



William M. Randolph, Post 593

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

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May 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: Bill Nupp (appointed)
 Service Officer: Brad Martin
 Sgt At Arms: George Alva
 Hubmaster: Dennis Ducharme
Members at Large: Henry Creech,
 Jack Leanhart, Jimmy May, 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,

Sons of the American Legion:

Commander: Joe Falco
 1st Vice: Bill Cox
 2nd Vice: Henry Creech
 Adjutant: George Alva
 Membership Chair: Rick Moe
 Finance: Dave Paris
 Chaplain: Dennis Ducharme
 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
 Membership: Amy Reed
 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



Legion Family,
 Please come out on Monday, May 2nd, and support the efforts by Ken Rodd and his team for the Boys State/Girls State raffle. They have

worked very hard to raise funds to send high school juniors to learn about Texas government for a week. Ken has gotten 17 raffle prizes donated to give away, Bush's Chicken Tender Rolls donated for food for that night, and the post to offer happy hour drinks from 5 to 7pm. If you already bought some tickets (or buy them between 5 and 6pm that night) and are in attendance, Ken is offering a free Bonus Drawing at 6pm for chances to win 7 additional prizes just for being there for this occasion!

I'd also like to say thanks to everyone who helped with the Children's Easter party to include stuffing eggs, yard work, setting up, preparing food & cleaning up afterwards. Special thanks to the Easter Bunny for showing up and entertaining the children!

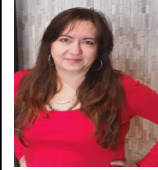
Thanks for coming out for the shuffleboard tournament. Remember, we'll have a shuffleboard tournament the 3rd Saturday of the month, starting in June. Thanks to Audrey, Jim May, Sue Buckley & Donna L. for the chicken on a stick meal after the tournament.

Please come out and support the Chili Cook-off the weekend of 21 & 22 May. We'll have several of our regular judges away at Division Convention and we will need people to be judges.

The 20th District will be reading the names of those veterans who have been laid to rest the last 3 years at Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery on Saturday, May 28th, starting at 8am at Shelter 5. We could always use more volunteers. Last month I talked about the Post hosting a Past Commanders, Presidents and Directors pot luck recognition dinner on Saturday, June 18th.

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Auxiliary News



May already and with it comes our Poppy flowers!! You will see them everywhere at our Post! Please be sure to come out and visit during the

month of May to support our Poppy fundraising for our Veteran's programs. Only \$1 gets you a chance to win prizes given out at our Memorial Day party at the Post and you do not even have to be present to win. Let's cover all the available wall space at the Legion in Poppy donation prize entries again this year. We will also be selling these Poppy koozies (see photo) for \$5 each to raise funds this year:



This month brings with it a very special time of year to honor our Veterans with Memorial Day. Please keep their families in your prayers and thoughts as we honor them.

Also, this month is our 3rd Division Convention, which is being held at Post 364, 5323 Kostoryz Rd, Corpus Christi, on Saturday, May 21st. All members are invited to attend. This past month we had a great 20th District Spring Convention. It was awesome to hear how other Units supported each other and continued to be active during this past year. Auxiliary has so much creativity when it comes to continuing to support our programs no matter what the circumstances are. Truly amazing!

Again, another friendly reminder that if you have not paid your 2022 dues yet, there is still time so please do so as soon as possible. Dues are \$28.00 and you can drop them off at the Post, mail your dues to the Post, or renew online at legion-aux.org/ renew.

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Due to scheduling conflicts, the date has been changed to August 6th at 5pm. More information will be provided next month.

Congratulations to the following Post 593 legionnaires who won a position as a 20th district officer:

- Danny Muth - Commander
- Karen Paris - Judge Advocate
- Paul Goymerac - Adjutant
- Ed Richards - Sergeant at Arms

Great news! We have reached our membership goal for the year. Thank you to everyone who renewed, transferred or joined up. It was a great team effort and it paid off!

The nomination book of officers running for election closed on April 30th, but you can still nominate someone off the floor at our General Membership Meeting on Wednesday, May 4th. The meeting starts at 7:30pm. The nominee must be present to accept. If you've ever wanted to be an officer, this is your chance. Elections will be held from 2pm to 7:30pm on Wednesday, June 1st.

We're holding a 50's Sock Hop and Car Show on June 4th to raise money for K9's For Warriors. Determined to end veteran suicide, K9s For Warriors provides highly-trained Service Dogs to military veterans suffering from PTSD, traumatic brain injury and/or military sexual trauma. With the majority of dogs coming from high-kill rescue shelters, this innovative program allows the K9/Warrior team to build an unwavering bond that facilitates their collective healing and recovery.

For God and Country,

Dennis Ducharme

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There is also a phone number for National Headquarters on the same web page that can assist over the phone to help you renew your dues. We can still get to our 100% goal this year with your support!!

