



William M. Randolph, Post 593

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

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Post Commander: Dennis Ducharme

Post Home Manager: Traci Permenter

November 2021

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: Kelly Osvold
Service Officer: Brad Martin
Sgt At Arms: George Alva
Hubmaster: Dennis Ducharme
Members at Large: Henry Creech,
Jack Leanhart, Jimmy May, Art
Osvold, 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,
Patricia Perdok

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,
John Zimmerman

Commander's Comments



Legion Family,

October was a busy month! Night in 'Ole Converse was cancelled due to weather but we had already bought 10 cases of Turkey Legs to sell. Our members came through, as usual, and bought all 10 cases from

us! Thank you!

Tuesdays coffee and donuts is going extremely well! Folks are meeting at the Post between 9 and 11am for some "high end" deluxe coffee, donuts/fruit and some great fellowship. (Tip: you don't have to be there at 9. You can show up anytime between 9 & 11.) Veterans are asking questions and sharing answers. It's a great way to mingle and enjoy some great conversation. Come on out and see what it's all about!

The Post celebrated the Navy's birthday with drink specials and giveaways and everyone who came out enjoyed the day. Thanks to our Post Home Manager Traci for the drink specials and Ken Rodd for the giveaways. Our Early-bird dinner was a great success! Thanks to everyone who made it happen and to those who came out to enjoy a great meal and DJ. The Auxiliary had a great time and sold out during their Lasagna Night. The Post was decorated in Italian décor, the food was delicious and the entertainment was top notch. The SAL had a great time during their annual golf tournament at Olympia Hills and as usual, was a total success. The ALR held their first Scavenger Hunt and then later in the month hosted the 6th Annual Wellness for Warriors Expo, and finally, the last "stake" night of the year celebrated Halloween.

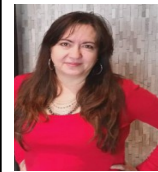
Here's a reminder for all: there is no breakfast, chicken fried steak, or stake night for the months of November and December. We'll see you all back in January for these meals.

Lots went on in October and we need to thank all of our volunteers and supporters.

I want you to mark your calendars as we get into the busy holiday season, there's lots on our calendar for November: there's the grand opening of the new Converse city park at 9am on 6 November, the Universal City Veterans Day parade at 10:30am on 6 November, the Veterans Day Ceremony and Musical Tribute at our Post at 2pm on 6 November, the Marine Corps birthday on 10 November, a Flag Retirement Ceremony at our Post by the Boy Scouts at 1pm on Veterans Day, the Texas Honor Ride, Operation Overpass, and a fundraiser for Chris Reed on 13 November, a huge meal at the Post on Thanksgiving and of course snacks served during football on Sundays. Be sure to check it all out!

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Auxiliary News



Happy Thanksgiving! I pray that all have a blessed and yummy turkey day!! Please continue to stay safe while doing so and keep each other in our prayers.

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 2022 at 55% of goal. Our goal this year is to be at 100% by our 101st Anniversary December 20th so please keep those renewals coming. Again, don't forget that Juniors are free until 18 years of age. Also, qualifying children and grandchildren all contribute to our goal as well. Remember, you can renew online at <https://www.legion-aux.org/renew/> as well.

We had a great turn out for our Lasagna Dinner and sold out in just one hour! I would like to send a huge thank you to all that came out to support us and to Michelle Muth for coordinating the event, as well as, making more trays of lasagna than I have ever seen made all at once. It was delicious!! I would also like to thank our volunteers. We are truly grateful for your time and energy that it takes to pull these events off.

As always, we have a lot of great events coming up at Post 593, so be sure to check out the monthly calendar; however, here are a few Auxiliary events to be sure and mark your calendars for:

Sunday, December 5th – Kid's Christmas Party – we will have a sign-up sheet at the Post after our November meeting on the 3rd. Please sign up your children/ grandchildren so Santa knows they will be there.

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There's a donation box at the Post for non-perishable food items to help fill the holiday baskets for those who need a little extra help. Please bring in a few cans/boxes of non-perishable food and drop it in the box. If you know of a family that could use a turkey and basket of food for Thanksgiving and Christmas, let me or the Service Officer know. Of course, we're accepting cash donations as well to help defray the cost of the turkeys and anything else we need to buy to help make the holidays a little brighter.

