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*Commander's Corner*



Spring is in the air, and with this budding of a new season I would like to reflect on what I believe is the biggest asset of our Post, its Members. We have a very diverse membership from age, service background, interest, skills, and even varying Pillars that we belong to. What makes it all work, is that we all work together.

Our members are not identified by what Pillar they belong to, but that they are a part of the Post 593 Family. It is a rare time when an event is going on at the post and multiple Members from all of the Pillars are not involved. This selfless service shown by our members to better our programs, facilities, and causes the dynamic that makes Post 593 what it is. This camaraderie, loyalty, and commitment allows our Post to accomplish the many great things that we do month after month, year after year.

I encourage you all to maintain this incredible atmosphere in our Post. We may have our disagreements, but we always stick together. As you travel to other American Legion Posts observe how they interact. Discuss how it works at our post, and they

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*Auxiliary News*



Happy St. Patty's Day!!

Hope everyone has the luck of the Irish this month! First of all, I want to send out a huge JOB WELL DONE to the SAL – the Casino night that they put on was so much fun! Thank you for all the planning, decorating and executing – fun was had by all!

Please remember if you have not paid your 2015 dues, please do so as soon as possible. We are still short of missing our 100% goal and we want to make that goal!

We will be having our Kid's Easter party on Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm. Candy Zavala has been kind enough to chair this event for us. She will have a sign-up sheet at the post – so please make sure you sign up your kids and grandkids! We are looking for donations of plastic eggs and candy!

The Auxiliary has some fun events coming up so mark your calendars!!

**Breakfast** – Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup> (8 am to 11 am) -

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**Shuffleboard/Dart Tournaments** – Saturday,

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will always state their envy for what we have, and always remember that what makes Post 593 the envy of all is our Members. Thank You All for what you do.

This is OUR House  
Do what you can when you can

Danny Peter Muth  
Post Commander

### SAL Corner

Thank you all for the phenomenal support of the Valentine's casino night. A wonderful time was had by all. We look forward to providing more fun night events in the future.

Membership is still in the forefront. Please renew now or sign up your eligible family members.

There is new security lighting installed in the large back parking lot. This should make evening walking in that lot much safer.

Henry Creech  
SAL Squadron Commander

### **2015 Dues**

As of now, if your card says "2014", your membership in The American Legion has expired. The post is less than 100 from getting goal. Renew NOW!!!

Soon the National Office will be completing the lists for 2016. If you have not renewed, you will receive a hand printed card next year. Don't let your name be dropped from The American Legion rolls.

The American Legion is celebrating its 95<sup>th</sup> anniversary in March 2015. In those 95 years, the Legion has been the largest advocate for the needs and rights of veterans. Your support, through continuing membership, is important to veterans everywhere.

If you have questions or concerns, come to the General Membership Meeting on the first Wednesday of the month at 7:30 PM. You are always welcome.

### ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTERS

To get your name on the electronic delivery list, please send an email to [post593newsletter@yahoo.com](mailto:post593newsletter@yahoo.com). Thanks for your support to save some dollars\$\$\$.

### NOTARY PUBLIC

Notary service is available to Post members and their families at no cost to them. Contact Joe Guastella at 683-6582 to make arrangements.

March 21<sup>st</sup> - SB sign up is at 3:30 pm and dart is at 7:15 pm. The Auxiliary will have a grill that opens at 5:30 pm and we will serve until 8 pm. All proceeds go to Girls State.

**Steak & Fish Night** – Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup> (6 pm to 8 pm or until we run out.) Steak Dinner is \$13.00 and Fish Plate is \$10.00. Karaoke at 8 pm.

**Kid's Easter Party** – Saturday March 28th at 1 pm

Check the calendar for other fun events that are happening at the Post!!

Until Next Month.....  
Michelle Muth

### **Bites, Sites and Bikes – May 2**

This year's Fundraiser for Boys State will be held on Saturday, May 2. This will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> year and plans are being made to make it the best. There will be music, food, auction (with Alice cakes!!) and lots of fun!!!!

Post 593 would like to sponsor 7 candidates for Boys State. The cost to the Post is \$300 per boy and \$100 towards the bus to take the boys to Austin. That's, at least, \$2200 to be raised in a short period of time.

We are in need of cooks (Cinco de Mayo theme), items for the auction, hungry people, and those who would like to go on an ALR Ride. John Bock has promised a beautiful short ride. All of this helps toward the goal.

If you want to bring your RV, cook, donate or help, contact Karen Paris.

### **Military Pay And Benefits**

The Pentagon has set up working groups to review report findings and to make the Defense Department's recommendations to President Obama within 60 days on pay and benefits.

One of the major recommendations was for the overhaul of the military retirement system. The commission called for ending the current 20 years-and-out at half pay system for future troops and starting 401k-style investment funds with government contributions for lower ranking troops.

Submitted by Sebastian Rodriguez, Post Service Officer

### **Saving Cans**

Many thanks to those who have been helping us save cans for the past few years. This has brought into the Legion coffers almost \$10,000 in the last 11 years. Aluminum cans, brass, copper wire, and batteries are all salvageable.

