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Commander's Comments

Greetings Post 593,
 It seems it was only a few days ago when I last greeted you. I sincerely hope I am not the only person that believes time is flying by. Please, no comments about my memory. Ha.

It is possible that October went by so quickly because there were so many things going on at Post 593 beginning with Night In Old Converse. We have always supported the City of Converse in this event and this year was no exception. We entered a float in the parade on Saturday and placed 1st in our category. That was a surprise. Thank you to Ed Richards (ALR Director), Robin Alva (Auxiliary President), Bill Cox (SAL Commander), Sandy Vinson (20th District Auxiliary President), and Al Lott (20th District Legion Vice Commander) for giving up your morning to help represent Post 593. But probably the biggest takeaway from the parade revolves around the CANDY. I have never ridden on the float in the past and hadn't had the opportunity to throw candy to the children lining the streets. By the way, Candy is a lot more expensive than I remember. Well, as it turned out, we got so caught up in throwing the candy that we almost ran out before the end of the parade. Lesson Learned. Pace yourself!

We held our annual Early Bird Dinner on the 13th which was a huge success for all pillars of our Post. Speaking only for the Legion, we received 16 members that night from either Renewals, Transfers, or New Members!

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Auxiliary News

Howdy!
 Thank you to all who support our Cancer Research fundraiser.

Girls State is another program of your American legion Auxiliary. According to the ALA, Texas Bluebonnet Girls State 2023-2024 Program Action Plan, "ALA Texas Bluebonnet Girls State is a nonpartisan program that teaches the young women of our state responsible citizenship and love for God and Country. This mythical 51st state affords these young ladies (finishing their 3rd year of high school) the opportunity to learn firsthand how their state and local governments operate. The citizens of Girls State are assigned to a City, the House, or the Senate, and the National or Federal Party. Within this framework, the young women elect city, county, state, and party officials and assume the responsibilities of their roles as senators and representatives."

As many of you know, your unit generally sponsors more than 10 young ladies a year. As you all know, inflation is taking its toll on many things across our great nation, which now also includes Girls State. We were informed at Fall DEC that the price to send a girl to Girls State in 2024 will be increasing from \$425 per girl to \$475 per girl. Therefore, I am asking for your help. The CASI chili cookoff is our unit's major fundraiser for this wonderful cause each year, and it happens in January. We are asking for new or gently used items to sell in our auctions during this event. If you have anything, please leave it in the Auxiliary room and tag is for CASI.

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This dinner is a way to give back to members that have already renewed, and it was appreciated by the members I spoke to afterwards. A HUGE THANKS TO OUR SAL FOR PRESENTING THIS MEAL!

Our own Danny (Peter) Muth chaired the 20th District Convention that was held the next day on October 14th at Post 375. I was joined by our Adjutant, Kellie Warrell. Also in attendance were Ed Richards (20th District Sgt-at-Arms, Dave Paris, and Karen Paris. The Mayor of Converse, Al Suarez, was a guest speaker. A great deal of information was shared that day, and I will try to bring it to you after the holiday season has passed.

That weekend continued to provide opportunities of comradeship when our SAL hosted their annual Golf Tournament the following day. Post 593 was well represented with 3 teams entered. It was a good day for golfing as the temperature was finally reasonable. And the course was in better shape, probably due to recent rains. Whatever the reason, it was a good day. For those of you that have ever played golf with me, you know I am not good. Probably a Golf Hacker at best. I judge my game by how many golf balls I lose during the game. Well, I lost 2 but found 2 others. So, I broke even. That is a PAR for me!!!

We hosted 2 Food Trucks on the 21st. I was not able to attend until the food was gone, but it was an obvious success. The parking lot was still full when I arrived, and people were having a great time. Thank you to Mikey Wilson for organizing this event.

We held our monthly Steak Night on the 27th with a Halloween Costume Contest. As always, there were several members in the spirit of Halloween that came dressed. Much more creativity than I possess was shown that night.