One of the flyers included in this month's newsletter is asking you to complete a questionnaire. This questionnaire is to help a group of doctors determine if there is an interest in San Antonio for Veteran Centric-Health Services Clinics. These clinics would be staffed by caring physicians and healthcare professionals and would improve access to doctors, help you navigate the VA and military MTF systems, provide expanded resources for anxiety/depression, explain in clear language your VA and Military benefits, and assist you in obtaining them. If you choose to, you can remain anonymous, or give your name to be entered in a drawing for a \$100 gift card.

The Legion is starting a new Flag Program on Veterans Day in Converse. The city manager has approved a new program called "Flags on Town Square." The Legion will be running this program. In the beginning, there will be 24 flags placed in front of City Hall and the new Seniors Center on Main Street. There will be 12 flags on one side of the street and 12 on the other side. We will be asking for corporate and personal sponsorship in the future. The plan is to place the flags on 6 holidays a year. Proceeds from the program would go to the National Endowment Fund, Child Welfare Fund, Boys & Girls State, and Veteran's programs. If interested, see me or Danny Muth.

Legion membership is always a major concern. Big thanks to Danny Muth, Nick Mills and Ed Richards for making phone calls during our membership drive and trying to get renewals. Know someone who is eligible for membership? Let them know the great things we're doing here at our Post and invite them to join us. If you haven't renewed your membership for 2022, you can do so on-line at www.legion.org/renew, or drop a check in the mail to us, or stop by the Post and renew in person. Our Legion dues are still just \$36.00 a year.

There's a bunch of other things going on at the post in November: buddy check phone calls, shed cleanup and reorganization, membership drive, kitchen cleanup, children's and senior's Christmas party planning, hall rentals, power washing and staining the back deck, and the usual weekly pool, dart and shuffleboard tournaments. I'm sure I've left some stuff out, but the point is, there's lots of activities to become involved in. Let me know if you're interested in helping out.

To all Legionnaires...I thank you for your service to our country and I wish you and your families a very Happy and Blessed Thanksgiving.

For God and Country,
Dennis Ducharme
Post Commander

The Holiday Season is quickly approaching. We'll be doing our Thanksgiving and Christmas food baskets once again.

Donation boxes for non-perishables are in the Legion. Please donate today!

Thank you

Brad Martin

Post 593 Service Officer



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Sunday, December 19th – Senior's Dinner – this is always a great time. Hope to see a great turn out again this year!!

January 15 & 16th – CASI Chili Cook-Off – we are looking for very gently 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.

If you would like to help with any of these fun activities, please reach out. We greatly appreciate your continued support.

Reminder, our meeting this month is on November 3rd at 7:30 p.m. and we would love to see you there.

Until next time, may you and yours stay safe and healthy,
Sandy Vinson
ALA President Unit 593
aux593info@gmail.com



SALute

Howdy SAL and Post 593.

Thanks to everyone who supported our two big October weekends.

First, the Membership Dinner went well, great turnout, good music. Overall fun evening.

Second, our Annual Golf Tournament. Was good to see so many golfers this year. We're looking into some exciting changes for upcoming tournaments that we're sure you'll all enjoy. Stay tuned.....

With the new Legion year, it would be really nice to see some new faces at our monthly meetings and events. Our Monthly General Membership Meeting is always on the 3rd Tuesday of the month. This month it'll be on August 17th, 7:00PM. Hope to see you there.

Be safe and be well,
Joe Falco
Squadron 593 Commander

To American Legion Post 593 Members:

A dedicated group of veteran physicians (with over 20 years of military experience) are diligently working to help bring you much better Veteran Centric Health Services.

Can you please take this short five-minute survey to help better understand your individual needs and preferences?

Please click the link below, fill out the survey, and enter a drawing to win a \$100 gift card. Everyone has a great chance to win – More gift cards will be awarded with more people completing the survey!

- Please enter your contact info to be entered in the drawing
- One survey submission per person
- Your personal information will not be shared

Deadline to enter the survey is Nov 15

Link to Survey: www.tinyurl.com/bexarlegion

Thank you for helping improve the care for all veterans in San Antonio!



