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Commander's View

Ted Toten



I hope everyone has a very wonderful and prosperous New Year. I'm sure everyone enjoyed the Chili Cook-off 13-15 Jan. The raffles, silent auction and cakewalk were outstanding features. A big thanks to everyone that supported these efforts, including Legion Chili Cook-off and Raffle Chairman, John Orff; Co-Chairman Chili cook-off, Georgia Horner, Chairman for the Auxiliary Silent Auction, Sue Mills; Cakewalk, Ada Wear and thanks to all that assisted them.

At our last General Membership meeting in January we conducted our election for our existing member-at-large vacancy. This election was conducted to fill an un-expired term vacated by the resignation of a member-at-large. Nominations were taken from the floor at this meeting with two outstanding candidates vying for the position. Our temporary Member-At-Large Carl "Coach" Anderson, (who did an excellent job), and Debbie Aguirre, one of our past commanders were nominated. Either of these two candidates would prove beneficial to this post. Debbie Aguirre was (Continued on page 2)

Auxiliary News

Hilda Bray



In all the excitement of the December activities there was one special happening to write about here. Our National Auxiliary President, Carol Van Kirk came to San Antonio to visit patients at Audie Murphy Veterans Hospital. Several members of our Unit got to meet her there and later at a reception for her at Post 2. On Sunday, December 18th, our unit hosted a breakfast for her and other Department, District and Post Officers. Several of our members then went with the group to the Texas Veterans Home in Floresville to visit the veterans there. What a great time we had getting to know Carol. She loved our Post, especially our "Babies", Sue Mills twin granddaughters, and she was also impressed by the Legion Riders. Carol, you are welcome back anytime!

Our Silent Auction and Raffle did very well during the Chili Cook-off weekend. Our Mid-Winter conference in Austin was well attended by our Unit. The Four Chaplain's Ceremony is held the last Sunday of February. Check your calendar for the time.

Upcoming events in March (Continued on page 2)

Commander's View (Continued)

elected by the general membership. Congratulations Debbie! I'm sure everyone is well aware that your 2005 membership card is expired. We have a number of different bartenders so you may be asked on several occasions to show your membership card, please be patient with our employees. It appears that were getting new members but renewals are our downfall. To date we have about 665 members with a projected goal of 891. We are at 74.63% of our goal and in need of everyone's help by renewing their membership. We have a few months to reach goal so let's increase those figures and show other legion posts that we can do it.

A number of people seem concerned about the increase in membership dues from \$22.50 to \$27.50 per year. Costs have escalated over the years so we have to increase the membership dues. This is the first increase we have had in a number of years. An increase of five dollars equates to about ten cents per week. Your post does not keep the total \$27.50 dues paid by each member. The post sends \$20.00 to Department of Texas, they in-turn send \$6.00 of that amount to National with the remainder left at Department for state level programs. At this point we receive \$7.50 per member, until this year it was only \$2.50 per member. The figure of \$7.50 is anticipated to drop since Department will be asking for more monetary support and we will probably end up with about \$2.50 per member, this is not a lot of money for this post.

There are a number of programs supported by your post such as Boys State, Children and Youth Activities, Boy Scouts, Oratorical, Scholarships, VA Support, Food Baskets for the needy, Veterans Assistance, plus Disaster Assistance, just to name a few. In order to support an array of activities like this we also ask for donations or have fund-raisers. This is just a quick summary about our dues and the support we provide. The maintenance upkeep, utilities, among other operational costs, requires costly post expenditures. Our post financial statement is prepared monthly and a copy posted on the bulletin board by the ballroom for your review.

Mark your calendars for the Four Chaplains Ceremony scheduled for February 26 at 2:00 PM. This is a very moving ceremony in which four chaplains bravely and unselfishly sacrificed their lives during WWII. The bravery, courage, loyalty and sincerity displayed by the four chaplains were remarkable. Come and join us for this presentation.

Let's not forget 14 February is Valentines' day. We all need to show our appreciation to our loved ones.

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

Ted

VA Extends Home Loan Limit to Over \$400K

By Ross Oakes, Post 593 Service Officer



America's veterans and their families now have a greater chance to make their dreams of home ownership a reality, thanks to an increase in the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) home loan guaranty limit.

Effective January 1, 2006, changes in the loan guaranty limits will mean veterans are able to get no-down payment loans up to \$417,000. The previous ceiling was \$359,650. More information about VA home loan benefits is available on the Web at <http://www.military.com/valoan>.

Auxiliary News (Continued)

March include the Membership Tour on the 4th and 5th. We will have a Lasagna Dinner on the 11th from 6 to 8PM. We are also planning a St. Patrick's Day meal. Check your newsletter calendar for details. On Saturday, March 18th, our Unit will hold a Leadership School from 9 to 4Pm. Lunch will be served. Please attend and you will learn a lot and have fun.

Really looking ahead, the Spring District Convention will be held April 1st and 2nd at the Oak Hills Hotel in San Antonio. Our Membership as of this writing is 92.8%. We need you to send in your dues as soon as possible. We are so close to goal, so please help. Our next meeting is March 1st at 7:30PM.

Loyally, Hilda



Rider News

by Ruben Aguirre, Director
Post 593 American Legion Riders



Our Riders continue to grow, grow and grow. We ended the year at 105 Riders that means when you see a Riders you also see a Legionair. I would hope that the rest of our Post membership will continue to support the Riders and can recruit other members by telling them or our web sites. One is www.Post593.org and the other is www.ALR593.org by looking at these sites people can see what our post is doing and also what our Riders are accomplishing and future plans.

