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Commander's Corner



Well we made it through the hardest part of summer, let's hope for some relief in September. Everyone remember to stay hydrated when you're out and about.

We have lots of things coming up over the next few months but on the top of our list is membership. I challenge everyone to get a new member this year and please pay your dues early so you're eligible for our early bird dinner in October. If you are not a PUFL (paid up for life) you should consider signing up for automatic renewal on the American Legion website at: <https://www.legion.org/renew>.

It will automatically charge you for your membership each year on July 1st.

Thank you to all that participated in the District Golf Tournament, this is the main fundraiser for our transportation for boys state so the success of this event was important.

Please look at our calendar for events and

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Auxiliary News



Oh my, September already. I pray all are staying cooled off and safe. Where does the time go? I am looking forward to kicking off a great year while working with such a great group of people that I am honored to call family.

It is also that time of year to start renewing your memberships and recruiting new members. Membership dues are \$25.00 and Juniors are free until 18 years of age. Our Early Bird Dinner will be October 13th for those that have renewed early and our goal is to be at 100% by December 31st. If you have any questions about membership, please see Candy Zavala.

We have a lot of fun activities coming up so please watch for our monthly newsletter and calendar. Also, if you would like to help with any of these fun activities just let me know. We always have a blast while making these events a huge success.

As always, your support and commitment is truly appreciated!!

Until Next Month,

Sandy Vinson
Unit 593 President

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join us for the great meals we serve throughout the month. We are looking forward to a very successful year with the help of all of our membership.

For God and Country,

Veterans working for veterans,

Chrissy



SAL Corner

Folks,

Since we didn't have a newsletter in August due to technical problems, I'm going to share with you my August article:

I'd like to congratulate Detachment Commander Henry Creech on a very successful year. The Detachment convention was held in Killeen last month and Commander Creech did an outstanding job leading the convention. His farewell speech was both articulate and extremely motivating. The respect he was afforded from the entire state of Texas was not only a great credit upon himself as a true leader, but upon both our squadron and our Post as well. You were a great Detachment commander Henry! Well done!

While we were in Killeen at the Detachment convention, several new people stepped up to help our squadron put on Chicken Fried Steak. Not only were new people helping out, but the Post lost power right in the middle of serving. Practically no one noticed though because the frying oil was moved from outside to the stove and the show went on! Kudos to all that helped and made it happen. Great job everyone and as usual, thank you to those who continue to come out and support us by ordering month after month. We appreciate you!

Last thing I want to mention: our annual Fall Golf Classic. This year were golfing at Olympia Hills in Universal City on Sunday, October 15th. The cost will be the same: \$65 per person. We're looking for sponsors to either donate goodies for raffles or to put into our goodie bags, or for hole sponsors. Marcelo Buckley has once

again stepped up to assist us. Please contact either myself, Marcelo or Henry Creech.

This is the SAL's biggest fundraiser of the year and we appreciate all of your support. Together, we can make this a year to remember!

For God and Country,

Dennis

Dennis Ducharme

Squadron 593 Commander



Thanks to everyone that donated items for our fellow Texans that lost so much due to Hurricane Harvey.

Please keep Donna K in your thoughts...she lost the entire contents in her Port A home.

Stan and Denise Yanus were able to get out and their home survived with little damage.

The date for the ALR State Rally will be changed. The second weekend in June conflicts with another Rally attended by many Riders statewide. We will announce the new date once the General Membership votes on the new date.

Committees for the rally are being formed and we will have rally meetings following each ALR Exec Board meeting. Everyone is invited to attend and we will be looking for volunteers.

The weather is cooling off, time to Ride.

RIDERS ROCK!

Keep Your Knees in the Breeze,

Brown

SAL Golf Tournament
15 October—Olympia Hills

\$65.00 Per Person

See any SAL Member to sign up!!

\$50 to sponsor a hole—See Marcelo Buckley

Information Please?

The American Legion **does not** sell member information to any 3rd party vendors or sales companies. Companies that are partnered with the American Legion are the only ones with access to mailing addresses. These companies are fully vetted and are only for the good of the veteran and their family members.

2017 Membership Dues

Legionnaires: Your dues to Post 593 will be only **\$36.00 per year**. Remember you can now renew on-line at: <http://www.Legion.org/Renew>

Holiday Food Baskets The Time is Getting Close

Our Service Officer, Sebastian Rodriguez, will be placing a box in the canteen outside the office. It is time to start thinking about bringing non-perishable items down for the Holiday Food Baskets.

Post 593, annually, provides food baskets to those in the community who need a hand up. We will provide Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets. All will have a turkey... the rest will depend on our generous donations of "fixins".

When you go to get your groceries, put an extra can of beans, corn, fruit, cranberry sauce, stuffing, etc. in your basket and bring it to the Post. It goes to help those that need it most. Each of us can put a smile on somebody's face during the holidays.

