



The American Legion
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March 2023

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Commander's Comments



Hi Folks! Welcome to Spring. I love this time of year. Everything is coming alive and is bright, the weather is warm and the air is cool and crisp. It's a great time to rejuvenate and start fresh. Some old-fashioned things like fresh air and sunshine are hard to beat. I look forward to seeing all the bluebonnets this month. Let's rededicate ourselves to recruiting one new member this month. Or if you prefer, find a member who hasn't renewed and encourage them to do so. We're close to reaching our goal for 2023. I would like to thank our Chaplain, Kellie Warrell and our First Vice Commander, Henry Creech and the others who participated in or attended the Four Chaplains Ceremony last month. It was a solemn ceremony honoring the sacrifices of the Four Chaplains during World War II. Great job everyone! As always, we have a full month of activities scheduled for March. Please check the calendar and see what you might be interested in. It would be great to see some new faces at our monthly meeting and events. We're always looking for new ways to get the community involved and to increase participation at our Post. If you have any ideas you would like to try, please let me know. Nothing ventured, nothing gained! Friday, March 17th is St. Patrick's Day and we'll be serving up some delicious, corned beef and cabbage. You don't want to miss this meal! On Saturday, March 18th the ALR is holding their 19th Annual Rolling Run. Please be sure to mark this event on your calendar and come out and support them. Lastly, we have sent out special invitations to

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Auxiliary News



Greetings and Salutations, ALA! Hopefully you had a wonderful February and didn't have too many sweets. I will try to be brief and to the point this month. I know I am a bit conversational but I like to brag on our AMAZING Unit and its members. I would like to thank everyone that provided sweets for February's Desserts for Donations. Also, a huge thanks to the ALA members that spent a part of their Friday night to assist with the Four Chaplains Ceremony. Of course, the Burger Burn Crew rocked! Such an amazing group. And of course, thanks to those that participated or donated to Melissa Schumann's Fundraiser. Tons of fun and money raised. Now for March's ALA highlight dates: March 1 - ALA General Membership Meeting and draping of our Charter, 7 pm. March 9 - ALA Burger Burn, 5:30 – 7:30, \$8. March 10 – Desserts for Donations table at Chicken Fried Steak Night. Need baking volunteers. March 31 – Desserts for Donations table at Steak Night. Need baking volunteers. There will be a box set out for candy donations to stuff eggs for Easter Egg Hunt on April 2nd. Please make sure the candy is bite-sized or they won't fit in the eggs. □ We want to thank the Tuesday Doughnut Crew for offering to stuff our eggs! How helpful. Our Unit also gives a shout out to the Doughnut Crew, the Legion Riders, Legionnaires and Sons of the American Legion for sponsoring one girl each to Girls State. **PUT ON YOUR CALENDARS** that the Unit will be holding an Easter Egg Hunt April 2nd, 1:30 to 3:30 with all the goodies,

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the former members of Windcrest, Post 612 to attend our March General Member Meeting. We want to warmly welcome them to their new Post Home. If you see someone new around and don't recognize them, please introduce yourself and make them feel right at home. Until next month...For God and Country,

Dennis Ducharme

hotdogs, prizes and, of course, Peter Cottontail. This is a public event.

Now, I can't close without talking about membership and renewals. Let me preface with, the Legionnaires have already reached 100%. The Unit is doing well but we haven't reached 100%. We are lacking many renewals. Please help us by sending in your renewals as well as reminding family to do so. We will be reaching out by phone or mail to follow up or see if we can help. Remember you can renew online, by dropping cash by the Post or mailing a check. Irma, our VP/Membership Chairman, and I would really appreciate the assistance. The bonus for you and yours is that you don't lose your years of continuous membership which has benefits in itself.

To renew online: the National ALA website is <https://www.legion-aux.org/members>. It is quite simple, you can print your card then and there. You need your current membership card or member number and credit card. If you are interested in becoming a Paid Up for Life member, we can help you with that as well.

