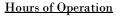
The American Legion

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Commander's Comments

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! The children really enjoyed the party and Easter egg hunt.

National Day of Prayer is on May 4th and will be held at the fire station on Toepperwein Road. We will supply and hold the flags for the backdrop, and we have the honor of praying for our troops and 1st responders. If you can give up a couple hours of your evening, please join us at 6:30pm.

The 3rd Division Convention will be held at Post 2 on 6 May. This is a great opportunity to see what all the Districts and Posts are doing, and to get involved.

Also on 6 May, from 9am to noon, the VA will hold a Community Outreach program at our Post. Stop by and get all of your questions answered and see what the VA has to offer. You'll be surprised at some of the programs you're not taking advantage of patient admin services, veterans transportation services, Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery, caregiver program, mental health, women's health, patient advocate, homeless veterans' program and veterans benefits administration. Please come out and support the Aces POD Chili Cookoff the weekend of 20 & 21 May. As always, we need folks to be judges. Our planned bus ride to Lucky Eagle Casino on Saturday, 27 May has been cancelled due to not enough people signing up. The 20th District will be reading the names of those veterans who have been laid to rest over the past year at Ft. Sam Houston

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Happy May, ALA 593! Can you believe Easter and Fiesta have already passed us by, rain and all, and we are entering the month of May flowers and Memoriam? Our Unit and Post families

have been very busy over the past month, and I hope you were able to participate in some part of it. If not, stop by sometime soon and say "howdy." We have many things planned over the next couple of months and the weather will be perfect for getting out and getting things accomplished. Before I brief May's activities, I want to thank everyone that was part of Peter Cottontail's Team, pulling off a very successful and well attended Children's Easter Party and Egg Hunt. All the way from those that donated desserts, decorated, cooked hotdogs, served lunch, entertained kiddos, stuffed eggs and, of course, hats off to Peter Cottontail for carving out a little time for us on his very busy day. Oh, my! I cannot forget the Post's "Best Egg Layers" around. A very successful day!

Sadly, we also assisted with a couple of memorials at our Post in April for some of our departed Post family. We also draped our charter in memoriam and thanks of our departed ALA sisters. Though a sad time, it was also a time of thankfulness for what those members brought to our Post family over the years. We could not be what we are today without their lives of service. The ALA Burger Burn, Desserts for Donations table and other fundraisers have been going well. We are already starting fundraising for next year's programs as well as that much needed ALA shed. We are chipping away at our goal and hope you will join in. All ideas and suggestions for reaching these goals are appreciated.

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Auxiliary News



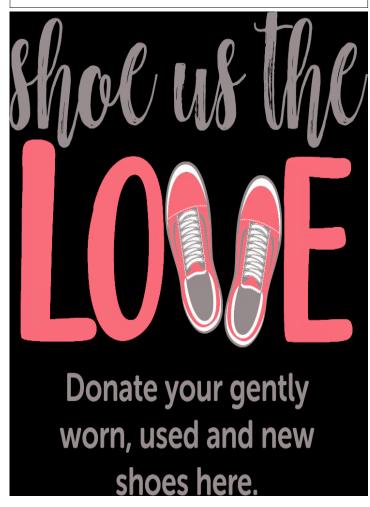
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National Cemetery on Saturday, May 27th, starting at 8 am at Shelter 5. We could always use more volunteers to help read the names. Great news! We have reached our membership goal for the year. Thank you to everyone who renewed, transferred or joined up. It was a great team effort and it paid off! Unfortunately, we're about 13 renewals from reaching the 90% renewal mark. If you haven't renewed for 2023, please do so soon. This is a goal Department has set for posts to reach. We reached it last year and would like to again this year.

The month of May is pretty hectic. We're sending 7 boys to Boys State, presenting The American Legion Military Excellence awards and The American Legion Scholastic Excellence Awards to JROTC members at 7 high schools and presenting school awards to students at 5 elementary schools and 1 middle school.

