The American Legion

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#### Hours of Operation

Mon-Fri: 2 pm—9 pm Sat: 12 pm—9 pm Sun: 12 pm—6 pm (May remain open after posted closing times to serve customers)

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Auxiliary Officers: President: Michelle Muth

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Welcome to a new year. As we continue into the 2025-2026 year, I look forward to working with our elected officers from ALL of our American Legion Family.

For those who don't know me; I am a U.S. Air Force

retiree with 21 years of service. My wonderful wife, Shirley Platt, and I have been together for almost 30 years and work very well as a team. I joined the American Legion in Temple, Texas and served as Service Officer and Adjutant for Post 133. Upon our move to Converse and Post 593, I was asked to serve as 1st Vice Commander... and here we are.

I am truly devoted to The American Legion and our members. Through our commitment to service, we serve a greater purpose for our veterans and community. Our goals cannot be achieved alone. It is through our many hours of volunteerism and community engagement that we are able to achieve what we do.

And I am honored to serve you as Commander.

We will continue with our programs and will strive to increase support of them. We also have some ongoing projects that will continue to see support from me.

If you haven't been involved with our Post or have been away for a while, I urge you to come and see what's being accomplished. I am all for our members getting involved at whatever level they feel comfortable. For those involved on a regular basis, I look forward to our continued work together. I wish to meet each of you and

am available for discussion of ideas or concerns, or just to have a conversation.

Clayton Wallers Commander



#### Auxiliary News



First of all, I want to thank you for electing me as your 2025-2026 Auxiliary President! We held elections in June and here are your 2025-2026 officers: Rosie Cherry; Vice-President, Sandra Vinson; Secretary,

Suzanna Buckley; Treasurer; Catherine Olson; Chaplain; Historian, Shelli Creech; Sgt At Arms, Tami Cox and Member at Large, Audrey Woodruff, Donna Linares and Debbie Potter. Thank you to all that stepped up and took a position. I look forward to working with you all.

Just a friendly reminder we will not have a Unit meeting in July, but I urge you to attend the Post Everlasting Ceremony on Wednesday, July 2, 2025, at 7:00 pm. Let us pay our respects to the members who have recently passed.

We will resume our monthly General Membership Meeting dinners in August. On the menu is Chicken and Rice Casserole, salad and dessert for \$10.00. Please join us for the events we support and join us at our regularly scheduled monthly meetings that are held the first Wednesday of every month (next meeting is Wednesday, August 6<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm) to see what your Auxiliary is all about. We welcome all ideas for fundraisers and other any other activities you want to suggest. We are a TEAM!!!!

Please reach out to me or any of the Executive Board Members with any questions or concerns you may have.

Michelle Muth Unit 593, President



#### 1st Vice Commander Report

2025 is in the books! Thank you to all of our members for their recruitment efforts. As of June 2nd, we are at 100.47% of our goal of 848 members, we ended our Legion year with 852 members! A big welcome to our 61 new members! Glad you joined us! If you still haven't renewed for 2025, don't fret. You can still renew, and we can still send in the transmittal. If you pay 2026 membership at the same time, you won't forget later! Two birds, one stone!

The 2025-2026 Legion year has begun. I encourage you to renew your membership as early as possible.

There are multiple ways to renew:

- "Online at mylegion.org and print your membership card You can also renew for up to three years online
- "Send in your reminder renewal form mailed by Headquarters

Bring in your friends, family, and neighbors to register for the Legion (and check eligibility for Auxiliary and Sons as well!). If you recruit a new member, make sure you let the Adjutant know so you can get credit for your recruitment

Ed Richards

1st Vice Commander

#### <u>SALute</u>

Greetings from the Son's of the American Legion Squadron 593. I am Mikey Wilson, the new Commander. For those that don't know me, I am a brand new commander that has stepped out of my comfort zone in order to learn and carry the SAL unit into the next generation. I am looking to my brothers in the squadron to mentor me and pass along all of the knowledge our squadron has.

Let me start off with what is always near and dear to my heart, volunteers and members getting involved. I want to encourage every SAL member to come to at least one meeting this year. Come out and get involved. Volunteer for one meal. Help put together one event. I am stepping up, please follow my lead and come get involved.

We are a very strong squadron, but so many don't come to meetings or get involved. We will have a 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday meal every month and will never turn away a volunteer. We will help with picnics, and Thanksgiving. We will have a Christmas party. We will help with CASI. Come get involved, join the camaraderie, and support our leadership.

On that note, come be a part of the SAL leadership team. We currently have the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice and Adjutant spots vacant. If you have never held a position, don't worry, we are a mentoring squadron. If you look at our past commanders and our leadership that is in place, there is so much knowledge there, that if it doesn't get passed down to the next generation, it will be lost. Please help us by leading us into the next generation of leadership.

My goal for the year of 2025 and 2026 is to get people involved. I want to see you all at a meeting or two. The hall will handle 90 people.