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 a Unit 593, feel free or send them to me and I will do it for you. If you are not receiving email from Aux593info@gmail.com, please send an email to me at czavala@gvec.net or Aux593info@gmail.com and we will add or correct your email. Come join us. You have many choices and opportunities to 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, Unit 593

Riders Report



Greetings ALR Riders. Another great month that was wrapped up with a successful Scavenger Hunt that Chapter 593 won. We have a traveling trophy and the next Scavenger Hunt will be in September, probably sponsored by Chapter 179 in New Braunfels. March is a huge month because we have two key events that need

to be conducted perfectly. The first is a celebration of life for Cindy Lowe, a great friend and rider for many years. Her celebration of life will begin at 2:00 pm in the hall. More details will be forthcoming via a flyer. The second event is our 18th Annual Rolling Run on 18 March. Registration begins at 0900 and first group will depart at 1000. We will also unveil Cindy's patch on the Memorial Vest. We hope to have a great turn out with food, live band, DJ, and a great ride.

As we move into the spring months, riding picks up and we have some open projects we are finishing up. This June is the State Rally, and it will be conducted in El Paso. We have all arrangements made but we are still looking for a driver of the safety trailer. Final numbers for hotel rooms must be locked in NLT 1 May 2023. If you are still interested in going to the State Rally, contact Gomer, Sean or Greg. Please say continued prayers for Allen Lowe, Melissa Shuman, and others who need a little help from the Lord above. We also will have nomination books open on 1 April 2023 for new members to compete for ALR Executive Membership positions. If interested, let a Rider know. We need to fill the following vacancies: Director, Finance Officer, Membership, Historian, and Member at Large. God bless and welcome to the warmer weather.

Gomer "Timmy", ALR Director.



Happy Birthday to The American Legion

On **March 15-17, 1919**, members (including Theodore Roosevelt, Jr.) of the American Expeditionary Force convened in Paris, France for the first American Legion Caucus. Other significant dates are May 8-10, 1919 when "The American Legion" was adopted as the organization's official name at the St. Louis Caucus. On June 9, 1919 the Legion emblem was adopted by the National Executive Committee. The United States Congress officially chartered The American Legion on June 9, 1919. Today, The American Legion has a membership of over 2,000,000 veterans who volunteer their time to support the pillars of Americanism, National Security, Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation, and Children and Youth through various Legion programs. The American Legion has Posts throughout the United States of America and in The Philippines, Puerto Rico, Mexico, and France.

2nd Vice-Commander Report



Legion Breakfast be on March 11th for \$10. We sold 40+ breakfasts the last time. 8 am to 11 am. Legion Steak night is on March 31st, .6 pm to 8pm. There will be a 50/50 raffle and music by DJ Mikey. Steak Night meals will sell for \$16. The market price of beef is the reason for the price increase.

St. Patrick's Day Party in the canteen on March 17th. This will start at 6 pm.

Steel Guitars will be in the hall and a burger burn in the kitchen on March 12th. Please help us make this a good turnout. Burgers and fries are available from 1 pm to 3:45 pm. Cost is \$8 for the meal. \$5 for a basket of fries.

Super Bowl Sunday was good in my opinion. Roughly 20 people showed up and had lots of food and good camaraderie. Sorry we had to cancel the tailgate competition but there were only two volunteers to cook.

Penny Wars – Each Legion Division has a jug. Donated pennies count for points; all other coins deduct points. Dollars will deduct points for the number of pennies in them. Whoever wins the competition gets all 4 jugs for their charity. This ensures competition not just for the house, but for the charity also. The rules are posted by the jugs. Once one of the jugs gets about half full, I will announce the end of the game in one week after. Might announce at next General Membership Meeting. Legion's chosen charity is Children and Youth, Rider's is Foundation 14, and Auxiliary is Camp Hope. SAL will donate to Quarters for Veterans at the VA Hospital.

I have formed an H&E committee that will be meeting every month after the Executive meeting. All are welcome to come and help plan for the year. All ideas are welcome. I will have an agenda and sign in sheet but discussion about other things than in the agenda can happen. I hope to keep this meeting around 30 minutes to an hour.

Bus trip to the Kickapoo Casino is being planned for June 3rd. Tickets will be first come first serve with no refunds available. The bus will be BYOB alcohol. Trivia, games, and prizes to be awarded on the bus ride there. Stay tuned for more information.

Bar Championship - This is being planned for April 15th. Bracket style tournament which incorporates Redneck Shuffleboard, darts, and billiards. 2-person teams to be made at random hat draw. 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 will be determined next month.

Mikey Wilson, 2nd Vice-Commander

When your dreams include service to others - accomplishing something that contributes to others - it also accelerates the accomplishment of that goal. People want to be part of something that contributes and makes a difference.

Jack Canfield

SALute From the Squadron Commander



Hello to all the S.A.L. members and other Legion family. Here's hoping all had a great February. We had a great Chicken Fried Steak Night. We sold 83 steaks. Great job to the staff and thank you to all that bought the dinners.

