

# Commander's Call (Continued)

and finishing our entire end of year reports. I will have our final Consolidated Post Report on the website by the end of this month. Everyone should review it and understand that this reflects the reason for our organization. This annual report shows the volunteer hours, money, and other resources that Post 593 has given to our veterans and our community. It is humbling to realize that you are a part of such a fabulous local organization. Thanks to you, we are one of the best in the great state of Texas.

One last thing for this month, as with every month, membership is critical. If you are reading this and have not renewed your membership, please do so now. If you are having difficulty or know of anyone who is, please contact the Adjutant, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander or myself. Thank you in advance for taking care of this matter.

Remember the American Legion is about giving to the Community, State, and Nation. What have you done for the American Legion today?

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

For God and Country, *Nick*

## H & E News



By David Paris, 2nd Vice Commander

What a full month April was!!! The Biggest Loser Contest had 5 teams competing and all were winners! Even better, Children & Youth can expect about \$1,400 based on the pledges the five teams received.

Overall first place team for most weight loss (over 60 lbs) and pledge money (over \$1K) was the "American Legion Beauties": Karen Paris, Irene Lineback, Tracey Guestella and Carol Foster. Carol was also the biggest individual loser among all participants! Second place team was "Cake & Icing" who received a prize for biggest percentage lost: Jack Leanhart, Yolie Ramirez, Marissa Albergaria, and Darrell Goemmer. Third place was the "Biggun's": Linda and Paul Crafton with Deborah and John Hernandez. The other two teams were Rider Reducers: Lori & Stu Hutchinson, Karen Lowder and Ron White; and the Commander's Calorie Counters: Sue & Nick Mills, Katie Garcia, and Kenny Tidball. Thanks to all who pledged and paid up! The teams are still collecting through the end of April so if you owe, please pay them.

We also had the first fundraiser for the Building Committee on Sunday, April 15<sup>th</sup> and while many were doing taxes we did raise over \$550 (including a \$100 donation from the Pony baseball team sponsored by the City of Converse).

In May we can expect our favorites: breakfast, steak night, dart tournament, music the first, second and last Friday, along with the Memorial Day picnic (to be held on Sunday) and the Memorial Day remembrance at Ft Sam Houston (Monday at 9:00 a.m.) If you've never attended one, make plans to be there this year to witness a most moving ceremony.

*Dave*



*Ross*

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## Chaplain's Corner

By Dennis Ducharme, Post Chaplain



Hi Folks: There's a few important dates in May that I'd like to remind you about. On May 3rd we celebrate the National Day of Prayer. Go to the National Day of Prayer Task Force web site at [www.ndptf.org](http://www.ndptf.org) to learn more.

We celebrate Victory in Europe Day (VE Day) on May 8th. May 8th 1945 is the date when the Allies during World War II formally celebrated the defeat of Nazi Germany and the end of Adolf Hitler's Third Reich.

Don't forget Mother's Day on May 13th. Be good to Mom and take her out.....and say thanks to her. Armed Forces Day is celebrated on May 19th. Be sure to thank those who served or are serving this great country of ours. And finally, Memorial Day is on May 28th. It's on this day that we remember those who have died in our nation's service. Please be good to one another.

For God and Country,

*Dennis*

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