

#### The American Legion

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#### November 2022

#### **Hours of Operation**

Mon-Fri: 2 pm—9 pm Sat: 12 pm — 9 pm Sun: 12 pm — 8 pm

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President: Candy Zavala Vice President: Irma Ducharme Secretary: Karen Paris Treasurer: Sue Buckley Historian: Sandy Vinson Chaplain: Michelle Muth Sgt At Arms: Donna Grimmer Members at Large: Robin Alva, Rosie Cherry, Donna Linaraz

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Director: Paul Goymerac Asst Director: Ed Richards Secretary: Paula Johnson Finance: Robin Alva Road Captain: Sean Lowder Membership: Amy Reed Sgt At Arms: Robert Hendricks Chaplain: George Alva Service Officer: Daniel Riggs Historian: Alice Wagener Members at Large: Analou Eisner, David Halstead, Brandon Riggs, Matt Scott

#### Commander's Comments



My Fellow Legionnaires, October was a busy month! The Night in 'Ole Converse parade was a success. Thanks to Brown & Candy Zavala, Peter & Michelle Muth, Sandy

Vinson, Bill Cox, Paul Goymerac and Dennis Ducharme for representing the Post in the parade. The Boy Scouts also participated and marched right behind us. Great job, all! We sponsored a booth at National Night Out in Converse's North Park. Thanks to Danny Muth, Nick Mills, Audrey Woodruff, Brad Martin, and Irma & Dennis Ducharme for representing the Post.

Tuesday's Coffee and Donuts is going extremely well! Folks are meeting at the Post between 9 and 11am for "high end" coffee, donuts/fruit and some great fellowship. Veterans are asking questions and sharing answers. It's a great way to mingle and enjoy some great conversation.

The 20th District Fall Convention was held in October. It was one of the best conventions I've ever attended! District Judge Advocate Karen Paris gave a wonderful training session on the Post Consolidated Report (CPR). If you haven't been to a district meeting or convention, I highly recommend you attend. So much is learned at these meetings.

Our Early-bird dinner was a great success! Thanks to the SAL and volunteers who made it happen and to those who came out to support and enjoy a great meal.

We all had a great time at the SAL annual golf tournament at Fort Sam Houston and as usual, it was a total success!

The last "stake" night of the year celebrated

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#### Auxiliary News



Greetings ALA UNIT 593 Members!

Let me start this letter by saying thank you to ALL the Unit 593 members that made and donated desserts for the

Chicken Fried Steak and "Stake" nights. We had a highly successful month with this. On behalf of the Unit, I would love to thank all the Post 593 family and community members for supporting the Unit's "Dessert for a Donation" table. The donations will support the many programs of the American Legion Auxiliary. Don't forget there is no Chicken Fried Steak or Steak nights until 2023. We hope to continue the desserts in the new year.

We've made it to the holiday season and so many things are happening. I will mention some important events, so make sure to write them on your calendar.

November 10th at 5:30 pm will be the last 2022 ALA monthly Burger Burn. Thank you, Michelle, Sue, and crew!

The Post will be hosting its Thanksgiving Day meal at the Post, of course on Thanksgiving Day. The meats will be provided, but those attending are encouraged to bring a side dish. This is always a great day of fellowship and giving thanks for our Post and the Veterans we support.

December 11th from 1 pm to 3 pm will be the Children's Christmas Party. The age limits are infant through age 11. Remember, community children are invited as well. All attending need to sign up by the cut-off date to ensure they have a special gift with their name on it. Shopping will be done according to the signup list. Santa's visit is confirmed, and as always there will be some

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Halloween. We had a costume party and a spooktacular time was had by all!

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 Universal City Veterans Day parade at 10:30 am on 5 November, the Marine Corps birthday on 10 November, a Flag Retirement Ceremony at our Post by the Boy Scouts on Veterans Day, the Texas Honor Ride and Operation Overpass on 12 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 on our calendar! Also, be sure to check out our Facebook page for the latest information on our events.

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 them 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 Brad Martin, 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 for our community.

The Legion has a program called "Flags on Town Square." In the beginning there were 24 flags placed in front of City Hall and the new Seniors Center on Main Street. We are asking for corporate and personal sponsors. The plan is to place the flags on 6 holidays per year. Proceeds from the program would go to the National Endowment Fund, Child Welfare Fund, Boys & Girls State, and Veterans programs. If interested, see me or Danny Muth. The cost is \$100 for the year.

