



The American Legion
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Commander's Comments

Hello Everybody,
 We are finally able to take a breath after the month of December which is always a busy time for Post 593 and this year was no different. All of us have been kept busy with preparing for Christmas in many ways: attending parties (sometimes multiple events), buying gifts (sometimes last minute), being active with community activities, hosting parties at Post 593, gathering with family, friends, or family on Christmas Day, and celebrating the beginning of 2024. No matter which of these you participated in, please know that I am extremely happy all of you are here to begin a new year with Post 593.

I need to extend my sincere thanks to the members of Auxiliary Unit 593 for the success of the annual Kids Christmas Party and Seniors Dinner. They "hosted" nearly 50 children and their parents/grandparents by providing gifts, music, and food with a visit from Santa. Unit 593 does this every year and is known in our community for how well it is done. The Senior Dinner was also a huge success with over 50 guests. I, Danny Muth, and Marcelo Buckley were asked to participate by serving dinner to the guests. All of us enjoyed it immensely. It was great seeing the Holiday Spirit emanating from the guests and having the opportunity for small talk as they progressed through the serving line. THANK YOU, UNIT 593!

Now, for an update in Post 593 Leadership: Tracy Burkett Velez was installed as 2nd Vice Commander during the December Executive Committee meeting.

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Auxiliary News

Howdy!
 Happy New Year!!! Can you believe it is the new year already. Time flies. A HUGE shout out to all the ladies and members that stepped up and donated their time, food, and treasurers for the Kid's and Senior's Christmas Parties!! They were a great success. Our members truly are the best. We are still asking for new or gently used items to sell in our auctions at the CASI Chili Cookoff in January. This is our unit's biggest fundraiser. If you are able, please leave your items in the Auxiliary room and tag them for CASI. Your donations go a long way to help support your unit to sponsor these very deserving young ladies. Reminder that our monthly meetings are the first Wednesday of each month at 7pm. Hope to see as many of you as we can. 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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Tracy already began planning and advertising for the Post New Years Eve Party and placed fliers throughout the building. I hope to see many of you that evening. It is a chance for us to say goodbye to 2023 and usher in 2024 which I am confident will be a great year for us. She is working with several seasoned members to ensure the CASI Cookoff later in January will be as successful as in past years. See Tracy if you would like to assist with the Chili Cookoff. I am sure she will welcome your support.

There is also a raffle being held to help offset the cost of the recent replacement of one of our Air Conditioning units. The raffle item is as follows:

Henry Golden Boy Lever Action Rifle

Caliber: 17 HMR

Tickets: 2 for \$20 or 5 for \$40

See Ed Richards, Brad Martin, Daniel Riggs, or Matt Scott for tickets.

Legion 593, I ask all of you to renew your membership if you haven't already done so and/or take a moment to bring in new members. I believe I can read the mind of some of you right now. You are asking why membership is so often a topic in the newsletter. Here is the answer: We are the largest Veterans Service Organization in the nation and the only one that is chartered by Congress. Because of the charter, we are required to submit reports to Congress showing how we are supporting the causes to which we agreed to support. These same reports reflect how many members we have nationwide. Our National Commander can use the number of members we have when he lobbies Congress for legislation. So, as you can see, the more members we have the more our opinion matters.

In closing, I hope all of you have a successful 2024. Support your family, friends, and Post 593. Never lose sight of what The American Legion stands for.

Sincerely,

Jack Leanhart

Commander

The American Legion Post 593

SALute From the Squadron Commander



Hello to all the American Legion members,

Thank you to all that helped the S A L to meet our goals of helping the veterans in the last year.

Special thank you to Henry Creech for putting together the gift bags. Brad Martin and Adam Bales for helping deliver the bags to our vets at Audie Murphy. It gave us all great pleasure to hand out the bags, to have some time to talk with a few of them and to see how much they appreciated our gifts and spending time with them.

We have changed the schedule for Chicken Fried Steak Night this year. We will not be having it this month. As of this time we're not sure which months we will host them. I will have it in the newsletter for February.

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

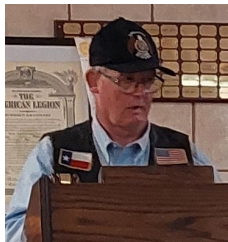
Please remember that it is up to all of us to try to bring in new members.

Hope to see all at the next meeting on January 16th.

Bill Cox

Squadron Commander

Riders Report



December was a busy time for our riders and their family members. On 9 December we started the morning off with our Operation Blue Santa and dropped off \$25 Walmart gift cards to the Converse Police Department. Thank you to all who donated to this cause. Later that night we had our annual ALR Christmas Party. We also attended the South-Central Texas ALR quarterly Meet & Greet at Post 447 in Round Rock, Texas. The ALR conducted our 4th Annual Spiritual Ride on Wednesday the 20th. We rode to the homes of three riders who are ailing or fighting disease, said a prayer, and wished them a speedy recovery.

