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*Commander's Corner*



This is a wonderful time of year, as we are able to Honor all of the Veterans this month on Veterans Day. Take time out of your lives to thank a Veteran, and to remember those that have given the ultimate sacrifice so that we may enjoy our lives in this great Nation. If you are looking for a way to honor all the sacrifices that our Veterans have made, I can think of no better way than by doing your patriotic duty and voting. You have an obligation to vote in your local, state and national races. We all value our opinions, and our ability to express it, now is the time, and the ballot box is the place. This may be an "off year" election with no major races to draw you out, but that does not mean there are not important issues for you to vote on. Become an informed voter on the issues and let your voice be heard. This goes for governmental issues and Post 593 issues. We have a vote almost every General Membership meeting that impacts our post and our endeavors. Assume the obligation of citizenship, attend the meetings, become informed about the issues, and VOTE. Vote in your Post, Community, State, and National

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*Auxiliary News*



**GOBBLE GOBBLE GOBBLE**

Happy Turkey Day to you all!! First, I want to thank everyone that came out and paid their dues on or before October 9<sup>th</sup>. We had a great turn out for the early bird dinner. Please remember we are still asking everyone to pay their dues BEFORE December 31<sup>st</sup>. We really want to hit 100% and we need your help! If you know anyone that would like to be a member of the Auxiliary and there are eligible, lets' get them signed up!

We have some great events coming up at Post 593 so make sure you look at the monthly calendar, but here are just a few:

**Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup> – Kid's Christmas Party (1 pm)** – we will have a sign-up sheet at the post – make sure you sign up your children/grandchildren so Santa knows they will be there. We will post the sign-up sheet in November.

**Sunday, December 20<sup>th</sup> – Senior's Dinner (1 pm)** – this is always a great time – hope to see a good turn out again this year!!

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elections. Honor those that gave you that right.

As we end the month it will be a time to give thanks. Give thanks for all that we have in this wonderful Post, City, and Nation. Once again this year we will collect donations for food baskets to those in need. There is a basket out in the Post for food donations or see Sebastian for monetary donations.

This is OUR House  
Do what you can when you can

Danny Peter Muth  
Post Commander

### SAL Corner

Hello Legion Family,

Thanks to all who signed up for the golf tournament. Unfortunately we were rained out. The tournament will still be played. It's scheduled for Sunday, 22 November. Keep an eye out for more info.

There is another raffle kicking off for an AR-15 with all the accessories. The tickets are \$15 each or three for \$40. Watch for flyers. Winner will be drawn on Super Bowl Sunday.

The last Chicken Fried Steak dinner for this year will be on November 13th. We won't have the VA due to hall being closed but please come out and help us finish the year with a bang.

The box for Thanksgiving and Christmas basket donations is out. Please support however you can.

Henry Creech  
Squadron 593 Commander

### Saving Cans

Many thanks to those who have been helping us save cans for the past few years. This has brought into the Legion coffers almost \$10,000 in the last 11 years. Aluminum cans, brass, copper wire, and batteries are all salvageable.

### ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTERS

To get your name on the electronic delivery list, please send an email to [post593newsletter@yahoo.com](mailto:post593newsletter@yahoo.com). Thanks for your support to save some dollars\$\$\$.

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**January 15, 16 and 17 – Casi Chili Cook-Off** – we are looking for used or new items for the silent auction – this is one of our biggest fundraisers. Please see Michelle or Sue if you have anything you would like to donate!

Michelle Muth  
Unit 593 President



### **2nd Vice Comments**

Howdy folks,  
Wow! November already! This year has flown by.

Thanks to all the volunteers who worked the year's breakfasts and steak nights. We won't have those two events in November or December due to the holidays

Don't forget the two events on November 8th. First, HEB will be serving a Free Veterans breakfast. After that is our first Christmas Bazaar. It should be a great day all around.

Donation boxes are out for the holiday food baskets. Please help us fill them to the top. Times are tough for many families and we've always done a wonderful job to help brighten their holidays.

The annual Thanksgiving meal will be on the 26th. Watch for flyers to be posted with more info.

Football season is in full swing and we've had a few fun filled Sundays so far. If you'd like to join in feel free to come on down.

Joe Falco  
2nd Vice

## American Legion Riders

We had stepped it up another notch this month. First of all, "thank you" to all of those who took time out of their busy schedule and volunteered to work/support the ALR fundraising event during Night-In-Old-Converse. The money raised will be used to support our annual events. I would also like to say "thank you" to those that volunteered to cook breakfast and steaks this month. Once again, without you stepping up to volunteer, these events would not be such a huge success.

