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Commander's Corner

Greetings everyone. Another Legion year is upon us. Are all of you ready to get this thing going? I sincerely hope so. The new officers

have been installed and are ready to move forward. Please, give them your support. They are tasked with directing William M. Randolph, Post 593 and they take that seriously. Many of the officers for this year are the same, however, there are some new faces also. If you do not know your officers, they are as follows: Commander, Jack Leanhart; 1st Vice Cdr, John Orff; 2nd Vice Cdr, Darrell Goemmer; Adjutant, Gary Bartel; Finance Officer, Dave Paris; Judge Advocate, Joe Guastella; Chaplain, Dennis Ducharme; Historian, Ken Echerd; Service Officer, Shannon Lynde; Sgt-at-Arms, Brown Zavala; Members-at-Large, Velma Smith, Joe Falco, Shad Defenbach, Dennis Kiselik, and Larry Metcalf. Give all of these individuals your support and I guarantee that we will have another successful year.

Our challenges in the upcoming months will be varied. Some will be just as they were last year, however, I am sure that there will be new challenges, also. Even so, I am confident that our

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Auxiliary News

First things first. I would like to thank our outgoing President Sarah Totten for her service to the Unit over the last year and for hosting and coordinating the Installation Dinner. The evening was most pleasant. Sarah outdid herself and has left large footprints to fill. And let's not forget Sarah's support staff and cooks for preparing and serving the delectable meal.

Now we are off and running...It is the time of year we start looking for volunteers to chair and be part of the committees that support the National and local level programs the Unit participates in. Trust me, retired or not, I know we all lead very busy lives and often feel we don't have the time to participate in these programs. But please remember, no matter the amount of your participation, it is integral in making our goals come to fruition. It is somewhat akin to putting together a puzzle. It is done piece by piece. If we each take a piece of the puzzle, small or large, and work together, we can complete the puzzle.

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membership will meet them head-on as we have done in the past. I look back on last year and sometimes feel that I have to pinch myself as a reminder that the year was Real. So much was accomplished. Do you want to know what I am proudest for? In my opinion, the single area where we exceeded my goals was Participation. That is the one area that I felt we needed to improve upon and we did in flying colors. More people came out to events, more people volunteered, and more people became part of discussions. Thank You, Post 593!

I want all of you to think about Participation again this year. It is something that must continue for our Post to continue its successes. There will be even more events to become a part of this year. Darrell Goemmer already has a calendar ready for the entire year and many events are planned. So, when someone comes up to you and asks you if you can help out, think about it. Do not immediately try to think of ways to "get out of it." We have a lot of members. Can you imagine each one of you volunteering just one time? Wow! Step up. Help out! Lets make this year better than the last one!

I have only one last bit of information that I want to pass on. I received an email several months ago that had to save. Saving emails to my hard drive is not something that I do often. Anyway, I thought I would share it with you. If you have seen it before, enjoy it again. If you have not seen it before, you are in for a treat. This is a man that many of us remember from years past. To those of you that don't remember him, sit back and enjoy. He was one of the funniest men of his time. But, also serious. Anyway, check out this site http://www.shrineclowns.com/info_pages/skelton.asp.

Until next month...

—Jack Leanhart
Commander



1st Vice Notes

Hey folks, its that time of year again. Membership renewal. Early Bird dinner will on Fri Oct 23rd. Everybody pat yourself on the back, this past year we reached our membership goal for the first time in several years. Well done. Also, we plan on starting the renovation of the pavilion the first part of Aug. A list will be posted by the end of July on what is needed and the dates we will need workers. Approx 4 to 5 years ago I asked the Exec Board for permission to salvage the alum beer cans we were throwing away. Permission granted. The first load we took in garnished \$16. Pat Parker suggested we put in the newsletter asking for support, talk about a program taking off. This past week Rick Vance salvage picked up a trailer he was nice enough to provide us with returned with approx \$245. Rick almost always gives us more then the going rate. Please pat yourself on the back, and keep bringing those cans. Also bring old batteries and all non-ferrous metals. Your wonderful help has raised approx \$4000 for your American legion post. Thank you .

