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Commander's Corner

Legion Family,

If you have not been to your Post Home lately there are a several changes that have taken place over

the past month. First, I would like to thank all the football fans and others for spearheading the fund drives to pay for the "new" televisions we now have in all the corners. Starting with a tailgate party during the playoffs to the super Super Bowl party everyone donated to the cause. Denny Taylor procured the sets from the base, Jack Putalavage's son, JR, did the cabling, and Henry built the shelves. Everyone bought 50/50 tickets and donated money. Bottom line: we added six 25" color TV's to the Post Home for less than \$20.

Second, I wish to thank Peggy Ann for her dedication during her tenure as our Post Home Manager. Peggy Ann tenured her resignation early this past month. A hiring committee has been put into place and we expect to have a new PHM by the end of this month. Visit your Post Home this month and see the changes for yourself.

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 cal-

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Auxiliary News

March is here and spring is right around the corner, with lots of activities, meetings and conventions. March 8th and 9th is the 20th district membership tour. The children's Easter Party is Sunday, March 16th at 1:00. The sign up sheet is at the post. It is always a fun day for the kids, with a visit from the Easter Bunny, egg hunting and surprises. Please check your calendar for dates of other unit, post, and District meeting and activities. Membership is going well, we are at 90%. We can reach goal soon with everyone's help.

Thanks to Pat and Georgia and all their helpers for the great job on the lasagna dinner. Our next meeting is March 5th at 7:30 PM. Hope to see you there!!

Sue Mills



**American
Legion
Riders
4th Annual
Rolling Run
15 Mar 08**

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endar to make sure you do not miss out on YOUR chance! Also, continue to check the Post website for those last minute special events. There are also a number of District events this month including a membership tour and the Spring Convention, again watch the website and the calendar for the latest information.

If you have not checked out what the Building Committee is doing lately or you don't know about the Jubilee in June you are out of touch. Dennis D. and Henry C. along with a host of others are moving at warp speed on this event. The city of Converse is 110% behind this and the Post needs to get in line. Read about the event in this newsletter and at the website. Better yet give Dennis or Henry a call and sign up for something. There are signup sheets on the bulletin board near the kitchen. This could be our biggest fund raiser ever! Let's do it the Legion Family way!

Our annual report to District and Department is due this month. This is our opportunity to highlight all of our accomplishments for the past year. Please write a note, send an email, or phone me if you have any volunteer hours or participated in any veterans programs this past year. This report can bring the Post dollars from both District and Department. Let me know what you have done this past year.

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 know of a veteran that is eligible ask them to join. Better yet, bring them to the Post and let us show them what the American Legion is all about. Please see any Legion Officer if you have any questions. 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.

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!

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

Breakfast Appeal

We need some new blood, sweat and tears in the kitchen. Let's say it's the second Saturday of the month and you don't have any particular plans for that day. Why not come by the Post and volunteer a few hours of your time to help cook, serve, and clean-up after the breakfast. You'll feel good about yourself....and others will be grateful.

2nd Vice's Scoop



Top of the morning to y'all. We had previously said there may be a comedy show March 7th. We've had a slight setback and there will be a comedy show possibly next month, but we haven't set a date yet. With that being said we hope for a good and speedy recovery for Louie and may your prayers be with him. For the month of March we have the following meetings General Membership Mar 5th, Executive Board Mar 19th, H&E Meeting Mar 26th. For entertainment we have Big Tyme Mar 7th, The DJ dude Stu Mar 14th, Free Jukebox Mar 21st, Rotge Mar 28th. Breakfast will be on Mar 8th (we need some volunteers to pull this off due to District Membership Tour has depleted the normal volunteer group (Dave, Karen, Sue, Jan, & Irene) breakfast team). Steak Night will be Mar 28th and hopefully everyone is enjoying the new T-bones. St Patty's Day is on Monday Mar 17th and the Building Committee is selling Corned Beef and Cabbage plates for only \$5 as a fund raiser, so come on out and have some great food and fun. Finally, we are in **desperate** need of volunteers to cook breakfast on March 8th. If you can help see Bar Manager or any member of the Executive Board and let them know you can assist us with this great task.

—Rob Bryant

Chaplain's Corner



It is once again my sad duty to report the passing of a fellow Legionnaire and long time friend to our Post, Sam Dwyer. Sam passed away in early February. Just one of the notable and lasting donations he made to our Post was the large piece of granite that is on display in the flagpole area outside the Post. He was a member of our Post for many, many years but recently transferred his membership. We will miss him.

The Four Chaplains ceremony was held on the 24th of February. I'd like to thank all those who attended and participated in the ceremony. A special thanks to Billy Feehan for singing the National Anthem and performing two a cappella songs beautifully. Till next month....be good to one another.

For God and Country,

—Dennis Ducharme

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!



**Look for Manager Drink
Specials In March!**

“Legion Jubilee News”

June 6, 7 & 8 (Friday, Saturday & Sunday)



We need a lot of things to come together for the Jubilee to be a complete success. We are way, way beyond the point of no return.....the Jubilee will happen. The final level of success will be measured by the amount of involvement from our members. Many have laid the path.....now we must follow and provide

support. Signup sheets are on the bulletin board next to the kitchen.

