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Commander's Call

Nick Mills, Post 593 Commander

HOURS OF OPERATION

Mon-Thur: 1PM - 11:30PM
Friday: 1PM - 1AM
Saturday: 12PM - 1AM
Sunday: 12PM - 10:30PM
(Hours may vary due to business)

Post 593 Officers

Commander: Nick Mills
1st Vice: Jack Leanhart
2nd Vice: Rob Bryant
Adjutant: Gary Bartel
Finance Officer: Dave Paris
Chaplain: Dennis Ducharme
Judge Advocate: Joe Guastella
Historian: Ross Oakes
Service Officer: Kevin Blevins
Sergeant At Arms: Abram Zavala
Members at Large:
Stu Hutchinson, John Orff
Denny Taylor, Terry Smith
Paul Crafton, James "Tiny" Dancy

Auxiliary Officers

President: Sue Mills
Vice President: Georgia Homer
Secretary: Candy Zavala
Treasurer: Hilda Bray
Historian: Julie Graykowski
Chaplain: Isabel Slepker
Sgt At Arms: Rose Lewis
Mbr At Large: Ada Wear
Mbr At Large: Pat McLeod
Mbr At Large: Rosie Cherry

AL Riders Officers

Director: Randy McBay
Asst. Director: Matt Petric
Secretary: Carolyn Putalavage
Treasurer: Gina Leonard
Road Captain: Joe Spellman
Membership: Debi Aguire
Historian: Nita White
Sgt. At Arms: Donnie Baker
Chaplain: James "Tiny" Dancy
Svc. Officer: Jack Putalavage
Members at Large:
Dennis Ducharme, Debi Pierce

SAL Sq. Officers

Commander: Joseph Bigham
1st Vice: Tommy Allman
2nd Vice: Brad Smith
Treasurer: Kenny Tidball
Chaplain: Mathew Lacey
Historian: Billy Feehan
Sgt at Arms: Vance Miller

*Peggy Ann Oakes,
Post Home Manager*

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Dennis Ducharme*

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"Come Ride With Us"



Legion Family: Summer is almost over, I hope everyone had a great one and was able to spend relaxing time with family and friends. Now we must begin re-focusing on the reasons and programs that bring all of us together in this great organization. A few to

mention include Oratorical, Boy's State, Veterans assistance and a host of others. We will begin this month, forming the committee to rededicate Legion Drive with the assistance of the City in March 2008. The fall Membership Tour will visit our Post with some VIP's in October and the Building Committee still has lot's work they need help with. I urge all to get involved with something... anything, just do it!

I want to take a few moments to recognize some people for outstanding contributions to our Post this past month. Our own American Legion Riders for their extraordinary efforts to raise over \$20,000 for the Legacy Foundation. This was truly an awesome task with many individuals responsible for the huge success.. This makes the second year in a row that our Riders have raised over \$10,000 for this program. This is a truly remarkable feat for little ole Converse, Texas. The Riders and I wish to thank everyone for their efforts in this worthwhile cause. Thanks to everyone!

Next, I want to thank our Judge Advocate, Joe Guastella for his leadership in completing two very important tasks.. Joe did this with professionalism and swiftness. His teams of Velma Smith, Terry Smith and Rob Bryant had the tasks complete and reports ready for the Executive Team in one month. I am happy to say we are financially sound and our inventories are verified. Both of these reports are available to the membership; please see Joe or myself for information. -- **THANKYOU!**

By the way, Joe is still looking for Legionnaires to assist in this year's review and revision of our Constitution and By-laws. Please contact Joe if

you want to step up for this task.

Starting this month there will be a logbook kept in the magazine rack for individuals to track their volunteer hours. This is documentation is critical for numerous reasons: taxes, reports to Department, and keeping our community aware of our contributions. We have tried numerous ways of capturing this in the past with some successful and other not quite so much. This will be very SIMPLE. Each time you do anything, I mean anything, that constitutes volunteerism, just put it in the logbook.. That pretty simple! Remember, this is for internal tasks and the things we do outside of the Post. Examples: monthly breakfast, steak night, Boy Scouts, Post fix-ups, our grounds upkeep, visits to the VA hospital, and many more! Thanks for helping us all in this effort.

I am still looking for a representative to the City Council for Post 593. All you have to do is attend one of the two City Council meetings each month and listen. Not very hard! Bring items of interest to the Post Executive Meetings or send to me for inclusion in the agenda. Oh, two little items, you need to wear your Legion hat and you need to be a citizen of Converse.

We are off to a great start on membership this year. Thanks to all who have already renewed. Thanks to Gary (Adjutant) and Jack (1st Vice) for their efforts in this arena. 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