



## The American Legion

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### March 2024

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Director: Ed Richards  
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#### Commander's Comments



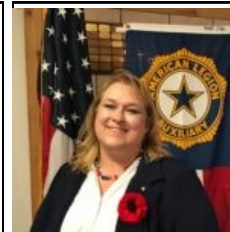
Hello Legionnaires and Family,

I hope that all of you are enjoying the recent reprieve from our cold weather. I have always thought that South Texas only had 3 seasons: Cool, Hot, and Christmas but the temperatures a couple of weeks ago made me rethink that approach. I am not going to predict colder temps are in the past. Just enjoy the current weather while we can. We all know what is in store for us in just a few short months.

I extend my heartfelt gratitude for the volunteers that helped with our monthly breakfast and Steak Night. Breakfast was great as usual. I was not able to attend Steak Night but I am assured it was well received to include the addition of Fish during Lent. Neither of these events can happen without numerous volunteers that are willing to donate their time preparing these meals. That involves shopping for groceries, lining up a "crew" for each event, getting up early in the case of breakfast, preparing the meals, and cleaning the dishes and kitchen. All of this with a smile on their faces. Many Thanks to all of you.

We hosted a Super Bowl Party on Feb 11<sup>th</sup> and by all appearances, was enjoyed by all that attended. There was food galore with many gaming options available. I, for one, enjoyed the game very much even though I didn't have "a dog in the hunt". It was nice seeing a close game that went back and forth throughout.

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#### Auxiliary News

Howdy!

Wow! Hard to believe February is over. Thank you again to all the volunteers and donors that keep our auxiliary ticking. Thanks to

your efforts, we can send eight girls to Girl's State. Woohoo!!! With that said, we are continuing our fundraising efforts.

The Auxiliary will be serving up some meals, hosting some Zumba classes, as well as the Kid's Easter Party! If you would like to donate plastic eggs and candy, please leave it in the Auxiliary room. Our Tuesday morning crew are anxious to help stuff eggs again this year!

Some key dates:

3/4 Zumba  
3/6 Potato Soup 5:30 PM  
3/14 Burger Burn  
3/18 Zumba  
3/22 Fish Fry 5:30 PM

We are continuing to offer Desserts for donations during Steak Nights.

We look forward to seeing you there! Your donations and support are greatly appreciated.

With the new year, the election of new officers will be here before you know it. Please consider stepping up to fill one of the many positions available. If you aren't currently attending meetings, we ask that you come join us and see what we're all about. We welcome your thoughts and ideas for fundraisers and other activities.

Reminder that our monthly meetings are the first Wednesday of each month at 7pm. No one person can do everything. We all need YOU! Even if it is the smallest of tasks, it all adds up to support our veterans, community, and youth.

Robin E. Alva  
President, ALA Unit 593

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Flags on Town Square kicked off their new year on President's Day. For those not familiar, for a \$100 donation we will place a flag on both the sides of the street in front of Converse City Hall from dawn to dusk with a sign with wording of your choice. Many use this opportunity to honor a loved family (or friend) that is no longer with us. The flags will be placed on 6 holidays throughout the year. If you already have a subscription, please renew if you haven't already done so.

Our 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander, Ed Richards and our Adjutant, Kellie Warrell are working hard to get Post 593 to our membership goal of 819 members. We are close but not quite there yet. Please keep in mind that Post 593 can be rewarded financially for meeting our goal as well as retaining 90% of membership from last year. Although signing up new members is always great, renewing current members is just as important. So, if you are a member that hasn't yet renewed, please do it soon.

Finally, we are approaching the time of year when new officers are elected. This process begins in April when the Nomination Book is available in the canteen throughout the month. Start thinking of who you would like to lead us going forward. Maybe consider trying an office for yourself. We are a volunteer organization, but we need people to step up, too.

Thank each one of you for your Service to the United States of America. I appreciate all of you and the sacrifices you made or are still making. I am very proud to be your Commander.

With deepest respect,

Jack Leanhart  
Commander  
The American Legion, Post 593



### ***SALute From the Squadron Commander***

Schedule for the 2024 year of chicken fried steak is: April 12th , August 9th , October 11th. With the increase in food cost the price for chicken fried steak will now be \$13.00. May there will be a Cinco de Mayo meal. October will be Early Bird Chicken Fried Steak.

February started a new S A L program, any member that attends 5 meetings from February to June will get a S A L shirt.

The S A L membership is going good as of February 2024 we are at 101 of 129 for 78.8 % , anyone who has not renewed, now would be a good time, if you are S A L only, dues are \$ 15.00 until October, after that it's \$25,00 , if you are a dual it's \$15,00 .

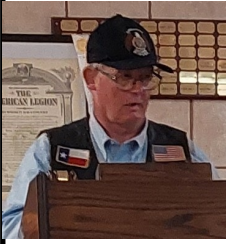
If anyone needs or knows of someone in need of prayers please notify George Alva.

Please remember that it is up to all of us to try to bring in new members.

