The American Legion

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### June 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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### Post 593 Officers:

Commander: Dennis Ducharme 1st Vice: Henry Creech 2nd Vice: Mikey Wilson Adjutant: Nick Mills Finance: Ray Barger Chaplain: Kelly Warrell Judge Advocate: Danny Muth Historian: Bill Nupp Service Officer: Brad Martin Sgt At Arms: Connie Paquette Hubmaster: Dennis Ducharme **Members at Large:** Marcelo Buckley, Ken Echerd, Jimmy May, Ken Rodd, David Eberhardt

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### Commander's Comments

### Hi Folks,

The Legion year runs from 1 July through 30 June. This is my last newsletter article as your Post Commander. It has been a fun and interesting two years. It has also

been an honor to be your commander and represent our Post. Thank you for allowing me the privilege.

I thank the Executive Committee for all of their hard work and dedication shown our Post, and to me personally. No one person can do it all on their own. It really does take a team to be successful. And I've been fortunate enough to have two great teams to work with. I also thank you, the membership, for the support you've given to our Post. We had some tough challenges coming out of COVID. But we have made it through those challenges, thanks to the support of our entire Legion Family.

I need to thank Henry Creech, our current 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander, for filling in for me while I was on vacation recently. He did a great job while I was away and it certainly makes it easier missing a couple of meetings knowing the Post was in great hands. I thank our Post Home manager, Tracy Diggs, our Auxiliary President, Candy Zavala, our SAL Commander, Bill Cox and our ALR Director, Paul Goymerac for a wonderful year! There is no doubt we are a close -knit Legion Family who works well together.

Elections for new Post Officers will be held on Wednesday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, from 2 to 7pm. We only have one position to vote on. There are two people running for the position of Post Commander: Henry Creech and Jack Leanhart. All of the other positions are uncontested. We still have one Member-at-Large position open and we'll be taking nominations and voting for that

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<u>Auxiliary News</u> Good day, ALA 593!

I know it has been a busy May for you all with graduations, school awards ceremonies, band concerts, proms and, of course, May being Poppy Month and Memorial

Day.

Speaking of Memorial Day, thank you to Suzana for organizing the Unit's Poppy Month fundraising activities. If you didn't purchase one of her "Lest We Forget" tshirts or koozies, there is still time. She has a few left and would love for them to have a new home. The Poppy Board drawing will take place before the June General Membership Meeting on June 7<sup>th</sup>. There are still some blocks available so snag some of those up and have a chance at a prize. As an ALA 101, these funds can only be used for Veterans and their care.

There are so many things happening at our Post and Unit that it is hard to thank everyone by name, but to those that prepared desserts, helped organize the shoe donation program, worked the Burger Burn on Thursdays, assisted with the CASI Chili cook-off, assisted in referring young ladies for Girls State, getting these girls registered, hosted the 20<sup>th</sup> District Girls State Orientation, helped round up members that hadn't renewed and to those that have recruited new members, thank you. As they say, Teamwork makes the Dream Work. We have an amazing Unit and are blessed with an equally amazing Post Family.

Shout out and thanks to all again for helping the Unit in its purchase of a new storage shed. From the SAL for making us aware of the sale, the company for giving us an even higher discount, to Michelle for contacting a mover and the SAL for supervising the building's delivery. It was a wellorchestrated undertaking. Now just to put it in place at its "forever" home.

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position at the July GMM. Please come out on Wednesday, June 7<sup>th.</sup> from 2 to 7pm, to vote for your choice of Commander. Your voice matters! Election results for Commander will be announced immediately following the election during the General Membership Meeting starting at 7pm.

I want to congratulate those incoming officers and wish them all the best in the new Legion year. The Post will hold installation of the new officers for the entire Legion Family (Legion, Auxiliary, SAL & ALR) on Saturday, June 24<sup>rd</sup>. Social hour starts at 6pm and installation begins at 7pm. This is a wonderful opportunity to thank those that have served and to meet and congratulate the incoming officers.