The nomination book for post officers running for election for the new Legion year beginning on 1 July closed on April 30th, but you can still nominate someone off the floor at our General Membership Meeting on Wednesday, May 3rd. The meeting starts at 7:00 pm. The nominee must be present to accept. If you've ever wanted to be an officer, this is your chance. Elections for Post Officers will be held from 2 pm to 7:00 pm on Wednesday, June 7th. For God and Country,

Dennis Ducharme, Commander



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Of course, our Unit Girls State Chairman, Catherine McDonald, has been hard at work in getting as many girls as we can into the program this year. I do believe, thanks to some outside donors, we are up to 15 sponsored girls, and we have schools calling almost every day expressing interest. Thank you, Catherine, for juggling your paying job and Girls State while maintaining your joyful smile. The 3rd Division Convention will be held the weekend of May 6th and 7th at Alamo Post 2 on Fredericksburg Road. If you are interested in attending, let me know and I will get the details to you.

May 3rd is our monthly General Membership meeting, 7:00. There will be business conducted, as well as making plans for the Poppy Day Event, a raffle we will be holding, and some other upcoming fundraising events.

Irma, our VP/Membership Chairman, reports that we are very close to 90% of our goal. We don't have much time left to reach that goal. Only until the end of May! We hope that you will assist with this endeavor. The rest of our Post family has made the 100% goal or more. I know we can do this! We did it last year. Wouldn't It be fantastic to have a 100% Post family again? Please renew or encourage your family and friends to renew ASAP or they will not remain a member in good standing, will not be able to vote, hold an office, etc. You will also lose your eligibility for some of the ALA programs, including the Auxiliary Emergency Fund. If you or someone you know needs to renew, their dues can be dropped at the Post with "Irma" noted on the envelope, or it can be mailed to the Post or even renewed online. So many options! Don't forget those new members as well. Do you have a granddaughter that hasn't joined yet? Just fill out an application with her name, birthdate, address, and eligibility. The Unit will pay her dues until she turns 18. Can't beat that! To renew online: the National ALA website is https://www.legion-aux.org/members. It is fairly easy, just follow the prompts, and then you can print your card then and there. You just need your current membership card or your member number and a credit card. If you are interested in becoming a Paid Up for Life member, we can help you with that as well. I have printed the cost calculation and will make sure to leave a copy in the Post. The Auxiliary's Monthly Burger Burn will be Thursday, May 11th, 5:30 to 7:30. May 20th and 21st, the Auxiliary will be hosting a Burger Burn during the May CASI Chili Cook-off. The Poppy Drawing is to be held toward the end of the month. The exact date is to be announced. Memorial Day weekend: On May 28th will be the Annual Reading of the Names at Fort Sam Cemetery. We usually start around 8 am and will call the names of those that have been interred at Fort Sam over the last year. Various members of all the 20th District Legion Posts, Auxiliary Units, Sons of the American Legion and Legion Riders take part in this. You are welcome to participate or just come and support. It is also open to the public if they would like to call out their loved one's name.

Please keep an eye out for email and the ALA Unit 593, Converse, Tx., Facebook Page posts. Make sure to "Like"

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2nd Vice-Commander Report



To all my Legion families, here are the events that I hope to see everyone at in May. If there are some ideas for events in the future, please bring them to me. All the following events are open to the public and American Legion Post 593 needs the support of its community. I hope to see new faces at each event, so make sure you are spreading the word about all we're doing here at Post 593.

Cinco De Mayo Crawfish Boil is May 5th from 6 pm until 8 pm. This event will be held in the front parking lot and we will eat under the pavilion. \$20 per to-go container. The boil will include crawfish, shrimp, sausage, potatoes, corn on the cob, and a side of dirty rice. I am planning to have enough for over 50 plates of food.

We have a VA Outreach Event scheduled in the hall on Saturday, May 6th from 9 am until 12 pm. Resources that will be here are Patient Administration Services, Veterans Transportation Services, Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery, Caregiver Program, Mental Health, Women's Health, Patient Advocate, Homeless Veterans Program, Veterans Benefit Administration. I need to stress how important these programs are to veterans and to have them coming to our Post this morning to give services and information. Please make sure to attend this event to show the VA that they are needed, and we want our Post to be a location they can come to.

