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Hours of Operation

Monday--CLOSED
Tue-Thurs: 3pm—9pm
Friday: 3pm—11 pm
Saturday: Noon—11 pm
Sunday: Noon—6pm
(Hours may vary due to business)

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Commander's Comments



We are opening our Canteen!!! Effective 3:00 pm Tuesday, 27 October, our Canteen reopened for business. There are some changes in order to meet Covid19 guidelines but it's

very similar to the last time we reopened. We all have to collectively abide by those rules in order to keep us and staff safe. The hours are listed below but are subject to change. We had a soft opening and will gradually get back to normal hours as volume and safety dictates. Keep in mind that we cannot have more than 91 members in the building at any given time so we should have plenty of room to accommodate.

Thank you to all Divisions that helped us through the past 4 months with the various meals ToGo. I think we learned a lot from that approach and we may be opening our kitchen more often to meet the needs of members. More to come as we kick around that idea and possible food choices. We are not governed by restaurant rules so unlike

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Auxiliary News



Happy Thanksgiving! I pray that all have a very blessed Thanksgiving Day!! So hard to believe that it is already November of what has certainly been a crazy year.

Please keep each other in your prayers as we continue to navigate these challenging times while also giving thanks for our many blessings.

Thank you to all that came out and paid their dues before or during the Early Bird Dinner. We are off to a great start with membership renewals for 2021 at 61% of goal. Our next goal is 75% by November 11th so please keep those renewals coming. Again, don't forget that Juniors are free until 18 years of age so qualifying children and grandchildren all contribute to our goal as well.

This month we will have our monthly membership meeting on November 4th and I look forward to seeing those that are able to attend. The Post canteen area was finally able to open up on October 27th so come on out to visit if you can. *Continued on page 2*

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many bars that changed their liquor licenses, they must always have food available. We chose not to take that route. In terms of what to know about reopening, just keep in mind that masks are required except when you are at a table. No more than 6 people per table. Nobody may be seated around the bar and bartenders must serve you at tables. If you feel ill or have been around someone who tested positive for Covid, please stay home. The max capacity only pertains to inside seating, outside seating under the pavilion is not in the calculations but we still need to abide by social distancing requirements. V-sweeps will be operational but social distancing and cleaning protocol will be used.

Finally, I would like to publically thank Dave Paris for stepping up as the interim Post Home Manager. His actions helped us stay afloat. Let's welcome Traci and the bar staff back. If you plan to use or rent the hall, dates are filling up quick. Contact our post during business hours to arrange for booking or to speak with Traci regarding availability. Additionally, please look at tour calendar online or hard copy for all the events that will be taking place during November and December. Our Holiday Baskets will be made for Thanksgiving and Christmas so please drop off non-perishable goods, gift certificates, or money at our Post. The more we collect, the more families we will be able to support during the holiday season. The box will be available by the kitchen window. God Bless our Veterans and welcome back.

Paul (Gomer) Goymerac Post Commander

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Fri-3PM-11PM

Sat—Noon—11PM

Sunday—Noon—6PM

Watch our Facebook page for any changes.

The Canteen is currently set up to adhere to the State distancing mandates. Please do not rearrange chairs and tables.

A mask or face covering is required upon entry and anytime you're not seated. Please follow this closely. We don't need to draw any undue attention or face a fine/suspension from TABC.

Thank you, Traci Permenter Post Home Manager Continued from page 1

On November 14th we have our 20th District Fall Convention at Alamo Unit 2. All are welcome to attend. Registration will be \$5 and begin at 9 a.m. with the convention starting at 9:30 a.m. There will be plenty of room to social distance in Post 2's big hall and masks will be required.

We are still working out the details on how to do our annual Kid's Christmas Party on December 13th followed by the Senior's Christmas Dinner on December 20th. Each will need to be modified to accommodate social distancing rules so we are currently considering a drive-thru type event. We welcome any and all ideas that you all may have as well so that we can continue these traditions for our community.

As always, please keep an eye on our Post calendar online for event updates. Again, I would like to give a huge "Thank you!" to the volunteers that took time out of their weekends to help with the Saturday To-Go meals these last few months and to all that came by to support by buying plates and donating funds. Your generosity is amazing and we are truly grateful!!

May you and yours continue to stay safe and healthy, Sandy Vinson
ALA President Unit 593
Aux593info@gmail.com

SALute

Howdy SAL and Post 593.

Membership is still in the forefront. Keep in mind, our dues went up on October 1st to \$25 annually. Please

don't let deter you from renewing or joining our great Squadron. We are very active in the Legion and Community and your participation will always be appreciated.

Thanks to everyone who supported the Annual Golf Tournament. Despite unusual circumstances we had plenty of good feedback from the golfers on how well the event went.

