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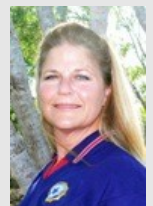
## Commander's Corner Auxiliary News

Ah, April is here which means Spring is also here. Trees and bushes are blossoming.....birds are singing..... Who cares. All April means to me is that it is about to start getting warm outside. As for myself, I wouldn't mind another month or so of cool weather. But, that is just me.

Per our Post By-Laws, April is also the month that the Nomination Book for Post Officers is behind the bar. You have heard my opinion on this subject in the past, so allow me to repeat myself. The officers that are elected are tasked with leading our post into the next year. They are trusted to make decisions with the welfare of the post and our members in mind. Please, if you are going to nominate someone for any position, do after a great deal of thought. Ask yourself if the person you wish to put in the book has the desire and, just as important, the TIME, to perform the tasks associated with the position. Folks, this is an important month for our Post because of the Nomination Book. Take it to heart.

I would like to thank the SAL for doing an outstanding job with Breakfast and Steak Night. As always, Henry and Crew stepped up to the plate in fine fashion. There was something mentioned sev-

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Although winter can be harsh, it's a comfort knowing that spring will follow, and spring has sprung. The fruit trees, wildflowers and grass are blooming and rising to life. Nature's creatures are giving birth to their young. This time of year is our and nature's way of beginning anew. I don't know about you but it makes me want to find a ham-mock, kick back and soak it all in.

Last month the Unit hosted its Annual Lasagna Dinner. Kudos to Joanne and Pat, the dynamic duo. Not only did they make lasagna, they sold tickets and did a great job at getting folks involved. On Jo and Pat's behalf I want to thank Sarah, Alice, Michelle, and all the other gals for helping out. For those of you that wore a hat, well, "my hat" is off to you. Thanks for stepping outside the box and participating.

Peter Cottontail also made a visit last month. He and the kids did crafts, ate hotdogs and hunted eggs at the Children's Easter Party.

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eral times by more than one person while I was eating my breakfast; this is the first time as far as anyone could remember that there were NO WOMEN in the kitchen. Actually, it was women that noticed it! Way to go SAL!

I sincerely hope that anybody that can play golf, not matter how high or low your handicap, comes out for our Golf Tournament on April 10<sup>th</sup>. Gonzo and Calvin have been working hard to make this a memorable event. The proceeds will help us with our programs including our Scholarship Program. You will enjoy yourself if you sign up even if it is only to laugh at the Commanders Club. Myself and 3 Past Commanders (Joe Guastella, Nick Mills, and Bobby Waldo) have a team and we are BAD! But, we have fun!!! Come on out.

Also, in April, we will be holding our second Chicken Shoot of the year on the 24<sup>th</sup>. If any of you think you can shoot, come out and prove it! There is more information about the Chicken Shoot in this newsletter. I think that Jay McCall and Denny Taylor won most of the chickens last time. We can't allow that to happen again. See you there.

One last note and then I will close. I would like to thank Candy Zavala and all of the ladies that assisted in the Auxiliary Lasagna Dinner last month. As always, it was a great meal and I sincerely hope that you were able to raise a lot of funds because of it.

Hope to see some names in the Nomination Book. It will be out only during the month of April. After that, the only way to nominate a member is from the floor during the General Membership Meeting in May. Also, the person being nominated from the floor MUST be there to accept or decline. There are no provisions in our By-Laws for nominations "By Proxy."

—Jack Leanhart  
Commander



### Chaplain's Corner

Hi Folks,

Easter Sunday is April 4th. It is the time when we Christians celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We believe according to Scripture, that Jesus was raised from the dead, three days after his death on the cross. As part of the Easter season, the death of Jesus Christ by crucifixion is commemorated on Good Friday, always the Friday just before Easter. Through his death, burial and resurrection, Jesus paid the penalty for our sins, thus purchasing for all who believe in him, eternal life in Christ Jesus.

May you find peace in the blessings this knowledge brings you. Happy Easter!

For God and Country,

—Dennis

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Peter would like to thank Irma Ducharme and her helpers for throwing such a fine party. He promises to put us on his calendar next year.

Michelle Smith, our Unit's Girls State Chair, and an interview board conducted interviews of several Girls State Scholarship applicants. I appreciate Michelle and the interview boards' work on this. All the young ladies interviewed each were so outstanding that it made it difficult to finalize the selections. Congratulations to those selected to attend Girls State.