Mikey Wilson and Shelli Creech hosted a Murder Mystery event at the Post where members could come dressed in period costumes and play a role in the prepared script. Fun was had by all the participants.

My last words for you are simple. I extend my personal Thanks to Mikey Wilson for the time and effort he gave Post 593 for the last 1 ½ years as our 2nd Vice Commander. He continually tried to find new things to bring to us. Unfortunately for us, he needs to step down for purely personal reasons. Once again, Thank You Mikey. I wish you only the best in the future.

That is all for now, folks. Stay safe. I ask one last thing: Do a favor to a comrade by reaching out to them to see how they are doing. Maybe someone you haven't seen in a while? Every member could use a personal call occasionally.

Thank you for your continued support,

Jack Leanhart
Commander
American Legion Post 593

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Your donations go a long way to help support your unit to sponsor these very deserving young ladies.

No one person can do everything. We all need YOU! Even if it is the smallest of tasks, it all adds up to support our veterans, community, and youth.

Robin E. Alva
President, ALA Unit 593

SALute From the Squadron Commander



Hello to all the S A L members .

Thank you to all that came out to work and supported the October Chicken Fried Steak Night, (Early Bird Dinner) . That was our last one for the year, We did legion S A L 7, and 27 that paid. We also had 25 rain checks. Thank you all . We could not have done it without your work and support. .

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The S A L are at 44.2% on our membership. The post is doing a membership drive on November 4th AT the Walmart on F M 78 starting at 8am. All American Legion families are invited to get new members.

The S A L yard sale did good on September 30th, we raised \$264.00. The left over items went to a church and a place for cancer research . Thank You 2nd Vice Mikey Wilson , 1st Vice/Finance Rick Moe, and Historian Adam Belas for all your hard work.

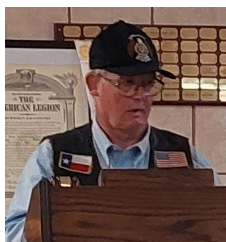
As always we are looking for ways to help the Vets and their family's.

If anyone needs or knows of someone in need of prayers please notify George Alva.

Please remember that it is up to all of us to try to bring in new members.

Hope to see all at the next meeting on Nov 21, 2023.

Riders Report



Greetings to all our ALR Riders and riding community.

During October we supported several rides. On October 14th we rode and participated in Foundation 14 in the presentation of a motorcycle to a disabled Texas Veteran. On 28 October we supported our sister ALR Chapter Post 179 in their annual Wurst Run fundraiser. The busy months are upon us so I will keep you updated on upcoming events. On Friday November 10 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. On 16 November we will participate with ALR Chapters 179 and 245 in the second annual Scavenger hunt. In December, we will conduct Blue Santa for area children on Saturday, 9 December. You can start dropping off \$25 Walmart gift cards or money beginning 1 November to any ALR member or the folks managing the Canteen. We also have our ALR Christmas party in the Hall on Saturday, 9 December, beginning at 6:00 pm. After a 1-hour social hour, we will have dinner followed by fun, music, and some games like White Elephant. Limit this year is \$25. POC for that event is Brandon Riggs. On 20 December 2023, we will have our 4rd 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.

Saturday, 16 March 2024, is our 19th 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 an advertisement on our electronic board above the popcorn machine until 1 April 2024, 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.

Ed “Mr. Gadget”, ALR Director.



1st Vice Commander Report

Another strong start for Post 593! We are already at 586 members which is 71.55% of our goal of 819 members. Welcome to the 21 newest members of Post 364! Thank you all who have already renewed for 2023 -2024...get your renewal in today!

There are multiple ways to renew:

- Online at mylegion.org and print your membership card;

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- Send in your reminder renewal form that is mailed by Headquarters;
- Leave a check with the bartender for the membership bag (make sure your Legion ID number is on the check).

If you have served in federal active duty in the United States Armed Forces since December 7, 1941, and have been honorably discharged; or are still serving, you are eligible to join!