It is almost ELECTION time. If you are interested in any position, please see me or any one of us on the Executive Board or nominating committee. We always love seeing new faces on the Executive Board and it is only one meeting a month. We really do have a great time and the members are amazing that you get to work with!! Currently, installation is scheduled for the last Saturday in June so mark your calendars and come out to join us in ushering in our new officers for the upcoming year.

As always, be sure to keep a close eye on our website calendar, as well as Post 593's Facebook page, for updated information and details for all our monthly meals and events. And 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.

Until next time, respectfully yours,

Sandy Vinson
ALA President Unit 593
aux593info@gmail.com

April Meals Quick Reference

May 8, Jam Session Grill, 1-3PM	\$7.00
May 12, Burger Grill, 5:30-7:30PM	\$7.00
May 13, Chicken Fried Steak Dinner, 5-7PM	\$10.00
May 14, Breakfast, 8-11AM	\$7.00
May 27, Steak Night, 6-8PM	\$15.00
<u>Complimentary Snacks available during Canteen Operating Hours</u>	

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Hello Sq 593. Despite struggles, we're almost at our Membership Goal. We're down to just a handful needed. If you haven't renewed, or are eligible to join, of have an eligible family member, please sign them up today!

We will have our Elections for new Officers at the June meeting. Please come out if you'd like to hold office in this great organization. Our Monthly General Membership Meeting is always on the 3rd Tuesday of the month. Hope to see you there.

As always, thank you for your support of our functions and services to the Post and the membership.

Be safe and be well,
Joe Falco
Squadron 593 Commander

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?

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(Indicate your donation is for The K9 Warrior Program)





Riders Report



Greetings to our riders. May will bring us a little reprieve so that we can ride on the weekends. No major event other than supporting other ALRs. Special thanks to those who were able to attend the Black Bean Run and the annual Legacy Ride. I also would like to thank everyone who supported back to back Celebration of Lives: John Zimmerman and BJ Teigen. Both events had great turn-outs and may they both rest in peace.

In May, we are launching our new email initiative. With the transfer of many current and former riders shifting to other media platforms and away from Facebook, we are setting up a communication drive to update our email, phone and addresses of current and past ALR riders. This will enable us to better communicate what we are doing each month and hopefully get more people involved in our mission to support our Veterans & Community. If you know your information is outdated and you want to update anything, feel free to send me an email at paul.goymerac@gmail.com and we will ensure your information is updated.

Finally, our nomination books should be closed by the time this newsletter is received. We are always looking to get newer riders involved in our Executive Committee positions but more importantly, we hope to increase our General Membership numbers each month. The first Tuesday is our Executive Committee meeting and the second Tuesday is our General Membership meeting. Both start at 7:00 pm and free food is available at the GMM. Please come out and help us forge forward into the 2022-2023 membership year. We have a couple ideas for a few new events next year and would love your input. Have a great Spring and God Bless.

Paul "Timmy" Goymerac,
ALR Director

Legion Membership Update

No joke, as of April 19th, we are at 717 members, which is 100.7% of our goal of 712 members. We are—keep those renewals coming in and bring in your friends!

I am asking all of those that have served to consider joining The American Legion. We do great work in preserving our veteran's benefits. We also work to promote our youth in various programs. Being a member has changed my life. It can change yours. Reach out to those you know who served and have them call me for more information.

Paid Up For Life (PUFL)

Have you considered becoming a PUFL? Here are some reasons to consider:

- No more renewal notices. No more paying annual dues.
- No more worrying, "Did I renew my membership or not?"
- Join the other 184,000 PUFL Legionnaires in saying, "I believe in The American Legion and what it's doing. I'm in this for the long haul."
- Avoid future dues increases. No matter what inflation does, you never have to pay another penny in dues.
- Lifetime subscription to The American Legion Magazine!

Each Paid Up For Life member receives a permanent plastic card, as well as an annual paper card to verify continuing membership in The American Legion. The annual card is mailed in July of each year. You can also pay in full or choose 12 monthly installments.

Ed Richards,
1st Vice Commander, Membership

Request for Care Packages

An active duty member of the Army, who is a member of our Post, is with the 453rd ICTC and has been deployed to Camp Buehring in Kuwait since March 3rd. They will be there until after Christmas. We are putting together some care packages to send to them. We asked the 23 members of the platoon what type of things they wanted and this is some of the things they said.

Care package list:

Snacks
Beef Jerky
Pens
Tide Pods
Chips
Real football
Black socks
Huggies Cocoa & Shea Butter Baby Wipes
Earplugs
After sunburn aloe
Chap Stick with SPF
Body wash

Please bring your donation to the Post and be sure to label it for the "Care Package."

