



**The American Legion**  
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October 2022

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)

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Commander: Dennis Ducharme  
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 Chaplain: Kelly Warrell  
 Judge Advocate: Danny Muth  
 Historian: Bill Nupp  
 Service Officer: Brad Martin  
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 Ken Rodd

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Commander's Comments



Happy October, Folks! There are a few things that our Post is concentrating on this time of year: First is membership. Second is collecting items for our care package. Third is preparing our holiday baskets for those less fortunate than ourselves.

First, membership. If you renew your membership for 2023 before Chicken Fried Steak Night on Friday, 14 October, you'll be an Early Bird and you'll receive a free CFS that night. You can renew at the Post on the 14th and still receive a free CFS meal. That's a \$10 value! Our Legion dues are still only \$36.00 for the year.

Second, we are collecting items for our care package for a platoon unit which is deployed to Camp Buehring in Kuwait since March 3rd. They will be there until after Christmas. We are putting together some care packages to send to them. We'll gladly take cash donations or items to put into the packages. We'd like to mail the packages by 1 November so please drop off your donations by 25 October. There is a box in the canteen or give your donation to Henry Creech, me, or the bartender on duty.

Third, we're collecting dry/canned goods for our holiday baskets. Our Service Officer has put a box in the canteen area to collect items. Please consider donating a few items.

We're really trying to save on postage and need your email address. Please log into your account at [mylegion.org](http://mylegion.org) and update both your phone number and email address. Our Post is making phone calls to do Buddy

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Auxiliary News



Happy **Boo-tober**, ALA 593! I hope everyone is doing well and have gotten into the "Back-to-School" routine without too much hardship. Before I go to October's busy schedule, I would like to thank everyone that helped with September's General Membership meeting. I was on vacation and our VP Irma Ducharme did a wonderful job, Robin Alva took the minutes and Rosie Cherry blessed our meeting and members. We have a WONDERFUL team!

Now let us move on to October's business. October 5th will be our General Membership Meeting beginning at 7 pm. Please make note of the time change. At September's Legion General Membership meeting, it was moved and passed to change the Legionnaire's meeting to 7 pm. I think it would be convenient for us to follow suit, especially since a lot of spouses travel to the Post together on meeting nights.

The Unit will have to vote to make the time change and to add it to our Standing Rules, but in the interim I think it would work best to begin at 7 pm as well. October's meeting will be important because we will start making plans for the upcoming holiday events.

Last month Unit members attended the ALA Department Executive Committee Meeting in Austin. The DEC heard and voted on the Department's Budget for the 2022-2023 year, as well as handling various housekeeping matters. On Saturday, a Program Action Plan fair was held "Under the Big Top." It was circus-themed, a lot of fun, and a great deal of knowledge was shared about each of the ALA programs.

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Checks. We need your number to call you.

The start time for our General Membership Meeting has changed to 7:00 pm. Please be sure to update your calendars.

The American Legion has a new logo. It's at the end of this article. You'll be seeing more of it on most Legion documents and ads.

Our Post will have a float in the parade on 1 October 2022 for Night in 'Ole Converse (NIOC). Come on out and wave at it as it goes by. Be sure to wear your Legion attire.

We'll also have a booth at National Night Out on Tuesday, 4 October 2022 from 5 to 8 pm at the Converse North Park. Come out and say hi.

A huge thanks to Henry Creech for installing the new sink in our canteen! What a great job he did.

Our Post was honored with the visit from our 2022-2023 National Commander, Jim Troiola. He thoroughly enjoyed his visit and was impressed by all we do! His service project for the year is **Be the One**. It's focused on reducing veteran suicides. You can go to [www.legion.org](http://www.legion.org) to read more about it.

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

Dennis Ducharme, Commander

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander's Comments**

Greetings from the Interim 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander. This month is just starting but it's a very busy month. We are supporting Night in Ole Converse on 30 SEP and 1 OCT. ALR is covering the parking on both days/nights and we will have a rep on the Post float during the parade. Come on down.

If you receive this on 30 SEP or earlier, remember that we have Steak Night on Friday 30 SEP. We bought more steaks since the numbers have been climbing each month. The following weekend is breakfast from 8 – 11:00 am on 8 October.

The last steak night for the year will be on 28 OCT.....Halloween Stake Night with party beginning afterwards. Come on down and enjoy the night with several of us. We will need some extra help in October for breakfast and "Stake" Night. If interested, please contact Gomer at [paul.goymerac@gmail.com](mailto:paul.goymerac@gmail.com). Have a great October and God Bless our Veterans.