Hope to see you all at the next meeting on March 19th @ 7pm or 19:00,

Bill Cox

Squadron Commander



### **Riders Report**

Greetings ALR Riders. Another great month that was wrapped up with a successful ride in support of New Braunfels Post 179 Fasching Run and the new ALR shed was built.

March is a huge month because we have three key events. The first is the next Scavenger Hunt which will be held on March 2nd at Post 245 in Seguin. We have the traveling trophy. The second event is the South-Central Texas ALR Meet & Greet being hosted by our Riders Chapter.

The third event is our 19th Annual Rolling Run on March 16th. Registration begins at 0900 and the first group will depart at 1000. We hope to have a great turn out with food, live band and DJ, and a great ride.

The Riders thank the Post for assisting in the repairs of the Motorcycle Only parking area. We do need to have a crew come in and do it for us. We as Riders need to conserve our pennies. We have the expertise to do this project together, we just need to get it done.

As we move into the spring months, riding picks up and we have some Veterans-Helping-Veterans projects we are starting up. This June is the State Rally, and it will be conducted in Mount Vernon. 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 May 1, 2024. If you are still interested in going to the State Rally, contact Gomer, Ed, Sean, or Greg.

Please say continued prayers for Melissa Schuman, and others who need a little help from the Lord above.

We also will have nomination books open on April 1s, 2024. for new members to compete for ALR Executive Membership positions. If interested, let a Rider know. We need to fill the following positions: Director, Finance Officer, Membership, Historian, and Member-at-Large.

God Bless and welcome to warmer weather.

Ed “Mr. Gadget” Richards

ALR Director

### **1st Vice Commander Report**



We are at 97.19% of our goal of 891 members. There is still time for our Post to reach our 100% goal and get recognized by the Department. Keep bringing in those renewals and new members! There are multiple ways to renew:

- Online at [mylegion.org](http://mylegion.org) and print your membership card;
- Send in your reminder renewal form that is mailed by Headquarters;
- Leave a check with the bartender for the membership bag (make sure your Legion ID number is on the check).

If you have served in federal active duty in the United States Armed Forces since December 7, 1941, and have been honorably discharged; or are still serving, you are eligible to 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



## **The Fourth Pillar- Children and Youth**

Troop 593 celebrated Boy Scout's 114th Birthday in February by hosting their Annual Baden Powell Dinner and Winter Court of Honor. The Scouts were recognized for their achievements since August as well as acknowledging their 2023 accomplishments (camping 136 nights, hiking 100.5 miles, and amassing 370 hours of service to our community). American Legion Post 593 received a Charter from the Boy Scouts of America to continue operating the Troop. The Troop was recognized as receiving the highest award it can receive, Journey to Excellence, Gold Level and Troop 593 recognized its Volunteer of the Year, Adrian Collett for all his work with the scouts and the Troop.

Troop 593 is looking forward to an active month as we are hosting a Spaghetti Dinner on March 8, proceeds going to help the scouts attend summer camp (\$395.00 per scout) or help with an Eagle Scout Project at Schumann Nature Center here in Converse, a project that may run between \$1,500 to \$2,000. Also the Troop is excited to camp at Lake Corpus Christi this month and conduct their own Chili Cookoff, using what they learned at the CASI Cookoff. Everyone is getting their taste buds ready.

We bypassed the undergraduate courses of shed Building 101, 201, 301, and 401 and went straight to Masters Class Shed Building 593!



As always, THANK YOU Post 593 for giving these youth the ability to experience a life very few youth get to experience today

## **Facility Upgrade**

*Shedding some light on our new storage improvements*



American Legion Auxiliary Unit 593



American Legion Riders 593



American Legion Boy Scout Troop 593





# *Four Chaplains Ceremony 2024* *The story of four chaplains who, with the certainty of death before them, gave comfort, prayers,...their lives, for others.*



Thank You Chaplain Alva, and all who performed and attended this inspiring ceremony!







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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

For sponsorship for The American Legion, Post 593's **Flags on Town Square** program for 2023.

Received by: \_\_\_\_\_



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### **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!**



# March

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>  <b>Texas Independ-</b>  <b>Post 245 Scaven-</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>  Zumba 6 pm  Boy Scouts 6:30 pm  Shuffle Bd 7:00 p.m.	<b>5</b>  Coffee & Dough-nuts  9-11 am  ALR Exec Mtg 7pm	<b>6</b>  Dinner 5:30—7 pm  Auxiliary Mtg 7pm	<b>7</b>  Dart League 7 pm  Pool League 8	<b>8</b>  Spaghetti Dinner 6-8 p.m. Support the Boy Scouts!	<b>9</b>  Breakfast 8-11:00am
<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>  Boy Scouts 6:30 pm  Shuffle Bd 7:00 p.m.	<b>12</b>  Coffee & Dough-nuts 9-11am (Taco Tuesday)  ALR GM Mtg 7pm	<b>13</b>  -H & E Mt 7 pm	<b>14</b>  Burger Burn 5:30pm Dart League 7 pm  Pool League 8 pm	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>  <b>ALR Rolling Run</b>
<b>17</b>  <b>St. Patrick's Day</b>	<b>18</b>  Zumba 6 pm  Boy Scouts 6:30 pm  Shuffle Bd 7:00 p.m.	<b>19</b>  Coffee & Dough-nuts 9-11 am  S.A.L. GM Mtg 7pm	<b>20</b>  Post Exec Mtg 7 pm	<b>21</b>  Dart League 7 pm Pool League 8 pm	<b>22</b>  Fish Fry 5:30-	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b>  <b>Kids Easter Party 1:30– 3:30</b>	<b>25</b>  Boy Scouts 6:30 pm  Shuffle Bd 7:00 p.m.	<b>26</b>  Coffee & Dough-nuts  9-11 am	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>  Dart League 7 pm  Pool League 8 pm	<b>29</b>  Steak Night 6pm - 8pm  <b>Good Friday</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>31</b>  <b>Easter</b>						

