The American Legion

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September 2024





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Commander's Comments

Hello Legion Family, Thank you everyone who came out for our breakfast and steak night. It is starting to get to the

busy season with football and lots of activities coming up. My apologies for not having too much information, but I've been in and out of the hospital.

And now for the big news. Our memorial brick sales have been set up and tested and ready to go. We are inviting everyone to get a memorial brick for a past veteran, yourself, or your family. These bricks will help us raise money to move our flags and our memorial.

The bricks will be placed on the ground in front of the monument or on the wall beside it. Most of the 8x8 will be used to cap the top of the seating area.

There's a couple of options to order your brick(s). You can just scan the QR code on the flyer and it'll walk you through it (it's so easy I did it by myself). Another way to order your brick(s) is to go online: http://www.bricksrus.com/ donorsite/conversetxlegion.

The flyer is enclosed in this newsletter. Please take the time to go on the website and order your brick today. The bricks will be sent directly to our post.

We will also be taking private donations as well.

Thank you!

For God and Country,

Commander Creech



<u>Auxiliary News</u>

Howdy!

Our 593 Auxiliary continues to do the good work on behalf of others. Let's keep our momentum and

enthusiasm going forward. Kids are back in school and sadly, vacation time is over. Happily, this means we should see more smiling faces in our Auxiliary meetings!

Give me an M and an E and another M and a B and an E and an R and an S and an H and an I and a P! What does that spell? Membership! Membership is what keeps our organization alive and relevant. Membership is everybody's responsibility. Talk to your daughters, granddaughters, moms, and men who are married to women who are serving, and you have a very deep pool to recruit new members from. We can and we must achieve our membership goal this year. We will succeed if each of us does our part.

Thank you to those who donate delicious desserts on Steak Night and Chicken Fried Steak Night. When you bring your dessert donations to the Post, please make sure they are individually wrapped so that we can place a reasonable price on them and use the proceeds to fund our programs.

Don't forget that our Auxiliary meetings are always on the first Wednesday of the month. Our next meeting is scheduled for September 4, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. Encourage a qualified friend or relative to come with you so they can see what it's about, and then they can enjoy the friendly atmosphere and camaraderie of our Post afterward.

As always, thank you to the members who work so hard for the success of our Unit. Without you we wouldn't be where we are.

Robin Alva

President, ALA Unit 593

SALute From the Squadron Commander



Hello SAL. Hope you're all doing well and staying cool in this crazy heat.

It's membership renewal time. The sooner you renew (or sign up a new member) the better it is for all, and especially for you! Signing up before October 11 gets you a discount on your dues plus a free chicken fried steak dinner on October 11. See the flyer in this newsletter.

Thank you to all the volunteers who made the August chicken fried steak meal a great success. Was great to see new members stepping up to help. Let's keep that momentum going. Things can only work with a good volunteer cadre. If you'd like to volunteer, get with our 2^{nd} Vice Mikey Wilson, or any SAL member for information.

My project this year is to provide assistance to the Converse Animal Shelter. There will be an information flyer coming out in October detailing our plans and ways we can all help.

Come join us on September 13 for a hearty Pre-Oktoberfest German meal of bratwurst, German potato salad, sauerkraut, and warm red cabbage slaw. It's gonna be a fun time.

Our annual golf tournament takes place on October 20th. Information flyers are in this newsletter and at the Post.

Until next month.....

For God and Country,

Rick Moe Commander Sq 593



<u>Riders Report</u>

Another great month being a rider. We started August with a bang by having a great short ride with about 12 riders followed by our mid-August Hail and Farewell in Port Aransas. 23 people attended that ride and it allowed us to hail 5 riders and did not have to farewell anyone.

Saying good-bye to a rider can be hard especially if they are entering Post Everlasting. The last patch to go on our Memorial Vest was Cindy Lowe. Next week Saturday, 7 September, is our

Memorial Ride and unlike past rides, we have no need to add any patches to the vest. That's great so this should be a great ride for us.