Ready for this! The Riders attended more than 20 events and volunteered 135 community hours this month, which included PGR missions and local events in/and around the San Antonio area. Some of the events we supported were the Night in Old Converse, BBQ's, VA Visit, Wounded Warrior Escort, Ride for the Troops, and the Fisher House Fundraiser. Without a doubt, everything you do, is greatly appreciated!

In closing, once again, thank you so much for what you have done and for what you continue to do for our Legion, Community, State, and Country. Please remember, whatever it is that you do, do it 1<sup>st</sup> Class!

JOHN A. BOCK  
Director, American Legion Riders

### REMAINING TRICARE ELIGIBLE

If you are entitled to premium free Medicare Part A, you must also have Medicare Part B to keep Tricare, regardless of your age or place of residence (some exceptions are discussed in the Delaying Part B Enrollment section). Once you have both Part A and Part B, you automatically receive TRICARE benefits under TRICARE For Life (TFL). Keeping your information in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS) up to date is key to ensuring effective, timely, delivery of your TRICARE benefits.

### VETERAN DISABILITY COMPENSATION

If you are a military veteran with a service-related disability you may qualify for over \$3300 in monthly benefits. These benefits are paid to veterans who have injuries or diseases that happened while on active duty, or were made worse by active military service.

### CHANGES COMING TO TRICARE Rx

Starting October 1, 2015, a new law requires all TRICARE beneficiaries, except active duty service members to get select brand name maintenance drugs through either TRICARE Pharmacy Home Delivery ([www.tricare.mil/homedelivery/](http://www.tricare.mil/homedelivery/)) or from a military pharmacy. Beneficiaries who keep using a retail pharmacy for these drugs will have to pay the full cost. Maintenance drugs are those you take regularly for a long time. The law does not apply to drugs you take for a short time, like antibiotics. Beneficiaries living overseas, or with other prescription drug coverage, are not affected. You can check with your local military pharmacy to see if they carry your prescription. For more information about this change to TRICARE's pharmacy benefit, visit the TRICARE New Rules for Filling Prescriptions webpage at [www.tricare.mil/RxNewRules](http://www.tricare.mil/RxNewRules).

Submitted by Sebastian Rodriguez, Post Service Officer

*Christmas Bazaar*

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**Scheduled Events:**

- Christmas crafts & baskets for sale
- Bake Sale
- Spaces for Rent: \$20 for 6 foot spot
- Santa Arrives at 2:00pm
- Christmas Music
- Christmas Carolers
- Grill Open

**November 8th, 2015 — Noon to 6pm**  
**Christmas Bazaar**  
**November 8th — Noon to 6pm**

**Come out and find all your Christmas gifts at one convenient place. We will include a bake sale in this event. We are looking at getting Santa Claus, having Christmas music, the fire department and hopefully some carolers too (from the Sweet Adelines)**

**Contact Chris Reed at (210) 336-3118 for more information or to reserve your table.**

**CHRISTMAS BAZAAR**

Sponsored by the Elect Henry Creek for 2016-2017 Detachment of TX SAL Commander committee

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**November 2015**  
**\*\* No Breakfast or Steak Night in November \*\***

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Titans at Houston-Noon Seattle at Dallas—3:30	2 Shuffleboard League	3 <b>FREE GRILL</b> ALR Exec. Mtg 7:30	4 <b>GMM Mtg. 7:30 pm</b>	5 Dart League Pool League	6	7
8 Veterans Breakfast by HEB-8-11:30AM Christmas Bazaar Noon-6:00 PM	9 Shuffleboard League	10 <u>Rider Grill 6-8 pm</u> ALR GMM MTG 7:30 PM	11	12 Dart League Pool League	13 <b>CHICKEN FRIED STEAK OPEN TO THE PUBLIC! 6-7:30 pm</b>	14 <b>Texas Honor Ride and Operation Overpass</b>
15 Dallas at TB-Noon	16 Shuffleboard League Houston at Bengals 1930	17	18 <b>Exec. Mtg. 7:00 pm</b>	19 Dart League Pool League	20	21 <b>Shuffleboard Tourney—3:30 Dart Tourney – 7:15</b>
22 Dallas at Miami-Noon Jets at Houston-Noon	23 Shuffleboard League	24 <b>SAL Meeting 730 pm</b>	25	26 <b>Thanksgiving Day Meal at 2:00 PM</b> Eagles at Dallas-3:30	27	28
29 New Orleans at Houston-Noon	30 Shuffleboard League					



**ZUMBA**  
 Every Tuesday  
 At 6:15 pm - \$3

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

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