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Historian: Billy Feehan
Sgt at Arms: Vance Miller



Commander's Corner

Legion Family,
Congratulations to Terry Smith on his selection as the new Post Home Manager. The competition was extremely tough and everyone that applied for the position could have been a great PHM. Thank you also to the hiring committee, Shannon L., Jack P., and John O. for their hard work and dedication.

The nomination book for Post Officers 2008 – 2009 is out and I would encourage anyone who has an interest to review the Officer Duties and have your name placed in nomination. The nomination book will be closed the last day of this month. Nominations will also be taken from the floor during General Membership in May. All day voting and elections will take place on General Membership in June. Think carefully about who you wish to represent you and this Post for the next year.

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 calendar to make sure you do not miss out on YOUR chance! Also, continue to check the Post website for those last minute special events.



Auxiliary News

It's that time of year! It's time to think about officers for 2008-2009. Our Legion Family is changing daily with new people and new ideas and our officers need to reflect that change. The Auxiliary nominating committee was elected in March and the nomination book is at the bar. We will also take nomination from the floor in May and June. June will also be when we elect the new slate of officers.

The Lasagna Dinner went very well. I want to thank all the workers again plus everyone that came out to support it. This is just one way the auxiliary raises funds to support our programs.

We still need 20 members to reach our goal for this year. Please ask your friends if they have renewed. Also ask friends and relatives if they would like to become a new member, and support our veterans and all the ALA programs.

The 20th district Spring Convention is the first weekend in April. Please talk to one of our officers if you would like to attend. Georgia Horner is running for District President. Please come out and support her. JoAnn Joslin did a great job planning the Easter Party for the children, kudos' to her and everyone that helped. The children always have a great time, hunting for eggs visiting with the Easter Bunny (Candy Zavala) and bringing home lots of goodies. As always please check the calendar for all the activities at the post. Our next meeting is April 2nd at 7:30 PM. Hope to see you there!

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—Sue Mills

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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. This could be our biggest fund raiser ever! Let's do it the Legion Family way!

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

Chaplain's Corner



Marty Frank is back in the hospital at Northeast Baptist in Room 203. Please contact Betty to make arrangements to visit him. He'd like to see some friendly faces.

Darvin Cull, Commander of Post 667 and a member of our Legion Riders, has just had surgery and as of this writing was still in ICU at BAMC. Please wish both of these Legionnaires

God's blessings for a speedy recovery.

If you know of anyone who is ill and needs our prayers and support, please be sure to notify me.

Till next month, may God in all his glory continue to watch over us and bless us with health and happiness.

For God and Country,

—Dennis Ducharme

1st Vice Commander News



Asking For Your Support

I would like to take this opportunity to announce to ALL Members of Post 593 that I am running for the position of Commander 2008-2009. I want to address this notice to ALL Members, not just Legionnaires. To put it simply, although any votes that I receive will only be from Legion members, it

is only with the support of all members that I can be successful. A little about me. I have been a member of Post 593 for 8 years. During those years I have been continually increasing my levels of involvement, to include: Helping with Community Events, Instrumental in the beginning of our Flag Program which I currently Chair, Member At Large for 2 years, First Vice Commander for 2 years, Attending District Meetings, Attending Mid Winter Conferences, and Attending Department Conventions.

I believe that our Post is on the verge of something really good. Our level of "participation" has risen during the past couple of years. Although, I believe that it can get better. My Goal is this: Get more people involved in Post activities ranging from volunteers for Breakfast and Steak Night to our Memorial Day activities. If we can have FUN TOGETHE.....then, and only then, we can WORK TOGETHER. Thank You in advance for your support.

Respectfully,

—Jack Leanhart

Legion Rider News



On 15 March The Legion Riders held their 4th Annual Rolling Run. This is held in March each year to commemorate the Anniversary of the Legion Rider's charter at Post 593. The Run has grown each year and this year was no exception. Riders and supporters from riding groups and clubs around the area joined us, as well as

a group from Corpus Christi. This year's event included a planned ride, cash prizes, vendors, music, a bike show, door prizes, pizza, 50/50 drawing and a live auction. In all, 140 registered for the ride, and many more came out and enjoyed the beautiful day at the Post. The event raised nearly \$5,000 for various active duty and veterans' projects. The Legion Riders give a resounding "Thank You" to all the Legion Family for its support each year of this event.