Legion membership is always a major concern. Big thanks to Danny Muth, Nick Mills and Ed Richards for helping out with 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. If you haven't renewed your membership for 2023, you can do so online 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 per year.

We have a great Post, and I'm proud of all you do. Until next month...For God and Country.

Dennis Ducharme, Commander

#### SALute From the Squadron Commander

Hello to all the S.A.L. members!
Thank you to all that came out to work and support the

October Chicken Fried Steak Night. There were 93 plates served. The kitchen staff did a great job, as

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fun, hotdogs, treats and gifts. The signup sheet will be on the board at the Post at the beginning of November. Thank you to Marsha Zimmerman and Santa's helpers for taking on this event.

December 19th from 1 pm to 3 pm will be the Senior's Dinner. Sue Buckley and her crew will be organizing this day full of fun, a holiday meal, and a visit from Santa. We are asking for turkey and ham donations, so if you have an extra in the freezer, let a Unit member know. We will be most appreciative. Once again, our Post seniors as well as community seniors are invited.

The CASI Chili Cookoff hosted at our Post the third week of January is just around the corner as well. As is tradition, the Unit will be holding a silent auction on Saturday. These funds benefit the Girls State Program. We are accepting new or GENTLY used items to put in the auction. If you drop an item by the Post, please attach a note stating it is for the CASI ALA Auction so that it isn't confused with other events. Of course, the ALA will be holding a Burger Burn both Saturday and Sunday of the same weekend. Yummy!

With November upon us so is your 2022 membership expiration. Your 2023 membership is due by the end of 2022 so you might as well take care of it in November. Beat the rush! Irma Ducharme is our Vice-President/ Membership Chairman this year. You can drop your dues off at the Post and note Irma on the envelope, or you can mail it to the post or renew online. So many options! To renew online: the National ALA website is https://www.legion-aux.org/members. It is easy, and you can print your card right 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 at the Post.

Please keep an eye out for email and ALA Unit 593, Converse, Tx., Facebook Page posts. Make sure to "Like" our FB page so you receive notification of recent posts. If you would like to post pictures of a 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.

Until next month, remember our Veterans, Active Duty, and their Families...our Mission! Stay safe! Have a blessed and enjoyable Thanksgiving.

Candy Zavala, Unit 593

#### Riders Report





Greetings to all our ALR Riders and riding community.

The busy months are upon us so I will keep you updated on upcoming events. On Saturday, 5 November 2022, Post 593 will host the ALR South Central Texas Meet and Greet at 10:00 am. Canteen will open up early for breakfast food and drinks. We ex-

pect over 50 people from ALR groups from around the State. You are all invited to attend and get caught up on the various events and rides that are set up. On Friday, 11 November, we will be attending the Annual OLLU Veterans Day event on the OLLU Campus. KSU around 10:00 am. with the event from 11:00-12:30 pm. Later that evening, Post 593 will conduct their annual Boys and Girls State Fish Fry from 6:00-8:00 pm. This event will help Post 593 replenish the account to pay for attendance to Boys/Girls State. I always need a few volunteers to help in the kitchen. The following day, 12 November, we will support the Texas Honor Ride by helping refuel at Buckees in Luling followed by Operation Overpass. Since I-10 has a lot of construction, we may be limited to flag lines on only one overpass and possibly at the entry to the wayside where all the bikes stage (between Luling and Seguin). More details forthcoming, POC is me or Brown Zavala (refueling) and Catherine Louise (Operation Overpass). KSU at Post 593 on or about 7:30 am on that Saturday.

In December, we will conduct Blue Santa for area children on Saturday, 3 December. Time to be discussed but you can start dropping off \$25 Walmart gift cards or money beginning 1 November 2022. See ALR members or the ladies managing the Canteen. We also have our ALR Christmas party in the Hall on Saturday, 10 December, beginning at 6:00 pm. After a 1-hour social hour, we will have a homemade country style dinner followed by fun, music, and some games like White Elephant. Limit this year is \$25. POC for that event is Brandon Riggs. On 21 December 2022, we will have our 3rd Annual Spiritual Ride. We plan to have KSU at 4:00 pm and stop at 5 different houses. We are working the list of stops and ensuring they will be home for this event. If you are interested in decorating a bulb, please contact Gomer. Finally, we end out the year with Post 593 New Year's Eve Party. The theme this year will be the "Great Gadsby". We are looking at other options to make this night very memorable and fun for all. Suggestions and ideas can be sent to Gomer directly. Food venue, entertainment, etc. is still being discussed. It will start at 6:00 pm and go into wee hours of the night/morning.