This past week, Ed Richards, Peter Muth, Michelle Muth, George Alva, and I attended the American Legion National Convention in New Orleans. Great turnout for Riders nationwide, approximately 350 riders. As a result, State of Texas ALR donated \$47,200 to the Veterans Children Foundation. Great job Riders. Keep up the great work and God Bless our Veterans.

Paul "Gomer" Goymerac.

ALR Director

<u>1st Vice Commander Report</u>

As one of the largest Posts in Texas, we have to work extra hard to meet and maintain our 100% goal-but it can happen and it does happen. If you have not renewed for 2025, please renew for this year as quickly as possible and bring in new members as well.

There are multiple ways to renew:

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

Position Open: 1st Vice Commander, American Legion Post 593

Nominations to fill the vacancy will be taken from the floor during the October General Membership Meeting, election will follow the nomination process.

Nominee needs to be present to accept the nomination.

October 2, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

Post Hall

326 Legion Drive, Converse, TX 78109

The Fourth Pillar-Children and Youth

Boy Scout Troop 593 continues to grow and go. Whether it is serving our community at local food banks, learning about Natural Sciences such as dinosaurs and geology at Dinosaur Valley State Park, or deepening their love and respect for our God during Chapel Service at camp.

Your youth program, Post 593, changes little boys to become healthy, well-rounded men.

The National Scouting America Office looks to be trying out fully integrated co-ed troops, perhaps in the near future we will be able to support young ladies within the troop.











A Letter from the Sons of the American Legion Detachment Commander



The Sons of The American Legion gathered in New Orleans for the 52nd National Convention which was conducted from August 23rd through the 25th. The Detachment of Texas was represented well by delegates from across our great state. Immediate Past Detachment Commander Roy Fowler was the delegation chairman. PDC Fowler accepted several awards on behalf of the Detachment and presented a check from the Detachment to National. When you see Roy,

make sure to thank him for the commendable job he did while serving as our Detachment Commander.

The entire event was an indispensable learning experience, and it was just plain fun! Yours Truly attended the S.A.L. Detachment Commanders Training and got the opportunity to network with other Detachment Commanders from across the United States.

Joseph Navarrete from New Mexico was elected and installed as National Commander for the Sons of The American Legion. He was nominated by his father, a US Army veteran. His mother who is a Past National President of The American Legion Auxiliary offered the prayer. Joseph's children placed the cover on his head, and his wife placed the badge on his coat. I think most of New Mexico was there to cheer for him during the walk to the stage parade. History was made at the convention because National Commander Navarrete is the first S.A.L. member from New Mexico to serve as National Commander. Congratulations Commander Navarrete!

Our very own Thom Skelley (Kerrville Squadron 208) is officially the trailing candidate for the high office of S.A.L. National Commander! This means that next year he becomes the leading candidate for the office. Let's throw our enthusiastic support behind him and show the rest of the country that Texas is always ready to lead the way.

Nationally, the S.A.L. has donated over \$10,000,000 dollars to the Child Welfare Fund. This is what it's all about. We are members of this great organization so that we can honor the military service of our parents and grandparents, and what better way to that than to help those in need. The things we do, we do for others. Please don't ever forget that.

As Detachment of Texas Commander I extend a super big THANK YOU to the Detachment of Louisiana for their incredible hospitality and a great convention. The city of New Orleans was friendly and welcoming to all the delegates. I don't think there's a city in America that has a wider variety of delicious foods and more venues available to have fun than the Big Easy. Bourbon Street is an experience everyone should go through at least once. We had a great time at The Cat's Meow 2 thanks to the Louisiana Detachment. Others visited the World War II Museum and other sites around the city. The Ernest Morial Convention Center is a huge, modern two-story complex only a block from the Mighty Mississippi River, a great place to host a convention. It was truly an unforgettable weekend.