Bring in your friends, family, and neighbors to register for the Legion (and check eligibility for Auxiliary and Sons as well!).

Ed Richards, 1st Vice

The Fourth Pillar- Children and Youth

Troop 593 continues to keep moving forward. During the month of October several scouts visited and stayed overnight on the Blue Ghost, the U.S.S. Lexington. They performed the U.S. Flag Ceremony for the evening events in front of the crew and 100+ visitors.

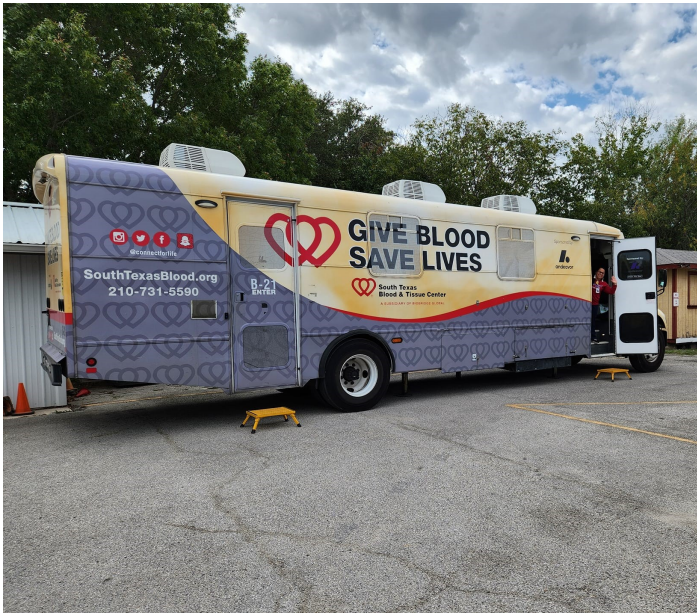
Additionally the troop is working on conservation projects at Anton Schumann Nature Center here in Converse (erosion control and planting trees) and earning their Eagle Scout required Sustainability Merit Badge.

The evening on November 11th at 6:00 p.m. they will conduct a U.S. Flag Retirement Ceremony behind the Pavilion. If you have flags that need retiring, bring them to the Legion by Monday the 6th as we will be folding 200—300 flags that night in preparation for the event.

We can't say this enough nor stress this enough...Thank You American Legion Post 593 for giving us the a platform to teach our youth Citizenship, Stewardship, and Leadership. Our world needs these traits now more than ever.



Super Saturday!!!! Events galore, Breakfast, Blood Drive, Veteran Administration Outreach (only one on eastside San Antonio) and an Animal Defense League display!



It may be Fall, but Post 593 is still SIZZLIN' HOT!!!!



Post 593 took First Place in our category at Night In Old Converse Parade. Macy floats, Rose Bowl floats, even Mardi Gras floats can't touch us!

San Antonio Steel Guitar Association not only performed for but also donated almost \$400 to the Warrior and Family Support Center!

Can't be October without Octoberfest!!! Fabulous food trucks, great comraderie, and of course the drinks. Thank you German Club for making it great!



Steak Night/Costume Contest saw great food and a wide variety of costumes. First Place went to the “Yellowstone Crew”, on the left, with our Irish Fairy , in the middle, taking second place and a couple of Pirates swabbed up third place. Great fun had by all!



Murder Mystery Dinner

This was quite possibly THEE event of the Year for Post 593 as it was loaded with fun activities, a detective mystery even the great Sherlock would have enjoyed and food worthy of the reputation of the Waldorf itself!

Mikey Wilson definitely went out on top as he departs the position of 2nd Vice for the Legion. He and his staff hit a grand slam with the bases loaded!

Our recent culinary graduate, Shelli Creech, served up an exceptionally moist, tasty chicken entrée with a cheesy broccoli side that was to die for, no pun intended. Her other dishes and deserts were equally scrum delicious.