# April

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b> Boy Scouts 6:30 Shuffle Bd 7:00 p.m.	<b>2</b> Coffee & Dough- 9-11 am ALR Exec Mtg 7pm	<b>3</b> Dinner 5:30-7 Post GMM 7pm Auxiliary Mtg 7pm	<b>4</b> Dart League 7 pm Pool League 8 pm	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Texas Air Show
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<b>14</b> Steel Guitar As- sociation and Burger sales	<b>15</b> Boy Scouts 6:30 pm Shuffle Bd 7:00 p.m.	<b>16</b> Coffee & Dough- nuts 9-11am (Taco Tues- day) S.A.L. GM Mtg 7pm	<b>17</b> Post Exec Mtg 7 pm	<b>18</b> Dart League 7 pm Pool League 8 pm	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
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<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> Boy Scouts 6:30 Shuffle Bd 7:00 p.m.	<b>30</b> Passover Ends				

## *In Memoriam*



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.



**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY UNIT 593 UPCOM-  
ING EVENTS**

**Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup>** (5:30 pm to 7 pm) – Potato and Ham  
soup, crusty bread, salad, dessert – \$10.00

**Friday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>** (5:30 pm to 7:30 pm) –  
Auxiliary Fish Fry  
Fried Fish, coleslaw, French fries, hush puppies and dessert -  
\$12.00

**Wednesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>** (5:30 PM – 7 PM) – King Ranch Chick-  
en, salad, dessert - \$10.00

**Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>** (5:30 PM – 7:30 PM)  
Tacos & Margaritas  
Tacos, rice, beans and dessert - \$10.00

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS.**

**All proceeds will go to Veteran Programs!!**

## *Tuesday Morning Coffee and Doughnuts Plus*



Tuesday Mornings

Time: 9-11AM

**Breakfast Taco Tuesday  
March 12th**

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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# TROOP 593

INVITES YOU TO A

## Spaghetti Dinner

## Fundraiser



**\$10 per plate**

**Spaghetti with choice  
of meat or meatless  
sauce, Salad,  
Bread & Tea**

Scouts will be offering personalized  
leather rounds with your Service Branch  
emblem for \$10 each.

**FRIDAY, MARCH 8TH  
6PM - 8PM  
AMERICAN LEGION, POST 593**



# *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 9, 2024**

**Time: 8:00-11:00 AM**

**William M. Randolph**

**Post 593**

**326 Legion Dr W**

**Converse TX 78109**

**Information: 210-658-1111**



**Open to the public.**

# *Auxiliary Burger Grill*

Hamburgers/Cheeseburgers,  
FF and dessert for  
\$10.00 per plate!

**March 14**



Open to the public.

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*Children's Easter Egg Hunt  
Sunday, March 24, 2024  
1:30 pm - 3:30 pm  
Presented by The American  
Legion Auxiliary Unit 593*



*This is for children 11 years of age and younger. There will be hotdogs, chips, juice or water, and a sweet for the kids. An Easter egg hunt will follow. The egg hunt will be guided by the Easter Bunny with photo opportunities afterward. Look for the golden eggs that may be hidden among the others. This is always a fun day for children and their families.*





March 29, 2024

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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*Service in Action*

# **THE GREAT TEXAS AIRSHOW**



*Featuring*

THE U.S. AIR FORCE

# *Thunderbirds*

**APRIL 6-7, 2024**

**JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO-RANDOLPH**

**AIRCRAFT FIGHTER DEMOS**

**WINGS OF BLUE ★ ATTACK ON THE AIR FIELD DEMO**

**FLY-BYS OF USAF AND OTHER AVIATION DoD ASSETS**

**CURRENT AND WARBIRO STATIC AIRCRAFT ★ HANDS-ON STEM DISPLAYS**

**T-6 ★ T-38 ★ T-1 ★ C-5 ★ F-16**

**Great fun and entertainment for the whole family.**

**Please come celebrate with us!**

**SATURDAY - FAMILY DAY**

**SUNDAY - VETERAN RECOGNITION DAY**

**FREE ADMISSION**



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