We will print an 8 1/2" by 11" program which will include the final schedule of events for the three days of the Jubilee. We'll also have a few articles which talk about what The American Legion is all about, a brief history of our Post, a page devoted to thanking our sponsors, what our Post is currently doing and what we have planned for the future. To help raise funds, we're selling advertising space.

If you have a business or would like to take out an ad as an individual, please contact Joe Guastella at 683-6582.

Full page ads cost \$1,000, 1/2 page ads \$600, 1/6 page ads \$350, 1/8th \$250, and Business Card size ads are \$125.

We have booked the carnival. They will provide 17 rides, carnival games and carnival food. We also have live entertainment committed for both Friday and Saturday night.

We plan on having at least one raffle, maybe two. We're trying to get a large item donated (a car, motorcycle, boat, etc.). If we succeed we'll have two raffles. John Orff and Norm Saucier are heading up the raffle. Please contact John at (210) 632-2623 if you have a donation you'd like to make.

There will be space available for Arts and Crafts booths (or any other type of booth). For only \$40 for the three days you get a 15' x 15' size space. Vendors must provide their own booth/tables/chairs and power. Lighting at night will be provided. Shannon Lynde, Cindy Bailey and Gina Leonard are the POCs for the Arts and Crafts fair.

We are well on our way to a successful event. It's volunteers like you who will make this a spectacular weekend. The next meeting will be held on St. Patrick's Day, March 17th at 7 pm. We'll have Corned Beef and Cabbage available for only \$5.00. Plan on joining us to have dinner and help make a difference!

Four Chaplains Ceremony



Help the Historian

With the Jubilee coming up in June, we are placing articles in the program about the history of The American Legion and how the Legion and our Post both contribute to the community.

I'm collecting information on the history of our Post. If you have been a member for a long while and have some stories to tell, contact me either through e-mail or by phone so that I may put the information into the program. This will help provide the



The center flag is the flag that we wish to open once the lock can be unlocked and the flag refolded for display.

local community, as well as our current members, with our Post's history. By generating interest in our Post we may be able to collect additional donations for our new facility. Anyone wishing to help provide information may contact me at j.bennett.5@att.net or by telephone at (210) 421-5732.

On another matter I have been asked to identify the history of a flag that hangs in the hall in a flag case. If anyone knows who the honoree is or who donated the flag to the post please contact me at the number above.

Post 593 Recycling Program Grows!

Please save all aluminum cans, paper, dead batteries, copper tubing, old cell phones, and all non-ferrous metals, including all wire. Electric 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

Post 593 on Myspace

The American Legion post 593 now has a Myspace page, and we'd like to invite you to visit us there. If you have your own Myspace page you can make the Legion one of your "Friends" which will allow you to receive announcements of important functions, check our calendar, and visit the Myspace pages of other Legion friends. You can also send a link to our Legion page to your friends. Then your friends can read about our post and even see a map to our post. Please visit it at <http://www.myspace.com/americanlegion593>, and let us know what you think.

—Stu "Pirate" Hutchinson





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Consolidated Report Due Soon!

If you have donated time, money, miles, etc. this is the time we need to know! Please take the time to take credit for what you've done! Submit the hours worked, miles driven, money spent, and number of people impacted to the Post Adjutant, Gary Bartel. We receive money and recognition from Congress for all the volunteering that we, as the entire American Legion, perform. When the National Commander goes in front of Congress and testifies, he says the men and women of The American Legion has donated so much time, money, etc. and it has impacted so many people. This is clout for Congress to pay attention to the largest veteran's organization in the world!!!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2	3	4 ALR Exec Board Meeting 7:30 pm Shuffle Board Challenge 7:30 pm	5 Kitchen Open 5-7pm Cabbage Rolls, \$5.00 General Mbrship Meeting 7:30 pm	6 Riders Grill 6-8pm Dart League 7 pm	7 Big Tyme Karaoke 8 pm	8 Monthly Breakfast, 8-11 am Volunteers Needed DST Begins—Set Clocks Ahead 1 hr. before going to bed
9 District Coffee Tour @ 593, 1-3 pm	10 Dart League 7 pm	11 ALR General Membership Mtg 7:30 Shuffle Board Challenge 7:30 pm	12	13 Riders Grill 6-8pm Dart League 7 pm	14 DJ Stu Plays, 8 pm	15 ALR 4th Annual Rolling Run Monthly Dart Tournament 7:30 Sausage Sale, 7 pm
16 Children's Easter Party @ 1 pm	17 St. Patrick's Day Corned Beef & Cabbage - \$5, 5pm Jubilee Mtg, 7 pm Dart League 7 pm	18 Shuffle Board Challenge 7:30 pm	19	20 1st Day of Spring Riders Grill 6-8pm Dart League 7 pm	21 Good Friday Friday at the Legion Free Juke Box	22
Easter Sunday 23 	24 Dart League 7 pm	25 Shuffle Board Challenge 7:30 pm	26 H&E Mtg, 7 pm	27 Riders Grill 6-8pm Dart League 7 pm	28 Steak Nite, 6-8 pm Music by Roge, 8 pm	29
30	31 Dart League 7 pm					

Happy Easter