:aux593info@gmail.com)

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and enjoy some great cooking and fellowship. We need volunteers to make these things happen. If you have a little free time, consider volunteering at one of these events.

The Tuesday morning (9:00am to 11:00am) coffee and donuts is going strong. In fact, there's: fruit, nuts, oatmeal, orange juice, tea, hot chocolate and more. You are welcomed to come out and share some complimentary drinks, snacks, time and conversation with fellow Legion Family members.

I don't know if you've noticed, but the Post and Legion shed both have new gutters. These gutters didn't cost the Post a dime. Generous donations were made to make it happen and the contractor, Bobby Hernandez from Roofing and Gutters, gave us a fantastic deal. We also have a lifetime warranty. Thank you to those who donated and especially Bobby!

Amy Coker's (one of our fantastic bartenders) last day was 22 December. We wish her all the best in her future endeavors. She said she may be back working one day and that she'll be around the Post. Enjoy your time off Amy. See you in the New Year!

From me and my family to you and yours, we wish you a very happy, healthy and prosperous New Year. See you around the Post.

For God and Country,

Dennis Ducharme  
Post Commander

Base entrance using VIC (Veterans ID card).

1. Stop at the visitor's center at main gate.
2. Take registration and proof of insurance.
3. Complete paperwork and you are finished.
4. Proceed to the gate.

**Brad Martin**  
Post 593 Service Officer



## Scouting Report

I would like to remind everyone that the Goal in Scouting is not just to reach the rank of Eagle Scout. The real goal is to have a successful Scouting experience. I have run into a very good article where some correspondence between a former Eagle Scout and his Scoutmaster Mr. Wood and I quote.

"Interestingly, at the beginning, it was mentioned that reaching Eagle rank is not the goal of Scouting. Reaching Eagle is the goal of the individual Scout," Wood says. "The goal of Scouting is to guide each Scout to reach First Class rank, which provides the Scout the basic first-aid skills, outdoor skills, and water safety in swimming skills and canoeing. This, plus memorizing the words of the Scout Oath and Scout Law with the gradual understanding that these are not just words to memorize but words to live by for life."

"There is more to Scouting than all the fun activities and merit badges we have a reputation for in Troop 2066," Wood says. "We can help them Be Prepared for life."

The core values within the Scouting Program give you a compass to navigate life.

## SALute



Happy New Year! It was yet another challenging year, hopefully 2022 will be better.

Thanks to Henry for setting up and conducting our SAL Christmas party. Everyone had a great time.

January brings the return of our monthly Chicken Fried Steak Dinners. See ya on January 14th!

Membership is still a top priority, please renew today.

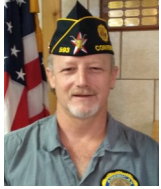
With the new Legion year, it would be really nice to see some new faces at our monthly meetings and events. Our Monthly General Membership Meeting is always on the 3rd Tuesday of the month. Hope to see you there.

Be safe and be well,  
Joe Falco  
Squadron 593 Commander

## Legion Membership Update

Please renew for 2022! You can also leave your dues with the bartender (make sure you write your name and membership ID number on the envelope) and we'll get you the new card right away. As always, you can renew online at [mylegion.org](http://mylegion.org) and print your membership card; you can send in your reminder renewal form; or you can email [ed.richards@comcast.net](mailto:ed.richards@comcast.net) and we can chat about your renewal options. As of December 2nd, we are 84.55% of our goal of 712 members. We are at 602 members and growing everyday! It is always a perfect time to renew or join! Bring in your friends, family, and neighbors to register for the Legion (and check eligibility for Auxiliary and Sons as well!). Remember, the American Legion has updated membership eligibility—now any person who has served in active duty in the United States Armed Forces since December 7, 1941, and has been honorably discharged or are still serving, you are eligible to join.

