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Commander's Corner

No doubt spring has arrived! Reborn energies coming from the ground and the Post—the Rolling Run had a great turnout. Our meals always bring out folks—breakfast, chicken fried steak and regular steak nites, as did the Thursday grill for St. Patrick's Day. Thanks to all those behind the scenes workers. And don't worry—more good food in store this month, including the Auxiliary's famous Lasagna Dinner. April has many activities scheduled—just look at the calendar, pick a date, and bring a friend on down with you. The Post golf tournament, headed up by Cal & Gonzo, is Sat, Apr 16th. If you haven't signed up and paid already, get with them immediately.

Kudo's to another great job by our SAL Commander Henry Creech on the enclosure project for the non-smoking room. Yes, others have helped, but Henry literally built it from just short of ground up. Great job Henry! Now we all need to be responsible and make sure this room stays smoke-free. If you happen to see someone enter with



Auxiliary News

Trees and flowers are budding, the grass is turning green and, lately, every day has been a great day to fly a kite. So, I guess it's official. Spring has Sprung! It's the season for starting anew, fresh and clean, rebirth. I'm ready. Are you? Okay. Let's do it.

April is going to be a busy month around our Post. April 9th the Legion Family will be participating in the Converse 50th Anniversary Celebration by riding in the parade and working the beer booth at the park during the festivities. The Riders will be participating in the Hell and Back Rally at Audie Murphy Hospital the same day. The Hell and Back Rally has now become an official Fiesta event so it should prove to be bigger and better. Now, that's just April 9th.

Hold on to your hat. April 16th is even a busier day for our Legion family. The Legion is hosting its Annual Golf Tournament, the proceeds of which benefit our whole Post family, the Auxiliary included. On the 16th the 20th District will

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smoking materials, please, step forward and remind them smoking is not allowed in the room. It's common courtesy for our non-smoking members and visitors. Don't expect the bartender to monitor the room or say something to those who might not know—we are all vested in this project. Signs (on yellow background) have been placed to help remind folks, but some have been used to stepping through the door to talk on the phone and may have had a smoke with them when they did that—we need to change our habit, myself included. Please though, do ask others to refrain courteously.

Paul Crafton has worked hard on getting juniors ready for Boys State but we're working against some school calendar activities and have a slot or two still open. If you know a qualified, interested young man, please get with Paul immediately so we can get the paperwork in. We only have until mid-April to process the boys.

The morning "cleaning crew" is a dedicated group of members who show up and literally clean from top to bottom. Ceiling fans, light fixtures, chair legs, outside clean-ups, etc. have all been tackled recently. And it's noticeable. While I rarely mention names, Paula Johnson, Leigh McCall, Brad Martin and Jim Evans have been the go-getters behind this. I certainly applaud any and all who have lent even an hour to help them. During the membership tour I couldn't help but notice dirt and grime at other Posts—it's evident but yet one of those things we never see at our own place. The cleanliness right now is something we can't miss, and it's largely due to the dedication of the crew. THANKS!

Last month I did not have the numbers for the Valentines & Vegas event. Just wanted to let everyone know a profit of nearly \$2k was realized for the new building fund. Dennis and the entire committee did a great job. Thank you!

The year is going quickly, and the nomination book for our Post Officer positions will be available beginning April 1st. These positions take time—make sure your nominee can give that to the Post. Give it some thought and let's nominate those with vision who can continue to carry us forward. The book will be available through the 30th, and then, according to our by-laws, the only other nominations that can occur will be at the May membership meeting, and the nominee must be present to accept or decline. All-day voting will occur Wed, June 1st this year and must be in person—no proxy or absentee ballot. If you have questions, please get with Joe Guastella, our Post Judge Advocate.

Until next month, see you at the Post!

For God and Country,

—David Paris
Commander

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be holding its Spring Convention. The Auxiliary will be meeting at Post 667 from 8 am to 2 pm and the Legion will be meeting at Post 2.

Whoa, whoa. Hold on. I'm not done yet. On the same day our Unit will be hosting its Annual Lasagna Dinner from 6 to 8 pm, the proceeds of which benefit the Girls State program. Tickets are available through Joanne, Candy, Michelle & Hanna. Lastly, finishing this busy day off, the Legion is holding its monthly dart tournament. Whew. I'm exhausted already just talking about it.



On April 23rd, we will host an Easter Egg Hunt at the Post from 1 to 3 PM. I've already spoken to Peter Cottontail and he has assured me he is good to go for the Easter egg hunt.

Before closing this month's newsletter, I would like to remind everyone of a few things.

Number One: It is the time of year for officer elections. A Nomination Committee will be formed. The Committee will approach members encouraging them to consider taking an office within our Unit. Please be open to their comments and encouragement. Every organization grows by new ideas being brought into the fold.