The Legion has been pretty busy. We sponsored 8 boys to Boys State, presented 12 School Awards, and 37 JROTC/ ROTC awards. Thanks to Paul Goymerac and Jack Leonhardt, our Americanism Committee co-chairs for leading these efforts.

The Craw Fish Boil and our Memorial Day picnic were both great successes thanks to our 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander, Mikey Wilson and his team of volunteers. Great job folks! These were fun events and everyone who attended enjoyed them.

One last note: membership. The membership year starts on 1 January and runs through 31 December. However, we start collecting dues for the next year on 1 July. You will soon begin receiving renewal notices from national. Our Legion dues are going up by \$6.00 for 2024. Dues will now be \$42.00 a year. The increase is mainly caused by the Department of Texas Legion increasing their dues by \$4.00 beginning in 2024. Now is an excellent time to consider becoming a Paid Up for Life (PUFL) member at today's rate. Once you're a PUFL, you won't ever have to worry about a dues increase again. Please see me or Nick Mills, our adjutant, if you have any questions about becoming a PUFL.

For God and Country,

Dennis Ducharme Commander



What is coming around the corner in June? Well, first, our General Membership meeting and Unit Executive Board elections will be June 7th at 7 p.m. Don't forget, to vote in or hold an office you must be current with this year's dues. Next will be the Burger Burn on June 8th, 5:30 to 7:00. \$8 for a burger, chips, and a yummy homemade dessert.

June 10<sup>th</sup> is Chicken Fried Steak and the Unit's Desserts for Donations table. June 30<sup>th</sup> is Steak Night and the Unit's Desserts for Donations table. Thank you to those that support the Unit by donating to this! You get something sweet, and we can fund our programs, so we all benefit.

Installation of all the Post 593 family's Executive Boards is set to take place June 24<sup>rd</sup>. Social will begin at 6 p.m. with installations beginning at 7 p.m. Attend if you can. It is open to the entire Post family, and it is a great way to meet and get to know your 2023-2024 executive boards.

Of course, the Girls State 2023 session will begin Father's Day and end June 24<sup>th</sup>. We have a great group of talented and gifted young women who will be attending this year and we look forward to hearing about their experiences.

And our last big push for membership will be happening this month. We don't have much time left in reaching our goal. We are so very close, so if you haven't renewed, or have a Senior or Junior you can join, let one of us help you do the paperwork. The rest of our Post family has made the 100% goal or more. I know we can do this! We did it last year. Wouldn't It be fantastic to have a 100% Post Family again. Oh, don't forget, the Unit pays for its Juniors until they turn 18. What a deal!

Please renew or encourage your family and friends to renew ASAP. Not only can you not vote or hold an office, but you will also lose your eligibility for some of the ALA programs, including the Auxiliary Emergency Fund. Dues can be dropped at the Post with "Irma" noted on the envelope, or it can be mailed to the post or even renewed online.

To renew online: the National ALA website is <u>https://</u><u>www.legion-aux.org/members</u>. It is fairly easy, just follow the prompts, and then you can print your card then and 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 can help you with that as well. I have printed the cost calculation and will make sure to leave a copy at the post.

Please keep an eye out for email and the 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 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 myself at <u>czavala@gvec.net</u> or <u>Aux593info@gmail.com</u> 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.

