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Historian: Billy Feehan

Sgt at Arms: Vance Miller



Commander's Corner

Legion Family,

The first month of the New Year has gone and it was unbelievable. Thanks to the H&E Committee for a fine New Year's Eve party, a great time was had by all in attendance. I also want to thank the few hardy souls (Gary B., Jack L., Brown Z., Sue M., Georgia H., and Kenny T.) who showed up at noon New Year's Day to audit the "pills" for the book drawings. We had a great turnout for an unexpected visit by the Department Commander to present \$500 grants to 11 local wounded Hero's at our Post. The annual Chili Cook-off followed and was a huge success, thanks to John O. and Georgia H. for making it one of our best! Oratorical followed with 2 Post 593 entries from the local high schools. The month was capped off by the Department Mid-Winter Convention with several Legionnaires in attendance as delegates. All of this and it is only the first month of the year.

This month is also filled with events and opportunities for all of our Legion Family. I know that each of you can find a way to assist with Legion programs, help out with a fund raiser, and have fun with other members of this special organization. Please read this issue carefully and review the calendar to make sure you do not miss out on YOUR chance! Also, continue to check the Post website

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Auxiliary News

January was a busy month as usual and a productive one for the Auxiliary. The chili cook off was a great success along with

our silent auction and raffle, as well as the sale of the potato pampers donated by Karen Paris and sold mostly by Ada Wear. We made over \$2,000 to use for our programs such as Girls State, and cancer research and veterans. Thanks to everyone who helped and donated items for the auction, and Irene Lineback who donated the wonderful baskets for the raffle. Also Thanks to Georgia Horner for putting the cook off together and to Candy Zavala for organizing and running the silent auction.

Please check the calendar for events at the Post for February, starting with Super Bowl Sunday. It's always a fun day even if you don't like football. February 23rd is our annual Lasagna Dinner, please come out and enjoy a good meal we serve Lasagna, Antipasto or tossed salad and garlic bread in an Italian atmosphere.

And on a sadder note we wish our deepest condolences to Hilda Bray for the loss of her husband, Dick, who was a very active and loyal member of Post 593.

Hope to see you at the meeting, February 6th at 7:30 pm.

Sue Mills

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for those last minute special events.

Membership is always a concern and I hope each of you have renewed your membership for the year 2008. Be proud of your membership and what this organization stands for. If you do not have a 2008 Membership Card you are no longer current and must renew immediately. If you have renewed then recruit a new member and help us keep both the organization and our Post strong. Please see any Legion Officer if you have any questions.

My monthly appeal still stands: Legionnaires **your** Post needs you! We are still looking for a Newsletter Editor. Make this the year you get involved you may be surprised at the difference you can make and how good it will make you feel. I once again wish to thank Dennis and Joe for the great job they are doing as temps! Please thank them if you are reading this article and better yet tell them you will take over! They will both be grateful for the assistance. Thanks again guys!

I say it each month....I urge all to get involved with something...anything, **just do it!** See any member of the Executive Team if you need information or want to volunteer for something. Thanks everyone!

If you know of anyone who has any concerns or questions about membership please refer them to the 1st Vice Commander or anyone on the Executive Committee. We will answer any questions and resolve any outstanding issues.

Remember the American Legion is about giving to the Community, State, and Nation. What have you done for the American Legion today and what are you going to do for the American Legion tomorrow? Contact me and I will help you answer the question!

"Back to Basics; Forward to the Future!!"

For God and Country,

—Nick Mills

Post 593 Recycling Program Grows!

Please save all aluminum cans, paper, dead batteries, old cell phones, and all non-ferrous metals, including all wire. Wires may still have the rubber coating on them and they are still salvageable.

Please: **do not recycle steel cans** (i.e. juice cans). Steel cans are not recyclable and causes problems if turned in. Most paper products are permitted, including advertisements, catalogs, carbonless paper, dry goods boxes, envelopes, file folders, flattened cardboard, junk mail, magazines, newspapers, paperback books, paper bags, phone books and non-metallic wrapping paper.

If you can't bring your items to the Legion, I will come and get them. Please call me on my cell at (210) 632-2623.

—John Orff

HOT INFO ABOUT DRINK CHIPS!



Old drink chips must be used by June 30th, 2008. After this date they become worthless — except as a reminder of the "old days." New drink chips will start to be issued on May 1st. Come out and use those chips today!

