



The American Legion
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January 2023

Hours of Operation

Mon-Fri: 2 pm—9 pm
Sat: 12 pm — 9 pm
Sun: 12 pm — 8 pm

(May remain open after posted closing times to serve customers)

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Commander's Comments



Happy New Year Folks! Welcome to 2023! I expect this to be a wonderful year for our Post. We have a great year lined up for you and hope you'll take advantage of all the events that will be offered. Please consider getting involved and volunteering at some of these events. We'd love to have your help. If you haven't renewed your membership yet, please do so right away. Renew today to be sure you keep your continuous years of service. We're about 110 members short of our goal and could really use your renewal. I challenge everyone to recruit one new member in January. If you don't know an eligible person to join the Legion, consider encouraging 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. Please be aware that the canteen staff will be asking everyone to show their membership cards starting on January 1st to be sure we stay legal with TABC. They will probably ask you 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! I'd like to thank all the volunteers who decorated the Post for Christmas, our Service Officer, Brad Martin, and the ones who donated either time, money or food for the Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets, the people who put on the District Christmas party, the folks who put on the Children's Christmas party, the Seniors Christmas party, the Post Christmas party and the ones who put on the New Year's party. Thank you to the Post Home Manager, Tracy, and our bartenders for a

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Auxiliary News



Welcome to 2023, ALA Unit 593! What? Yes, 2023! And we are kicking off this new year with a bang and at a full run. Before I go to January's upcoming events, I'd like to thank our ALA members and Post 593 family for a more than successful 2022 and helping us close out the year with a December full of Holiday cheer, to include our Hall Decorating Team, Children's Christmas Party Team, and Seniors Dinner Team. You all did an amazing job and I think our goal of bringing cheer to all attending was achieved. Now some end-of-2022 business that hasn't been addressed by many of our members, membership renewals. If you didn't renew by the end of December 2022, your 2022 membership is no longer current and therefore you are no longer considered in good standing with the Unit or the Department of Texas. That means you cannot vote or have voice in the meetings, and you could lose your continuous years of service as well as other possible services if you ever need them. For instance, the American Legion Auxiliary Emergency Fund. If you renew soon that can be avoided. If you need to renew, your dues can be dropped off at the Post with "Irma" noted on the envelope, or you can mail it to the Post, or even renew 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 right 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

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great holiday season. But mostly, thank you to those people who came out and supported all these 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 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 continues to make me proud! We'll also have the monthly breakfast, chicken fried steak, and steak dinners back on the calendar, so come on out and enjoy some great food, fellowship, and entertainment. 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're welcome to come out and share some complimentary drinks, snacks and conversation with fellow Legion Family members.

We've been getting around 30 attendees at our Tuesday morning event. Come see what you've been missing. From me and my family to you and yours, we wish you a very happy, healthy, and prosperous new year. I hope to see you around the Post. For God and country.

Dennis Ducharme, Commander



Hello Post 593. Happy New Year! Though I've had the privilege of meeting many of you, allow me to formally introduce myself. I am Mikey Wilson, a 10-year veteran of the United States Army and the new 2nd Vice-Commander for our Post. If you've spent any time at the Post, you've met

my wife, Beth. She is one of the canteen bartenders. I am excited about my new assignment and I look forward to enthusiastically fulfilling the duties of my office. I am asking for and will welcome your input and suggestions that will make 593 a Post for all to enjoy and that will inspire others to become members.

I will be purging the refrigerator and freezers of outdated items and food that no longer looks good. Expired condiments, jars, and other related items will be thrown out on Sunday, January 8, 2023 in order to prepare for the first month back in the kitchen. If you have been storing something personal in the freezer or refrigerator and don't want it thrown out, talk to me about taking it home.

The championship game between the two best NFL teams will be played on Sunday, February 12, 2023. I would like to hear your ideas on what to do to make this event really special for our Post. The Post Home Manager and I will work together to create an unforgettable event.

Mikey Wilson, 2nd Vice-Commander

can help you with that as well. I have printed the cost calculation and will make sure to leave a copy at the Post. The first General Membership Meeting will be January 4 at 7 pm. We will be discussing our plans for the CASI weekend to discuss the ALA's Silent Auction on Saturday the 21st and the ALA Sponsored cookoff on Sunday the 22nd. This weekend is one of our main fundraisers for our Girls State Funds.

The Auxiliary will have its Burger Burn on Thursday, the 12th and has been asked to provide a kitchen team for Breakfast on the 14th. This is something the new Second Vice would like to implement this year, the Legion family rotating each month, meaning an ALA team would work approximately 3 times a year. I will be asking for volunteers for this at our January 4th meeting. Chicken Fried Steak Night is the 13th, and we would like to have a Dessert for Donations table set up.