Candy Zavala, President, ALA Unit 593



### <u>2nd Vice-Commander Report</u> <u>Newsletter Article 2<sup>nd</sup></u> <u>Vice Commander</u>

Volunteering - is a voluntary act of an individual or group freely giving time and labor for community service. Many volunteers are specifically trained in the areas they work in, such as cooking, recruiting, event planning, and public service. If you would like to get involved in any of the things mentioned above, please let me know. I will never turn down a volunteer and the post needs more volunteers. This is also a great idea for high school aged children to get some volunteer hours for preparing for college enrollment. I have formed an H&E (calendar) committee that will be meeting every month at 7 pm on the second Wednesday of the month. For the month of June, this will be on the 14<sup>th</sup>. All are welcome to come and help plan for the year. All ideas are welcome. This is where everyone has an equal share in planning for the year. I hope to keep this meeting around 30-60 minutes. Here are the events we have for June. Legion breakfast is on June 10<sup>th</sup> from 8 am until 11 am. The cost will be \$10. We have a blood drive that morning at the same time. Come give blood and get something for breakfast. San Antonio Steel Guitar Jam Session and Burger Burn will be on June 11th. The session will be from 2 pm to 5 pm and is free to attend. Hamburgers, Cheeseburgers, and Fries will be served out of the kitchen window from 1 pm to 3:30 pm. Prices for burgers and fries is \$8 and a basket of fries is \$5. Post 593 Steak Night will be on June 30<sup>th</sup>. The cost is \$16, and the event will run from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. or until we run out of steaks. These are 10 to 12 oz boneless ribeve steaks served with a choice of green beans or corn and a very large baked potato. All the fixings to top your potato as well as a choice of salad and a dinner roll will be available in the hall.

Future events being planned:
Rummage Sale – 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> of July
4<sup>th</sup> of July Picnic – TBD but probably on the 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> of July
Hawaiian Luau Themed Party – July 15th
Bar Champions Tournament – July 22<sup>nd</sup>
Casino Night – Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup>
VA Outreach Event – Oct. 14<sup>th</sup>
Murder Mystery Themed Party – Oct. 21st
Cornhole Tournament – TBD
Live Band – TBD
Comedy Night – TBD

Recruiting Events (Walmart, FM 78) - TBD

Note: We will organize a weekend to help remove/ demo the old Auxiliary Shed on a weekend once everything gets planned.

### The Fourth Pillar

### **Children and Youth**

Cub Scout Pack 593— The Pack just held their "Level Up" ceremony graduating from one grade to the next. They look forward to the summer months and all the fun that they will bring. Thank You to all those who supported their Pancake Breakfast in April.

Boy Scout Troop 593—The Troop along with their younger brothers and sisters in the Pack are honored to serve the Post and our community by retiring another approximately 270 U.S. Flags on Memorial Day. This brings us close to retiring a 1,200 flags over the last three years . The Troop's summer plans are for half the troop to go to Camp Strake near Houston and experiencing the fun of a Boy Scout Camp earning Merit Badges in Swimming, Life Saving, Archery, Rifle Shooting, Woodcarving and many more. While another part of the troop heads west for a Science and Nature Excursion to McDonald Observatory in the Davis Mountains and Carlsbad Caverns in New Mexico.

These programs exist for only one reason, the support of American Legion Post 593. THANK YOU!!!!

"Why sleep in a five star hotel when you can sleep under a billion." - Author Unknown

### SALute From the Squadron Commander



Hello to all the S A L and other Legion family members.

Here's hoping all had a great time this past year and yes it's time to welcome all of our new officers.

Chicken Fried Steak night, we sold 45 stakes in an hour and fifteen minutes, that's not bad with the forecasted rain. Great job to the staff and thank you to all that bought the dinners.

We had our elections at our last meeting;

COMMANDER	BILL COX						
2nd VICE	MIKEY WILSON						
CHAPLIN	GRORGE ALVA						
FINANCE	DAVE PARIS						
JUDGE ADVOCATE	HENRY CREECH						
HISTORIAN	ADAM BELES						
SGT-AT-ARMS	BRAD MERTIN						
MEMBERS AT LARGE	RICK MOE, KEN ROD						
We are having our rummage sale the 3rd and 4th of July, more details to come.							
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 9th of June, for our next Chicken Fried Steak night.

Our next S A L meeting will be on June 20th, 2023 at 19:00.

Have a great month, see all of you later.



Great Steak Night Team!





And yet, still having fun and fellowship throughout the month, such as the Memorial Day Picnic and Tuesday Coffee and Donuts.









### 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.

There's a new bartender in town! Come by the Post and say hi to Cheyanne. She'll be happy to meet you.



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!