The cast of characters had tremendous fun asking probing questions of each other to learn who could have motive to kill the dastardly “Royal T”. Only two people got the correct answer, we won’t say names but they were the Pirates from the night before.

If ever we get the chance to do this again, I implore you to make the time to partake in this event as it is truly worth the time and money.

Pictures to follow on the next page and a video or two are posted on our facebook page.





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Flags on Town Square Registration Form

How to Sponsor a Flag

- \$100 per year payable to American Legion Post 593
- Businesses can "Sponsored By"
- Individuals can "In Memory of"
- Proceeds support flag replacements, signs, and Veterans Programs.
- Displayed 6 times a year:
 - Presidents' Day - 20 Feb
 - Memorial Day - 29 May
 - Flag day - 14 June
 - Independence Day - 4 July
 - Labor Day - 4 Sep
 - Veterans Day - 11 Nov
- Displayed in front of Converse City Hall on Sequin St.
- Displayed with a personalized placard

Contact Dennis
Ducharme @
210.630.0655 to
become a sponsor!



Name _____ Phone # _____

Address _____

Paid by Cash/Check _____ Date _____

Email _____ To Be Placed on Sign _____

Receipt

Received \$ _____ from: _____

Date _____

For sponsorship for The American Legion, Post 593's **Flags on Town Square** program for 2023.

Received by: _____



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Post Home Manager's Message

Thank you to the Post leadership for their unwavering support and a very special thank you to you, our loyal customers. This wouldn't be possible without you. You are our friends and we enjoy seeing you every time you walk through the door.



We have an amazing hall for rent for all of your special events such as weddings, quinceaneras, birthdays, anniversaries, reunions, etc. For information or to schedule your party please reach out to me, Tracy Diggs at (210) 658-1111. Tell your friends!



Surprise a friend with a Drink Chip for our Cantina!

November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Post GMM 7pm Auxiliary Mtg 7pm	2 Dart League 7 pm Pool League 8 pm	3	4
5	6 Boy Scouts 6:30 pm Shuffle Bd 7:00 p.m.	7 Coffee & Dough- nuts 9-11 am ALR Exec Mtg 7pm	8	9 Burger Burn 5:30pm Dart League 7 pm Pool League 8 pm	10 OLLU Vet Cere- mony 10 am	11 Veteran's Day Converse Veteran Day Celebration—10 am Flag Retirement 6 pm
12	13 Boy Scouts 6:30 pm Shuffle Bd 7:00 p.m.	14 Coffee & Dough- nuts 9-11 am ALR GM Mtg 7pm	15 Post Exec Mtg 7 pm	16 Dart League 7 pm Pool League 8 pm	17	18
19	20 Shuffle Bd 7:00 p.m.	21 Coffee & Dough- nuts 9-11 am S.A.L. GM Mtg 7pm	22	23 Thanksgiv- ing “Thanksgiving at the Post” 3 pm	24	25
26	27 Boy Scouts 6:30 pm Shuffle Bd 7:00 p.m.	28 Coffee & Dough- nuts 9-11 am	29	30 Dart League 7 pm Pool League 8 pm		

December

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 Kids Christmas Party 1-3 pm	4 Boy Scouts 6:30 pm Shuffle Bd 7:00 p.m.	5 Coffee & Doughnuts 9-11 am ALR Exec Mtg 7pm	6 Post GMM 7pm Auxiliary Mtg 7pm	7 Pot Luck Lunch—Noon Dart League 7 pm Pool League 8 pm	8	9
10 Senior Christmas Party 1-3 pm	11 Boy Scouts 6:30 pm Shuffle Bd 7:00 p.m.	12 Coffee & Doughnuts 9-11am ALR GM Mtg 7pm	13 H & E Mt 7 pm	14 Burger Burn 5:30pm Dart League 7 pm Pool League 8 pm	15	16
17	18 Hanukah (thru Dec 26) Shuffle Bd 7:00 p.m.	19 Coffee & Doughnuts 9-11 am S.A.L. GM Mtg 7pm	20 Post Exec Mtg 7 pm	21 Dart League 7 pm Pool League 8 pm	22	23
24 Christmas Eve Post Open	25 Christmas Post Closed	26 Kwanza (thru Jan 1) Coffee & Doughnuts 9-11 am	27	28 Dart League 7 pm Pool League 8 pm	29	30
31 NEW YEAR'S EVE						