Mikey Wilson

Commander Squadron 593





The annual Post Everlasting Ceremony will take place on Wednesday, July 2, 2025, at 7PM. Please make plans to attend this solemn ceremony honoring comrades who've passed on in the last year,



#### <u>Riders Report</u>

Greetings to all Riders and members of the American Legion Post 593. I would like to begin by thanking The ALR Executive Committee for the great work during 2024-2025. A few members will be stepping aside to let oth-

ers take an active role in forging ahead for another great year. Special thanks to those individuals for their hard work and dedication: Amy Reed and Julie Evans. We want to welcome back Catherine Olson to the Executive Staff as well as Kathleen Henkel. During the Post Installation, Amy Reed was honored as the Volunteer of the Year and Matt Scott took the honors as the Rider of the Year. Both will receive a ribbon for their vest, thank you certificate, and a gift card for everything they did.

This year has been a tough year for some of our Riders because we had one too many missions to Ft Sam Houston Cemetery. On various occasions, we were stretched out between annual events and the various cemetery missions. The Riders came out in force to ensure due respect was rendered. That was probably the most rewarding thing as the Director.... when all the riders never forgot why we exist. Great job Riders and thank you all for your ongoing support.

In retrospect, 2024 – 2025 was an exceptional year on many different fronts. One of our 2024 - 2025 goals was to increase our donations to Non-profit Veterans Organizations and to increase our footprint with Veterans Helping Veterans projects, both which were reached. Next year's goal is to concentrate on the safety of our riders and increase the support of our Post Divisions as a whole. With the installation of a new team, the Riders will place their full support behind new leaders ..... Clayton Wallers (Post Commander), Michelle Muth (Auxiliary President), and Mikey Wilson (Squadron Commander). Along with the local support of Post 593, the Riders will be supporting the National Legacy Ride when Gomer, Ed, and MERICAA Jess will be riding from Virginia to Tampa Bay. For the immediate future, we have our next Department ALR Meet and Greet at the State Conference in North Austin that will begin at 1600 hrs. on 19 July 2025. For further information, contact Ed Richards.

Thank you again for everything, Riders Rock!!!

Paul "Timmy" Goymerac, Director, ALR Chapter. 593 American Legion Post 593 210-658-1111

# July\_2025



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Coffee & Doughnuts 9-11am Taco Tuesday 5-7PM ALR Exec Mtg 7pm	2 Post Everlasting 7:00PM	<b>3</b> Dart League 7 pm Pool League 8 pm	4 July 4th Picnic 12PM	5
6	7	8 Coffee & Doughnuts 9-11am ALR GM Mtg 7pm	9	<b>10</b> Burger Burn 5:30PM Dart League 7 pm Pool League 8 pm	11	12 Breakfast 8-11am
13 Jam Session and grill 1pm	<b>14</b> Boy Scouts 6:30 pm	15 Coffee & Doughnuts 9-11 am Taco Tuesday 5-7PM SAL GM Mtg 7pm	<b>16</b> Post Exec Mtg 7 pm	<b>17</b> Dart League 7 pm Pool League 8 pm	18	<b>19</b> Shuffleboard Tournament 3:00PM
20	21		23	24 Dart League 7 pm Pool League 8 pm	25 Steak Night 6-8PM	26 Scouts Pancake Breakfast 8-10AM
27	28	<b>29</b> Coffee & Doughnuts 9-11 am	30	<b>31</b> Dart League 7 pm Pool League 8 pm		

Upcoming Events	AUGUST		
Chicken Fried Steak Dinner—August 9	Su Mo Tu We Th Fr Sa		
Labor Day Picnic—Date TBD	3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16		
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# 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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BRING A BEACH TOWEL FOR THE WATER GAMES

326 LEGION DRIVE, CONVERSE TX

# Auxiliary Burger Grill

Hamburgers/Cheeseburgers, FF and dessert for

\$10.00 per plate

#### • Date: July 10, 2025

# Time: 5:30-7:30PM

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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: July 12, 2025

# Time: 8:00-11:00 AM

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Information: 210-658-1111



# **Open to the public**



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.



July 13, 2025 1:00-5:00PM

Grill open 1- 3:30PM

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# **Shuffleboard Tournament**

#### Saturday, July 19, 2025



Shuffleboard Tournament signups are at 3:00PM, matches begin shortly after \$5 buy-in, all monies paid out Great way to spend a Saturday

Blind draw tournament. It really is a lot of fun for beginners as well as folks who play regularly. The tourney is a blind draw for teams, single or double elimination depending on amount of players. Come on out and enjoy the game, cold beverages, and great bar snacks.

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**TROOP 593** 

Converse Scouts

PANCAKE Fundraiser

late

# SAT, JULY 26, 2025 8:00 - 10:30AM

# AMERICAN LEGION, POST 593

326 Legion Drive, Converse, Texas 78109

**Converse Scouts thank you for your support!** 

Steak Night



Date: July 25, 2025 Time: 6:00-8:00PM

Information: 210-658-1111

Eat in or take out

Ribeye steak cooked to order, sautéed mushrooms and onions available upon request, baked potato, choice of Vegetable (corn or green beans), salad, and dinner rolls. All for the incredibly low price of \$16.00 per plate. Come on out for a great meal and fellowship.