Paul Goymerac, Interim 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander

We will be bringing to October's meeting some of that information as well as changes coming down the pike from National.

Post 593's Legion Family Executive Boards will be riding in the Night in Old Converse Parade on October the 1st. Try to come out to the parade route and give them a wave and a shout. Maybe they will throw some candy your way. It should be a lot of fun as well as a terrific way to become more visible within our Converse community. Make sure to wear your AL, ALA, SAL or ALR branded gear so the attendees know you are part of our Post 593 family.

Another thing to put in your calendar is the Early Bird Dinner, October 14th, which is also Chicken Fried Steak night. It is also the Unit's Dessert for a Donation Night. If you have not paid your dues, you might want to do that so you can get your discounted meal. We will have someone present that evening to accept your renewals in case you would like to pay in person. As mentioned previously, you are now able to pay on-line by going to the National ALA website <https://www.legion-aux.org/members>. If you have never done this, it is easy. You just need your current membership card or your member number and a credit card. After renewing, you can even print your card. If you are interested in becoming a Paid Up for Life member, we can help you with that. Let me know and I or Irma will forward the cost sheet and application to you.

I also wanted to remind everyone of "Stake" Night at our post Friday the 28th. This is also one of the Unit's Dessert for a Donation nights. Please let me know by email at [czavala@gvec.net](mailto:czavala@gvec.net) or text 210-559-6786 if you would like to share one of your amazing creations.

Looking forward to seeing your bright shiny faces at the meeting or one of October's upcoming events. Until then, be safe and thank you for your service to our veterans, active duty, and their families.

Candy Zavala, President

**Halloween is Sunday, October 31, 2022.**

**Drive with caution and pay attention! We don't want to run over any ghosts, goblins, zombies, astronauts, pirates, or princesses.**





## Riders Report



What a great month for our Riders. We ended September with some great events. Our first Memorial Ride took place and the turn-out was great! 22 riders in total. We honored those ALR members who passed since our Charter was signed in 2004. We also unveiled two items on the 24th as part of that ride. The first item was John Zimmerman's vest, behind glass (special thanks to Josh; awesome display for Marsha and the family), as well as the Memorial Vest that will hang in our Legion Post for all to see. Special thanks to Daniel for making that. This tribute is long overdue and we were able to unveil it when the National and State Commanders visited our Post. Great support, many thanks to all. October will not let up either. We have Night in Ole Converse parking on Friday and Saturday (30 SEP – 1 OCT), parade float on 1 OCT, Wellness 4 Warrior Ride on 15 OCT at 10:00 am (Aggie Park, San Antonio), and our famous tail-gate party during one of the Sunday afternoon Cowboys games. Keep your eyes open for unscheduled rides since the weather could be great for riding this month. Finally, please continue to attend our General Membership meetings at 7:00 pm on the second Tuesday of the month. We had close to 30 people last month and those extra opinions help us grow and better support our Veterans. Free food for those who attend. God bless the riders, Veterans, and family members.

Paul "Timmy" Goymerac, ALR Director



## 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 September Chicken Fried Steak Night and breakfast on Saturday. We could not have done it without you. As a reminder, we will not have Chicken Fried Steak in November or December.

At this time we are looking for some one to help with their time and energy for the position of Second Vice-Commander for the Squadron. If you are interested and would like to give it a try, please contact me.

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 our squadron chaplain 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 October 18, 2022.

Bill Cox, Squadron Commander



The Holiday Season is fast approaching. Our annual Holiday Basket food drive will be starting soon. Watch for further information at the Post Home and in this newsletter on items required, dates, etc.

Brad Martin, Service Officer

WE MAKE A  
LIVING BY  
WHAT WE GET,  
BUT WE MAKE A  
LIFE BY  
WHAT WE GIVE.