On April 20th, the Riders are planning a ride to Pedernales Falls for a picnic lunch and a scenic ride back home through the bluebonnets. Assistant Director Rick Stigall is coordinating this ride.

Riders, don't forget. Election of your officers is soon approaching. The Nomination Book will be posted after the April General Membership Meeting.

—Candy D. Zavala
Historian/Rolling Run Coordinator
ALR Chapter 593

Believe Big. The size of your success is determined by the size of your belief. --David Schwartz

I like Thinking Big. If you're going to be thinking anyway, you might as well Think Big." -- Donald Trump

“First Annual Legion Jubilee News”

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

We have some exciting news. Based on intense interest, we are taking individual and family sponsorships for **Charter Member Supporters** of the Jubilee. We are producing a program for the Jubilee which will contain the three day schedule of events. Charter sponsors will be listed on a page in the program. Additionally, a commemorative plaque will be made and hung at the Post. This handsome plaque will detail all those charter sponsors and will be a truly unique and lasting way to remember those who supported us from the start. Charter sponsorship is only \$50 for an individual or \$75 for a couple or family. Sponsorship signup forms can be found at the canteen or online at www.Post593.org. Hurry!! Because of the time constraints of producing and printing the Jubilee Program, we must set the cutoff date of Friday, May 2nd, 2008. This is absolutely the last day we can accept your charter membership.

If you have a business, or would like to take out an ad in our Program 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.

Here's a list of the Committee Heads:

- **Raffle:** John Orff/Norm Saucier (John: 632-2623) Pick up is available for your donated items. Call to schedule.
- **Vendor and Arts & Crafts Booths:** Shannon Lynde/Cindy Bailey/Gina Leonard. \$40 for three days, 15' x 15' size space. Vendors provide their own booth/tables/chairs and power. Night lighting available.
- **Food Committee:** Mary Lamontagne
- **Community Yard Sale:** Sat, 7 June. Mary Lamontagne
- **Car Show:** Sharon Rector/Denny Taylor
- **Bike Run and Bike Show:** Joe Spelman
- **BBQ & Chili Cook-Off:** Saturday, 7 June: Dave Paris
- **Flag Disposal Ceremony:** Sunday, 8 June: Nick Mills
- **Health Fair:** Mary Lamontagne/Irma Ducharme
- **Face Painting:** Tracy Guastella
- **Live Entertainment:** Henry Creech/Rob Bryant
- **Program/Advertising:** Henry Creech/Dennis Ducharme

Signup sheets are on the bulletin board next to the kitchen. Please sign-up for the committee(s) of your choice. As we get closer, we'll have signup sheets with shifts listed. The next monthly building committee meeting is on Monday, April 21st, at 7pm. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend.

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!

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, state and nation.

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 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.

—Jim Bennett

Post 593 Recycling Program \$2,600 +

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

Fundraiser for CASI Chili Cook-Off

This year we plan to have a Bed & Breakfast gift certificate for a night for 2 at one of the local B&B's within the 50 mile radius. The cost of the raffle tickets will be \$1 each.

Please see Marcelo or Sue Buckley, Brad or Michelle Smith for tickets starting now. This should be a very fun outing for you and your significant other.

We plan to raffle 10 gift certificates. Drawing will be held during the Legion Jubilee weekend in June 2008.

Just Returned from Iraq

Fellow Legionnaires,

I just returned from being deployed to Balad, Iraq. I wanted to express my thanks for your support while I was there. Your care packages were great. More importantly for me, was the emotional support of having you back here, praying and supporting Steph and I. Not only that, but knowing you were taking care of her. I cannot express my thanks enough, it helped keep me going. Special thanks to those of you that gave up your time and effort to help out Steph when things went wrong at the house, you know who you are. I will never forget it.

