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## Commander's View

Ted Toten



The annual election of officer's will be held all day 7 Jun from 9:00 AM until the start of the General Membership meeting at 7:30 PM. Voting will be by secret ballot. Even if there is only one candidate for each office, members must nevertheless vote by ballot. The majority of all votes cast for each office, determines the election winner. Our voting committee will control the voting and validate each member's eligibility to vote. Each member with a 2006 membership card is eligible to vote. The newly elected officer's will be announced by the close of our General Membership meeting.

Our last count indicates we have 815 members or 91.47% of our projected goal of 891. If you haven't renewed as of this date remember the 2007 membership drive will begin around July or upon receipt of membership cards from department headquarters. The membership and the post officers need to push this effort to improve our membership numbers.

Please continue to support our Flag Program. Hopefully, we can encourage (Continued on page 2)

## Auxiliary News

Hilda Bray



Our Unit elections will be held on June 7<sup>th</sup> at our regular membership meeting. Nominations can be made from the floor. Don't forget to bring your current (2006) membership card. Cards will be checked at the door. Our Girls State reception was well attended by candidates, parents and Auxiliary members. Georgia Horner, 20<sup>th</sup> District Girls State Chairman, conducted the meeting and did an outstanding job!

Congratulations to Joleen Waldrop for a most enjoyable 3<sup>rd</sup> Division Convention. She has done a great job this past year as 3<sup>rd</sup> Division President. The unit sent seven delegates to the Convention and a good time was had by all.

If you know of a member who is ill please contact me (658-2343) or Chaplain Isabelle Siepker (599-7557). Our next meeting is July 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm.

*Loyally, Hilda*

# Commander's View (Continued)

more people to join in this effort. It gives all of us a sense of pride just to drive down by our post and see that wonderful flag display. Just think what a neighborhood full of flags would look like. Let's proudly display our flag on 14 June to commemorate and honor all who served. On behalf of all Americans I say thanks to all veterans and active duty personnel for your service, commitment, and sacrifices.

The Senate Majority Leader has indicated he will bring S.J. Res 12, The Flag Amendment to the floor for a vote the week of 26 June. The Flag Amendment reads, "The Congress shall have power to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States." Let's hope the Senate will pass this amendment. Let your senators know your desires on this issue.

I don't know if any of you are aware but we now have a Veteran's State Cemetery in Killeen, TX. This is the first of seven state cemeteries to open in Texas. These will involve local, state and federal resources. The second state Veteran's Cemetery is under construction in Mission and a third site has been selected in Corpus Christi.

At this time I need to tell you, the General Membership, we need to make substantial financial gains in post revenues. In the past we had functions as the rodeo and eight liners that provided us with an enormous amount of funds. Now we have neither. Our main source of additional income has to come from fund-raisers, special events, and hall rentals for retirements, weddings, promotions and things of this nature. Cash or food donations for fund raisers, raffles, and 50/50's will also help but the bottom line is we need to generate revenue. Give your ideas to an Executive Committee member or bring it to the floor during the General Membership Meeting.

We recently conducted a Special Audit of the post as well as a Post Canteen inventory. We need significantly more accountability in each area. The deficiencies noted in both instances are manageable and correctable. A copy of the report is posted on the bulletin board along with our meeting minutes and financial statement. A follow-up audit and inventory will be conducted in May or June to insure appropriate corrective measures have been implemented. Our financial statement and meeting minutes are posted every month for your review.

Our monthly Breakfast will be on 10 Jun from 8:00AM 11AM and Steak night is on 30 Jun from 6:00PM to 8:00PM. Come out and join us, the food is excellent. Don't forget Father's day 18 Jun 2006. Check our calendar of events to see what is planned.

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

*Ted*

# Upcoming Officer Elections



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

Last Month's Trivia Question: Before you can vote in the June elections, what item must you show?

Answer: Your 2006 dues card. Sorry, a PUFL (Paid Up For Life) card isn't the same. We appreciate you being a PUFL but you need to show your 2006 dues card to vote. The reason is once a person becomes a PUFL they are always a member of the national organization. But to vote locally, we need your 2006 dues card that reflects William M. Randolph Post 593. This ensures PUFL members who belong to another post do not influence our local elections.