Riders Report



Welcome to the Holiday Season! ALR has been busy of late and that will not let up. Please keep an eye on events that are forthcoming in November and December. This past month, we had two successful inaugural events with the Scavenger Hunt and then Wellness 4 Warriors. Both could have had better attendance but based off feedback, everyone who attended had a great time. December is only a month away and we start that month out with our Operation Blue Santa followed by the ALR Christmas Party on 11 DEC. Details on Blue Santa and ALR Christmas Party will be placed on the ALR and Post 593 websites. The ALR party is at Post 593 and starts at 6:00 pm with a social hour followed by food, friendship, and excitement. On 19 December from 4:00 – 8:00 pm will be the second annual Spiritual Ride to 4-5 houses of ALR members that have passed or riders battling injury/illness. Last year's event was a huge success.

Even though November is on top of us, we have the Texas Honor Ride, Operation Overpass, and Chrissy Reed Fund-raiser on 13 November 2021. I hope to see many of you attend all three events or maybe a couple. The more we are out in force, the better the events will be. Thanks to all ALR riders who attended and/or supported the Wellness 4 Warriors event as well as the Wurst Run at Post 179. We had a great time and I cannot be more proud of those who attended and displayed our support for both events. Finally, our meeting schedules have been permanently changed to the first and second Tuesday of month at 7:00 pm. Executive Committee member meeting is the first Tuesday and the General Membership meeting the second Tuesday. During the GMM, we will continue to have free finger food. Hope to see more ALR riders attend. Have a great Thanksgiving and a great holiday season.

Paul (Gomer) Goymerac
Post 593 ALR Director

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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Converse, TX 78109

(Indicate your donation is for The K9 Warrior Program)



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 Daylight Savings Time Ends 	8 Shuffleboard 7PM	9 Coffee & Doughnuts 9-11AM ALR Exec Mtg 7:30 PM	10 Marine Corps Birthday Celebration Canteen, all day See flyer	11 Pool League 8PM Dart League 7PM	12 Pool League 8PM Dart League 7PM	13 Operation Overpass 9AM
14	15 Shuffleboard 7PM	16 Coffee & Doughnuts 9-11AM SAL General Membership Mtg 7:00PM	17 Post Exec Mtg, 7:00 pm	18 Pool League 8PM Dart League 7PM	19	20
21	22	23 Coffee & Doughnuts 9-11AM	24	25 Thanksgiving Dinner 2PM 	26	27
28	29 Shuffleboard 7PM	30 Coffee & Doughnuts 9-11AM				

Looking Ahead
(events subject to change)

Dec 5 Kids Christmas Party 2PM

Dec 11 ALR Christmas Party

Dec 18 CASI Christmas Party

Dec 19 Seniors Christmas Dinner 1-3PM

Dec 21 SAL Christmas Party

Dec 24 Post 593 Christmas in the Canteen

Jan 15-16 CASI Chili Cook-Off

Tuesday Morning Coffee and Doughnuts



Tuesday Mornings
Time: 9-11AM

Come join for complimentary coffee and doughnuts, fellowship, and good conversation.

Every Tuesday Morning, from 9-11 AM

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Veteran's Day Ceremony & Musical Tribute

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Saturday, 6 November 2021

2:00 pm
In the hall

- **Veteran's Day Recognition**
- **50 Year Membership Presentation**
- **Patriotic Music by the Saint Hedwig Brass Quintet**
- **Coffee, Pastry, & Fellowship**

FREE! OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Saint Hedwig Brass Quintet

The Saint Hedwig Brass Quintet was founded in February of 2019 from members of the County Line Community Band. The County Line Community Band is based in Saint Hedwig, consequently the quintet members decided to base there also. When the pandemic shut down most all performing groups the members of the quintet decided we would continue by rehearsing outdoors under a pavilion, social distancing, at the Saint Hedwig City Park. Our objectives are to play brass quintet music that we all enjoy, perform for audiences when we can and have an enjoyable time. We perform a wide range of styles of music from ancient to classical to jazz, movie themes and even some pop tunes. We pride ourselves on being a patriotic group, three of the members are veterans of the military.

