



William M. Randolph, Post 593

**The American Legion
Of The United States of America**

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March 2022

Hours of Operation

Monday--2pm—9pm
 Tue-Thurs: 2pm—10pm
 Friday: 2pm — 1am
 Saturday: Noon — 1 am
 Sunday: Noon — 8pm
 (Hours may vary due to business)

Post 593 Officers:

Commander: Dennis Ducharme
 1st Vice: Ed Richards
 2nd Vice: Joe Falco
 Adjutant: Nick Mills
 Finance: Ray Barger
 Chaplain: Kelly Mosely
 Judge Advocate: Danny Muth
 Historian: Kelly Osvold
 Service Officer: Brad Martin
 Sgt At Arms: George Alva
 Hubmaster: Dennis Ducharme
Members at Large: Henry Creech,
 Jack Leanhart, Jimmy May, Art
 Osvold, Ken Rodd,

Auxiliary Officers:

President: Sandy Vinson
 Vice President: Robin Alva
 Secretary: Amanda Silvas
 Treasurer: Sue Buckley
 Historian: Vacant
 Chaplain: Irma Ducharme
 Sgt At Arms: Donna Grimmer
Members at Large:
 Rosie Cherry, Michelle Muth,
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Commander: Joe Falco
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 2nd Vice: Henry Creech
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 Historian: Ken Echered
 Sgt At Arms: Ed Richards
 Judge Advocate: Henry Creech
Members At Large:
 Rick Moe, Ken Rodd

ALR Officers:

Director: Paul Goymerac
 Asst Director: Greg Spatz
 Secretary: Becky Spatz
 Treasurer: Robin Alva
 Road Captain: Sean Lowder
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 Sgt At Arms: Robert Hendricks
 Chaplain: Ed Richards
 Service Officer: Daniel Riggs
 Historian: Alice Wagener
Members at Large:
 Jim Rusick, Matt Scott,

Commander's Comments



Folks,
 Spring is in the air! This is a great time of year as it seems everything comes alive – it's seems all fresh and new. It's a great time to re-energize and recommit your support to the Post. Let me know what you'd like to see happen – an entertainment event, a new service program or a new fundraiser idea that you may have. I'll see what I can do to make it happen.

We've started a second shuffleboard team to compete in the Monday night league. We still need one or two subs. Also, the Thursday night pool team is looking for a couple of new members. Let me know if you'd like more information.

Membership is still an important topic. We're about 94% of the way towards our goal. Please try to talk to at least one veteran a week about the Legion. If you haven't renewed yet for 2022, please do so as soon as possible. Our dues are still only \$36.00 for the year.

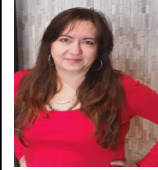
Our flag program called "Flags on Town Square," which started on Veterans Day, continues to grow. You can sponsor a flag to fly on Main Street in Converse that will have a sign on it to promote your business, memorialize a loved one or just have your name on it. For \$100 the flag will fly on six holidays a year. Please see me for more information.

The Tuesdays coffee and donuts plus is going extremely well. We average around 20 people every Tuesday between 9 am and 11 am. We have complimentary coffee, donuts, cookies, fruit, oatmeal and more. Come out for the whole two hours or only a few minutes to say hi. We'd love to see you!

Want to know more about The American Legion?

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Auxiliary News



Can you believe it's already March? Spring is right around the corner and with that comes so many more events to come out and enjoy! We love coming up with ways to support our community, state and nation that improve the lives of so many. With a grateful heart, we thank you for being a part our awesome organization and making it possible to help.

Once again, we need you to know that it is not too late to renew your 2022 membership. You can mail your dues to the Post or renew online at legion-aux.org/renew. There is also a phone number for National Headquarters on the same web page that can assist you over the phone to help you renew your dues. The dues are \$28.00, and you truly make a difference when supporting the American Legion Auxiliary!! If you know someone that is eligible to join, please invite them to join us and get them signed up as well. Please, don't let all your years of continuous membership and support expire. If you need help, please reach out to us.

Can you believe elections are right around the corner already? We will be forming the nominating committee at our April meeting and will be taking nominations from the floor then voting in June. If you are interested in any position, please see me or any one of us on the Executive Board or nominating committee.

Again, please remember that our monthly meetings are the first Wednesday of every month at 7:30 p.m. We would love your presence, support, and ideas as we continue to grow our organization.

