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Historian: Vacant

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Treasurer: Hilda Bray

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Historian: Billy Feehan

Sgt at Arms: Vance Miller



Commander's Corner

HAPPY NEW YEAR! I hope each of you had a great Holiday Season and are now ready to begin 2008. If at least one of your New Year's resolutions does not include involvement in an American Legion program, your list is not yet complete. Now is the perfect time to become involved in the Post and re-dedicate yourself to our great organization.

The New Year also brings about the yearly ritual of checking membership as you visit the Post for the month of January. All Post staff is asked to check membership each time a member visits during this month. Please assist them in this requirement. Have your membership card out and present it before a staff member needs to ask. 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 If you do not have a 2008 Membership Card you are no longer current and must renew immediately. Please see any Legion Officer if you have any questions.

This is also a time for reflection of the past year. I want to take this opportunity to thank each of the Legion family members that volunteered their time, money and spirit over the past year to make this one of the best American Legion Posts within the Department of Texas. Now the challenge is to continue our legacy. I am confident that 2008 will be

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Auxiliary News

Happy New Year!!! Hope everyone has a great 2008! December was a fun and eventful month. We started early with the Children's Christmas Party which was a great success. Thanks to chairperson Julie and all the workers. Santa (Rob) passed out presents and the children enjoyed a lunch of hotdogs, chips, ice cream, and juice. The next day we were back again cooking turkeys ham and all the fixings for the Seniors Christmas party. Isabelle and Georgia did an excellent job planning and preparing for the event. And of course all the volunteers who cooked, carved, served, and cleaned up. Commander Nick was Santa and handed out door prizes to the seniors. The boy scouts were also on hand to help serve. The post party was also the same weekend and fun was had by everyone who attended. This month we have the CASI Chili Cook-off. It will be held the 11th through the 13th. The auxiliary will hold the silent auction on 12th. You still have time to donate items for the auction. Contact Candy Zavala. Our membership is now close to 80%. If you have not renewed please do so now. Your continued membership helps the auxiliary support our yearly programs such as Girls State, Auxiliary Emergency Fund, Children & Youth, Cancer Research and much more. Mid Winter Conference is Jan 24 to 26 in Austin. Let me know if you wish to attend.

Sue Mills

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an outstanding year for our Legion Family.

My monthly appeal still stands: Legionnaires **your** Post needs you! We are still looking for a Historian, Member at Large, and a Newsletter Editor. The nomination book is at the bar and nominations will be taken from the floor at the General Membership meeting on 2 January 2008. Make this the year you get involved and have a say in the Post, you may be surprised at the difference you can make and how good it will make you feel. The other monthly item is this Newsletter, 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 take care of the problem.

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

Dance Lessons

Start the New Year off right! Make a resolution to have fun, get fit and learn how to dance. We have Dance Lessons in the Hall every Sunday from 5 to 6 pm. A couple new people have volunteered to teach. This is exciting! The cost is only \$2 per person and goes to the instructor for their time. We're looking at having fun and learning a little in the process. Believe me....we're not professionals so don't think you'll look bad! We teach anything: Line dances, Two Step, the Waltz, the Cumbia, etc. Come out and step out! Have a special request? Just ask and if we can find an instructor we'll do it. Want to teach? We're always looking for new instructors. Get involved in the New Year!!



Letter from Service Officer



Thanks to all who donated to the baskets. A 'special' thanks to all who showed up for the Spaghetti Dinner that helped to raise donations for the Christmas baskets for those in need. The dinner raised enough food articles and monetary donations to help all. With the extra that was raised it will go to the Service Officers fund to help Veterans in need.

A special thanks to Tracy, Chairman of Youth Programs for getting a Christmas present for each and every kid associated with these families. I would also like to thank those that helped with the dinner, making of baskets, and the delivery.

—Shannon K Lynde

Turn in Your Cans!

Recycling isn't only good for the environment, it's good for the Building Committee!! John Orff has been raising money for the Post by recycling paper, cans, batteries, etc. He generously made a motion (and it passed) for all monies raised from recycling aluminum cans to go to the building committee. So get your cans in today! Thanks John!!!



ANNUAL CHILI COOK OFF

Yes folks it's that time of year again. Note your calendars!!! Friday, Saturday and Sunday January 11-13. C.A.S.I. will be here to have fun and fundraise. Terlingua

International Champion Debbie Ashman will be visiting us. Come out and have a good time. Sign up for chili judging, bring an item for the SILENT AUCTION or just enjoy fun at the Post. Join us for entertainment on both Friday and Saturday nights.

MEMBERSHIP CARDS

Beginning January 1, 2008 the bartenders are being asked to check all club patrons for their 2008 membership card. This activity will continue throughout January. Please do not be offended but instead be proud to show your current membership in the American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary, or the Sons of the American Legion. Individuals who have not paid their 2008 dues by this time are not considered to be members in good standing and as such are not entitled to Post (club) privileges. This is not intended to be a punitive action. It is intended to encourage those who have not paid their dues to do so ASAP, if not immediately. Help us to maintain the integrity of Post 593 and the American Legion. Pay your dues, show your card, and remind those who you know need to pay their dues to do so. Thank you.