Members of the group:

- >John Waugh, principal trumpet
- >Chuck Salge, trumpet, co-leader, USAF veteran
- >Tom Walker, horn, US Army veteran
- >Byron Adcock, trombone
- >Ken Rupkalvis, tuba, co-leader, US Army retired

The Brass Family





NOVEMBER 10TH

2:00 PM to close

American Legion Post 593
326 W. Legion Drive, Converse

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Marine Corps Vets & family come
show us your pride & tradition!!!!



ALL DOMESTIC BEER IS \$2.00 FOR MARINE VETS

GIFT DRAWINGS FOR MARINE VETS ALL DAY

Wear your "Marine Corp" pride and someone may
buy you a birthday beer.



Date: November 13, 2021

Time: 10:00AM

Operation Overpass



Operation Overpass 2021!!

The Texas Honor Ride is back this year. We are continuing our tradition of showing our patriotism and Americanism by holding the colors of our proud nation on a few of the bridges that span Interstate 10.

If you've never done it, you're in for a real treat. The appreciation by the passing motorists cannot be explained. It truly does your heart good.

REMEMBER & HONOR

Information: 210-658-1111

If interested, or need info, please see:

Catherine McDonald
Joe Falco



Thanksgiving Dinner



Date: November 25, 2021

Time: 2PM

Information: 210-658-1111

Happy
Thanksgiving 

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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LIMIT ONE SURVEY SUBMISSION PER PERSON
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Changes to Disabled Veteran License Plates Coming in 2022

Disabled Veteran Plates with the International Symbol of Access will be Available

(AUSTIN, Texas – August 26, 2021) A new state law will change the requirements for Texans with disabled veteran license plates who wish to park in spaces reserved for persons with disabilities.

[Senate Bill 792](#) requires that as of Jan. 1, 2022, anyone parking in a disabled parking space must have a license plate or a disabled parking placard that features the International Symbol of Access (ISA). Currently, disabled veteran license plates do not feature the ISA, and all Texans with these plates are permitted to use disabled parking.

Texans with disabled veteran plates wanting to use disabled parking spaces beginning in 2022 may apply for a disabled parking placard or for a new disabled veteran license plate with the ISA if the veteran meets the eligibility requirements for an ISA after Jan. 1, 2022. Applicants may submit their paperwork at their local county tax assessor-collector's office. Current placards will remain valid; however, the new requirements must be met at time of renewal.

Eligibility for Disabled Parking Placards or License Plates with the International Symbol of Access

Placard and plate eligibility is based on a medical condition that meets the legal definition of a disability. "Disability" means a condition in which a person has:

- Visual acuity of 20/200 or less in the better eye with correcting lenses.
- Visual acuity of more than 20/200 but with a limited field of vision in which the widest diameter of the visual field subtends an angle of 20 degrees or less.
- Mobility problems that substantially impair a person's ability to move around; these problems can be caused by:
 - Paralysis.
 - Lung disease.
 - Uses portable oxygen
 - Cardiac deficiency.
 - Wheelchair confinement.
 - Arthritis, neurological, or orthopedic condition.
 - Foot disorder.
 - Other medical condition causing a person to use a brace, cane, crutch or other assistive device.

A parking placard or plate with the ISA is only valid when being used by the person with the disability or someone who is driving the person with the disability.

It is a violation of state law to use the placard or plates for a disabled parking spot without the person with the disability in the vehicle. People who misuse disabled parking placards are subject to fines of up to \$1,250 and/or up to 50 hours of community service.



A military veteran is entitled to a FREE Texas License plate if you received one of these medals. You DO NOT have to be disabled. Unmarried spouse's of deceased veterans are eligible also for these plates

Air Force Cross

Air Medal

Air Medal with Valor

Airman's Medal

Army of Occupation Medal

Army Distinguished

Service Cross

Bronze Star

Bronze Star with Valor

Coast Guard Medal

Defense Meritorious

Medal

Defense Superior Service

Medal

Distinguished Flying Cross

Distinguished Flying Cross

with Valor

Distinguished Service

Medal- Air Force, Army

Coast Guard, Navy

Distinguished Service

Medal Dept. of Defense,

Dept of Homeland

Security, Dept of Transp

Legion of Merit

Meritorious Service Medal

Navy/Marine Corp Medal

Navy Cross

POW Medal

Silver Star

Soldiers's Medal

For a Dept of Motor Vehicles application email me:
dwgken@aol.com.

Ken Rodd

American Legion & VFW Member