Ed “Mr. Gadget” Richards,
ALR Director.



1st Vice Commander Report

We reached 85.35% of our 819 member goal!

Starting in January, you will need to show a 2024 membership card. Renew now!

There are multiple ways to renew:

- Online at 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!).

The Fourth Pillar- Children and Youth

Troop 593 received four new scouts into the troop in the first week of December. Three scouts crossed over from the Cub Scout Pack and one joined new to scouting. We welcomed them and put them right to work as we also elected new youth leadership within the troop. Three older scouts were previously nominated for the highest position in the troop, Senior Patrol Leader. The three each in turn spoke about why they wanted the position and what they would accomplish while in office. The youth members of the troop then elected their leader. Sub units, Patrols, then elected their leaders, Patrol Leaders. After the elections took place the new Senior Patrol Leader appointed his staff. The scouts learned the difference from elected officials and appointed officials, mirroring our way of life in the U.S.A. The second week was our Christmas party and last troop meeting of 2023. Our Assistant Scoutmaster, Chief Valdez, taught the First Aid and Citizenship in the Community Merit Badges during Winter Break which many of our Scouts took advantage of, Thanks Chief!!!

Also, thank you American Legion Post 593 for Chartering the Troop for another year, we look forward to another fabulous year!!

Scouts of Troop 593

American Legion Post 593

Post 593 2023 Christmas Party





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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!

January

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 New Year's Day	2 Coffee & Doughnuts 9-11 am ALR Exec Mtg 7pm	3 Post GMM 7pm Auxiliary Mtg 7pm	4 Dart League 7 pm Pool League 8 pm	5	6
7	8 Boy Scouts 6:30 pm Shuffle Bd 7:00 p.m.	9 Coffee & Doughnuts 9-11am ALR GM Mtg 7pm	10	11 Burger Burn 5:30pm Dart League 7 pm Pool League 8 pm	12	13 Breakfast 8-11:00am
14	15 Boy Scouts 6:30 pm Shuffle Bd 7:00 p.m. MLK Day	16 Coffee & Doughnuts (Taco Tues- 9-11 am S.A.L. GM Mtg 7pm	17 Post Exec Mtg 7 pm	18 Dart League 7 pm Pool League 8 pm	19 CASI Cookoff Spaghetti Dinner 6 pm	20 CASI Cookoff
21 CASI Cookoff	22 Boy Scouts 6:30 pm Shuffle Bd 7:00 p.m.	23 Coffee & Doughnuts 9-11 am	24	25 Dart League 7 pm Pool League 8 pm	26 Steak Night 6pm - 8pm	27
28	29 Boy Scouts 6:30 pm Shuffle Bd 7:00 p.m.	30	31			

February

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Dart League 7 pm Pool League 8 pm	2	3
4	5 Boy Scouts 6:30 pm Shuffle Bd 7:00 p.m.	6 Coffee & Doughnuts 9-11 am ALR Exec Mtg 7pm	7 Post GMM 7pm Auxiliary Mtg 7pm	8 Dart League 7 pm Pool League 8 pm	9	10 Breakfast 8-11:00am
11 Steel Guitar Association and Burger sales	12 Boy Scouts 6:30 pm Shuffle Bd 7:00 p.m.	13 Coffee & Doughnuts (Taco Tuesday) 9-11 am ALR GM Mtg 7pm	14 Valentine's Day	15 Dart League 7 pm Pool League 8 pm	16	17
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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.

Tuesday Morning Coffee and Doughnuts Plus



Tuesday Mornings

Time: 9-11AM

**Breakfast Taco Tuesday
January 16th**

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!

January 11

Time: 5:30 - 7:30 pm

Open to the public.



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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 \$10.00 per plate!

Date: January 13, 2024

Time: 8:00-11:00 AM

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

January 14, 2024

2 to 5 pm

Grill open 1- 3:30PM

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Information
210-658-1111



Open to the public.

January 26, 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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WE WILL NEED CHILI JUDGES ON SATURDAY JANUARY 20TH AT 1:59 PM & SUNDAY JANUARY 21ST AT 12:50 PM. YOU CAN JUDGE ONE DAY OR BOTH DAYS. THE SIGN UP SHEET IS POSTED AT THE LEGION.

SUPPORT THESE BUSINESS'S THAT SUPPORT OUR POST 593 EVENTS & PROGRAMS.



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