As always, we have lots of great events coming up so be sure to keep a close eye on our website calendar, as well as Post 593's Facebook page, for updated information.

Sandy Vinson
 ALA President Unit 593
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(And yes, the name of The American Legion is The American Legion with the "T" in "The" capitalized.) You can take the Legion's basic course. The American Legion Extension Institute has been rewritten, updated, streamlined and enhanced with videos, digital photos, clickable links, a historical timeline and additional features. The program should take less than two hours to complete. It is divided into six sections, with a quiz at the end of each one, followed by a final exam. Its great information and I highly encourage you to take the course. Go here to sign up for free: www.legion.org/ALEI.

See you around the Post!

For God and Country,

Dennis Ducharme
Post Commander

March Meals Quick Reference

<u>March 10., Burger Grill, 5:30-7:30PM</u>	<u>\$7.00</u>
<u>March 11., Chicken Fried Steak Dinner, 5-7PM</u>	<u>\$10.00</u>
<u>March 12., Breakfast, 8-11AM</u>	<u>\$7.00</u>
<u>March 13., Jam Session Grill, 1-3PM</u>	<u>\$7.00</u>
<u>March 19., Rolling Run, Breakfast and Lunch</u>	<u>prices vary</u>
<u>March 25., Steak Night, 6-8PM</u>	<u>\$15.00</u>
<u>Complimentary Snacks available during Canteen Operating Hours</u>	

Thanks to all who came out for our Super Bowl Party...it was good to see so many smiling faces and so much good food!!

Please plan to join us on March 12th at 3:00 pm for a Redneck Shuffleboard Tournament and Potluck Dinner. It's similar to a regular shuffleboard tournament with one minor change: The majority of the table is covered so your shooting into the dark. I've never done it, but have heard that it's a blast so let's do it!!

Please remember that we have a \$10 minimum on credit card purchases. The minimum was put in place to keep us above water on costs--we pay a fee for each transaction plus a percentage of the transaction. When we run your card for less than \$10 we are basically losing money!!

We appreciate your support and patronage...please let me know if you have ideas, suggestions or questions.

Traci Permenter
Post Home Manager



SALute

Spring is in the air. Your SAL Squadron has been busy and continues to shine. In addition to our regular meals and meetings, there's more events to support. March 12th is a Redneck Shuffleboard tournament, March 19th is the Rolling Run, and we're planning, in coordination with the Legion a 50's style dance as well as a Casino Night. As Sons, we should support these events for the good of all.

Membership is still a top priority, please renew today.

With the new Legion year, it would be really nice to see some new faces at our monthly meetings and events. Our Monthly General Membership Meeting is always on the 3rd Tuesday of the month. Hope to see you there.

Be safe and be well,
Joe Falco
Squadron 593 Commander

Legion Membership Update

Please renew for 2022!

You can also leave your dues with the bartender (make sure you write your name and membership ID number on the envelope) and we'll get you the new card right away. As always, you can renew online at mylegion.org and print your membership card; you can send in your reminder renewal form; or you can contact me and we can chat about your renewal options. As of February 17th we are at 93.54% of our goal of 712 members. We are at 666 members—just think, about 42 more members we'll make our goal! It is always a perfect time to renew or join! Bring in your friends, family, and neighbors to register for the Legion (and check eligibility for Auxiliary and Sons as well!).

Ed Richards,
1st Vice Commander, Membership





Riders Report



The weather is warming up so rides will be more frequent. Our efforts this month is to place final touches on the 19 March Rolling Run. You do not have to be an ALR member to enjoy this event. We will have a live band, DJ, 100 mile run, and an auction. There's food and drinks available so come on down to Post 593 and enjoy a full day of fun. Non-motorcycle vehicles are welcomed on our ride.

We also have a few vacancies on our Executive Committee for the next membership year so if you are an ALR member and would like to be part of the decision making team, please let Greg Spatz, Sean Lowder, or myself know. Books will be out in April to sign up and voting will take place in May. April is right around the corner and we are scheduling a ride to support CVMA and/or Wounded Warriors so more to come on those events. They are early in April so keep your eyes peeled on our web site or Facebook page.

Have a great spring and we look forward to seeing you soon especially at our General Membership meetings at 7:00 pm on the second Tuesday of each month. We have free food at those meetings so come down after work and be part of the decision makings of our ALR. God bless our Veterans, say a prayer for the Ukrainians, and stay safe on the roads.

