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Commander's Corner



Greetings Legionnaires.
.Night In Old Converse was once again successful in adding monies to our shed program. A special thank you to Joe Falco.

Joe always shows up and works bell to bell for all events.

After the dismal showing at our last monthly breakfast (14 plates sold) it has been decided to cancel breakfast until February because of holiday events. We will re-address then to decide whether to restart the breakfasts or cancel them completely.

Remember that the holiday seasons are upon us once again. Have a wonderful time but drive safely and be safe. Bless ya'll.

For God and Country

John Orff, Post Commander

Auxiliary News



.HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!!

First, I would like to thank everyone that came out to the Early Bird Dinner and renewed their dues! If you have not renewed your dues yet, please do so as soon as possible!

What a great turn out we had for "Stake" Night – always a good night! The Children's Halloween Party was a huge success! Thanks to Felisa for taking on this big event!! Thank you to all that donated their time to help with this great event! I would say the kids all had a fabulous time!!

Please remember all of our Veterans who have served or are serving for our Country! The Post will be hosting a Veteran's Day Party on Sunday, November 11th at 2 pm. Please come out and say Thank You to our Veterans!

The Children's Christmas Party is December 15th! Please get with Felisa to sign up your children or grandchildren. Also, the Senior's Christmas Dinner is Sunday, December 16th at

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Rider's Report

.Riders you know that it is that time to get busy and proactive through the holiday season. Some Riders have been a little busier than others, but I would like to send a big Thank You for all that you do to all Riders. I ask that each of you follow us on Facebook to keep up with the upcoming events.

It is that time of year again to support the Texas Honor Ride for their annual ride to SAMMC. The American Legion Riders will be responsible for fueling the motorcyclists as they make their "trek" from Conroe, TX to SAMMC. The first group will arrive at approximately at 9:00 a.m. at Buc-cee's (Exit 632). I am asking that all available Riders participate in this event, as it is one of the most enjoyable events. Also, this event will happen whether rain or shine. Please come dressed for the weather, fueled up and ready to go. The Auxiliary will have two breakfast tacos for each Rider and passenger ready at 6:30 a.m. Also, if you know anyone who is not a Rider and would like to participate in "Operation Overpass" please have them contact me on my cell phone number or sign up at the Legion so we can get a count of personnel for flags needed. The timeline is as follows: 6:30 a.m. - Meet at American Legion Post 593; KSU 7:00 a.m.; ETA Buc-cee's 8:00 a.m. Upon arrival Bill Papa will assume the duties of being in charge and place personnel where needed. I am looking forward to seeing everyone who is available to participate in this great event. If I have left something out, I'm sure someone will contact me. :) ALR 593 "ROCKS".

We are looking for at least 30 volunteers to assist with the refueling operation at Buc-cee's. If you have never attended this event I think you will be overwhelmed with the overflowing support from the hundreds of motorcyclist enthusiasts and from those who have served in the military, law enforcement, firefighters, etc. that continue to serve their country.

Riders, remember to conduct your TLOCS inspection prior to departing each day. The temperature has been cooler the last few weeks. Let's be safe out there and prepared.

Upcoming Events:

- November 10 – Texas Honor Ride/Operation Overpass
- November 11 – Post 593 Veteran's Day Celebration
- December 8 – Breakfast/Operation "Blue" Santa/Rider's Christmas Party
- January – CASI Chili Cook Off
- March – ALR Annual Rolling Run

This is just a few events that we will be participating and supporting for "OUR AMERICAN LEGION AND RIDERS"

Do what you can, when you can!!!!!!!

—Brad Martin

Director, Post 593 Riders

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pm. If you have any new or gently used items you would like to donate for the Silent Auction at the CASI Chili Cook-Off, please get with Hanna Taylor or Sue Buckley.
Enjoy the Holidays – it will be 2013 before we know it!!



SAL CORNER

Big month coming up! Chicken Fried steak night in November and Thanksgiving baskets. The S.A.L. has helped provide Turkeys for the baskets this past year and wish to continue to do so. There are also several projects we are working on for the better of the post. We are looking for more volunteers to help us out with our monthly Chicken Fried Steak night. If interested, please contact my Sgt at Arms, Marcelo M. Buckley at suzcelo@satx.rr.com and we will put you to work with a great group of S.A.L. members working for the better of the American Legion family. Thank you.

ADJUTANT NEWS – Membership dues

We had a good turn-out for the Early Bird Dinner. Thank you to the SAL for making this such a good night.

Many have asked why they have to pay anything for the Early Bird Dinner. "After all, they paid \$31.00 for their membership. Can't the Post pay for a dinner?"

Of that \$31.00, the Post keeps \$5.00. The remainder is forwarded to Department (State) and National American Legion. Some of it goes for your Legion Magazine you get every month. That doesn't leave much for the Post.

For the Paid-Up-For-Life (PUFLs), it depends what the dues were when you paid your PUFL. The Post gets between \$1.50 and \$5.00 for each PUFL. Even less left for the Post.

So, we want to encourage EVERYBODY to renew before 31 Dec. If we are 100% on that date we get \$1.00 per member back from Department. That would be \$711.00 or more. We need everybody to renew and recruit.

Keep your questions and comments coming. I am here to serve the Post in any way.

The electronic Newsletter Mailing List continues to grow and we'd like to add you to the list. The more folks we add, the less we have to send, saving printing and postage costs. During FY 2010-2011 we spent over \$6000. Think about it. To get your name on the electronic delivery list, please send an email to alpost593newsletter@yahoo.com. Thanks for your support to save some dollars\$\$\$.