Legion breakfast is on May 13th from 8 am until 11 am. We will have a blood drive this same morning at the same time. Come give blood and get something for breakfast. Bar Champions Tournament was April 15th, we had 20 people show up making 10 teams. This went well and have been asked to do it quarterly. Thanks for all players involved and congrats to our champions Dennis Ducharme and Paula Johnson. The Auxiliary ran the kitchen and did well also.

CASI Chili Cookoff is upon us. The dates are May 20th & 21st. The signup sheets for chili judges have been put up on the bulletin boards around the Post. Please see attached flyer or Ken Rod for further information. Legion Steak Night is on May 26th from 6 pm until 8 pm. The cost will be \$16. We will not be doing fish this month.

Memorial Day Picnic is Saturday, May 27th, at 3:30 pm. Post 593 will be providing the hamburgers, cheeseburgers, and hotdogs. Sides and desserts are potluck. Please bring a side or dessert. We will have games in the yard west of the pavilion so please do not park in the grass at this location. Games to be there are yard Jenga, ladder golf, cornhole, horseshoes, and yard darts. If anyone has any other outside yard games, please let me know, I want to incorporate them into this event. I hope to see a big family gathering at this event.

Penny Wars – each house has a jug. Pennies count for points; all other coins deduct points. Dollars will deduct points for the number of pennies in them. Whoever wins

SALute From the Squadron Commander



Hello to all the S.A.L. members and other Legion family. Here's hoping all had a great time in April. We had a great Chicken Fried Steak Night. We sold 64 steaks in 58 minutes! Great job to the staff and thank you to all that bought the dinners.

Welcome to our appointed Historian

Adam Bales. Adam is an inquisitive young man who is anxious to learn as much as he can. He will be a great asset to the S.A.L., and we will probably see him hold different officer positions at the higher levels. Please help me teach him, encourage him, and keep him enthused.

As always, we are looking for ways to help the Vets and their families, on our own or with Legion or Auxiliary or Riders. We are having our rummage sale in July. Details to follow.

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.

I hope to see you all on May 12th for our next Chicken Fried Steak Night.

Our next S.A.L. meeting will be on May 16, 2023 at 19:00. Also, we will be holding our officer elections at this meeting. If you would like to try your hand as an officer, then come out and give it a try, or give your support to the candidate of your choice. Have a great month, see all of you later.

Bill Cox, Squadron Commander

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our FB page so you receive notification of recent posts. If you would like to post pictures of Unit 593, feel free or send them to me and I will do it for you. If you are not receiving emails from Aux593info@gmail.com and would like to, please send an email to me at czavala@gvec.net or Aux593info@gmail.com and we will make sure you're added or your email address is corrected.

I hope to see you sometime this month. You have many choices and opportunities to come down and 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, President, ALA Unit 593

Honor to the solider, and Sailor everywhere, who bravely bears his country's cause. Honor also to the citizen who cares for his brother in the field, and serves, as best he can, the same cause - honor to him, less only than to him who braves, for the common good, the storms of heaven and the storms of battle.

-Abraham Lincoln-

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the competition gets all 4 jugs for their charity. Each house has decided what charity the money raised will go for. This ensures competition not just for the house, but for the charity also. The rules are posted by the jugs. Penny Wars will end this month the night of the executive meeting. Make sure you get your points in.

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.