**THE AMERICAN LEGION POST 593**  
**OCTOBER 2022 CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>Events are subject to change.</b>					30 Night in Ole Converse	1 Night in Ole Converse
2 Night in Ole Converse	3 Shuffleboard League 7 pm	4 Coffee & Doughnuts 9- 11 am National Night Out 5-8 pm  ALR Exec Mtg 7pm	5 Post GMM 7 pm	6 Dart League 7 pm Pool League 8 pm	7	8 Breakfast 8-11 am \$8.00
9 Jam Session 12 pm Grill open at 1 pm	10 Columbus Day and Indigenous People's Day  Shuffleboard League 7 pm	11 Coffee & Doughnuts 9- 11 am  ALR GMM 7 pm	12	13 U.S. Navy <b>Birthday 1775</b>  AUX Burger Grill 5:30 pm  Dart League 7 pm Pool League 8 pm	14 Chicken Fried Steak Night Early Bird 6 - 7:30 pm	15 20 <sup>th</sup> District Convention at Post 2 9 am
16 S.A.L. Golf Tournament at Fort Sam Hou- ston	17 Shuffleboard League 7 pm	18 Coffee & Doughnuts 9- 11 am  S.A.L. GMM 7 pm	19 Post Exec Mtg 7 pm	20 Dart League 7 pm Pool League 8 pm	21	22
23	24 Shuffleboard League 7 pm	25 Coffee & Doughnuts 9-11 am	26	27 Dart League 7 pm Pool League 8 pm	28 Halloween Party and "Stake" Night 6-8 pm \$15.00	29
30	31 <b>Halloween</b>  Shuffleboard League 7 pm					

### **Post Home Manager's Message**

This is your friendly PHM wanting to give a HUGE thank you to all that have welcomed me into this new position. I feel like I'm getting my feet under me. You can see me behind the bar some days, so please feel free to come say hi. In canteen news, a HUGE shout out to Henry Creech, Ed Richards, and our Commander Dennis Ducharme for their time and efforts installing the new canteen sink. On a side note, if you have any tools (screwdrivers, hammers, or wrenches) laying around the Post will gladly take them!



Members, with the Holiday Season quickly approaching, 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.

### **Special Recognition**

Converse Animal Shelter, Inc. (CASI) published their October newsletter entitled Salute To Our Veterans and Their Spouses. In the newsletter CASI highlights the work and contributions made to the shelter by local veterans. The following is an excerpt that is of particular interest to Post 593, as well as a source of member pride:

“Converse Animal Shelter would like to thank the American Legion, post 593 for their very generous donation. Post 593 gave CASI \$89 in aluminum cans for our recycle program as well as a cash donation. Every dollar generated goes to the health and welfare of our shelter animals.”

CASI is located at 9634 Schaefer Rd., Converse, Texas 78109. Their phone number is (210) 658-4821. If you are interested in volunteering your time contact Dean at [wd.glover@hotmail.com](mailto:wd.glover@hotmail.com). If you would like to learn more about CASI you can visit their website at Animal Shelter Converse / Converse Animal Shelter ([mynewbestfriend.org](http://mynewbestfriend.org)).

# *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: October 13, 2022**

Open to the public.



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# Chicken Fried Steak Dinner

**\$10**

Free for  
Early  
Birds!

Friday, October 14, 2022

6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

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: October 8, 2022**

**Time: 8:00-11:00 AM**

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**Converse TX 78109**

**Information: 210-658-1111**



**To-Go orders available.  
Open to the public.**



**YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO THE HALLOWEEN PARTY AND**

## **STAKE NIGHT**

**AT THE AMERICAN LEGION POST 593**

**OCTOBER 28, 2022 - 6:00 PM TO 8:00 PM**

**12 oz ribeye steak cooked to order,  
Baked potato,  
Choice of vegetable,  
Salad and dinner roll.  
Only \$15 per plate!  
Dine in or carry out.**

*Costume Contest!*

*Games!*

*Prizes!*

*Come on out for a great meal, music, and fellowship.*

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*Open to the public.*



# Jam Session

**Monthly Jams of the San Antonio Steel Guitar Association are held the second Sunday of the month from 2 PM to 5 PM at American Legion Post 593. The musical jams are free and open to the public. Food and drink are available for sale, and a donation can be passed to help benefit the Warrior and Family Support Center at Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, Texas.**

**October 9, 2022  
1:00 - 5:00 PM**

Grill open 1- 3:30PM

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**CITY OF CONVERSE**

# **NATIONAL NIGHT OUT 2022**

**OCTOBER 4, 2022 5-8PM**

**CONVERSE NORTH PARK  
8200 SPRINGTOWN ST  
CONVERSE, TEXAS 78109**

**TOGETHER, WE ARE MAKING COMMUNITIES  
SAFER, MORE CARING PLACES TO LIVE AND WORK**