Finally, Saturday, 18 March 2023, is our 18th Annual Rolling Run. We will have a raffle for two guns, live band, silent & live auction, and a poker run. Great time for all. Since the Legionnaire side of the Post has graciously agreed to help secure sponsors for our welcome banner(s), we need your help. Any sponsors that are secured from the Legion, Auxiliary, SAL, or ALR members, you will be able to keep those funds for your Veteran programs after the price of the banners is covered. We want this event to be an all-inclusive event with all four Divisions helping out. More to come on this event but start looking for sponsors. Each sponsor will get advertisement on our electronic board above the popcorn machine until 1 April 2023, sponsor name & icon placed on the Sponsor Banner, and a lot of advertisement for their business.

Have a great holiday season and thanks again for the continued support.

Paul "Timmy" Goymerac, ALR Director.

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they have the entire year.

We still need someone to fill the position of Squadron Second Vice Commander. If anyone would like to help by taking this position, please let me or one of the other officers know.

As always we are looking for ways to help the Vets and their families. Your ideas and help are always welcome. If anyone needs or knows of someone in need of prayers or a sympathetic ear please notify our Squadron Chaplain, George Alva.

Please remember that it is up to all of us to try to bring in new members. Membership is the lifeblood of our organization. If we all recruit just one member each, we will double the size of our squadron!

Hope to see all at the next meeting on November 15, 2022.

Bill Cox, Squadron Commander

The monthly Breakfast,
Steak Night and
Chicken Fried Steak Night
will not occur in
November or December.

These events will resume in January of 2023.

### **THE AMERICAN LEGION POST 593**

### **NOVEMBER 2022 CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Events and times are subject to change.		1 Coffee & Doughnuts 9- 11 am ALR Exec Mtg 7pm	Post GMM 7 pm	3 Dart League 7 pm Dart League 8 pm	4	5 UC Veterans Day Parade 10:30 am ALR SCTX Meet & Greet 10 am
6 Daylight Saving Time ends at 2 am. Move your clocks back one hour to 1 am.	7 Shuffleboard League 7 pm	8 Coffee & Doughnuts 9- 11 am ALR GMM 7 pm	9	10 AUX Burger Grill 5:30 pm Dart League 7 pm Pool League 8 pm United States Marine Corps Birthday	Veterans Day OLLU Veterans Day event at OLLU. KSU at 10 am Boys & Girls State Fish Fry 6 - 8 pm	Texas Honor Ride and Oper- ation Overpass KSU at 7:30 am
13 Jam Session 12 pm Grill open at 1 pm	14 Shuffleboard League 7 pm	15 Coffee & Doughnuts 9- 11 am S.A.L. GMM 7 pm	16 Post Exec Mtg 7 pm	17 Dart League 7 pm Dart League 8 pm	18	19
20	21 Shuffleboard League 7 pm	22 Coffee & Doughnuts 9- 11 am	23	Thanksgiving Day  Post Thanksgiving dinner at 2 pm (feel free to bring a side)	25	26
27	28 Shuffleboard League 7 pm	29 Coffee & Doughnuts 9-11 am	30			

#### Post Home Manager's Message

The Canteen minimum hours of operation are: Sunday 12 pm to 8 pm. Monday through Friday 2 pm to 9 pm. Saturday 12 pm to 9 pm. We will not close before the posted minimum closing time. If after dinner or a movie, you show up a few minutes before the minimum closing time, we will stay open because we enjoy spending time with you and we value your business. We will be open on Thanksgiving Day so make plans to come by and enjoy dinner and some drinks! We will be open past 6 pm on Christmas Eve. Please come out and celebrate with us! The Canteen will be closed on Christmas Day.





Members, with the Holiday Season upon us, remember that we have an amazing hall for rent for all of your festivities. For information or to schedule your party please reach out to me, Traci Diggs at (210) 658-1111.



## 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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# Auxiliary Burger Grill

Hamburgers/ Cheeseburgers, FF and dessert for \$7.00 per plate!

Time: 5:30 - 7:30 pm

Date: November 10, 2022



Open to the public.

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# chicken Fried Steak Dinner



Free for Early Birds!

January 2023

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





Open jukebox music to follow for your entertainment.



Open to the public.

Information: (210) 658-1111

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# Breakfast

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 \$8.00

Date: January 2023

Time: 8:00-11:00 AM

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