Though April is a fairly quiet month for the Auxiliary, it is time to start thinking of election of Unit officers. Our Unit's Nomination of Officers book will be available behind the bar in the canteen. If you know of someone, or are interested yourself, make sure the name is placed in the book and initialed as accepted or declined. Don't be afraid to run for a position thinking you may not know enough about the Auxiliary. We are very fortunate to have a wealth of knowledge to pull from within our own membership. They have been great teachers and are all on my speed dial.

The 20<sup>th</sup> District's Spring Convention will be held April 10 – 11 at Post 2 on Fredericksburg Road. The District Elections will be held during that time. The evening of April 10<sup>th</sup>, the Law & Order Banquet will be held. During the banquet local fire and law enforcement are honored for their service. If you are able to attend the convention but didn't sign up ahead of time, don't worry. You can register at the door.

Lastly, a membership plug. Sarah has done a wonderful job with membership and as it stands we are shy of goal by only 20. If you have not renewed, please do so. You can leave \$21 in cash or check in an envelope for Sarah Toten and she will make sure to get it processed and your card out to you. Also, if you have a family member that is eligible to join, or know someone that can be a dual member, have them fill out an application. Sarah can take care of those, too.

In closing, have a blessed Easter and enjoy this beautiful weather. Remember our meetings are the first Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. in the Hall. Come out, get to know your fellow members and learn about our programs. I look forward to seeing you.

Respectfully,

—Candy D. Zavala  
President, ALA Unit 593

**See this months Calendar for a one-time date change of the monthly blind draw 301 and Cricket Dart Tournaments**



## 3rd Annual Spring Jubilee

Friday - Sunday, May 28 - 30, 2010.

Hi Everyone,

The Spring Jubilee is fast approaching! We still need Parade participants. The parade will be held on Saturday, 29 May 2010 at 10:00am. Check with all your friends and organizations you belong to or frequent. There is no cost to participate in the parade.

We still need businesses or individuals to advertise in our Program. The program will contain the Schedule of Events and will be passed out throughout the community before and during the Jubilee.

We need entries for the Car Show, Motorcycle Run & Show, Chili and Bean Cook Offs, Horseshoe Tournament, and vendors for the Arts and Crafts show.

And of course, we're always looking for donations for our Silent Auction and to award as prizes.

All of the Sign-up forms are available on our website at <http://www.post593.org>.

Our next Jubilee meeting is Wednesday, 14 April 2010. We meet the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month. Come on out and bring a friend!

For God and Country,

--Dennis

**Please use the enclosed Jubilee Announcement Page as reference for information and event schedule to encourage friends, relatives and co-workers to visit the event.**



### Rider's Report

Mother Nature is teasing us. The weather is starting to get better but not quite there yet but soon it will be hot and we will be hoping for it to cool off. We had two nice rides and would have been three except for the stick that lodged in my new back tire last Saturday. Couple of hundred dollars latter I was able to make the BBQ in Schertz for the Mercenaries function. It was good to see a number of Riders there and our support was appreciated.

BY the time this goes to publication we will have had our Legacy Ride, the Run to Recovery, the cleanup on Toepperwein our sponsored road will have bags of garbage removed. Our activities are starting for the riding season and I am looking forward to it once again.

The year has been good for me and I am getting to the end of my term, I was just reminded that the Nomination Book will be behind the bar on April 1<sup>st</sup>, time sure did fly but I enjoyed every minute of it. The Legion was my home away from home when I first arrived in Texas and the Riders more than took the place of the friends that I left behind and I want to thank the member of the Legion and the Riders.

—Garry Bean  
Director, Post 593 Riders



### 1st Vice Notes

If my information is correct, and I believe it is, on the 4th of April, approx fifty(50) cooks will participate in a sanctioned CASI Chili cook off. What makes this cook-off so remarkable is that it is being held in Baghdad Iraq. A first for military members in a combat zone. Thank you CASI members, Post 83 Austin TX, and our own past Commander Ken Rodd for shipping all the supplies the cooks will need. What I am asking for is for our members to step up and sponsor a membership for our military cooks as far as we can, to present a membership to the American Legion Post 593 Converse Texas. Sponsorship will cost \$31, not needed until the middle of April. Contact John Orff for more info.