Thanks also to everyone who worked the Early Bird dinner as well as everyone who came to eat.

And finally, and big Thank You to all the hardworking members of the SAL. Through your efforts we managed to pull of some great meals and assist the Legion during these troubled times. We're taking a break from the meals until January when we'll be back better than ever.

Finally, our meetings. 3rd Tuesday of each month. It sure would be nice to see a larger attendance to get more input. Please try to join us.

Be safe and be well, Joe Falco Squadron 593 Commander

Holiday Food Baskets

The Holidays are fast approaching and once again this year we are asking for donations for holiday food baskets. For those who wish to donate, we have set out a drop box for donations of items. The below is a list of staple items needed:

- 1. Turkeys
- 2. Stuffing/Dressing (box)
- 3. Mashed Potatoes (box)
- 4. Canned Goods: chicken broth, green beans, corn, yams, cranberry sauce, mushroom soup, dried onions
- 5. Gravy mix
- 6. Marshmallows
- 7. Beans and Rice

Since we have recently reopened our Post, we are not on a fully operational schedule at time (i.e. limited hours) and are subject to change. Please call ahead at (210) 658-1111, to ensure we are open or someone is available to receive your donation.

I Love My Legion

Respectfully,

Mike Potter Post Service Officer

Planning Ahead

As your Service Officer, I have times in which I assist Veteran's or their families with the loss of a family member. Unfortunately, in too many instances I hear he or she did not leave a will or I could not find a particular document(s). The death of a loved one is difficult enough to say the least. However, we can all take the following actions to relieve undue burdens and financial stress on our loved ones during their time of grief.

MAKE OR UPDATE YOUR WILL: Should you not a have a will or need to update your will, please do so. There are several avenues in which to do so, i.e. private attorney; if you have a valid military ID and are serving on active duty to include, Guard or Reserve, Retired or a dependent of any, you may contact your nearest post or base legal office for assistance (due to current circumstances services maybe limited); or you may also download an on-line state approved will for the state where you reside. Ensure your Executor and Beneficiary(ies) have a copy of your will and know the location or how to gain access to your original will. If in doubt or have questions about your estate or will, please consult a professional estate or tax attorney.

IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS: Gather and consolidate your important documents. Make a binder or folder with your important documents to include at a minimum: Will, DD Form 214 or applicable discharge documents, Insurance Policies, Power of Attorney, VA ratings and/or compensation, social security benefits, retirement income pension(s), marriage or divorce degrees (if applicable), vehicle titles and household warranties/mortgage information if applicable. Additionally, if you are the primary bill payer in your household ensure your significant other knows your financial obligations. Provide them with the financial intuition(s), due dates, and method of payment, i.e., mail or on-line. If on-line, provide a list of the websites and passwords.

PRE-BURIAL ARRANGEMENTS: If you are a Veteran and **not** dishonorably discharged, you and your dependents are eligible for burial in a VA cemetery. You can request a pre-eligibility determination by going to: https://www.va.gov/burials-memorials/, scroll down to and click on "**Eligibility**" to obtain the appropriate form and required documents for application. Also recommend you download the "**Survivors and burial benefits Kit**" located on the same page. It contains additional benefit information you can include with your important documents. Should you not have access to the internet you can call 1-800-535-1117 for pre-eligibility determination assistance.

Respectfully

Mike Potter

Post Service Officer

American Legion Post 593

November 2020

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Looking Ahead (events subject to change)

SATURDAY

FRIDAY

THURSDAY

WEDNESDAY

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SUNDAY

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Thanksgiving Dinner



Date: November 26, 2020

Time: 2PM

Information: 210-658-1111



The Legion will be serving our traditional Thanksgiving meal, complete with baked, smoked, and deep fried turkey as well as ham. There is a sign up sheet in the Legion so we can ensure we have enough meat, and also for you to offer up your favorite sides or desserts. Come on out for great food, fellowship, and fun!

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KEN'S HOMEMADE BREAD



I started making homemade bread during this lockdown at home. I enjoy doing it, but it also gives me something to do during the day during this home lockdown for which I am thankful.

I make the bread for those that want it FOR ONLY A DONATION OF THEIR CHOICE. ALL DONATIONS ARE GOING TO POST 593 TO USE DURING THIS SHUTDOWN FOR POST EXPENSES OR OUR PROGRAMS WE PROUDLY SUPPORT.

I make a White bread, a Raisin Bread, an Italian Bread and my all new "Chili Bread" (it has a bit of a bite)). Homemade bread is much better for you than store bought cause it does not have all those preseritives in it.

If you would like to try it just call/text me at 210 887 8827 or email to: dwgken@aol.com. You can pick up from my home, at our Legion Post or I will deliver it to you. Just let me know.

Let's help our post and help me stay busy at home!!!!!

Ken Rodd Life Member Post 593,