• Future events being planned:

Bar Champions tournament – TBD Cornhole tournament - TBD Hawaiian Luau themed party – TBD Live band – TBD Comedy Night – TBD Casino Night - TBD

Mikey Wilson, 2nd Vice-Commander

Post 593 Election Process

It appears that this year we will have an election for the slate of officers for 2023-2024 Legion year. I want to ensure everyone is aware of the process. The nomination book will stay out until April 30th. The slate of candidates will be closed at the General Membership Meeting on May 3rd. If candidates have accepted the nomination in the book they will be on the ballot. If members are nominated from the floor, they are present, and accept during the meeting, they will be added to the ballot. Voting will be on June 7th from 2 pm until 7 pm. All current members will be eligible to vote upon showing their 2023 membership card. This is the time for all members of Post 593 to show up and express their preference at the ballot box. The ballots will be counted and announced before the end of the meeting.

Danny P. Muth, Judge Advocate

Flying Flags for Heroes on Memorial Day

FFFH is a project started a couple of years ago by then S.A.L. National Commander Michael Fox. His goal was to have U.S. flags placed on the graves of 1,000,000 veterans interred in local (non-national) cemeteries around the country. That goal has long been surpassed! However, that did not mean the end of the project. The S.A.L. continues to honor those who gave all by placing flags on their graves throughout the year and special observance days. On Monday, May 29, 2023 we will have a brief FFFH ceremony at Chapel Hill Cemetery located at 7735 Gibbs Sprawl Rd (one mile west of the Post) at 1:00 pm. Chapel Hill will provide the U.S. flags. Please bring a screwdriver in case you have to create a small hole in the ground.

George Alva, Detachment of Texas FFFH Chairman

<u>Riders Report</u>



Greetings to all the Riders and veterans. As my time dwindles down as the Director of the American Legion Riders Chapter 593, I would like to thank everyone for their ongoing support to the Riders and veterans. We have accomplished a lot in the past two years and it's not because of any one individual, it's due to the dedica-

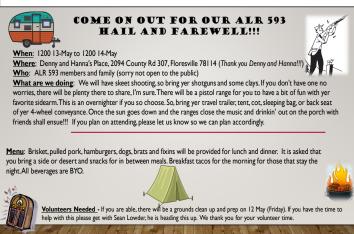
tion, hard work, and selfless service by all of you. You should be proud of yourselves and elated to be an integral part of such a noble organization.

The month of May will be busy as we support other fundraisers of area ALR Chapters and conduct our annual Hail & Farewell. We also will be actively planning to be prepared for the June State Rally in El Paso, TX. If you are interested in either event, please contact the POC on the attached flyer or attend one of our May meetings to receive all the details of the State Rally.

Hail & Farewell will be conducted 13 and 14 May at Denny and Hanna's place where we will shoot skeet, other guns, eat as a family, and camp overnight so we can celebrate those who are new to the ALR and say farewell to others who are moving outside of the area. The State Rally will be in El Paso, TX and we will have kickstands up at 5:00 am. on Thursday, 15 June, returning to the Post on 20 June in the afternoon. All are welcome and if you are reading this and are members of another ALR Chapter, feel free to contact Gomer at paul.goymerac@gmail.com if interested in riding with us. All lodging and safety issues have been locked in and all we are waiting on are the final numbers of riders who will make this long ride.

I wish everyone a great Spring and look forward to serving you in another capacity tied to the American Legion. The election books at Post 593 will be picked up at COB on Saturday, 30 April, and then elections will be forthcoming in June. Please help us help others by remaining a member of Chapter 593. God bless our veterans and keep the rubber on the road and a smile on your face.