Paul "Timmy" Goymerac,
ALR Director

Flying Flags For Heroes

Preston Sharp is a 16-year old member of the S.A.L. in Redding, California. Six years ago, he placed a U.S. flag on his grandfather's grave and noticed that there were no flags on the graves of other veterans. This upset him to the point of taking action. He decided to make a difference. He started doing odd jobs and asked for donations to buy U.S. flags. He placed the first few hundred by himself, but before long, placing flags on the graves of veterans became a community-wide event that captured the attention of the media and the 45th President of The United States who praised him during The State of The Union Address!



National S.A.L. Commander Michael Fox has selected the Flying Flags For Heroes program as his service project during his term of office. The goal is to place U.S. flags on the graves of one million veterans buried in local cemeteries throughout the fifty-four detachments. The Commander instructed each detachment to appoint one person to oversee the project in each state. Detachment of Texas Commander Tom Arista appointed 20th District Commander George Alva to this task. Commander Alva has set the goal at 18,000 flags to be placed at cemeteries to honor those veterans who gave part or all of their lives to protect our country's freedom. It is a monumental task, but it is not beyond the ability of Texans to get it done!

The deadline is just a few days prior to the next national convention in September of 2022. The flags do not have to be placed on a specific date nor all on the same day. Even though this is an S.A.L. driven project, Commander Fox wants each event to involve the community. Invite friends, neighbors, family, elected officials, celebrities, and the media to join you.

Contact your local non-national cemetery and ask for permission to place the flags. Find out how many veterans are in the cemetery and where they are located. Some cemeteries may have flags they will let you use. If they don't, 4" x 6" stick flags are very affordable which means you can purchase them or ask for donations for this patriotic cause. On your selected date, have a brief and solemn ceremony and place the flags at each grave marker. Take photos and upload them and any other pertinent information to www.flagsforheroes.com. Record how many flags were placed. If the cemetery asks you to remove the flags, please do so and use them for another flag placement event. If you place only one flag, that puts us one flag closer to the goal, but more important than that – it is one veteran you have taken the time to honor. All veterans have paid with their lives. Some paid instantly, others paid over a lifetime.

If you have any questions please email Commander Alva at cdrsal20dist@gmail.com.

We are the proud possessors of a priceless heritage.

American Legion Post 593



March 2022

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Looking Ahead
(events subject
to change)

Memorial Day
Picnic May 29

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 5		1 Coffee & Doughnuts 9-11AM ALR Exec Mtg 7:00 PM	2 Post General Membership Meeting 7:30PM	3 Pool League 8PM Dart League 7PM	4 5	
6 Shuffleboard 7PM	7 Shuffleboard 7PM	8 Coffee & Doughnuts 9-11AM ALR Gen Mbr Mtg 7:00 PM	9 Coffee & Doughnuts 9-11AM ALR Gen Mbr Mtg 7:00 PM	10 Flyers Grill 5PM Pool League 8PM Dart League 7PM	11 Chicken Fried Steak Dinner 6-8PM \$10.00	12 Breakfast 8-11AM \$7.00 Redneck Shuffle- board Tourney 3PM Potluck Dinner 6PM
13 Daylight Savings time begins Jam Session 12PM	14 Shuffleboard 7PM	15 Coffee & Doughnuts 9-11AM SAL GMM 7:00PM	16 Post Exec Mtg, 7:00 pm	17 St. Patrick's Day Pool League 8PM Dart League 7PM 	18 19 Rolling Run All Day	
20 21 Shuffleboard 7PM	22 Coffee & Doughnuts 9-11AM	23 Coffee & Doughnuts 9-11AM	24 Pool League 8PM Dart League 7PM	25 Steak Night And Fish Fry 6-8PM \$15.00/\$10.00	26 27	
28 Shuffleboard 7PM	29 Coffee & Doughnuts 9-11AM	30 Coffee & Doughnuts 9-11AM	31 Pool League 8PM Dart League 7PM			

Help Bubba find Blue

ALA President, Teresa Simmons-Copeland, has named K9s for Warriors as a special project for her year. Her mascot is a plush dog named Blue. Blue was kidnapped at DEC. Bubba, his long-lost brother, is looking for him.

Go to Facebook "Help Bubba find Blue" to follow his adventures.

FYI: K9s For Warriors is ending veteran suicide and returning our warriors to a life of dignity and independence. They rescue and train shelter dogs to be paired as Service Dogs for warriors with service-connected Post-Traumatic Stress, Traumatic Brain Injury and/or Military Sexual Trauma. They recently opened a facility in San Antonio (near ACS on Hwy 151).