Number Two: This is more informational than anything else. I just learned of it myself. Complimentary peanuts and pretzels are available by just asking your bartender. How about that? That is good to know when you get the munchies.

In closing, I hope you all have a blessed Easter. Enjoy your family time, the long weekend and, please, do be safe.

Don't forget. We meet the first Wednesday of the month, 7:30 pm.

Come join us and learn about the Auxiliary's programs.

—Candy D. Zavala
President, ALA Unit 593

The electronic Newsletter Mailing List is building nicely, and we'd like to add you to the list. The more folks we add, the less we have to send, saving printing and postage costs. To get your name on the electronic delivery list, please send an email to alpost593newsletter@yahoo.com. Thanks for your support of this effort to save some \$\$\$!



Rider's Report

AAAHH, April is here and the weather is getting warmer. And along with the warmer weather comes more time to ride and have fun.

The success of the Rolling Run last month made the transition into the springtime riding season easy. Please give a big Thank You to Candy Zavala and all of her team who helped to once again organize and deliver a great fun filled day for all.

And a big thanks to all who participated in the Ride to Recovery event. Your efforts once again allowed the riders to have a safe and event free ride through the area.

The Audie Murphy VA Hospital "To Hell and Back" ride and Rally is planned for April 9th, once again leaving Kerrville back to San Antonio for the Rally held on the Hospital Grounds. This year's event is now an official Fiesta event, which will really help the folks there with an increased awareness for our veterans. If you are able to make the ride and/or the event, you won't be disappointed.

Tickets for the Legacy Dinner will be starting to be sold soon. Please buy your tickets and don't miss out on this event. Velma Smith, Brad Pierce and all the regular culprits are working hard to make the Legacy dinner a continued success, so please consider this on your calendar.

As most of you know, I am now involved in the maritime security / anti piracy business. As you read I will be somewhere between the Arabian Sea and the Bay of Bengal. My thoughts are continued to be with the group and wish for the success of all the upcoming events.

And of course with April here, the election book has already been placed in the canteen for nominations. Anyone who is interested in seeking a position with the Executive committee or who is nominated by someone else, please take a few minutes to read the job descriptions and make your decision to run. Or Not.

In closing, my sincere appreciation goes out to all of you who get involved in the many activities and events at the post and go the extra mile to make things happen. And lastly, thanks to all of you that made it easy for me to fill the position of Director.

—Jim Bennett
Director, Post 593 Riders

General Membership meal prior to the meeting on April 6 will be meatloaf, mashed potatoes and green beans prepared by Chrissy Reed and crew.

C'mon out from 5-7PM for some good eats before the meeting.

9-11 Anniversary Remembrance



Folks, 2011 marks the 10th Anniversary of the horrible September 11 2001 tragedy. Rudy Guastella is heading up a committee to honor those who gave all on that fateful day. They are in early planning stages and can use your help. Please join Rudy and his group on April 13th at 7:00 at the Post if you interested in lending a hand during this service. For more information, contact Rudy at 516-668-6387. Thank you for your continued support of our Legion events and programs.

11th Annual "To Hell and Back"

*Biker Rally
April 9, 2011*



**100% of the proceeds benefit the
VA Fisher House**

Registration Fee: \$35 which includes t-shirt, patch and pin

Pre-registration: Audie L. Murphy VA or on site at the Kerrville

9:00 am– Registration on site at Kerrville VA/ breakfast

10:30 am– First Bike Out

12:00 pm– Fiesta de los Veteranos Rally/ Bike Show/ Patient Visitation at Audie L. Murphy VA

Fiesta de los Veteranos

For more information contact
VA Voluntary Service at
210-617-5107 or STXVOLSVCA@va.gov

Official Fiesta Sanctioned Event





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February 28, 2010

Dear Veteran's:

The San Antonio District Office of the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) will be providing a workshop specifically prepared for female veterans who are looking to realize their economic freedom through entrepreneurship. SBA's commitment is to the success in growth and development of new or expanding business for Veteran's.

I am enclosing information on VWISE (to be held May 5-7, 2011) and would appreciate your cooperation in making sure your female veterans get notified on this event. It is truly a unique opportunity.

Please share with other veterans and your offices in the surrounding San Antonio area.

If you would contact me at debra.dimando@sba.gov and **provide your email address**, I would be glad to provide this flyer electronically so you can invite your members via email.

SBA has other premier training for all Veterans', Reservists, and family members. This information is also enclosed.

Thank you for your sacrifice for America's freedom,

Respectfully,

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Enclosures

Randolph Air Force Base remembers namesake

Posted 2/9/2011

by Brian McGloin
502nd Air Base Wing Public Affairs

2/9/2011 - RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas -- The brave captain didn't worry about his Air Force PT score and never direct-dialed a phone number, because neither the Air Force nor direct dial phone service existed when he died in a plane crash in 1928.