ELECTION DAY NOVEMBER 6TH
PLEASE VOTE! IT'S IMPORTANT

Speed up disability claims processing

The numbers are outrageous. Two-thirds of the 900,000 disability compensation claims pending with the Department of Veterans Affairs are more than 125 days old.

Veterans deserve much better than that!!!

The New York Times detailed the problem last week, quoting one official as saying the agency is "the land that technology passed by."

Under pressure from Congress, the NY Times reported, officials have crafted a plan to bring modern technology to the Veterans Benefits Administration.

The new system, which is now being tested, will use digital records and consolidate today's multiple databases that aren't integrated.

Lawmakers should keep the heat on and ensure that the reforms are enacted as soon as possible.

As long as the delays continue, veterans are being deprived of assistance they earned by serving their country.

Contributed by Sebastian Rodriguez, Service Officer.

THANKSGIVING FOOD BASKETS

THE POST IS PREPARING FOR OUR ANNUAL DONATION OF FOOD BASKETS FOR NEEDY FAMILIES FOR THANKSGIVING.

DONATION BOXES HAVE BEEN PLACED IN THE CANTEN FOR GATHERING CANNED GOODS, DRY STAPLES, OR DESSERT FIXINGS. BASKETS WILL BE GIVEN OUT THE WEEKEND OF NOV 17TH.

IF YOU KNOW OF A NEEDY FAMILY, PLEASE CONTACT OUR SERVICE OFFICER,
SEBASTIAN RODRIGUEZ

THANKSGIVING DINNER

POST 593 WILL AGAIN BE HOSTING THANKSGIVING DINNER ON THANKSGIVING DAY.

THE POST WILL PROVIDE THE TURKEY . THOSE ATTENDING ARE ASKED TO BRING A COVERED DISH OR DESSERT.

COME OUT AND JOIN YOUR FRIENDS AND THE LEGION FAMILY FOR THIS WONDERFUL FEAST OF GIVING THANKS. EXPECT IT TO START AT ABOUT 2:00 PM.

ENJOY SOME FOOTBALL, SHUFFLEBOARD, DARTS, POOL, OR JUST VISITING WITH YOUR FRIENDS.

Honor Our Own

Celebrate Veteran's Day at American Legion Post 593

Come spend the day with our local heroes. Our local Veterans and Wounded Warriors will be joining our post to celebrate the efforts of all who have fought and continue to fight for the freedoms we cherish.



Please feel free to donate a meal for a visiting Vet or Wounded Warrior!

Contact Pat Rudd @ 367-7568 with any questions

Sunday November 11, 2012

2 pm - Shuffleboard Tournament

Dart Tournament

4-7 pm - Dinner for \$5.00

Hamburgers or Sausage with sides provided by our Ladies Auxiliary

6 pm - Crosshairs Comedy Show

(for "Adult" Military Humor)

7-10 pm - DJ Carolyn with Karaoke

50/50 Drawing and

Photos for \$10 by Jim Evans

November 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4 Football Frenzy Come out and Enjoy Happy Hour prices all day and night!	5 Dart League & Shuffleboard League Monday Night Mania 16 oz. Miller Lite Can \$2	6 Rider Grill 6-8 pm Wings & Fries \$5 ALR Exec. Mtg. 7:30 pm	7 GMM Mtg. 7:30 pm Meal Served 5:30 - 7:00 pm	8 Dart Grill 6-8 pm Dart League	9 Shuffleboard Tourney \$5 (draw numbers at 7:15pm) CFS - \$8.6-8 pm Visit from VA	10 Texas Honor Ride Operation Overpass
11 Veterans Day Party Flag Disposal @ 2 pm with Shuffleboard and Dart tourneys at 2:30 & Meal from 4-6 pm. DJ at 6 pm.	12 Dart League & Shuffleboard League Monday Night Mania 16 oz. Miller Lite Can \$2	13 Rider Grill 6-8 pm Tacos, Rice & Beans \$5 ALR GMM Mtg. 7:30pm	14	15 Dart Grill 6-8 pm Dart League	16 Shuffleboard Tourney \$5 (draw numbers at 7:15pm)	17 Monthly Dart Tournament \$5 (Draw your numbers at 7:15)
18 Football Frenzy Come out and Enjoy Happy Hour prices all day and night!	19 Dart League & Shuffleboard League Monday Night Mania 16 oz. Miller Lite Can \$2	20 Rider Grill 6-8 pm TBD	21 Exec Mtg. - 7:00 pm	22 Thanksgiving Dinner. Post will provide turkeys - please bring a covered dish - 2 pm	23 Shuffleboard Tourney \$5 (draw numbers at 7:15pm)	24
25 Football Frenzy Come out and Enjoy Happy Hour prices all day and night!	26 Dart League & Shuffleboard League Monday Night Mania 16 oz. Miller Lite Can \$2	27 Rider Grill 6-8 pm Chicken Strip Basket \$5 SAL GMM - 7:30 pm	28	29 Dart Grill 6-8 pm Dart League	30 Shuffleboard Tourney \$5 (draw numbers at 7:15pm)	



ZUMBA
Every Tuesday
At 6 pm - \$5



ALR Bike Night
EVERY Tuesday!
Beer, Food & Friends!!

**** NO breakfast or steak night in November and December ****

UPCOMING EVENTS:

December 15th - Kids Christmas Party

December 21st - Legion Christmas Party

December 31st - New Year's Eve Party - Hawaiian Theme

**We are also on Facebook - Post 593 or American Legion
Riders Post 593 - CHECK US OUT !!!**

**Please feel free to bring snacks on Sunday and Monday for
the football games!!**