If you ever get the chance to attend a national convention, take it! Not only will you learn more than you already know, but you will meet many good people, and you will have so much fun. There is nothing that matches the camaraderie you will have with your fellow S.A.L., Legion, and Auxiliary members. It is an incredible experience that you will remember forever.

The next National Convention will be held in Tampa Bay, Florida in August of 2025. I hope to see many of you there representing our great state. I also hope to see most of you at the Fall DEC in Austin next month. Proud possessors of a priceless heritage.

George Alva Sons of The American Legion Detachment of Texas Commander







We're raising funds to beautify the entrance to our Post by building a flag and memorial monument. We're moving & upgrading our flagpoles and lighting for each flag. The existing Post 593 monument will move to this new location near the church, creating a lasting impression for our visitors and demonstrating our commitment to honoring the sacrifices of those who have served our nation. We invite you to be a part of this exciting project!

You Can Order On-Line at:

https://www.bricksrus.com/donorsite/conversetxlegion

- 1. What size bricks are you selling:
 - a. 4 x 8 x 2¹/₄: \$125 Finished Brick
 - b. 4 x 8 x ¹/₂: \$150 Alfagres Wall Tile
 - c. 8 x 8 x 2¹/₄: \$300 Finished Paving Brick
 - d. 8 x 8 x ¹/₂: \$350 Alfagres Wall Tile
- 2. Lines and text per brick:
 - a. 4 x 8: 3 lines, 18 characters
 - b. 8 x 8: 6 lines, 18 characters.
- 3. What else are we selling?

a. Souvenir Bricks: These miniature gift bricks feature a felt backing. You will be able to showcase these in your home or office. These smaller souvenir bricks can be made to match a larger brick that was ordered.

- i. 11/2 x 3 x 1/2: \$25
- ii. 3 x 3 x ½: \$35

 Donor Bricks: These duplicate bricks with a felt backing can be displayed in your home or office.

- i. 4 x 8 x 2¹/₄: \$40
- ii. 8 x 8 x 2¹/₄: \$50



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IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT HENRY CREECH AT (210) 391-7391 OR DENNIS DUCHARME AT (210) 630-0655





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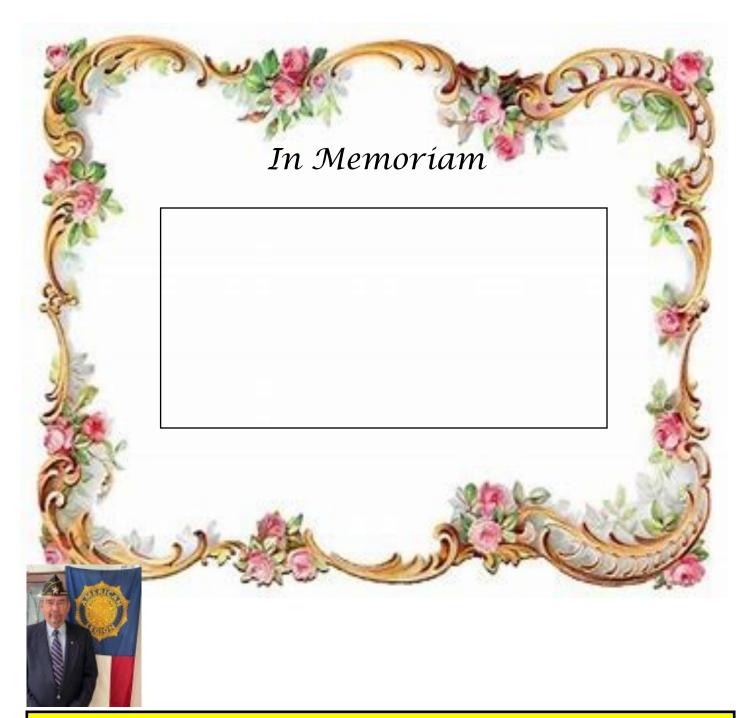
Thank you to the Post leadership for their unwavering support and a very special thank you to you, our loyal customers. This wouldn't be possible without you. You are our friends and we enjoy seeing you every time you walk through the door.