Will you help me with a donation?

ALA Unit 593

326 Legion Drive W

Converse, TX 78109

(Indicate your donation is for The K9 Warrior Program)



Tuesday Morning Coffee and Doughnuts



Tuesday Mornings

Time: 9-11AM

**Come join for complimentary coffee and
doughnuts, fellowship, and good
conversation.**

Every Tuesday Morning, from 9-11 AM

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Flyers Grill Burger Night

**Hamburgers/Cheeseburgers, FF
and dessert for
\$7.00 per plate**

Date: March 10, 2022

Time: 5:30-7:30PM

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Chicken Fried Steak Dinner

\$10.00

Time: 6:00-7:30 PM

Date: March 11, 2022



Hand breaded
Chicken Fried
Steak, Mashed
Potatoes, Gravy,
choice of
Vegetable, Dinner
roll.

**Karaoke to follow for your
singing and dancing pleasure**

Information: 210-658-1111

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**Eat in or
take out**

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
\$7.00 per plate

Date: March 12, 2022

Time: 8:00-11:00 AM

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Information: 210-658-1111



To-Go orders available.

Redneck Shuffleboard Tournament

Saturday, March 12, 2022



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

This tournament is the same as any blind draw tournament, with one major difference. The majority of the table is covered when shooting. The only visible areas are the scoring zones and a few inches beyond. The center of the table is completely unseen, It really is a lot of fun. The tourney is a blind draw, single elimination.

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Potluck Meal at 6:00PM





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

March 13, 2022
1:00-5:00PM

Grill open 1- 3:30PM

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17th Annual - Rolling Run

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Registration: Open @ 9:00 am
 1st Bike out by 11:00 am
 Last bike in by 3:00 pm
 Riders: \$20
 Passengers \$10

Breakfast: 9:00 - 10:30 am
 Lunch: 12:00 - 4:00 pm
 Live & Silent Auction
 Live Band

Saturday, March 19, 2022
\$\$ 50/50 Poker Run \$\$

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Proceeds to benefit Veteran and Legion Programs



Steak Night / Fish Fry



Date: March 22, 2022

Time: 6:00-8:00PM

Information: 210-658-1111

**Eat in or
take out**

13 oz Ribeye, cooked to order, Baked Potato, choice of Vegetable, Salad, and Dinner rolls.

All for the incredibly low price of **\$15.00** per plate.

Karaoke and Music to follow for your singing and dancing pleasure.



Deep fried fish, fries, cole slaw,
dessert

All for the low, low price of
\$10.00 per plate.

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BOYS & GIRLS STATE FUND RAISER

Help send some local High School students to Texas Boys & Girls State this summer by getting Raffle tickets. Drawing will be held May 2nd at 6:00 pm at American Legion Post 593, Converse. 10 WINNERS!!!!!!!

PRIZES TO BE DRAWN FOR

- 1 - \$100.00 Gift Cert from HEB
- 1 - \$50.00 Gift Cert from Texas Roadhouse
- 2 - \$30.00 Gift Cert from The Wash Tub (car wash)
- 3 - \$21.49 Gift Cert for Pizza from Bubba's 33
- 3 - \$15.00 OFF Gift Cert Express Oil Change

You do not be present to win

1 ticket is \$1.00

7 tickets for \$5.00

20 tickets for \$10.00

Your support for these students is greatly appreciated.
This is how they grow and learn.

Ken Rodd

Member of American Legion Post 593

7722 Clay Ridge Drive

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A military veteran is entitled to a FREE Texas License plate if you received one of these medals. You DO NOT have to be disabled. Unmarried spouse's of deceased veterans are eligible also for these plates

Air Force Cross

Air Medal

Air Medal with Valor

Airman's Medal

Army of Occupation Medal

Army Distinguished

Service Cross

Bronze Star

Bronze Star with Valor

Coast Guard Medal

Defense Meritorious

Medal

Defense Superior Service

Medal

Distinguished Flying Cross

Distinguished Flying Cross
with Valor

Distinguished Service

Medal- Air Force, Army

Coast Guard, Navy

Distinguished Service

Medal Dept. of Defense,

Dept of Homeland

Security, Dept of Transp

Legion of Merit

Meritorious Service Medal

Navy/Marine Corp Medal

Navy Cross

POW Medal

Silver Star

Soldiers's Medal

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Ken Rodd

American Legion & VFW Member