Post 593 will be hosting the CASI Chili Cookoff the following weekend, the 21st and 22nd. As I mentioned earlier, the ALA Silent Auction will be on Saturday, and we sponsor the Sunday cookoff. Once again, a very busy weekend for the entire Post family.

Steak Night will be the 27th and we would like to have a Dessert for Donation table for this as well. The Post Family has been asked to create teams these nights as well.

This is something we can discuss at our January 4th meeting. I already have a few volunteers for this. Remember, if you can work only one rotation but not the rest, that is fine. Our team does not always have to be the same people. We appreciate your assistance when and if you can. As I said, we are kicking 2023 off with a bang and at a full run but I know WE can do it. We all have different strengths and capabilities and that is why I am confident we can make January a successful month.

Please keep an eye out for email and 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, 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. Happy New Year!

Candy Zavala, Unit 593

Riders Report



Happy New Year Riders. We had a successful 2022 and we expect 2023 to be very similar. Let us look back at December first. We started the month off with Operation Blue Santa where we donated \$775 for the kiddos in the community who were less fortunate and would have never received a gift from Santa if it wasn't for our generous donation and the assistance of the Converse Police Department. We then had a great Christmas party that 47 Riders attended. Special thanks to all who helped make those two events a success. On 21 December, we conducted our 3rd Annual Spiritual Ride. Yes, it was cold but well worth it. The prayers, cards, and Christmas tree bulbs enabled us to ride on behalf of those who could not. The visits were touching and much appreciated. Please say more prayers as our riders and their family members battle disease and injury. This year's ride was a tribute to Buzz's wife, Julie Evans, Catherine Louise, Ron White and his wife, Kevn Kelly (delayed until he returns home from the hospital), and Audrey. God bless them all. In January we will be cooking a spaghetti dinner for the CASI weekend with Mellissa Lowder having the lead. It will be on Saturday, 21 January around 6:00 pm. We hope to see a lot of members down at the Post supporting the annual CASI Chili Cookoff. Finally, tickets for the AK-47 and 9mm pistol are still available. This is our Rolling Run fundraiser. See Daniel, Sean, or Matt for tickets. We capped tickets at 200, so as soon as we sell out there will be no more tickets. Have a happy new year and thanks again for your continued support.

Paul "Timmy" Goymerac, ALR Director.

SALute From the Squadron Commander

Hello and Happy New Year to all the S.A.L. members!



Here's hoping everybody had a great holiday season and will have a great year in 2023.

Thank you to all that gave support and help by donating rolls of quarters for the veterans at Audie L. Murphy VA Medical Center. A special thank you to the Auxiliary for their donation to help the vets. The quarters

allow the veterans to buy from the vending machines. We are hoping to see one and all when we start Chicken Fried Steak Night back up. Our cooks are the best and the kitchen staff makes each CFS event a success. You can't beat the price nor the value!

We still need a Second Vice Commander for the squadron. If anyone would like to help by taking this position, please let me or one of the other officers know. The Second Vice-Commander acts as the representative of the Squadron Commander in the absence of the First Vice-Commander, and on all matters referred to him. He performs other duties as are usually incidental to the office or as directed by the Squadron Commander. He is specifically in charge of squadron activities which may include steak or burger nights, entertainment, dances, social events, and other special events sponsored or coordinated by the squadron. Creativity and enthusiasm are helpful traits for this position.

As always, we are looking for ways to help the vets and their families on our own or in partnership with the Legion, Auxiliary or Riders. Your ideas and suggestions are always welcome.

Hope to see all at the next meeting on January 20, 2022.

Bill Cox, Squadron Commander



SPAGHETTI DINNER

with a Salad & Homemade Italian Bread
dine in or order "to go"

Friday January 20th

6:00 PM to 8:00 PM

\$8.00

Prepared by the American Legion Riders
A nice meal on a "Chili" night

A Message From Marcelo Buckley:

I will be placing an online order through American Legion Flag & Emblem. I plan to order Post covers (uniform caps), short and long sleeve dress shirts, t-shirts, polo shirts, pins, patches, etc., for the Legion, Auxiliary, S.A.L., and Riders. If you are interested in making a purchase, please contact me at marcelob@satx.rr.com and provide me your order information. By ordering in bulk, we can save on shipping charges which will be split up evenly. Go to emblem.legion.org to view all the current products for sale. The order will be placed on January 15, 2023. Thank you.