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!



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.

September								
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7		
Labor Day Picnic 2 pm	Boy Scouts 6:30 pm	Coffee & Doughnuts	Tater Tot Casse- role Dinner 5:30 – 7 pm	Dart League 7 pm		ALR Memorial Run		
	Shuffle Bd 7:00 p.m.	9-11 am	Post GMM 7pm	Pool League 8 pm				
	Labor Day	ALR Exec Mtg 7pm	Auxiliary Mtg 7pm					
8	9	10	11	12	13	14		
Steel Guitar Asso- ciation	Zumba—6pm	Coffee & Doughnuts	9/11 Stair Climb Rocket Stadium 8:30 am	Burger Burn 5:30pm	SAL Dinner	Breakfast 8- 11:00am		
and Burger sales	Boy Scouts 6:30 pm	9-11am		Dart League 7 pm	German Meal	Post Cleanup		
NFL Kickoff Party—Noon	Shuffle Bd 7:00 p.m.	ALR GM Mtg 7pm	Patriot's Day	Pool League 8 pm				
15	16	17	18	19	20	21		
District Golf Tournament (667)	Boy Scouts 6:30 pm	Coffee & Doughnuts	Post Exec Mtg 7 pm	Dart League 7 pm		Shuffle Board Tourna- ment 2:30 pm		
	Shuffle Bd 7:00 p.m.	(Taco Tuesday) 9-11 am		Pool League 8 pm				
		S.A.L. GM Mtg 7pm		Fall DEC (Austin Omni) thru 9/22				
22	23	24	25	26	27	28		
ALR NFL Tail- gate Party Noon	Zumba—6pm	Coffee & Doughnuts	Articles due to the Editor	Dart League 7 pm	Steak Night 6pm - 8pm	ALR Freedom Run		
	Boy Scouts 6:30 pm	9-11 am		Pool League 8 pm				
	Shuffle Bd 7:00 p.m.							
29	30 TX Roadhouse Fund- raiser 3 - 9 pm							
	Boy Scouts 6:30 pm							
	Shuffle Bd 7:00 p.m.							

Tuesday Morning Coffee and Doughnuts Plus



Tuesday Mornings Time: 9-11AM

Breakfast Taco Tuesday September 17th

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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General Membership Nights 5:30 PM – 7 PM or until we run out (FIRST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH)

SEPTEMBER 4th - TATOR TOT CASSEROLE, SALAD, DESSERT \$10



OCTOBER 2ND – INDIVIDUAL CHICKEN POT PIES, SALAD, DESSERT \$10



ALL PROCEEDS GO TO VETERAN PROGRAMS!!



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 is passed to help benefit the Warrior and Family Support Center at Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, Texas.



September 8, 2024

2 to 5 pm

Grill open 1- 3:30PM

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Information 210-658-1111

Open to the public.





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Pre-Oktoberfest German Meal



Date: Sept 13, 2024

Time: 6:00-7:30PM

Open to the Public

Come out and enjoy a meal of Bratwurst, German Potato Salad, Sauerkraut, and warm Red Cabbage Slaw

1 Bratwurst and sides—-\$10

2 Bratwurst and sides—-\$14

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Breaklast

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 \$10.00 per plate!

Date: Sept 14, 2024

Time: 8:00-11:00 AM

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Information: 210-658-1111



Open to the public.

September 27, 2024 6:00pm - 7:30pm

Info: (210) 658-1111

Dine-in or take out. Open to public.

Steak Night



12-oz ribeye cooked to order. Salad, dinner rolls, and choice of vegetable. All this for the incredibly low price of only \$16 per plate! Open jukebox for your musical pleasure. Join us for a great meal, music, and

fellowship.