Paul "Timmy" Goymerac, ALR Director



THE AMERICAN LEGION POST 593

MAY 2023 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2 Coffee & Doughnuts 9-11am	3 Post GMM 7pm	4 Dart League 7 pm Pool League 8 pm	5 Crawfish Boil 6:00 pm	6 3rd Division Convention at Post 2 8:00am
		ALR Exec Mtg 7pm	Auxiliary Mtg 7pm	National Day of Prayer International Firefighters Day	Cinco de Mayo	Kentucky Derby
7	8	9 Coffee & Doughnuts 9-11am ALR GM Mtg 7pm	10	11 Burger Burn 5:30pm- 7:30pm Dart League 7 pm Pool League 8 pm	12 Chicken Fried Steak Night 6pm-7:30pm w/Desserts for Donations <i>Military</i> <i>Spouses Appreciation Day</i>	13 Breakfast 8am- 11:00am ALR Hail & Farewell
14 Steel Guitar Association 2- 5pm ALR Hail & Farewell	15	16 Coffee & Doughnuts 9-11am S.A.L. GM Mtg 7pm	17 Post Exec Mtg 7pm	18 Dart League 7 pm Pool League 8 pm	19	20 Armed Forces Day
Mother's Day 21	22	23 Coffee & Doughnuts 9-11am	24	25 Dart League 7 pm Pool League 8 pm	26 Coffee & Doughnuts 9-11 am Steak Night 6pm-7:30pm	27 Memorial Day Picnic 3:30 pm
28 National Burg- er Day	29 Memorial Day Flying Flags for Heroes at Chapel Hill Cemetery 1:00 pm	30 Coffee & Doughnuts 9-11am	31			

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.



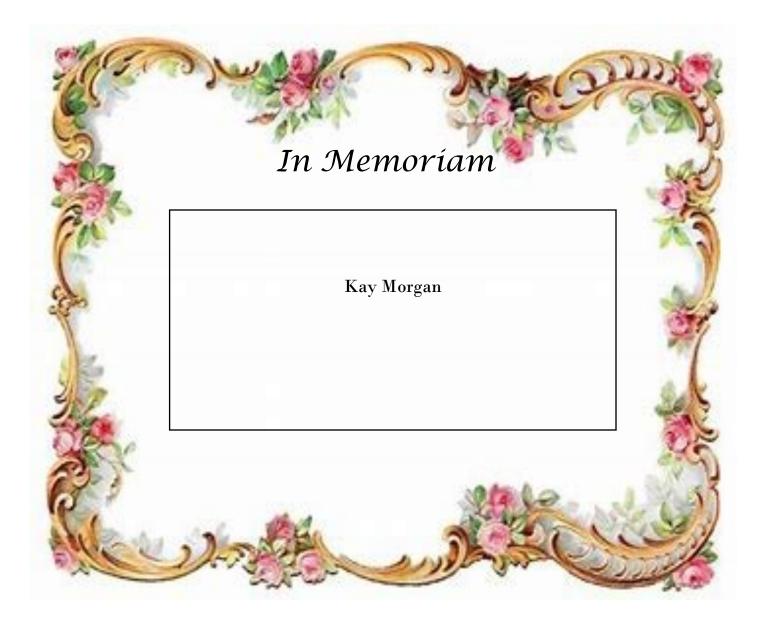
We have an amazing hall for rent for all of your special events such as weddings, quinceaneras, birthdays, anniversaries, reunions, etc. For information or to schedule your party please reach out to me, Tracy Diggs at (210) 658-1111. Tell your friends!

My temporary assignment as Newsletter Editor is complete. I enjoyed doing this for you. I hope that my effort was appreciated and that you like what I did with the newsletter. I worked to make it colorful and entertaining. My goal was to present to you a high quality product every time, and always on time. I can't take all the credit. Dennis Ducharme was my outstanding proofreader. Once Dennis and I agreed that everything was good, the newsletter was sent to Danny Muth for distribution to our subscribers. It got to everyone on time. It was a team effort. Thank you Dennis and Danny. Thank you to Dennis, Candy, Bill, Gomer, and Mikey for the monthly articles and for what you do for our Legion family. Keep up the good work.

I have asked for a highly capable and willing person to assume the duty of Newsletter Editor as my responsibilities at the detachment level of The Sons of The American Legion are growing and much of my time will be spent carrying out those duties and doing the best I can for my fellow S.A.L. members and Legionnaires. This assignment has been a privilege and a pleasure and I thank you for the opportunity.

Mr. Ray Baker has graciously agreed to assume the title and duties of Newsletter Editor. Please give him all your support and any assistance he may need. Remember that, he too, is a volunteer. Thank you and good luck to you, Ray!