As always, we are looking for ways to help the Vets and their families, either on our own or with Legion or Auxiliary or Riders.

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 of you on March 10th for our next Chicken Fried Steak Night.

Our next S.A.L. meeting will be on March 21, 2023, at 19:00. See all of you later.

Bill Cox, Squadron Commander



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St Patrick's Day

Friday, March 17th, 2023

Corned Beef & Cabbage

with potatoes, carrots & bread

6:00 pm 'til gone!

\$12.00



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MARCH 2023 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Post GMM 7pm Auxiliary Mtg 7pm	2 Dart League 7 pm Pool League 8 pm	3	4 Hug a G.I. Day Grammar Day Employee Ap- preciation Day
5	6	7 Coffee & Doughnuts 9-11 am ALR Exec Mtg 7pm	8	9 Burger Burn 5:30pm- 7:30pm Dart League 7 pm Pool League 8 pm	10 Chicken Fried Steak Night 6pm-7:30pm	11 Breakfast 8am- 11:00am Cindy Lowe Celebration of Life at 2:00 pm
12 Steel Guitar Association and Burger sales Daylight Sav- ing Time (Spring for- ward)	13	14 Coffee & Doughnuts 9-11am ALR GM Mtg 7pm	15 Post Exec Mtg 7 pm The American Legion 104th Birthday!	16 Dart League 7 pm Pool League 8 pm	17 St. Patrick's Day Corned beef and cabbage dinner at 6pm	18 ALR Rolling Run 9am
19	20 First day of Spring	21 Coffee & Doughnuts 9-11 am S.A.L. GM Mtg 7pm	22	23 Dart League 7 pm Pool League 8 pm	24	25
26	27	28 Coffee & Doughnuts 9-11 am	29	30 Dart League 7 pm Pool League 8 pm	31 Steak Night 6pm - 8pm	

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.



In Memoriam

Connie White
Cindy Lowe
Sandra Bryant

Beginning with this issue, 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.



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March 31, 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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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.

March 12, 2023

1:00 - 5:00 PM

Grill open 1- 3:30PM

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Information
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Open to the public.

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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Auxiliary Burger Grill

**Hamburgers/
Cheeseburgers,
FF and dessert for
\$8.00 per plate!**

Time: 5:30 - 7:30 pm

Date: March 9, 2023

Open to the public.



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Chicken Fried Steak Dinner

\$10

March 10, 2023
6 pm - 7:30 pm

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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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: March 11, 2023

Time: 8:00-11:00 AM

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Information: 210-658-1111



**To-Go orders available.
Open to the public.**



**American Legion Riders
Post 593
18th Annual Rolling Run
18 March 2023**



- Breakfast/Registration* (9:00 – 10:00 am)
* \$20 Riders/\$10 passengers
- 1st Bike out 10:30, last bike in by 3:00 pm
- \$\$ Poker Run \$\$
- BBQ Lunch (12:00 – 4:00 pm)
- Live Band (3:00 – 5:00 pm, 6:00 – 7:30 pm)
- Raffle; 9 mm and AK-47
- \$\$ 50/50 \$\$
- Live & Silent Auction
- **Proceeds to Benefit Veteran and Legion Programs**



Contact Dennis Ducharme
@ 210.630.0655
To become a sponsor!

Looking for Local Sponsors: \$50 each

- Includes:
- Name/Logo on Banner
 - 3 Months on Video Board
 - 3 Months in Newsletter

(Over 850 Legion mbrs, 300 Auxiliary mbrs, 100 Sons mbrs, 125 ALR mbrs)

Name _____ Phone # _____

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For sponsorship for The American Legion Rider's 18th Annual Rolling Run, 18 March 2023.

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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

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Received by: _____



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Bar Champion Tournament

Saturday, April 15th

Noon to 5pm

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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Bus Trip to Lucky Eagle Casino



Saturday, 3 June 2023

Leave from Legion Post 593 @ 7am

Back to Legion Post 593 @ 7pm



\$60 per person, round trip

Must be 21.

Small coolers (6 pack size) allowed on bus.

Only 56 seats available! Get your tickets now!

For Tickets See Dennis Ducharme: (210) 630-0655 or

Mikey Wilson: (573) 619-8767

Games/raffles/50-50 during bus ride.



CASINO BUS TRIP



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