



# The American Legion

Of The United States of America

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## HOURS OF OPERATION

Mon-Thur: 1PM - 11:30PM  
Friday: 1PM - 1AM  
Saturday: 12PM - 1AM  
Sunday: 12PM - 10:30PM  
(Hours may vary due to business)

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## Commander's View

Ted Toten



Just a friendly reminder, we will be filling the unexpired terms of the Judge Advocate and two Members-at-Large during our regular General Membership meeting on 05 April at 7:30 PM. Make sure you have a 2006 membership card.

We are quickly approaching election time for your new officers and members-at-large. Each election year we must appoint a screening committee. This years screening committee will be Daryl Waldrop, chairman with Marty Frank, Dick Bray, and our post manager, Frank Yruegas as an alternate if needed. The screening book will be available for the month of April. This is the way to place a member in for nomination for post officers or member-at-large. The screening committee will interview the nominees for eligibility and brief them on duties and responsibilities related to that position. The Screening Book closes 30 April.

Candidates from the Screening Book will be presented at the May General Membership Meeting on 03 May at 7:30 PM with nominations also accepted from the floor. (Continued on page 2)

## Auxiliary News

Hilda Bray



Our Lasagna Dinner and Raffle was a huge success! Thanks to Joleen, Pat, Georgia, Sue, Irene, Joann and Ada for all your hard work. Also thanks to all who helped with the St. Patrick's Day Meal. Julie chaired the event. Good Job!

The Leadership School conducted by Garnet Blakeman was well attended and informative. We enjoyed visiting with members from several other Units. Our Girls State program is in full swing. Interviews have been completed and candidates selected. A nominating committee has been elected and the nomination book is at the bar. The 20<sup>th</sup> District Convention will be held April 1 & 2 at the Oak Hills Hotel. New leaders for the District will be elected. A Yard Sale will take place on April 8<sup>th</sup> in conjunction with our monthly breakfast. Make plans to come by, eat a good breakfast and check out the sale items. The Children's Easter Party is on Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm. The Easter Bunny (J.J.) will visit. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Division Convention is coming up on May 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> in Universal City at the Olympia Hills Golf and Conference Center. (Continued on page 2)

# Commander's View (Continued)

Nominations close at the May meeting. Voting will be conducted all day on 07 June the day of the General Membership Meeting. A voting committee will validate each member's eligibility and control the voting. Winners will be announced at the closing of the meeting.

Our membership total has grown to 739 members or 82.9% or our goal of 891. We need your renewals and your effort to enroll new members to help us attain the highest number of members possible.

There currently seems to be a VISA and Master Card credit scam. The callers identify themselves as Security and Fraud workers with VISA or Master Card and they inform you that they are calling to check an unusual purchase pattern, which they are calling to verify. They will ask you to turn your card over and look for some numbers. There are 7 numbers. The first 4 numbers are part of your card number and the next 3 numbers are the security numbers that verify you are the possessor of the card. The caller will ask you to read those last 3 numbers. **Don't do it.** Call VISA or Master Card for verification, as they would never ask for anything on the card, as they already know the information.

Special thanks go out to Boy Scout Troop 821 and to all that helped in the clean-up around the post Memorial. The area looks fantastic.

The Auxiliary's Lasagna dinner, from all the comments, I heard, was outstanding. In addition, I hope everyone enjoyed the St. Patrick's Day dinner. Thanks to everyone that volunteered and also to those that attended the breakfast and steak night. Have a Happy Easter.

PRIDE: Personal Responsibility In Doing Everything  
See ya at the Post! For God and Country, *Ted*

## Auxiliary News (Continued)

To all who are ill or have lost a loved one, our thoughts are with you.

Our next General Membership meeting is May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:30pm.

*Loyally, Hilda*

## Chaplain's Corner

By Andy Foster, Post Chaplain



April brings with it many celebrations. We find children celebrating the arrival of the mythical rabbit carrying brightly colored eggs and candy. More importantly, we find Christians around the world celebrating the resurrection of Christ.

*Andy*



*Ross*

Post 593 Newsletter Editor  
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## FLAG PROGRAM UPDATE:



By David Paris, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander

The Flag Program year runs from Memorial Day through President's Day. Yes, it's not your typical calendar, but that 3 1/2 months allow the committee to repair materials and get ready for another year. Renewals (or new subscriptions) can be done at the Post and will reduce the mailing costs. Drop your check for \$25 off with name, address, and phone number and the bartender will make sure it gets to the Flag Program.

The Flag Program Committee is looking for more volunteers to assist in placing flags on the six holidays. One of our members will be relocating and we need to cover his route and a few members have been doing it for over three years and just need a break. If you can help on the six holidays, or even on just one or two during the year, please let Pat Parker, Jane Clark or Jack Leanhart know and they'll coordinate the when's and where's.

Lastly, the Flag Program appreciates the support by the Executive Committee for approving a request to enclose the last stall of the carport for storage purposes. We also appreciate Virgil Friesenhahn's support, as his father built the structure many years ago and we would not do it without his endorsement. Thank you.

TRIVIA:

What color carpet was originally in the hall? (Hint: It was not the current brown one). Answer next month.

*Dave*

## Scouting News



By Tyler Bird, Troop Historian

Have you seen the renewed memorial? Nathan Foster as his Eagle Scout Leadership Service Project recently redid it. Many thanks to Nathan and his team of over 20 volunteers that put in an excess of 100 man hours to carry out this project. Chris Menefee will have also completed his Eagle Scout Leadership Service Project by the time you read this.

Chris and his team of volunteers spent April 1 at Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery straightening the grave markers of our fallen veterans. Great job by both of these fine Scouts and we wish them luck in their pursuit of their Eagle Scout Rank.