In Memoriam



The Newsletter will dedicate the space above to the memory of loved ones who have left this world much too soon. The criteria is as follows: The deceased must be a member of The American Legion, The American Legion Auxiliary, The Sons of The American Legion, The American Legion Riders, or an immediate family member of such. Specifically, the spouse, parent, child, or sibling of a member. Please inform the Newsletter Editor directly or through one of the chaplains.

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
\$8.00 per plate!

Time: 5:30 - 7:30 pm

November 9

Open to the public.



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**JOIN US FOR OUR VETERANS
DAY CELEBRATION**

**AS WE UNVEIL OUR NEWEST
VETERAN NAME TO OUR PURPLE
HEART MEMORIAL**

**NOVEMBER 11, 2023 10AM
CONVERSE SENIOR CENTER/HEROES
MEMORIAL
405 S SEGUIN
CONVERSE**



THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE REQUESTED TO COMPLETE ONE HOLIDAY BASKET

MACORONNI AND CHEESE (2 BXS)

INSTANT POTATOES (1 PKG)

PUMPKIN PIE MIX

CORN (2 CANS)

PINTO BEANS (1 BG)

PIE SHELLS

STUFFING (2 BXS)

CRANBERRY SAUCE (1 CAN)

GREEN BEANS (2 CANS)

MUFFIN MIX (1 BX)

GRAVY MIX (1 PKG)

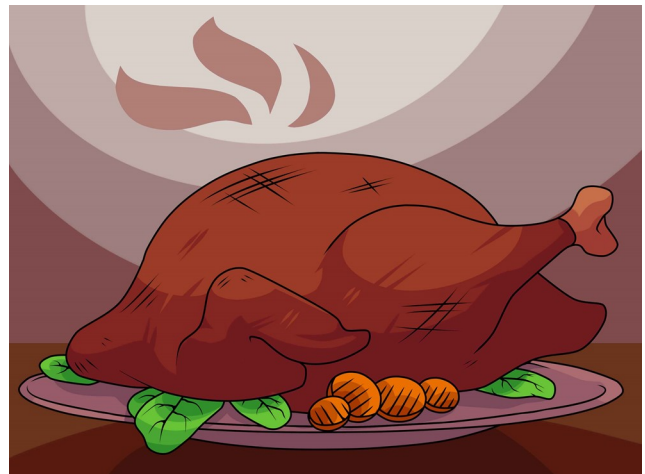
TURKEY (10-12 LB)

Help us bring a bountiful Thanksgiving to our friends who may need a little help. Bring basket items to the Post to be given to others. Thank you in advance for demonstrating Post 593 is a generous group of veterans who are always willing to help others.

Post 593 Thanksgiving Dinner

The Holiday Season is rapidly approaching with Thanksgiving right around the corner. As we always do, Post 593 will host a Thanksgiving dinner for those that do not otherwise have a place to enjoy a great meal. If you wish, come on down. The Post will be providing Turkey, and I am asking participants to bring side dishes. This has been a great meal and time for comradeship in the past and I am sure it will be again this year. The Post opens at 2pm and the meal will be served at 3pm.

Jack LeanHart, Commander





WE WILL NEED CHILI JUDGES ON SATURDAY JANUARY 20TH AT 1:59 PM & SUNDAY JANUARY 21ST AT 12:50 PM. YOU CAN JUDGE ONE DAY OR BOTH DAYS. THE SIGN UP SHEET IS POSTED AT THE LEGION.

SUPPORT THESE BUSINESS'S THAT SUPPORT OUR POST 593 EVENTS & PROGRAMS.



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