No bottles or plastic please.

Thank you—John Orff

## Rider Report

Another month has come and gone. We started February by attending the "Four Chaplain" ceremony which was held by Post 593. It was a wonderful ceremony and a great way to start off month. We then came together and hosted another "hail/farewell" for those who currently joined our riders group. To welcome them, we attended the Rampage Hockey game at the AT&T center to watch the Rampage whip up on Oklahoma. What a great turn-out we had for this event. We watched one Rampage player score his 100<sup>th</sup> goal and witnessed the Rampage setting a new record by scoring three goals in 1 minute and 30 seconds. The comrade we had amongst the ALR members that evening was a great feeling and I hope everyone had a great time. We didn't stop there, we, along with other Patriot Guard Riders, came together to escort one of our Wounded Warriors and his family to their new home here in San Antonio.

I would like to take this time to remind you of what the American Legion Emblem on your patch symbolizes. (a) The Rays of the Sun form the background of our proud emblem, and suggest the Legion's principles will dispel the darkness of violence and evil (b) The Wreath forms the center, in loving memory of those brave comrades who gave their lives in the service of the United States, that liberty might endure (c) The Star, victory symbol of WWI; honor, glory, and constancy. This lets U.S. leave no doubt as to the brightest star in the Legion's star (d) Two Large Rings stand for the rehabilitation of our sick and disabled buddies. The inner one denotes the welfare of America's children (e) Two Small Rings set upon the star. The outer pledges loyalty and Americanism. The inner is for service to our communities, our states, and the Nation.

I remind you of the above paragraph for one reason. When you are out on your motorcycle and wearing your vest (with the ALR emblem on it), please remember, you are representing more than Post 593. You are representing our Country. Please remember, we are known for our charitable work which raises thousands of dollars for local schools, veteran's homes, and severely wounded service members and scholarships. Please take pride in wearing this emblem/patch upon your vest.

In closing, thank you for what you have done and continue to do for Post 593, the Community, State, and Country.

JOHN A. BOCK  
Director, American Legion Riders

## Community Service 15 Can Challenge



1. Every week when you buy groceries, purchase one extra item. It could be a can food or something non perishable.
2. Collect one item each week for fifteen weeks.
3. Drop off at your local American Legion Auxiliary Unit.
4. The Auxiliary Unit will take to the Charity of their Choice.
5. Invite as many of your friends as you can - remember we can change someone's life.
6. Many Communities will benefit.
7. Special certificate for each Unit that participates in the Can Food Drive. Please include in your midyear narrative or year end report, take pictures.
8. Challenge the Legionnaires and Sons of The American Legion to do the same.

11th Anniversary

# ROLLING RUN

All Proceeds benefit  
Veterans Programs



American Legion Riders Chapter 593

**\$500 IN  
CASH PRIZES!**

5 chances to win \$100

+

**GRAND  
DOOR PRIZE!**

\$500+ Value

🔥 Live Auction! 🔥 Fun Run!

🔥 50/50! 🔥 Vendors!

🔥 Food Available after Run!

**\$15 for Riders**  
\$5 for Passengers

# MARCH 21ST

Breakfast  
Tacos **8:30AM**

Registration  
Begins **9AM**

Registration  
Ends **NOON**

Entry Starting @ \$5.00

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## March 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Jam Session Grill opens - 2 pm	2 Dart League & Shuffleboard League	3 Baked Ziti and Dessert - \$5...\$ 0.00 ALR EXEC. MTG 7:30 PM	4 GMM Mtg. 7:30 pm Dinner served from 5:30 to 7 pm	5 Dart League Pool League	6	7
8 Day light savings time Spring Forward!!	9 Dart League &	10 <del>BUBBL Grill 6-8:00</del> ALR GMM MTG 7:30 PM	11	12 Dart League Pool League	13 CHICKEN FRIED STEAK OPEN TO THE PUBLIC! 6-7:30 pm	14 BREAKFAST OPEN TO THE PUBLIC 8 - 11 AM
15	16 Dart League &	17 <del>Corn beef and Cabbage by Karen</del> Happy St. Patty's Day!! New Blog. Committee Mtg 7:30 pm	18 Exec. Mtg. 7:00 pm	19 Tri City Flyers Dart League Pool League	20	21 Shuffleboard - 3:30 Darts - 7:15 <b>Rolling Run</b>
22	23 Dart League & Shuffleboard League	24 No Rider Grill	25	26 Dart League Pool League	27 \$STEAK/FISH NIGHT KARAOKE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC	28 Kid's Easter Party 1 pm
29 Post 667 Golf Tournament	30 Dart League & Shuffleboard League	31 No Rider Grill SAL Mtg. - 7:30 pm				



ZUMBA  
 Every Tuesday  
 At 6:15 pm - \$3

**\*\* Breakfast and Steak Night prepared by the Auxiliary. \*\***

UPCOMING EVENTS:

We are also on Facebook - Post 593 or American Legion  
 Riders Post 593 - CHECK US OUT!!!