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THE SEGUIN ART LEAGUE PRESENTS THE RED WHITE AND BLUE HONORING VETERANS ART SHOW

JUNE 14 - JULY 19, 2025 104 SOUTH AUSTIN STREET

> Veterans Art talk June 25.2025 6-8 p.m.

With Partial Support from the City of Seguin and The Guadalupe County United Way

Contact: 830-491-0778 or seguinartleague.com



# Red, White and Blue Honoring Veterans Art Show June 14 - July 19, 2025

**Artist Eligibility:** Members of the Seguin Art League and non-member veterans. **Guidelines:** The work must be the original creative concept of the artist, and cannot be reproduced from a printed image or an image not the original work of the artist. Artwork dimensions cannot exceed 36" in any direction. 2D work must be properly framed and equipped with wire for hanging. No saw-toothed hangers, loop hangers, clips or plastic box frames will be allowed. You must leave your work in the gallery for the entire length of the show. All work must be for sale. SAL retains a 25% commission on all sales.

**Liability:** Although the show committee will exercise due care in handling works submitted, the Seguin Art League, including any member acting on its behalf, is NOT responsible for any loss or damage to any work of art.

**Publicity:** Participation in the show authorizes SAL the right to photograph your artwork for promotional purposes and for viewing on our website and social media.

Submission Date and Time: Saturday, June 14, 2025 at the SAL building 10 to 12. Pick Up Date and Time: Saturday, July 19, 2025, from 10 to 12. All work must be picked up during this time. SAL will not be responsible for art not picked up at the designated time. Reception Wednesday, June 25, 2025, 6-8 pm at the Seguin Art League, 104 South Austin St.

	Entry Form			
Number of entries	Branch of Service	Branch of Service		
Name	Street			
City		State/Zip		
E-Mail	Phon	Phone		
Title	Medium	Price		
#1				
#2				

By signing here, I give permission for Seguin Art League to use images of my work for the show and I understand that I retain all copyright to my work.

#### Signature:

Questions? Contact Clara Mae Marcotte, 830-491-0778 Seguinartleague@yahoo.com

Partial funding for this event is provided by the City of Seguin, TX and Guadalupe County United Way.



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.







We're raising funds to beautify the entrance to our Post by building a flag and memorial monument. We're moving & upgrading our flagpoles and lighting for each flag. The existing Post 593 monument will move to this new location near the church, creating a lasting impression for our visitors and demonstrating our commitment to honoring the sacrifices of those who have served our nation. We invite you to be a part of this exciting project!

You Can Order On-Line at:

#### https://www.bricksrus.com/donorsite/conversetxlegion

- 1. What size bricks are you selling:
  - a. 4 x 8 x 2<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>: \$125 Finished Brick
  - b. 4 x 8 x <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>: \$150 Alfagres Wall Tile
  - c. 8 x 8 x 2<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>: \$300 Finished Paving Brick
  - d. 8 x 8 x <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>: \$350 Alfagres Wall Tile
- 2. Lines and text per brick:
  - a. 4 x 8: 3 lines, 18 characters
  - b. 8 x 8: 6 lines, 18 characters.
- 3. What else are we selling?

a. Souvenir Bricks: These miniature gift bricks feature a felt backing. You will be able to showcase these in your home or office. These smaller souvenir bricks can be made to match a larger brick that was ordered.

- i. 11/2 x 3 x 1/2: \$25
- ii. 3 x 3 x ½: \$35

b. Donor Bricks: These duplicate bricks with a felt backing can be displayed in your home or office.

- i. 4 x 8 x 2<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>: \$40
- ii. 8 x 8 x 2<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>: \$50



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IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT HENRY CREECH AT (210) 391-7391 OR DENNIS DUCHARME AT (210) 630-0655





#### 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!

*Veteran* care isn't *one size* fits all



NEW PATIENT ORIENTATION Every Tuesday 10:00 – 11:00 AM Learn practical tips for navigating South Texas Veterans Health Care System

To attend South Texas New Patient Orientation on Tuesday, please visit <u>www.southtexas.va.gov</u> and look for events to join. For more information on VA Benefits and VA Healthcare, please visit <u>https://www.va.gov/welcome-kit/</u> to view and download your welcome kit.





U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs



#### HAVE A QUESTION? CALL US!

The one number all Veterans, their families, caregivers, and survivors can use to access VA resources 24 hours-a-day, 365 days-a-year.

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Come learn with us!

To RSVP, contact Ms. Stella Cruickshank at (210) 883-5267.





U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Veterans Health Administration South Texas Veterans Health Care System

Meeting times and topics:

Parkinson's Disease August 14, 2024

Endeavors Supports and Services September 11, 2024

Intimate Partner Violence October 9, 2024

Alzheimer's Disease November 13, 2024

Suicide Prevention for Caregivers December 11, 2024

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