Thank you,

—John Orff



### CHICKEN SHOOT "FUN" RAISER

**SAT APRIL 24TH @ 1:00PM**  
**\$2.00 ENTRY FEE**

**MONEY RAISED**  
**WILL GO TOWARDS THE PURCHASE**  
**OF OUTDOOR FANS FOR**  
**BOTH PATIOS.**

## Spring Jubilee Announcement

**Memorial Day Weekend  
Friday through Sunday, May 28 – 30, 2010**

**Free Admission and Parking. Open to the Public!**

**To Benefit:**

**The American Legion  
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326 Legion Drive West  
Converse, TX 78109  
(210) 658-1111**

**A Spring Jubilee (a three day festival) will be held in the Converse City Park, Converse, TX, to benefit The American Legion, Post 593 on Memorial Day weekend, Friday thru Sunday, May 28 – 30, 2010.**

**Enjoy three days of live bands, food booths, Arts & Crafts vendors, a car show, a motorcycle run & show, a Chili Cook Off, dunking booth, silent auction, face painting, martial arts & gymnastics demonstrations, Police Dog demonstrations, Fire Department demonstrations, horse-shoe tournament, Flag Retirement ceremony, Essay Contest awards presentation, among other attractions.**

**A kickoff parade will be held in downtown Converse at 10am on Saturday, May 29, 2010.**

**For more information call (210) 658-1111 or visit [www.Post593.org](http://www.Post593.org), or Email: [Post593TX@yahoo.com](mailto:Post593TX@yahoo.com)**

## Schedule of Events (Subject to Change)

**Friday Night: (5pm – Midnight)**

**Carnival  
Band - Wild Oats: 8pm – Midnight  
Arts & Crafts Vendors  
Food Booths  
Beer & Wine Cooler Booth**

**Saturday: (10am to 1am)**

**Carnival  
Band - Tina & Grupo Tormenta: 8pm - Midnight  
Parade – Downtown Converse 10:00am  
Opening Ceremony, 1:00pm  
Arts & Crafts Vendors  
Food Booths  
Beer & Wine Cooler Booth  
Motorcycle Run, 1st Bike out at 10 am  
Children Fingerprinting by Converse P.D.  
Dunking Booth  
Converse Pet Shelter  
Police Dog Demonstration  
Motorcycle Show**

**Sunday: (Noon to 6pm)**

**Carnival  
Arts & Crafts Vendors  
Food Booths  
Beer & Wine Cooler Booth  
Car Show (Registration 10am – Noon, Show Noon – 5pm)  
Chili and Bean Cook Offs (Register 7:30am, turn-in 2:30pm)  
Dunking Booth  
Converse Pet Shelter  
Horseshoe Tournament  
“What Memorial Day Means to Me” Essay Contest awards  
Fire Department Demonstration  
Flag Disposal Ceremony  
Closing Ceremony**

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**APRIL 2010**

Phone: 210-668-1111

General Membership Meeting 7 April 7:30PM

Bike Night and Riders Grill are back to Thursday nights 6-8 PM

Breakfast, 10 April 8-11AM

Golf Tournament Woodlake GC 8:00AM

Chicken Shoot 24 April 1:00PM \$2.00 Entry Fee

Dart Tournament 24 April 7:30PM

Steak Night 30 April 6-8PM



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
The meal before the April General Membership Meeting will be Sloppy Joe sandwiches on a roll with coleslaw (on top or on the side) and potato chips for only a \$5.00 donation. Come early and stay for the meeting. All proceeds benefit the new building fund.						
4 Easter Sunday	5 Dart League 7 pm	6 ALR Exec Mtg 7:30pm Dart League 7 pm	7 General Membership Meeting 7:30 pm	8 Riders Grill 6-8pm Dart League 7PM	9 Friday at the Legion	10 Saturday at the Legion
11 20 <sup>th</sup> District's Spring Convention (Post 2)	12 Dart League 7 pm	13 ALR Gen Mbr Mtg 7:30 Dart League 7 pm	14 2010 Jubilee Mtg 7:30PM	15 Riders Grill 6-8pm Dart League 7PM	16 Friday at the Legion	17 20 <sup>th</sup> District's Spring Convention (Post 2)
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25 Sunday at the Legion	26 Dart League 7 pm	27 Dart League 7 pm	28 H&E Meeting, 7 pm 2010 Jubilee Mtg 7:30PM	29 Riders Grill 6-8pm Dart League 7PM	30 Friday at the Legion	Chicken Shoot 1:00PM Dart Tournament 7:30PM