- George Alva -



The American Legion Post 593 Newsletter has dedicated this page to the memory of loved ones who have left this world much too soon. The criteria for a name to be published on this page 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.



May 26, 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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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.



May 14, 2023

Grill open 1- 3:30PM

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Information 210-658-1111

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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Open to the public.

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chicken Fried Steak Dinner



May 12, 2023 6 pm - 7:30 pm

Hand breaded chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, choice of vegetable, and dinner roll.







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: May 13, 2023

Time: 8:00-11:00 AM

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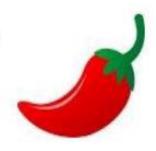
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To-Go orders available. Open to the public.



CHILI COOKOFF HOSTED BY "ACES,POD" May 20th & May 21st American Legion Post 593 326 Legion Dr West, Converse, TX 78109



FRIDAY - 6PM - Snacks Heavy & Lite at the Burtons Motor Home SATURDAY - Jackpot Beans - \$10.00 - Turn in Noon Turn in Chili - \$25.00 - turn in 2:00, pm



opens at 11:00 am and closes 15 minutes after announcements

50/50 Raffle - closes before announcements

SUNDAY - chili \$25.00 turn in 1;00 pm

Special prize for the cooks that has the most points for Saturday and Sunday

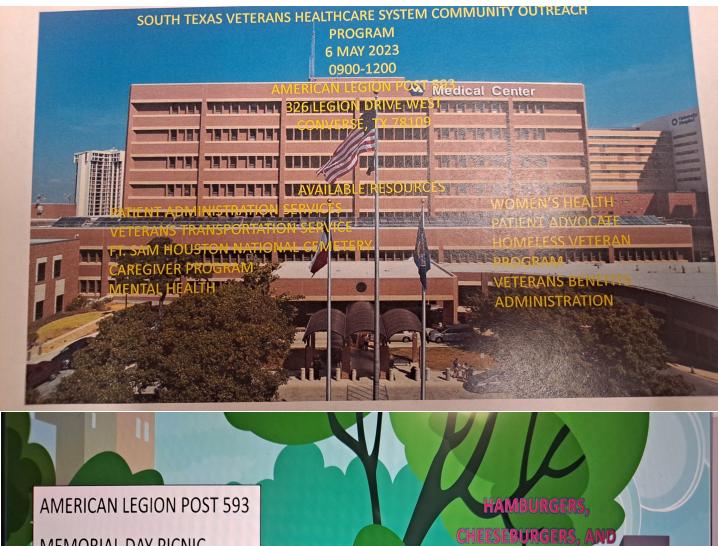
Large covered patio to cook under/ RV parking available with no hookups

A most friendly American Legion Post that enjoys all visiting CASI chili cooks. Info contact Mel Burton, 210 748 7448 or Happy, 210 364 8577

CHILI JUDGES NEEDED BOTH DAYS



SOS Breakfast Saturday & Sunday 8:00 am to 10:00 am Donation Only



MEMORIAL DAY PICNIC SATURDAY MAY 27TH, 2023 @ 3:30 PM.

SIDES AND DESERTS ARE POTLUCK!

HOTDOGS PROVIDED BY

POST.

OUTDOOR YARD GAMES: YARD JENGA, LADDER GOLF, CORN HOLE, HORSESHOES, AND YARD DARTS.

IF YOU HAVE AN OUTDOOR YARD GAME, PLEASE BRING IT WITH YOU!



PINCH THE TAIL AND SUCK THE HEAD!

THE NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER THURSDAY, MAY 4, 2023 **PRAY FERVENTLY IN RIGHTEOUSNESS**

AND AVAIL MUCH

JAMES 5:16B





WWW.NATIONALDAYOFPRAYER.ORG



Post 593 Shoe Drive

27 March thru 26 May 2023

Drop them off at the Post in the boxes provided.

Please donate your gently worn, used or new shoes, sandals, boots, flip-flops, high-heels, etc. Must not have holes or soles falling off.

The Post will make .40 per pound. All funds raised will go into the general fund.





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