### **Officer Elections**

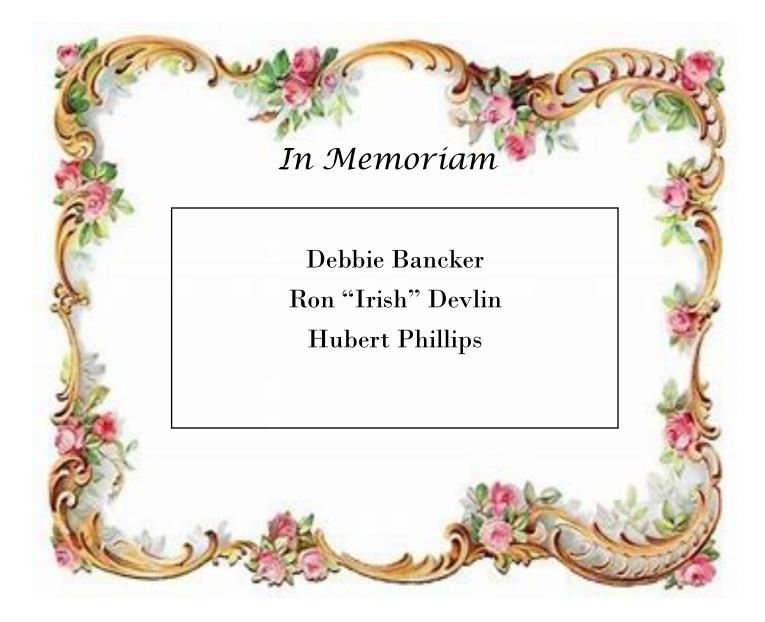
It's almost election time and your Legion, Auxiliary, S.A.L., and Riders need your talent, ability, and time. Your fellow members need you. There are a handful of members who hold one or more positions in one or more of the four divisions. Some of the current officers will seek re-election because they want to continue to do the job. Others would like to seek a different position or simply take a well deserved break. This is where you step up and announce that you are seeking the nomination for a particular office. It's hard to match the feeling of leaving your positive mark and knowing that you have contributed to the overall success of your organization.

# June

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			,	<b>1</b> Dart League 7 pm Pool League 8 pm	2	3
4	<b>5</b> Boy Scouts 6:30 pm Shuffle Bd 7:00 p.m.	<b>6</b> Coffee & Doughnuts 9-11 am	<b>7</b> Post Election 2 - 7 pm Post GMM 7pm	<b>8</b> Burger Burn 5:30pm Dart League 7 pm	<b>9</b> Chicken Fried Steak Night 6pm-7:30pm	<b>10</b> Breakfast and Blood Drive 8-11:00am
		ALR Exec Mtg 7pm	Auxiliary Mtg 7pm	Pool League 8 pm		
<b>11</b> Steel Guitar As- sociation and Burger sales 2-5 p.m.	<b>12</b> Boy Scouts 6:30 pm	<b>13</b> Coffee & Doughnuts	14 Flag Day	<b>15</b> Dart League 7 pm	16	17
	Shuffle Bd 7:00 p.m.	9-11am ALR GM Mtg 7pm	Bubba's Fundrais- er 4 - 8 pm H & E Mt 7 pm	Pool League 8 pm		
18		<b>20</b> Coffee & Doughnuts	21 Post Exec Mtg 7 pm	թա	23	24 Installation of new officers— Social Hour @ 6 pm
	Shuffle Bd 7:00 p.m.	9-11 am S.A.L. GM Mtg 7pm		Pool League 8 pm		
25	26	<b>27</b> Coffee & Doughnuts	28	<b>29</b> Dart League 7 pm	<b>30</b> Steak Night 6pm - 8pm	
	Shuffle Bd 7:00 p.m.	9-11 am		Pool League 8 pm		

# July

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<b>1</b> SAL Rummage Sale
2	3	4th Of July	5	6	7	8
SAL Rummage Sale	Boy Scouts 6:30	Coffee & Dough- nuts	Post GMM 7pm	Dart League 7 pm	Chicken Fried Steak	Breakfast 8- 11:00am
	Shuffle Bd 7:00 p.m.	9-11 am	Auxiliary Mtg 7pm	Pool League 8 pm	Night 6pm- 7:30pm	
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		9-11am ALR GM Mtg		Dart League 7 pm Pool League 8		
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	Shuffle Bd 7:00 p.m.	9-11 am		Pool League 8 pm		
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	Shuffle Bd 7:00 p.m.					



