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Sgt At Arms: Dennis Ducharme  
Judge Advocate: Joe Guastella  
Advisor: Marcelo Buckley

*Commander's Corner*



Greetings Legion Family!  
It's that time of year again. NIOC is on October 4th and 5th. It is also getting close to the Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets programs.

Thanks again for saving your cans, copper wire, brass, aluminum, and batteries, We made approximately \$240.00 last trip and we have made about \$8000 since we started this program. Good work!

Future leaders of our Post need to complete the A.L. Extension Course Institute leadership training. You can do it on line or attend training at Post 2 on Saturday November 16th. See any current officer for details.

Lastly, elections on November 7th will have Texans voting on 9 amendments to the state constitution. We have 3 booklets available at the Post with the wording, analysis, background, pros and cons, and concerns for each. You are highly encouraged to

*Auxiliary News*



Wow can you believe we have less than 100 days till Christmas!!

First, I want to thank all my Legion family for a perfect day on Saturday, September 7<sup>th</sup>! Peter and I want to thank each and every one of you from the bottom of our hearts! We had a fabulous day!!

Now on to business!! Don't forget to renew your membership! Tina will be glad accept your dues! Early Bird dinner will be held on Friday, October 11<sup>th</sup> which is Chicken Fried Steak Night! You can also pay your dues that night.

Mark your calendars for some upcoming events: The Children's Christmas Party is Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup> and the Senior's Christmas Dinner is Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>. In January, we will be having the Casi Chili Cook Off and once again the Auxiliary will be having a silent auction! If you have anything you would like to donate please get with Hanna Taylor or Sue Buckley.

Until Next Month.....Michelle Smith

exercise your right to vote as an informed citizen. Check it out. Two amendments affect vets.

.For God and Country

John Orff, Post Commander

### Rider's Report

The ALR would like to say Thank You to everyone that made the Legacy Dinner a huge success. Post 593 ALR presented a check for \$30,000 to the National Commander during the Legacy Ride stopover in Seguin, Post 245. This brings our total donation to over \$200,000.

Operation Wounded Warrior (OWW) arrives on Wednesday, 25 Sep, for their annual visit to the Warrior Family Support Center/Fisher House at SAMMC. The ALR will host dinner for OWW on 26 Sep and they will depart early on Saturday, 28 Oct.

At our last general membership meeting, Chrissy Reed challenged all Riders to contact a fellow rider and encourage them to get active in our programs, Legion and Riders, and I just wanted to say Thank You to those Riders that have given so much time to make our Chapter the best in the Nation.

Congratulations to Danny and Michelle Muth, we wish you the very best!

Brown Zavala, ALR Director

### TFL Retirees to pay 80% of VA Health Care Costs

Tricare for Life beneficiaries are being notified that as of Oct 1st, military retirees (over age 65) who receive care at a Department of Veterans Affairs facility for non-service connected ailments will be required to pay VA 80% of the TRICARE allowable charges. By law TRICARE will only pay 20%. The remaining 80% is equal to the amount that Medicare would have paid if the beneficiary had used a Medicare certified provider.

### EARLY BIRD DINNER

All members (AL, Aux, SAL, ALR) who have paid their 2014 dues are invited to come enjoy the Early Bird dinner. You will enjoy a terrific chicken fried steak and trimmings for only \$4.00. All others will pay \$8.00. You may pay your 2014 dues at the door.

Legionnaires who are present and are early birds will be entered into a drawing for a \$60.00 gift certificate at Macaroni Grill. Drawing will be that night after dinner.

### HOLIDAY FOOD BASKETS

We are about to begin preparing Thanksgiving and Christmas food baskets for needy families in the Converse area. As usual many items are needed. There will be a box available in the canteen. Help to fill it up.

## SAL CORNER



Greetings Legion Family

S.A.L. "Renew Now". Early Bird Dinner will be held on Friday October 11th. Half price (\$4) Chicken Fried Steak dinner.

Our S.A.L. golf tournament is October 27th. If you play or know someone who does, come have fun. Bring a team or sign up and we will put you on a team. Remember, you don't have to be a member to play. Sign up sheets are available on line to print or at the Post. Come out and have some fun and help us support Boy's State and child welfare.

Thank you.