Also, if you know an individual or family who needs assistance of food, let Sebastian know. We want to help and Sebastian Rodriguez is the best at making that happen!



Veteran Widow Benefits: Aid & Attendance Benefit

Wartime veterans and their surviving spouses, 65 years and older, may be entitled to a tax-free benefit called **Aid and Attendance** provided by the Department of Veteran Affairs.

The Veterans Spousal Benefits Program is designed to provide financial aid to help offset the cost of long term care for those who need assistance with the daily activities of living such as bathing, dressing, eating, toileting, and transferring.

American Veterans Aid, a private company, is dedicated to helping war era veterans and their surviving spouses receive this benefit which they so deserve.



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September 2017

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	ZUMBA Every Tuesday 6:15 pm - \$3				1	2
3 Labor Day Picnic Post supplies the meat—Bring your favorite side 2:00pm	4 Labor Day	5 ALR Exec Board Meeting 7:30 pm	6 General Membership Meeting 7:30 pm	7 Pool League	8 Chicken Fried Steak Night \$8 6 PM	9 Monthly Breakfast \$6.00 8—11 am
10 Jam Session with Grill 2 PM	11 Shuffleboard League	12 ALR General Membership Mtg 7:30	13	14 Tri-City Flyers Grill 6 pm Pool League	15	16 Shuffleboard 4 pm Aux Grill 5:30 pm Dart Tourney 7:15 pm
17	18 Shuffleboard League	19 SAL GMM 7:00 pm	20 Legion Exec Meeting, 7 pm	21	22	23
24	25 Shuffleboard League	26	27	28 Pool League	30 Steak Night \$13.00 6-8 pm	30

September is National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month

September is National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month and The American Legion is helping to raise awareness about the mental health resources that are available to support veterans and servicemembers in crisis.

The Legion's brochure, "Post Traumatic Stress Disorder: A guide to identification and getting help," lists symptoms of PTSD, how it impacts the family, how to get help, how to file a claim with a service officer, and other resources available for support. Download the brochure for free at: <http://spreadtheword.veteranscrisisline.net/suicide-prevention-month/>

A crisis line is available for veterans and their loved ones to connect with Department of Veterans Affairs responders, 24 hours a day and seven days a week. Contact the VA's Crisis Hotline by:

Calling toll-free at (800) 273-8255 and then press 1
Texting the number 838255
Chatting online at www.veteranscrisisline.net/chat

The VA also wants to spread the message about suicide prevention awareness on social media by using the hashtag #BeThere to help a veteran or servicemember who may be at risk. The VA has downloadable materials to spread the message about the crisis hotline:

<https://www.veteranscrisisline.net/>

The Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors (TAPS), which provides emotional support to the children of military members who have died while serving their country regardless of the circumstances of the death, has helped create a public service announcement series for the month of September that supports VA's #BeThere campaign. The PSAs can be used for television, Web and radio, and graphics for social media are also available. For more information on providing veterans and their families with life-saving resources and programs during their time of transition and need, visit The American Legion's Veterans Health Care Web page at www.legion.org/

Chicken Fried Steak Night

By the Sons of The American Legion
Friday—8 September, 6—7:30pm

**Hand breaded Chicken Fried Steak
with choice of green beans or corn, mashed potatoes and rolls. Only \$8.00
Invite your Family and Friends!**

Open to the Public!

Come support and meet the local VA patients who are hosted each month by the ALR.

This month the Converse Fire Department and EMS personnel and a guest have been invited to a complimentary meal. Come out and show your support to some of Converse's finest!



Monthly Breakfast @ American Legion Post 593

Saturday, September 9, 2017!

326 Legion Drive W, Converse, TX 78109

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

2nd Saturday of every month

8:00 am — 11:00 am

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On the Menu:

Eggs to Order

Pancakes

French Toast

Bacon

Hashbrowns

Sausage

Sausage Gravy

Biscuits

Orange Juice

Coffee

Danishes

Grits (on occasions)

Fruit (seasonal)

\$6.00 All You Can Eat!!

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MONTHLY SHUFFLEBOARD

TOURNAMENT

Saturday, September 16, 2017

Blind Draw

\$5.00 per person

4:00 pm first game starts.

First 24 signed up get to play.

Sign up is at 3:30 pm.

Dart Tournament sign up is at 7:15 that night and play starts at 7:30 pm.

The Auxiliary will have a grill starting at 5:30 pm

Menu to be determined—\$6.00.

Will serve until 8 pm or we run out.



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Steak Night

326 Legion Drive W, Converse, TX 78109

****Friday, September 29, 2017 ****

6:00 pm—8:00 pm

(Or until we sell out!)

Ribeye Steak with choice of green beans or corn, baked potato, salad, sautéed onions and/or mushrooms and rolls.

Plus all the fixings for your salad and potato.

\$13.00



INVITE YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS!!

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!

Music starts at 7:30 pm