Next Month's Trivia Question: How many charter members did Post 593 begin with?

**NOTE:** 2nd Vice Jane Clark would like to thank all of our volunteers for their help with Breakfast. *Thanks!*

*Dave*



# Rider News



by Ruben Aguirre, Director  
Post 593 American Legion Riders

Our Riders wish to extend our many thanks to the Legionnaires of Post 593 and Post 667 for assisting us in collecting over \$600 toward our American Legion Legacy Scholarship fund during the comedy night that was held at Post 667. We had a great time! It is wonderful to see that with this joint effort, Americanism and Patriotism is alive and well in both our Posts'.

Riders, this is a friendly reminder that we (ALR) will be having our elections of new Officers to guide us into the next year at our next general membership meeting the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of June. The time is 7:30 PM. I urge everyone to look up all the candidates that have accepted and if you wish to ask them specific questions of what they plan to do please send them an email. This election is very important and I am urging everyone to attend and vote.

Don't forget that the 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Aardvark is during 23, 24, and 25 of June and still need volunteers to help with the rally. All of our Riders' efforts toward our programs continue to have the membership support and enthusiasm. I strongly encourage everyone to help out when you are able to do so with any of our projects. Great riding weather is upon us so I remind all Riders to keep your butts on the leather and the rubber on the road. Ride safe and God bless.

*Ruben*

## Election Of Officers

*Election of Post 593 Officers  
for 2006-2007 will be on  
Wednesday, June 7th, 2006  
at the monthly General Membership  
Meeting. Voting will be all day  
until the meeting starts at 7:30PM*

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## Legion vows fight in commission attempt to tap Social Security benefits for veterans' disabilities



**INDIANAPOLIS, May 10, 2006** - The board of directors of the nation's largest veterans organization today unanimously authorized its national commander to take all "appropriate actions, with other organizations or singly, up to and including authorizing litigation," to ensure that the Veterans Disability Benefits Commission does NOT attempt to erode veterans disability benefits by offsetting them with the Social Security disability system.

Members of the National Executive Committee of The American Legion passed a resolution giving National Commander Thomas L. Bock full authority to work with the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) and other organizations to block a blatant attempt by the commission that could propose termination of veterans' disability benefits when a veteran obtains a job despite a militarily incurred disability.

"Disability benefits are and should remain totally separate and subject to separate rules because Social Security benefits are the result of insurance premiums which constitute part of the Social Security tax and veterans benefits are earned for taking up the burdens of the nation," Bock said. "Veterans subjected themselves to the mental and physical hazards, as well as the economic and family detriments, which are unique to military service."

The Veterans Disability Benefits Commission is considering whether Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) should or should not be included in its analysis of benefits provided under current federal laws to compensate veterans and their survivors for disability or death attributable to military service.

"Making veterans' benefits subject to the rules and laws pertaining to the Social security system or similar rules allowing the end of benefits because the veteran has found a job, offsetting veterans benefits with Social Security Disability payments or turning veterans benefits into a transitional assistance program is flat-out wrong," Bock said. "The American Legion will work with DAV and any other organization with a common goal, jointly or separately as appropriate, to accomplish The American Legion's traditional goal of preserving, protecting and enhancing veterans benefits and preventing the erosion or destruction of these hard-earned benefits."

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## Air Force Standardizing Computer Network



Air Combat Command is taking steps to standardize its 68,000 Windows-based computers by Dec. 31 - a change that will affect every Airman and Air Force civilian who uses a computer on the network. This Air Force project, called the Standard Desktop Configuration, is a first-time initiative that will provide every user with a standard operating system and improve network security.

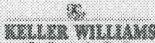
Users can expect minor changes such as a small, green band running across the top of their screen declaring "Unclassified," and an upgrade of core applications like Acrobat Reader, Internet Explorer, Office 2003 and more. Essentially, this gives every major command the same set of office automation tools and applications.





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