Henry Creech

S.A.L. Post 593 Detachment Commander

### VA Partners to Reduce Claims Backlog

The Department of Veterans Affairs, the American Bar Association (ABA) and the Legal Services Corporation (LSC) has announced a new partnership and pilot program aimed at reducing the claims backlog and making it easier for unrepresented veterans to receive assistance developing their claims for disability pay. ABA and LSC attorneys will provide free assistance to a targeted group of unrepresented veterans who request their help gathering and obtaining evidence required by law to support their disability claims. In the coming months, VA will identify eligible veterans to participate in the pilot program and send letters advising them of all their options for representation to help them advance their claims.

Sebastian Rodriguez, Post Service Officer

### LET'S RECYCLE

Did you know we can make some extra money recycling common household items? Well we can, and we do. Save up your used aluminum cans, batteries, copper, brass and newspapers. Contact John Orff for more information.

### NOTARY PUBLIC

Notary service is available to Post members and their families at no cost to them. Contact Joe Guastella at 683-6582 to make arrangements.

### ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTERS

The electronic Newsletter Mailing List continues to grow and we'd like to add you to the list. The more folks we add, the less we have to send, saving printing and postage costs. During FY 2010-2011 we spent over \$6000. Think about it. 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\$\$\$.

# HAPPY HALLOWEEN !!



Vampires, Witches, Bats and Goblins



Are concocting a special **Halloween** brew.

**The American Legion Post 593** is celebrating **Halloween**

And all we need is you!!!

Don't take your trick-or-treat bag out on the streets,  
Come to Post 593 for "witches brew, music and tasty treats!!"

There will be prizes for the very best dressed,

So put your imagination to the test.

**American Legion Post 593**

**Friday, October 26th—judging at 9 pm**

**"Stake" Night at 6 pm—\$13**

**Come out for a great "stake" before the party begins!**

**\*\*Adults only for the contest\*\***



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## *Fall Classic Benefit Golf Tournament*

Northcliffe Golf Club, Cibolo, TX

Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2013 – 8am Shotgun Start

Early Bird Special: \$55 per person or \$200 per 4 person team if paid by October 6<sup>th</sup> - \$65 after  
Includes Golf, Cart, Meal Afterward, Drinks & Prizes

Name	Handicap/ Name of Course or GHIN #	Phone # (required)	Pd (rec'd by)
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**Open to the Public!**

*(You do not have to be a Legion member to play.)*

**BENEFITS BOYS STATE AND OTHER YOUTH PROGRAMS**

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## October 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Rider Grill 6-8pm <b>ALR Exec. Mtg. 7:30pm</b>	2 <b>GMM Mtg. 7:30 pm</b> <b>Meal Served 5:30-7:00 pm</b>	3 Grill 6 – 8 pm Dart League	4 <b>NIOC</b> Shuffleboard Tourney\$5 (Draw numbers at 7:15)	5 <b>NIOC</b>
6	7 Dart League & Shuffleboard League	8 Rider Grill 6-8 pm <b>ALR GMM. Mtg. 7:30pm</b>	9	10 Grill 6 – 8 pm Dart League Pool League	11 <b>CFS</b> <b>6-9pm \$8.00</b> <b>EARLY BIRD DINNER</b> Shuffleboard Tourney\$5 (Draw numbers at 7:15)	12 <b>Breakfast 8-11 am</b> <b>\$6 all you can eat!!</b>
13	14 Dart League & Shuffleboard League	15 Rider Grill 6-8 pm	16 <b>Exec. Mtg. 7:00 pm</b>	17 Grill 6 – 8 pm Dart League	18 Shuffleboard Tourney\$5 (draw numbers at 7:15)	19 <b>Dart Tourney \$5 – draw for partners at 7:15</b>
20	21 Dart League & Shuffleboard League	22 Rider Grill 6-8 pm	23	24 Grill 6 – 8 pm Dart League Pool League	25 <b>"stake" Night \$13</b> Shuffleboard Tourney \$5 (draw numbers at 7:15)	26
27	28 Dart League & Shuffleboard League	29 Rider Grill 6-8 pm <b>SAL GMM – 7:30 pm</b>	30	31 Grill 6-8 pm Dart League Pool League		



**ZUMBA**  
Every Tuesday  
At 6 pm - \$5



**ALR Bike Night**  
**EVERY Tuesday!**  
Beer, Food & Friends!

**\*\*Riders have breakfast and steak night!\*\***

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**Adult Halloween Party Friday, October 25<sup>th</sup>**  
See Flyer

October 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> - Night in Ole Converse

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