Ed Richards,  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander, Membership



## Riders Report



Greetings and Happy New Year. Last month was busy but very we enjoyed it collectively as the ALR and Legion as a whole. We donated \$750 to Blue Santa, had a great time at our ALR Xmas Party, and had over 14 people on our 2021 Spiritual Ride. We have very few events in January but we are working behind the scenes to prepare for this year's Rolling Run in March. If you want to get more involved, we welcome you with open arms. We provide information about various events through 5 different means: plastic table tents on the bar/tables, newsletter, electronic board above the popcorn machine, Facebook, and our General Membership meeting. If you still don't know details for different events, you can always call or email Sean, Greg, or myself. The best way to stay informed is attending our General Membership meeting on the second Tuesday of each month from 7:00 pm until 8:00 pm. I look forward to a new year.

In January, our first and only event is the NFL tailgate on 9 January at 1200. Cowboys play the Eagles. These tailgate parties are on the pavilion. The other event is Chicken Fried Steak with our Audie Murphy patients if they can attend. Joe Falco and SAL will keep us posted if we will have Audie Murphy visitors. Have a great New Year and if you have recommendations for improvements in 2022, please contact our Members at Large or myself. Email is [paul.goymerac@gmail.com](mailto:paul.goymerac@gmail.com) or 210-724-3754. God Bless our Veterans, Families, and friends.

Paul (Gomer) Goymerac  
Post 593 ALR Director

## **Flying Flags For Heroes**

Preston Sharp is a 16-year old member of the S.A.L. in Redding, California. Six years ago, he placed a U.S. flag on his grandfather's grave and noticed that there were no flags on the graves of other veterans. This upset him to the point of taking action. He decided to make a difference. He started doing odd jobs and asked for donations to buy U.S. flags. He placed the first few hundred by himself, but before long, placing flags on the graves of veterans became a community-wide event that captured the attention of the media and the 45th President of The United States who praised him during The State of The Union Address!

National S.A.L. Commander Michael Fox has selected the Flying Flags For Heroes program as his service project during his term of office. The goal is to place U.S. flags on the graves of one million veterans buried in local cemeteries throughout the fifty-four detachments. The Commander instructed each detachment to appoint one person to oversee the project in each state. Detachment of Texas Commander Tom Arista appointed 20<sup>th</sup> District Commander George Alva to this task. Commander Alva has set the goal at 18,000 flags to be placed at cemeteries to honor those veterans who gave part or all of their lives to protect our country's freedom. It is a monumental task, but it is not beyond the ability of Texans to get it done!

The deadline is just a few days prior to the next national convention in September of 2022. The flags do not have to be placed on a specific date nor all on the same day. Even though this is an S.A.L. driven project, Commander Fox wants each event to involve the community. Invite friends, neighbors, family, elected officials, celebrities, and the media to join you.

Contact your local non-national cemetery and ask for permission to place the flags. Find out how many veterans are in the cemetery and where they are located. Some cemeteries may have flags they will let you use. If they don't, 4" x 6" stick flags are very affordable which means you can purchase them or ask for donations for this patriotic cause. On your selected date, have a brief and solemn ceremony and place the flags at each grave marker. Take photos and upload them and any other pertinent information to [www.flagsforheroes.com](http://www.flagsforheroes.com). Record how many flags were placed. If the cemetery asks you to remove the flags, please do so and use them for another flag placement event. If you place only one flag, that puts us one flag closer to the goal, but more important than that – it is one veteran you have taken the time to honor. All veterans have paid with their lives. Some paid instantly, others paid over a lifetime.

If you have any questions please email Commander Alva at [cdrsal20dist@gmail.com](mailto:cdrsal20dist@gmail.com).

We are the proud possessors of a priceless heritage.

# American Legion Post 593

January 2022

Phone: 210-658-1111



Looking Ahead  
(events subject  
to change)

All Legion Meals  
start back  
This Month!