For God and Country,

—Gary Bartel, Adjutant

2nd Vice's Scoop



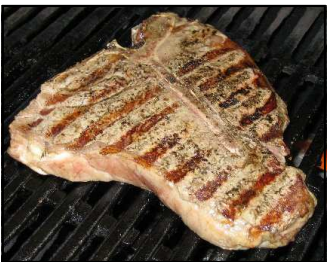
Hello everyone and may you have a great 2008!!!! We are going to keep having exciting events in the New Year. We are planning a Valentine's Day event with more details to follow in next months newsletter. We have the C.A.S.I. Chili Cook Off from Jan. 11th – 13th. Tim Perry will be back with Muletrain on Friday the 11th starting at 8 pm and Nigel will play on Saturday the 12th. The breakfast this month occurs on January 12th and with the chili cooks in town we would appreciate anyone who could help with making breakfast this month. On January 18th Stu will be back performing his DJ magic. On January 19th we have the monthly Dart Tournament w/ the building committee providing the sausages and the 50/50 raffle. On Steak night Friday the 25th we will have Ashlee Rose and her band performing. Ashlee's album "Iron Roses" charted for 15 weeks on Roots Rock Music Chart. She was a Grand prize winner in "Battle of International Guitar Gals". So come out and catch a rising star and have some fun. Now that I've tried to sell you on the entertainment we also have new steaks starting in January. We have upgraded to a T-Bone and the new price will be \$10.00, Gary has additional details elsewhere in the newsletter. The General Membership meeting will be on Jan. 2nd at 730 pm. The Executive Meeting will be on January 16th at 7pm. The H&E meeting will be on January 23rd at 7pm. We are still looking for anyone who would like to volunteer with breakfast or steak night, catch me or let a bartender know.

Thanks and see ya around the post,

—Rob Bryant



STEAK NIGHT IS CHANGING



Beginning with Steak Night on January 25th, we will be serving a 12 ounce t-bone steak for your dinner enjoyment. The cost will be \$10 per plate. We have received a favorable quote from Penshorn's Meats in Marion, which makes this great price for a quality cut of steak possible. We

expect and hope that this change will make your steak night experience more enjoyable.

Chaplain's Corner



My Fellow Legionnaires,

It is my sad duty to once again let you know about the passing of a fellow Legionnaire. Robert Ross "Doc Dewberry" was ordered home by the Great Commander of All on December 2nd. He was a long time member of this post and a good friend to many of us. Ross was buried at Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery and many of our Legion members were

able to honor him with a flag detail. Ross will be missed greatly. Please keep him and his family in your prayers.

It also saddens me to have to report that Ruben Aguirre lost his mother recently. Please keep Ruben and his family in your prayers as well.

The month of January has two special dates worth noting: January 1st is New Years day. It's a great time to make positive improvements in your life. Create a list of resolutions you'd like to make and begin. It's okay if you slip up a once in a while. Just continue to make progress! Don't give up.

On January 21st we celebrate Martin Luther King, Jr., Day, honoring the birthday of the civil rights leader. The holiday is observed each year on the third Monday in January. King's actual birthday was Jan. 15, 1929. King was an African-American Baptist minister and was the main leader of the civil rights movement in the United States during the 1950's and 1960's. He had a magnificent speaking ability, which enabled him to effectively express the demands of African Americans for social justice. King's eloquent pleas won the support of millions of people--blacks and whites--and made him internationally famous. He won the 1964 Nobel Peace Prize for leading nonviolent civil rights demonstrations.

That's it for this month. Be good to one another.
For God and Country,

—Dennis Ducharme



Building Committee News "Legion Jubilee"

Wow! Things have been moving fast. The Building Committee has received a vote of support from the Post's Executive Committee to sponsor a three day community event which will be held in the Converse City Park. The city has agreed to donate the use of the park for three days in June: Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, June 6, 7, and 8. We hope to have lots and lots of activities during this event. We would like to eventually make this an annual event. We hope to have: a Health Fair, a Motorcycle Run, a Car and Motorcycle show with prizes, a Large Auction, a Brisket and Beans cook-off, a Battle of the Bands contest on Saturday night, Face Painting, Bouncing Castle for children, Carnival rides and games, a Karaoke Contest Friday night, a Dunking Booth, Food, soft drinks, and beer booths, an Arts and Crafts fair, etc. We could ask local car dealerships for a car donation or a one-year lease that we could raffle off. We're thinking about publishing a multi-page schedule of events program where we could sell advertising space and then put them in local businesses to distribute. We need help — lots of it. The next building committee meeting is on Monday, January 21st at 7 pm. We'd love to see a strong turnout!