2nd Vice's Scoop



Hey everyone, hopefully your year is starting good and your New Year's Resolutions are still intact. Some dates to remember for the year. Super Bowl Party on the 3rd, General Membership on Weds. Feb. 6th, Breakfast on Sat. Feb 9th, Dart Tourney on Sat. Feb 16th (don't forget Building Fund sausages—they're absolutely the best around!), The Executive Board on Feb 20th, Big Tyme will

be here on Fri. Feb 22nd, Four Chaplain's on the 24th at 2:00 pm, H&E Committee on Feb 27th.

We will again have the 12oz T-bone steak for \$10.00 on Fri Feb 29th w/ Emmerson Biggins back by popular demand for the entertainment. On March 7th we will have another Comedy Night. Louie is priming some more talent—details to follow. Come on out—support your post and have some fun. We still need some volunteers. Ask any member of the Executive Board and they can guide you where your interests lie. See you around the post.

—Rob Bryant

Dance Lessons

Have been cancelled effective 3 February due to a lack of participation.

Chaplain's Corner



It is with deep sorrow I must announce the passing of a long time (40 + years!) Legionnaire and friend, Dick Bray. Dick went to be with the Lord on December 27th. He and his wife, Hilda, have both been a valuable part of this Legion Post for many years. I was honored to have been asked to perform the memorial service for Dick. He was buried at Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery and many of

our Legion members were able to honor him with a flag detail. Dick will be missed greatly. Please keep Hilda and the rest of his family in your prayers.

Marty Frank has returned home once again from the VA Hospital. He is still under twenty-four hour a day hospice care. He has asked for visitors, so if you are able to, please call his wife Betty and make arrangements for a visit. More information is available at the Post Home.

February has many special days, beginning with Groundhog Day on the 2nd. Ash Wednesday is on the 6th, Valentine's Day is the 14th, and President's Day is a holiday for many folks on the 18th. The month of February has been designated the American Heart Month. Be sure to take care of your heart and body by exercising and eating right!

February is also the month we remember the sacrifices of 4 very brave men who were Chaplains. The Four Chaplains ceremony is scheduled for the 24th at 2:00 pm. This is a very moving and dignified ceremony to remember the legacy of the Four Chaplains of different faiths who gave up their life jackets so others might live. Arm in arm, they went down in common prayer on the sinking troopship *Dorchester* which was struck by a torpedo from a German U-boat on February 3, 1943. If you've never seen this ceremony, you must come out and experience it for yourself.

For God and Country,

—Dennis Ducharme



“Legion Jubilee”

Things take planning, and time, and work, and dedication, and the ability to dream a little. It takes perseverance. It takes TEAM work:

Together Everyone Achieves More.

It is possible to build a new building. It is possible to raise the funds through: donations, fund-raisers, and income derived from the Post.

All it takes is work and belief: Remember Ted Kennedy's eulogy for his brother, Robert, when he said,

"Some men see things that are and say why, I see things that never were and say why not?"

Right now our Post is going to hold an event in the City Park in June 2008. It is scheduled for three days: Friday night, Saturday and Sunday, June 6th, 7th and 8th.

Based on the Building Committee meeting that was held on 21 January, in which we had 16 people attend, this is what we're now planning on having:

- Health Fair
- Large Raffle
- Car and Bike Shows
- Motorcycle Run
- Live Bands
- A sanctioned BBQ Cook Off
- Face Painting
- Carnival Rides and Games
- Bouncing Castle
- Dunking Booth
- Arts and Crafts Fair
- Food, Soft Drink and Beer Booths
- Martial Arts Demonstration

This will take work. We have committee chairs for all the above events except the Food Booths and Set-up/Clean-up. There are sign up sheets on the bulletin board for each of the above committees. Please feel free to sign up for one or more of these committees and if you can, take charge of one of them. Let's make this happen!! We're going to make this an annual event and each year we'll get bigger and better. But...we have to start somewhere. This is the time and this is the place. We can and will make this a great event! But, we can't do it with just 16 people. Come out, get involved — take pride in your Post!



THE LARGEST VETERANS' SERVICE ORGANIZATION

The American Legion was chartered by Congress in 1919 as a patriotic, war-time veterans organization, devoted to mutual helpfulness. It is a community-service organization which now numbers nearly 3 million members, men and women, in nearly 15,000 American Legion posts worldwide.

The American Legion Department of Texas Commander Awarded Grants From the Coalition to Salute America's Heroes to Disable Iraqi War Veterans At William M. Randolph Post 593, Converse, Texas on 10 January 2008



We still love our Packers!!