Jam Session are  
back in February

Superbowl Sunday  
Feb 13

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
<p>Monthly Legion Meals start back this month. Please join us for Breakfast, Chicken Fried Steak and Steak Night! Jam Sessions begin in February.</p>		<p>Coffee &amp; Doughnuts 9-11AM ALR Exec Mtg 7:00 PM</p>	<p>Post General Membership Meeting 7:30PM</p>	<p>Pool League 8PM Dart League 7PM</p>		<p><b>Breakfast 8-11 AM \$7.00</b></p>
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
<p>NFL Tailgate Party on the Pavilion 12PM</p>		<p>Coffee &amp; Doughnuts 9-11AM ALR Gen Mbr Mtg 7:00 PM</p>		<p>Pool League 8PM Dart League 7PM Flyers Grill 6-7:30PM Menu TBD</p>	<p><b>Chicken Fried Steak Dinner 6-8PM \$10.00</b></p>	<p>CASI Chili Cook-Off</p>
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
<p>CASI Chili Cook-Off</p>	<p>Shuffleboard 7PM</p>	<p>Coffee &amp; Doughnuts 9-11AM SAL 7:00PM</p>	<p>Post Exec Mtg, 7:00 pm</p>	<p>Pool League 8PM Dart League 7PM</p>		
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
	<p>Shuffleboard 7PM 31</p>	<p>Coffee &amp; Doughnuts 9-11AM</p>		<p>Pool League 8PM Dart League 7PM</p>	<p><b>Steak Night 6-8PM \$15.00</b></p>	
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# Help Bubba find Blue

ALA President, Teresa Simmons-Copeland, has named K9s for Warriors as a special project for her year. Her mascot is a plush dog named Blue. Blue was kidnapped at DEC. Bubba, his long-lost brother, is looking for him.

Go to Facebook “Help Bubba find Blue” to follow his adventures.

FYI: K9s For Warriors is ending veteran suicide and returning our warriors to a life of dignity and independence. They rescue and train shelter dogs to be paired as Service Dogs for warriors with service-connected Post-Traumatic Stress, Traumatic Brain Injury and/or Military Sexual Trauma. They recently opened a facility in San Antonio (near ACS on Hwy 151).

Will you help me with a donation?

**ALA Unit 593**

**326 Legion Drive W**

**Converse, TX 78109**

(Indicate your donation is for The K9 Warrior Program)



# *Tuesday Morning Coffee and Doughnuts*



**Tuesday Mornings**

**Time: 9-11AM**

**Come join for complimentary coffee and doughnuts, fellowship, and good conversation.**

**Every Tuesday Morning, from 9-11 AM**

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210-658-1111**

# 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

**\$7.00 per plate**

**Date: January 8, 2022**

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

**William M. Randolph**

**Post 593**

**326 Legion Dr W**

**Converse TX 78109**

Information: 210-658-1111



**To-Go orders available.**

# Chicken Fried Steak Dinner

**\$10.00**

**Time: 6:00-7:30 PM**

**Date: Jan 14, 2022**



Hand breaded  
Chicken Fried  
Steak, Mashed  
Potatoes, Gravy,  
choice of  
Vegetable, Dinner  
roll.

**Karaoke to follow for your  
singing and dancing pleasure**

**Information: 210-658-1111**

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**Eat in or  
take out**



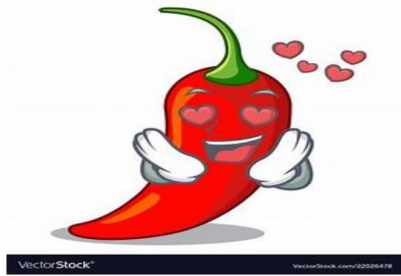


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29th Chili Cookoffs

January 15 & 16, 2022

326 Legion Drive W, Converse, TX



CHILI- Sat \$22.00 entry fee, 2:00 pm turn in  
Sun \$22.00 entry fee, 1:00 pm turn in.

Open meat both days

Special prize for the cook with the most points in chili both days awarded Sunday.



Beans - Saturday - turn in at noon. \$5.00 entry-  
50% to 1st place beans.



Do not miss this great auction on Saturday from 11-to  
after announcements- here you find great item at great  
prices



Complementary breakfast Saturday and  
Sunday from 8 am to 10 am . Serve yourself  
on how much you want to eat.



Saturday nite starting about 6 PM, one of Post 593  
favorite DJs making his once a year appearance, all  
the way from Houston TX - Welcome back NIGEL



Covered Pavilion to cook under for 30 plus cooks .  
Plenty of RV Parking - no hookups- check in anytime.