Thank you,

Matt Petrie, USAF
Legionnaire and Proud ALR Member



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**Donation List for the
BAMC Fisher House**

- Light bulbs 40/60/75 watts
- Sylvania or GE Flame Tip
- Outdoor flood light bulbs
- Dishwasher Soap
- Bleach
- Jet Dry
- Dust Pan
- Fantastic or 409 Spray
- Dish Soap (Dawn)
- Air Fresheners
- Sponges and scrubbies
- Toilet Paper
- Aluminum Foil
- Tissues
- Zip Lock Baggies
- Coffee (Drip)
- Plastic food wrap
- Soft Scrub
- Clorox Wipes
- Toilet Bowl Cleaner
- Furniture Cleaner (wipes)
- Glass Cleaner Lysol Spray
- Disinfectant
- Disposable Toilet Brush
- Swiffer Mops and refill
- Furniture Polish
- Laundry Detergent

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to the Post's
Website at
www.Post593.org**

**April Showers
Bring May Flowers**

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| <p>"The most absurd and reckless aspirations have sometimes led to extraordinary success." -- Vannevar Bush</p> | <p>ALR Exec Board Meeting 7:30 pm Shuffle Board Challenge 7:30 pm</p> | <p>1 ALR General Membership Mtg 7:30 Shuffle Board Challenge 7:30 pm</p> | <p>2 Kitchen Open 5-7pm General Mtg Meeting 7:30 pm</p> | <p>3 Riders Grill 6-8pm Dart League 7 pm</p> | <p>4 District Convention Friday at the Legion</p> | <p>5 District Convention</p> |
| <p>6</p> | <p>7</p> | <p>8 ALR General Membership Mtg 7:30 Shuffle Board Challenge 7:30 pm</p> | <p>9 Jubilee Committee Meeting 7 pm</p> | <p>10 Riders Grill 6-8pm Dart League 7 pm</p> | <p>11 Friday at the Legion</p> | <p>12 Monthly Breakfast 8-11 am</p> |
| <p>District Convention</p> | <p>Dart League 7 pm</p> | <p>Challenge 7:30 pm</p> | <p>Meeting 7 pm</p> | <p>Riders Grill 6-8pm Dart League 7 pm</p> | <p>Friday at the Legion</p> | <p>Monthly Dart Tournament 7:30 Sausage Sale By Bldg Crtee</p> |
| <p>13</p> | <p>14</p> | <p>15</p> | <p>16</p> | <p>17</p> | <p>18</p> | <p>19</p> |
| <p>Zip Lock Baggies Coffee (Drip) Plastic food wrap Soft Scrub Clorox Wipes Toilet Bowl Cleaner Furniture Cleaner (wipes) Glass Cleaner Lysol Spray Disinfectant Disposable Toilet Brush Swiffer Mops and refill Furniture Polish Laundry Detergent</p> | <p>Dart League 7 pm</p> | <p>Shuffle Board Challenge 7:30 pm</p> | <p>Post Exec Meeting, 7 pm</p> | <p>Riders Grill 6-8pm Dart League 7 pm</p> | <p>Friday at the Legion</p> | <p>Monthly Dart Tournament 7:30 Sausage Sale By Bldg Crtee</p> |
| <p>20</p> | <p>21</p> | <p>22</p> | <p>23</p> | <p>24</p> | <p>25</p> | <p>26</p> |
| <p>ALR Ride to Pedernales Falls</p> | <p>Building Committee Meeting 7 pm Dart League 7 pm</p> | <p>Shuffle Board Challenge 7:30 pm</p> | <p>H&E Meeting 7pm</p> | <p>Riders Grill 6-8pm Dart League 7 pm</p> | <p>Steak Night 6-8 pm Friday at the Legion</p> | <p>Monthly Dart Tournament 7:30 Sausage Sale By Bldg Crtee</p> |
| <p>"Think hard</p> | <p>27</p> | <p>28</p> | <p>29</p> | <p>30</p> | <p>"When I examine myself and my methods of thought, I come to the conclusion that the gift of fantasy has meant more to me than my talent for absorbing positive knowledge." -- Albert Einstein</p> | <p>31</p> |
| <p>goals and expect hide achievements. Think Big goals and win big success." -- David Schwartz</p> | <p>Dart League 7 pm</p> | <p>Shuffle Board Challenge 7:30 pm</p> | <p>Jubilee Committee Meeting 7 pm</p> | <p>Riders Grill 6-8pm Dart League 7 pm</p> | <p>Steak Night 6-8 pm Friday at the Legion</p> | <p>Monthly Dart Tournament 7:30 Sausage Sale By Bldg Crtee</p> |