It's entirely possible Captain William Randolph didn't want to be a pilot as a child because flight in "heavier than air" machines began roughly when he was born. Word about these flying contraptions didn't spread as fast then as information does today and it's not likely he would have heard of such a machine. There were no social networking websites to use on the computers that hadn't been invented yet, connected with the Internet that was still a few years off.

Today the adventure of flying is gone, but in Captain Randolph's time, flight was a new and daring adventure and air speed was less than 50 miles per hour. Faster portions of modern day bicycle races can reach such speeds and modern aircraft can be flown ten times faster, or more.

Captain Randolph was born in Austin, Texas and graduated Texas Agricultural and Mechanical College in 1916. There in 1910 he had his first military training, records show.

After graduation, William Randolph joined the military and served along the Mexico border in Company X, Second Texas Infantry, a mobilized Texas National Guard unit.

A year later, April 1917, Congress declared war on Germany at the request of President Woodrow Wilson. This declaration catapulted the United States into what was seen at the time as "Europe's War." Captain Randolph was one of the first to begin training at the officer's training camp established in Leon Springs, Texas, now surrounded by San Antonio.

In August 1917, William Randolph received his commission with the rank of 1st Lieutenant of infantry, Reserve Officer Corps. He was stationed at Fort Travis, Texas, near Galveston, until he was assigned to the 345th Machine Gun Battalion.

Records don't show where Lieutenant Randolph served in the battalion, but they do show he returned to Austin shortly after his commission to begin flying training.

Lieutenant Randolph began his flight training at the School of Military Aeronautics, Austin in 1918 during the military buildup during World War I. His flying training brought him from Austin to Kelly Field, now part of Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.

After he completed flying training in Texas, Captain Randolph was stationed in Rockwell Field, California, near San Diego. In July 1920, Lieutenant Randolph was promoted to captain in a permanent commission in the Army Air Service.

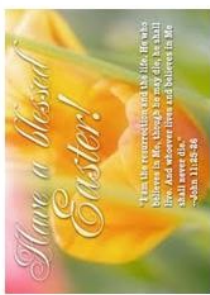


Captain Randolph returned to Texas in 1927 when he became adjutant of the Army Air Corps Advanced Flying School at Kelly. For three years before that, he was in command of the 25th Bombardment Squadron, France Field, Panama Canal Zone, Panama.

Captain Randolph died in a plane crash in difficult weather with strong winds shortly after takeoff from Gorman Field, Texas en route to Kelly Field. He was one of the officers in the group responsible for naming the new Air Corps field being designed to meet the expanding needs of the Army.

The remaining members of the group decided to name the new air field in honor of the late Captain Randolph. The name designation was approved by the War Department Sept. 27.

Captain Randolph left behind a wife, a daughter and two sons. His sons followed in their father's footsteps and both died in plane crashes, one near Boerne, Texas and the other in France during World War II.

[Records from the deactivated 3510th Flying Training Wing, Office of Information Services, Randolph Air Force base and the Randolph historian's office, compiled and edited by many sources during the past decades, contributed to this story.]

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		ALR Exec Mtg 7:30 Dart League 7 pm	General Membership Meeting 7:30 pm	Riders Grill 6-8pm	Shuffle Board Challenge 7:30 pm Chicken Fried Steak Dinner 6-8PM Shuffle Board Challenge 7:30 pm	Breakfast 8-11 am Hell and Back Run Converse 50th Anniversary
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
		ALR Gen Mbr Mtg 7:30 pm Dart League 7 pm	9-11 Memorial Meeting 7:00PM			Golf Tournament Lasagna Dinner
		Dart League 7 pm		Riders Grill 6-8pm Dart Payout 7 pm	Shuffle Board Challenge 7:30 pm	Dart Tournament 7:30 PM
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
			Post Exec Mtg, 7:30 pm			Easter Egg Hunt 1-3PM 
		Dart League 7 pm		Riders Grill 6-8pm	Shuffle Board Challenge 7:30 pm	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Easter					Steak Night 6-8PM Entertainment to Follow Shuffle Board Challenge 7:30 pm	

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General Membership Meeting 2 Mar 7:30 PM

Chicken Fried Steak Dinner 8 Apr 6-8PM

Breakfast, 9 Apr 8-11AM

Hell And Back Run 9 Apr

Converse 50th Anniversary 9 Apr

9-11 Memorial Meeting 13 Apr

Golf Tourney 16 Apr

Lasagna Dinner 16 Apr 6-8PM

Dart Tourney 16 Apr 7:30

Steak Night 29 Apr 6-8PM