THE AMERICAN LEGION POST 593
JANUARY 2023 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Happy New Year! National Hangover Day	2 Shuffleboard League 7pm	3 Coffee & Doughnuts 9-11 am ALR Exec Mtg 7pm	4 Post GMM 7pm Auxiliary Mtg 7pm	5 Dart League 7 pm Pool League 8 pm	6	7
8	9 Law Enforcement Appreciation Day Shuffleboard League 7pm	10 Coffee & Doughnuts 9-11 am ALR GM Mtg 7pm	11	12 Burger Burn 5:30pm-7:30pm Dart League 7 pm Pool League 8 pm	13 Chicken Fried Steak Night 6pm-7:30pm	14 Breakfast 8am-11:00am
15	16 Martin Luther King Day Shuffleboard League 7pm	17 Coffee & Doughnuts Breakfast Taco Tuesday 9-11am S.A.L. GM Mtg 7pm	18 Post Exec Mtg 7 pm	19 Dart League 7 pm Pool League 8 pm Mid-Winter DEC, Austin	20 Spaghetti Dinner 6-8pm CASI Chili Cookoff Mid-Winter DEC, Austin	21 CASI Chili Cookoff ALA Silent Auction Mid-Winter DEC, Austin
22 CASI Chili Cookoff Mid-Winter DEC, Austin	23 Shuffleboard League 7pm	24	25	26 National Spouses Day	27 Steak Night 6pm-7:30pm	28 Coffee (complimentary) With a Cop 8-11am
29	30 Shuffleboard League 7pm	31 Coffee & Doughnuts 9-11 am				

Post Home Manager's Message

Let's give a great big thank you to the bar staff for all they do. With a smile and a pleasant attitude, they serve drinks, keep the place clean, check membership cards, relay messages, accept membership dues, and carry out any other assignments given to them on an as needed basis. We have the good help everyone says is so hard to find. 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 pray for a better year and we look forward to seeing you in 2023. Happy New Year!



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!



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: January 12, 2023

Open to the public.



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Chicken Fried Steak Dinner

\$10

January 13, 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 \$8.00 per plate!

Date: January 14, 2023

Time: 8:00-11:00 AM

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Information: 210-658-1111



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



**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



10/28/2022



We need judges both days, Jan 21st & Jan 22nd. Sign up at the post or call Ken Rodd, 210 887 8827

The Silent Auction



Auxiliary needs items for this event being held on
Jan 21st from 11 am - 4 pm



Come and enjoy this dinner for \$8.00 on Jan 20th
from 6 pm - 8 pm prepared by the Riders

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POST 593

\$10 Entry Fee for Bean
\$22 Entry Fee for Chili (SAT)
\$22 Entry Fee for Chili (SUN)

TOP 10 PRIZES VALED
OVER \$1500

JANUARY 21 & 22
30 YEAR
ANNIVERSARY

Contact Ken Rodd (210) 887-8827
dwgken@aol.com casihotrodd@aol.com

RV parking, no hookups

Fri, Jan 20th - 6pm to 8pm Spagetti Dinner
Sat, Jan 21st - 8 am to 10am Breakfast
11 am to 5pm Auxilliary Burgers
11 am to 4pm Silent Auction
2 pm Chili Turn In
Sun, Jan 22nd - 8 am to 10am Breakfast
1 pm Chili Turn In

SILENT AUCTION

MUSIC BY DJ MIKEY

AUXILIARY BURGER
BURN



Chili cookoff January 20th, 21st & 22nd, 2023

American Legion Post 593, 326 Legion Dr W, Converse, TX

Top 10 Prizes on Saturday valued at over \$1500.00. Also a prize for being on the final table. Plus prize for the cook with the most points for Chili on Saturday and Sunday. A Prize for the cook that travels the furthest.

Fri. Jan 20th - 6pm tp 8pm - Spaghetti Dinner - free to chil cooks. See ken for your free dinner coupon

Sat, Jan 21st - 8am - 10am - SOS Breakfast, donation only

11am - 5pm - Hamurgers available

11am -4pm - Silent Auction

noon - Bean turn in - Entry fee \$10.00

2:00pm Chili turn in - Entry fee \$22.00

Sun, Jan 22nd -8am - 10am -SOS Breakfast - donation only

1pm Chili turn in - Entry fee \$22.00

RV parking no hookups - covered pavilion for 30 cooks to cook under.

Contact Ken Rodd, 210 887 8827, casihotrodd@aol.com for questions you may have.

If you're interested in being a chili cook-off judge, write your name on the sign up sheet on the Post bulletin board.

January 26, 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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