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Feddy Morse Cowboy Har 11005 I-35 Frontage Rd San Antonio, TX

Saturday - Sept 28, 2024

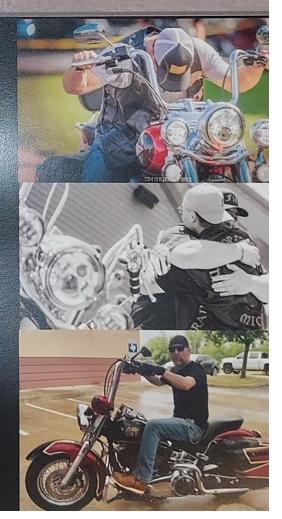
<u>Event Schedule</u> Teddy Morse Cowboy Harles Davidson 11005 I-35 Frontage Rd San Antonio - Open House

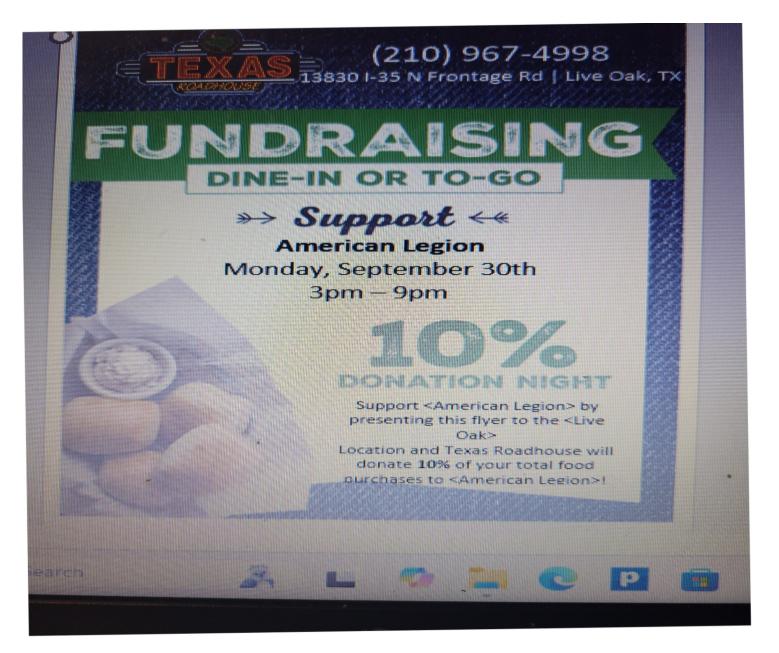
Dice Run Registration \$15/bike

Live Music - Charlie Bravo Band

9:00 am: Registration opens 11:00 am - First Bike Out - Cowboy Harley 4:00 pm - Last Bike In - Texas Pride BBQ *Door Prizes* 50 5

> Stops Include: The Reserve, New Braunfels Boot Scootin Bar, McQueeney American Legion Post 593, Converse Texas Pride BBQ, Adkins





American Legion Post 593, Converse is having a "Dine" at the Texas Roadhouse in Live Oak. Come enjoy some good food as the Roadhouse is donating 10% of your bill back to the Legion. You can dine in or take out. Just show your order taker when you order. Print it out or take a picture of it on your cell phone. Persons do not have to be members of the Legion to participate. Tell your family, friends & neighbors about it. The proceeds from this fundraiser is going for "Veterans helping Veterans in need" program

CHICKEN FRIED STEAK "EARLY BIRD" DINNER

Renew with the Post, Auxiliary or Sons for the 2024-25 Year before or on that night and your meal is free!!! Otherwise,

\$13 PER PLATE, WHILE SUPPLIES LAST.



Time: 6:00 - 7:30 PM

Date: Fri, Oct 11, 2024

Hand breaded Chicken Fried Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, choice of Vegetable with Dinner Roll.

Auxiliary Unit 593 will be selling various Desserts at side table.

Sodas, Water or Adult Beverages Available.

Take Out available as well.

Call 210-658-1111 for info. No pre-orders or phone orders available.