As an important reminder to some of our Riders that have not paid their dues (\$15.00) this can be done by coming down to our post and looking up Debi Aguirre or dropping of your check with the duty person and write on the envelope:att. Debi Aguirre. Our group did a great job with the CASI chili cook off, Brad and Brandon Pierce cooked beer brats and burgers, Velma did the 50/50, many Riders volunteered to sacarcfic their taste buds by judging the chili, I myself can only say WOW, I hope my feelings on my tongue come back soon:).

We are in the process of making this new year (2006) a much better year than last, with that said it is obvious that our continued support of our Post and Post mission is in total agreement by our membership. We (ALR) are coming up with very creative ideas for our fund raisers and also want to continue to help our post with our monthly breakfast and steak dinners. When our Riders do something we attempted to do it with vigor, enthusiasm, great attitudes, committment and finally with enjoyment of the moment. We live for having fun, life is great so let's enjoy it. Ride safe and God bless.

Ruben



Hungry??

**Here's Four Chances To Get
A Great Meal At The Post!**

- Feb 11th - Monthly Breakfast 8-11AM
- Feb 11th - Lasagna Dinner 6-8PM
- Feb 17th - Oriental Take Out 6-8PM
- Feb 24th - Steak Nite 6-8PM

**Don't Mess Up Your Kitchen,
Come Have A Great Meal at the Post!**

Renewals are our Focus!

By David Paris, 1st Vice Commander



Yes, we love to gain new members. But for the rest of this year, I'd like all of us to focus on those who have not renewed their membership. I'm sure many have been surprised when they looked at their Legion card to find it was 2005 and not 2006.

The year starts July 1st so we're well past half-way unfortunately, we're barely above half-way on our renewals. Things slip by so if your card doesn't have a red 2006 in the middle, you can still send in your payment (\$27.50 this year) and we'll get that card right out to you.

A date to put on your calendars will be the first weekend in March. I'll tell why next month.

SALUTES

* A Post 593 salute to all who supported this year's CASI Chili Cook-off what a great time!

* A Post 593 salute to John Orff for being the Legion Chairperson for the Cookoff and the raffle. The Legion made over \$500 on the raffle (thanks ticket buyers) and the Post had exceptional bar days/nights. John also coordinated the Cook's Party held Friday night.

* A Post 593 salute to Sue Mills, Chair of the Auxiliary's Silent Auction and Georgia Horner, Chair for the Auxiliary's participation in the Chili Cookoff. They raised enough to cover Girl State expenses!

* A Post 593 salute to the Riders for cooking dogs, burgers and brats in support of the Chili Cook-off. After 21 cups of chili, everyone looks for something different!

* A Post 593 salute to Dan McGinnis and Eugene Blackthey help our bartenders out at closing time and Eugene has been known to cut and dice breakfast goodies the night before our monthly breakfasts so the cooks can start right in!

* A Post 593 salute to Cub Ramirez and Jack McCarthy for cleaning up the storage shed. Folks, let's help them out please don't put junk in there. And if you do use something from the shed, put it back in it's place afterwards.

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Dave

Chaplain's Corner

By Andy Foster, Post Chaplain



With the month of February comes Valentine's Day and thoughts of love and dedication.

Please join us at the Four Chaplains Ceremony on the 26th as we gather to celebrate four men and their display of the ultimate love and dedication. The ceremony will begin at 2:00 with light refreshments to be served afterward.

"It is not enough that people know what we stand for, but more importantly what we won't stand for" --- Anon.

Andy

H & E News

by Jane Clark, 2nd Vice Commander



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Jane

Chili Cookoff Thanks

By Georgia Horner



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Georgia

Scouting News

By Tyler Bird, Troop Historian



I hope that everyone enjoyed the holiday season. This month we are preparing for Freezeree and our quarterly Court of Honor. Freezeree is the coldest campout of the year and the only campout that gives you a chance at the Polar Bear patch if the temperature goes below zero but with the weather we've been having this year, getting our Polar Bears may be a challenge. Wish us cold weather and good luck as we camp in Seguin.

Our Court of Honor will be held on January 30th. This is the time when the boys receive recognition and the merit badges that they've been working so hard to earn.



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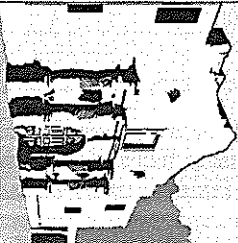



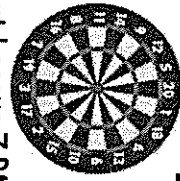


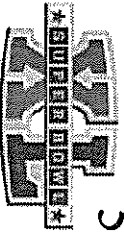
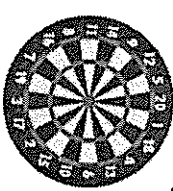







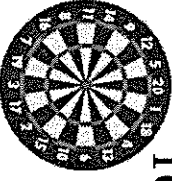
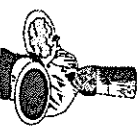


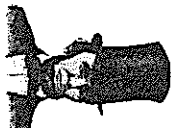





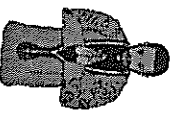



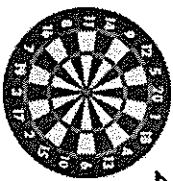

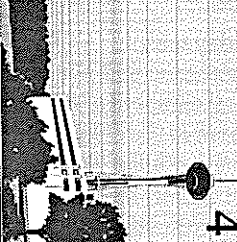
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