*Thanks Scouts for a great job of cleaning up the Legion Memorial!*

## Legion Comedy Nite!

Come join us for a night of laughter and fun when we present talented young comedians on their way up.



Sat. April 15th 9:00 PM  
And Only \$5 Bucks!



# Rider News

by Ruben Aguirre, Director  
Post 593 American Legion Riders



Our Legion Riders continue to do great things in support of our Post, our community, our Veterans and our group. For their endeavors I want to thank them one and all for there continued efforts in accomplishing so much in the short time of our existence.

I am sure that many of our Legionnaires are not aware of a recent group of Veterans that was formed for attending funerals for our fallen soldiers (deceased). This group is called the Patriot Guard and they attend as many funerals as the families of the fallen soldier request. I encourage everyone that has some flexible time to sign up on their web site: [www.patriotguard.org](http://www.patriotguard.org) and attend the missions (funerals) for these Americans that gave their all. You do not have to ride a motorcycle just attend the service in what ever means of transportation you have. Be patriotic and show respect to the families by flying our national colors (American flag).

I also wish to thank all our Legionnaires and the community for their support of our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Rollin Run that was held at our Post home on the 25 of March. The word is getting out about our Legion Riders and many more Veterans wish to become a part of our organization because of what we do. This is creating many new members for our Post and a new source of people with creative ideas and enthusiasm that can only help in the participations of our Post activities.

When you see our Riders at our Post you will notice our solidarity to each other, please remember we are all Legionnaires first and motorcyclist second. I encourage everyone to say hello to our Riders and get to know them because through them we are trying to eliminate the infamous question that is always being asked. "Where the hell is Converse, TX?" Through our efforts and continued support from our Post membership hopefully that will be accomplished. Ride safe and God bless you all.

*Ruben*

# H & E News

by Jane Clark, 2nd Vice Commander



## Victory Junction Poker Tournament

Post 593 will host the Victory Junction Poker Tournament on Sunday, April 2nd. Registration will be from 10:30 until 11:30AM with the tournament starting at Noon.

Festivities include BBQ plates for \$8.00 and a 50/50 drawing, and great prizes for 1st and 2nd place.

All proceeds of the tournament, food sales and 50/50 drawing go to *Universal Motorsports* to help fund a racecar to run at San Antonio Speedway. All prize money won from the races will be donated to the *Victory Junction Gang Camp* to help give chronically ill children a summer camp.

*Jane*

# Sew Much Comfort Helps Soldiers Cope



By Ross Oakes, Post 593 Service Officer

Sew Much Comfort consists of volunteers across the country who sew adaptive clothing for soldiers who are undergoing medical care. Primarily pants and boxers are the most requested adaptive clothing items.

Typically one pant leg is slightly larger in diameter and is closed with Velcro in place of a side seam. The closure helps



Soldiers with muscular and skeletal injuries, amputations and joint replacements wear their garments easier. The clothing created can be worn over arm and leg fixator devices that help the patients during their recuperation process.

For more information, including making a request for adaptive clothing or volunteering, visit the Sew Much Comfort website at [www.sewmuchcomfort.org](http://www.sewmuchcomfort.org)

# Newsletter Ads Approved By Executive Board

by Ross Clinton, Newsletter Editor



## NOTICE: To All Legion Members

Do you have a small business and would like some inexpensive advertising? Here's a great chance to get your name out at a minimum cost.

The Executive board has approved small, business card size ads in the newsletter to offset printing cost. Here's the deal:

- \* All ads must be business cards or business card size. If you don't have a card or ad, I will make your ad for you ... Just provide me the info and I will provide you a proof to approve.
- \* Due to space, we are limited to ONLY 10 ADS, first come first served.
- \* Ads will not start until we have 10 ads paid for. Legion members have 1st priority for ads.
- \* There are two choices for price, quarterly or annually.
- \* Ad prices are \$50.00 per quarter (3months) or \$150.00 for the entire year.
- \* As of this printing, 2 quarterly ads have already been sold.

If you are interested in advertising in the Post 593 Newsletter, contact Ross at (210) 725-7677. We appreciate your support and look forward to your call. It's not only good business, but it helps your Post provide news and information to our members.

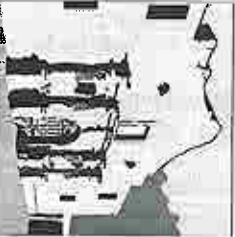


*Best Wishes,*  
*Ross*



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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
 20th District Convention <b>Charity            Poker Event</b> <i>Daylite Savings            Time Begins</i>	3	4	5	6	7	20th District Convention <b>April Fools' Day</b> 1
<b>Children's Easter            Party 1:00PM            12yrs &amp; Under</b> <i>Palm Sunday</i>	10	11	12	13	14	<b>Monthly            Breakfast</b> 8 - 11 AM 8
<b>Easter</b> 	17	18	19	20	21	<b>Push &amp; Chips</b> \$6.00 5-7 PM Dart Tournament 8 PM 15
16	Dart League 7 PM 17	Shuffleboard Challenge 7 PM 18	<b>Executive Board            Meeting 7PM</b> 19	Dart League 7 PM 20	<b>Bar Poker 7PM</b> 21	<b>Comedy Nite</b> 9:00 PM \$5.00 22
23	Dart League 7 PM 24	Shuffleboard Challenge 7 PM 25	26	Dart League 7 PM 27	<b>Arbor Day</b> 28 <b>Steak            Night</b> Music 9PM Bar Poker 8PM	29 
31	Dart League 7 PM	Shuffleboard Challenge 7 PM	26	Dart League 7 PM	Bar Poker 8PM	29

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