Sons of The American Legion Squadron 593 15th Annual Golf Tournament

Fort Sam Houston Golf Course, 1050 Harry Wurzbach Rd, San Antonio, TX 78209

Sunday, October 20th, 2024 8 am Shotgun Start (7:30 am Show Time)

Includes a Meal and Drinks at the Post Afterwards

Great Fun for All!

\$70 per person

Proceeds go towards Boy's State, Child Welfare and Veterans' Programs

Ask about sponsoring a hole.

Open to the Public!

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

Contact David Paris at: (210) 325-3874 or Henry Creech at: (210) 391-7391

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15th Annual Golf Tournament Fall Classic



Fort Sam Houston Golf Course, 1050 Harry Wurzbach Rd, San Antonio, TX 78209

Sunday, October 20th, 2024 – 8 am Shotgun Start (7:30 am Show Time)

\$70.00 per person - Includes Golf Cart, Meal & Drinks Afterwards

Contact David Paris at: (210) 325-3874 or Henry Creech at: (210) 391-7391

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Open to the Public! Sign-up Deadline is October 13th, 2024.

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



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Dear Prospective Sponsor,

8 August 2024

On behalf of the members of our Post, I would like to invite you to help sponsor our annual Sons of The American Legion Fall Classic Golf Tournament to be held at Fort Sam Houston Golf Course in San Antonio, TX on Sunday, 20 October 2024. Please take the time to look through this letter, visit us on the web and decide to help us. A successful event requires hours of planning and hard work. It also requires the support of volunteers and generous local sponsors.

Proceeds from this golf tournament will allow us to support Child Welfare and Veteran's programs like Boys State. Boys State is one of the most respected and selective educational programs of government instruction for U.S. high-school students. It is a participatory program in which students become part of the operation of local, county and state government. Participants learn the rights, privileges and responsibilities of franchised citizens. Boys State has been a program of The American Legion since 1935.

In most cases, individual expenses are paid by a sponsoring post, a local business or another community-based organization.

We are asking for donations of:

- a hole sponsorship of \$50 (We'll place a sign by a hole with your ad or information),
- 2.) gift cards or items to pass out as door prizes, or
- 3.) items we can put into goodie bags for the golfers (hats, shirts, towels, koozies, discount cards, golf balls/clubs, etc.)

Since we are a non-profit 501c (19) veteran's organization, your donated items may be tax deductible. Please contact David Paris at (210) 325-3874 or Henry Creech at (210) 391-7391, SAL Annual Fall Classic Co-Committee Chairs, to make a donation or if you have any questions. Thank you for your consideration and kind support!

Sincerely,

Rick Moe

Rick Moe Commander, Squadron 593

Sons of The American Legion

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Annual Golf Tournament Hole Sponsorship Form

Fort Sam Houston Golf Course ** Sunday, October 20th, 2024

A hole sponsorship donation of only \$50 will entitle you to an 8 ½ x 11 advertisement of your business or personal message. If you provide the ad, we will place it at a hole on the day of the tournament. Or, if you prefer, we can make-up a simple ad for you. For example:

This Hole Sponsored by:

Marcelo's Pizza House Home of the best hand-made pizza!

123 Main Street, Converse

For Questions Contact David Paris at: (210) 325-3874 or Henry Creech at: (210) 391-7391

Name of Business

POC Name

Phone Number

Paid (Yes/No)

Ad Provided (Yes/No)

If no ad provided, please provide wording to use on the back.



Put your Deductive skills to the test,

Find the Murderer or Murderess!

Seek Out Clues and the Surprise

Solve the Case and Claim your Prize.

6 p.m. November 1, 2024

I'll see you, you'll not see MEEE!



SUPPORT LOCAL BUSINESS THAT SUPPORTS US



9081 FM 78, Converse



Live Oak



3136 Pat Booker,UC



7535 FM 78 San Antonio



1100 Kity Hwk Rd, UC



707 S Seguin, Converse





These businesses support our fundraisers with product or gift card - lets support them when you have a need for their product or service