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.



# COME VOTE AT THE POST HOME ON JUNE 7TH FROM 2:00PM TO 7:00PM



# 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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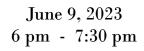


Open to the public.

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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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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: June 10, 2023

### 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. 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.



### June 11, 2023

1 to 5 pm

Grill open 1- 3:30PM

William M. Randolph Post 593 326 Legion Dr W Converse, TX 78109

Information 210-658-1111

Open to the public.



3136 Pat Booker Road, Universal City, TX

On June 14th from 4:00pm to 8:00pm, Bubba's 33 is hosting American Legion Post 593 Appreciation Night They are going to donate a percentage of their sales from American Legion Members to Post 593 during this time frame. All you need to do is to tell your server that you are an American Legion customer when you PLACE YOUR ORDER during this time

Their handmade pizza's are great as well as their hamburgers and chicken wings. The Fried Fish sandwich and Turkey Bacon sandwich are a favorite of mine also. The Margarita's are awesome.

This Bubba's has donated items to our post for several years. Lets show them American Legion support for their program.

Ken Rodd Life member and Past Commander Post 593







THE AMERICAN LEGION POST 593 WILLIAM M. RANDOLPH 326 LEGION DRIVE W CONVERSE, TX 78109

## INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

SATURDAY, JUNE 24, 2023 7 PM INSTALLATION STARTS SOCIAL HOUR 6 PM TO 7PM

FINGER FOODS WILL BE PROVIDED DURING SOCIAL HOUR MUSIC/KAROKEBY DJ MIKEY





June 30, 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 \$16 per plate! Open jukebox for your musical pleasure.

Join us for a great meal, music, and fellowship.

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### FREE STEAK DINNER RAFFLE

### 30 JUNE 2023



### FLAGSHIP HEALTH AND POST 593 WILL BE RAFFLING FREE STEAK DINNERS FOR 20 PEOPLE ON STEAK NIGHT! <u>TO WIN A FREE DINNER:</u>

On steak night, sign up for more information on Flagship Health. Flagship Health serves veteran seniors, family members, and all supporters of our armed forces.

After signing up, you will receive a raffle ticket. The 20 raffle winners will be drawn and announced around 730pm. If you are chosen, your steak night money is refunded!

If you win and you didn't buy a steak dinner, your ticket will be valid for the July 2023 steak dinner night.

Bring your friends! And remember - Everyone's a winner - Achieve better health with Flagship and help grow steak night at Post 593!



# Creating Healthy Veteran Communities Enabling Veterans to Thrive

Flagship Health offers integrated health services for veterans, by veterans. Our military culture, veteran community, and advanced primary care services are carefully designed to help veterans thrive. With innovative medical, behavioral, and social services – we are dedicated to both honoring and serving the veterans who have served us well.

- Advanced primary care with well-trained physicians who understand veterans' needs
- Same day access with telemedicine, urgent, and after-hours care
- A community of fellow patriots with your shared experiences
- Behavioral health services with clinicians who truly understand your ethos and your service
- Coordination and help navigating private, military, and VA healthcare systems
- Assistance finding and utilizing the numerous veteran benefits you've rightfully earned

It's time to say goodbye to healthcare complexity. Say hello to community, camaraderie, and care.



Visit our website to get on our roster for future information

www.flagshiphealth.org

\*Your contact information will not be shared

Flagship Health Crown Meadows Shopping Center 7616 Culebra Road Suite 130 San Antonio, Texas 78251 (726) 201-3660

# Bar Champion Tournament

# **Saturday July 22**

3:30

# Darts / Pool / Redneck Shuffleboard Blind Draw for Partners







Bracket Style tournament which incorporates Redneck Shuffleboard, Darts, and Billiards. 2 person teams to be drawn at random. 1st place will receive half of the pot. 2nd and 3rd place will share the other half of the pot, 2/3rds to 2nd Place, 1/3rd to 3rd Place. Entry fee to be determined soon.



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