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May 2022

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Looking Ahead
(events subject
to change)

Memorial Day
Picnic May 29

50's Sock Hop
June 4

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	Boys/Girls State Raffle Drawing 5PM Shuffleboard 7PM	Coffee & Doughnuts 9-11AM ALR Exec Mtg 7:00 PM	Post General Membership Meeting 7:30PM	Pool League 8PM Dart League 7PM		
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Mother's Day Jam Session 12PM	Shuffleboard 7PM	Coffee & Doughnuts 9-11AM ALR Gen Mbr Mtg 7:00 PM		AUX Burger Grill 5:30PM Pool League 8PM Dart League 7PM	Chicken Fried Steak Dinner 6-8PM \$10.00	Breakfast 8-11 AM \$7.00
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	Shuffleboard 7PM	Coffee & Doughnuts 9-11AM	Post Exec Mtg, 7:00 pm	Flyers Grill 5PM Pool League 8PM Dart League 7PM		CASI Chili Cookoff
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
CASI Chili Cook Off	Shuffleboard 7PM	Coffee & Doughnuts 9-11AM		Pool League 8PM Dart League 7PM	Steak Night 6-8PM \$15.00	Reading of Names Ft Sam Cemetery 8AM
29	30	31				
Memorial Day Picnic 2PM	Memorial Day	Coffee & Doughnuts 9-11AM				





**BOYS/GIRLS STATE RAFFLE DRAWING NIGHT
MAY 2ND - 5 PM TO 7 PM, American Legion Post 593
BONUS DRAWINGS - 5 PM - 6 PM**

All current ticket holders for the Boys/Girls State raffle that are in attendance for this event will receive a free special ticket for 3 separate Bonus Drawings for a pizza (2 of them) \$24.00 value each - a full service Car Wash, \$30.00 value. If you do not have tickets yet, you can buy some between 5PM & 6PM. If you want a few more then you can buy some also. The big drawing for 17 prizes starts at 6:00 PM right after the bonus drawings

Also Happy Hour from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM with Bushes Chicken providing warm "Chicken Tender Rolls" for your enjoyment



Tuesday Morning Coffee and Doughnuts Plus



Tuesday Mornings

Time: 9-11AM

**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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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.

May 8, 2022
1:00-5:00PM

Grill open 1- 3:30PM

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Auxiliary Burger Grill

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

Date: May 12, 2022

Time: 5:30-7:30PM

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Info: 210-658-1111



Chicken Fried Steak Dinner

\$10.00

Time: 6:00-7:30 PM

Date: May 14, 2022



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

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

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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: May 14, 2022

Time: 8:00-11:00 AM



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Information: 210-658-1111

To-Go orders available.



POD hosting

MILITARY APPRECIATION CHILI COOKOFF

May 21st & 22nd

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COOKOFF CHARITY-:AMERICAN LEGION PROGRAMS

SATURDAY

8 AM - 10 PM - SOS Breakfast - donation only

11 AM to 4 PM - PM Silent Auction Open

Noon - Bean Turn in - \$10.00 entry

2 PM - Chili turn in - \$25.00 entry

SUNDAY

8 AM - 10 AM SOS Breakfast - donation only

1 PM - Chili turn in - \$25.00 entry



Cooks will receive a "Goody Bag"

RV parking - no hookups. Large covered pavilion to cook under

For more information contact: Mel Burton 210-748-7448

The Silent Auction



May 21, 2022 from 11AM to 4PM

AMERICAN LEGION POST 593
326 Legion Dr W, Converse, TX
Open to the Public

We are accepting any item(s) you would like to donate
to the Auction

If you would like us to pick it up -call /text Ken Rodd, .
210-887 8827 with your name and address



Steak Night



Date: May 27, 2022

Time: 6:00-8:00PM

Information: 210-658-1111

Eat in or take out

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

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

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

Come on out for a great meal, music, and fellowship.

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Date: May 29, 2022

Time: 2:00PM

Memorial Day Picnic



The Legion will provide the grilled food and buns, condiments, etc.

Please bring your favorite side dish, finger foods, or sweets and baked goods.

Shuffleboard Tournament starts at 3:00PM

Come on out for fun and fellowship!



Information: 210-658-1111

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50's Sock Hop

OPEN to the Public!

The American Legion Post 593



Saturday June 4th, 2022

326 Legion Drive West
Converse, Tx 78109

DJ & Dancin!
7pm to 11pm

*includes one well drink/domestic beer & chance for door prizes!

\$10 per person

For Tickets Contact:

- *Bartender on Duty
- *Dennis Ducharme @ 210-630-0655
- *Karen Paris @ 210-269-7090

50's Car Show Plus

3pm-7pm

- *Come & See All the Great Cars
- *Talk to the Owners
- *Hark back to Younger Days



Proceeds to benefit K9's for Warriors

Food & Drinks For Sale



- *Hamburgers & Hotdogs & more!
- *French Fries
- *Chocolate & Strawberry Shakes
- *Root Beer Floats -Alcoholic Versions Available
- *Drink Specials & More!

Games & Contests

Free to Enter- Prizes Awarded

- *Costume
- *Hula Hoop & Limbo
- *Bubble Gum Blowing
- *Hot Wheels
- *50's Trivia
- *Photo Booth w/Props



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