For more information contact Ken Rodd - cell 210 887 8827 or email at  
casihotrodd@aol.com

# *Steak Night*



**Date:** Jan 28, 2022

**Time:** 6:00-8:00PM

**Information:** 210-658-1111

**Eat in or take out**

13 oz Ribeye, cooked to order, Baked Potato, choice of Vegetable, Salad, and Dinner rolls.

Karaoke and Music to follow for your  
singing and dancing pleasure.

All for the incredibly low price of \$15.00 per plate.

Come on out for a great meal, music, and fellowship.

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LIMIT ONE SURVEY SUBMISSION PER PERSON  
PERSONAL INFORMATION WILL NOT BE SHARED  
MUST INPUT CONTACT INFO TO BE ENTERED IN DRAWING

**Survey Deadline extended until January 16, 2022**



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## Changes to Disabled Veteran License Plates Coming in 2022

### *Disabled Veteran Plates with the International Symbol of Access will be Available*

(AUSTIN, Texas – August 26, 2021) A new state law will change the requirements for Texans with disabled veteran license plates who wish to park in spaces reserved for persons with disabilities.

[Senate Bill 792](#) requires that as of Jan. 1, 2022, anyone parking in a disabled parking space must have a license plate or a disabled parking placard that features the International Symbol of Access (ISA). Currently, disabled veteran license plates do not feature the ISA, and all Texans with these plates are permitted to use disabled parking.

Texans with disabled veteran plates wanting to use disabled parking spaces beginning in 2022 may apply for a disabled parking placard or for a new disabled veteran license plate with the ISA if the veteran meets the eligibility requirements for an ISA after Jan. 1, 2022. Applicants may submit their paperwork at their local county tax assessor-collector's office. Current placards will remain valid; however, the new requirements must be met at time of renewal.

#### **Eligibility for Disabled Parking Placards or License Plates with the International Symbol of Access**

Placard and plate eligibility is based on a medical condition that meets the legal definition of a disability. "Disability" means a condition in which a person has:

- Visual acuity of 20/200 or less in the better eye with correcting lenses.
- Visual acuity of more than 20/200 but with a limited field of vision in which the widest diameter of the visual field subtends an angle of 20 degrees or less.
- Mobility problems that substantially impair a person's ability to move around; these problems can be caused by:
  - Paralysis.
  - Lung disease.
  - Uses portable oxygen
  - Cardiac deficiency.
  - Wheelchair confinement.
  - Arthritis, neurological, or orthopedic condition.
  - Foot disorder.
  - Other medical condition causing a person to use a brace, cane, crutch or other assistive device.

A parking placard or plate with the ISA is only valid when being used by the person with the disability or someone who is driving the person with the disability.

It is a violation of state law to use the placard or plates for a disabled parking spot without the person with the disability in the vehicle. People who misuse disabled parking placards are subject to fines of up to \$1,250 and/or up to 50 hours of community service.



A military veteran is entitled to a FREE Texas License plate if you received one of these medals. You DO NOT have to be disabled. Unmarried spouse's of deceased veterans are eligible also for these plates

Air Force Cross

Air Medal

Air Medal with Valor

Airman's Medal

Army of Occupation Medal

Army Distinguished

Service Cross

Bronze Star

Bronze Star with Valor

Coast Guard Medal

Defense Meritorious

Medal

Defense Superior Service

Medal

Distinguished Flying Cross

Distinguished Flying Cross

with Valor

Distinguished Service

Medal- Air Force, Army

Coast Guard, Navy

Distinguished Service

Medal Dept. of Defense,

Dept of Homeland

Security, Dept of Transp

Legion of Merit

Meritorious Service Medal

Navy/Marine Corp Medal

Navy Cross

POW Medal

Silver Star

Soldiers's Medal

For a Dept of Motor Vehicles application email me:  
[dwgken@aol.com](mailto:dwgken@aol.com).

Ken Rodd

American Legion & VFW Member