—John Orff

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Myself and the Commander are working on building an address book of our Auxiliary & Legion members' e-mails. I realize not everyone e-mails, I am somewhat challenged myself, but I hope that it will be a means of staying in touch with the membership regarding goings-on with the Legion and Auxiliary between newsletters, or even on a quarterly basis.

Once again, I want to thank the Membership and Legion Family for the opportunity to serve as your Auxiliary President. As I have already realized, there is much to learn. I am thanking the Membership for their patience and wisdom during this transition period.

Our meetings are the first Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. in the Hall. I invite you to attend, get to know your fellow members and learn about some of our programs. We look forward to seeing you.

Respectfully,

—Candy D. Zavala
President, ALA Unit 593

Special Notice:

Due to an unforeseen vacancy of one Member At Large position, Denny Taylor has been appointed as Member At Large by the Commander, Jack Leanhart. A special vote will be held at the September General Membership Mtg.



2nd Vice News

Let me start off by thanking the ladies of the Auxiliary for the great dinner that was served at installation, THANKS LADIES!! Since our last newsletter your House and Entertainment Committee has been busy planning the new Legion year activities. Some of the things that we are going to do are the things that we always do like the monthly breakfast and steak night, etc. But we have added some new stuff for this year. We will be having a 50 style sock hop, fajita/margarita night, Octoberfest, community wide yard sale, chicken shoot, Mardi Gras party, golf tournament, plus much more.

To be able to do all of this we will be needing a lot of help to make these events successful and to support our various Legion programs. so from time to time we will be asking for your help. this months breakfast will be cooked by your legion executive board so come out and watch the Commander (Jack) flip eggs!! This should be a show in it self!!

Live well, love much and laugh often.

—Darrell G



Chaplain's Corner

Hi Folks,

With all of the celebrity deaths lately, especially the untimely death of Michael Jackson, I thought I'd remind everyone to be sure you have your affairs in order. No one likes to think about their own mortality and the very real possibility that any of us could be the next one to meet the Great Commander of All. But that's it: we could. Do you have a will? Does your spouse, significant other, family member or trusted friend know everything they need to if you were to pass away tonight? Do they know where your will is? Where your insurance policies are? Where your safety deposit box is? Where your passwords are for all of your online accounts (like email, credit cards, bank accounts, brokerage accounts, etc?)

There are so many things we need to prepare. And then we have to keep everything current! Jackson's will was seven years old! During that time Jackson removed one of the executors of his will from financial positions of authority. We don't know what will change in our lives, so as changes happen, we need to make sure we update our wills and other important documents.

The good news is that today we have the internet. Go to the Post's website at www.Post593.org and click on the link that says "plan ahead." There you'll find many documents and websites to help you prepare for the inevitable.

For God and Country,
—Dennis

Notary Services available for Post Members

Did you know we have our own Notary? Yep. Our very own Joe Guastella, Post Judge Advocate, can assist you with any legal documents that you need notarized. And best of all, the service is free. Contact Joe anytime the need arises.

New Popcorn Machine



You may have noticed a new smell around the canteen. Or, maybe a lack of smell. The old cantankerous popcorn machine that burned more than it popped has been retired. A shiny new model is in it's place, and this new one actually makes popcorn that's worth eating. So thank your bartender when they pop up a fresh batch, and enjoy the hot buttery crunch while you cool off with your favorite beverage!

Change to our Monthly Steak Night

Just a quick note to let you know that we've made a small change to our monthly steak nights. The change is for the better--much better. We've returned to Penshorn's meat market for our beef supply. We'd gone to a different supplier after Penshorn's unfortunate fire, but they are now open for business again, and are supplying us with some awesome meat.

Still the best deal in town at \$10.00 a plate, you get all this:

16 oz (approximately 1" thick) New York Strip, cooked to order, with mushrooms and onions at your request.

Baked potato with all the fixins

Choice of vegetable, either green beans or corn

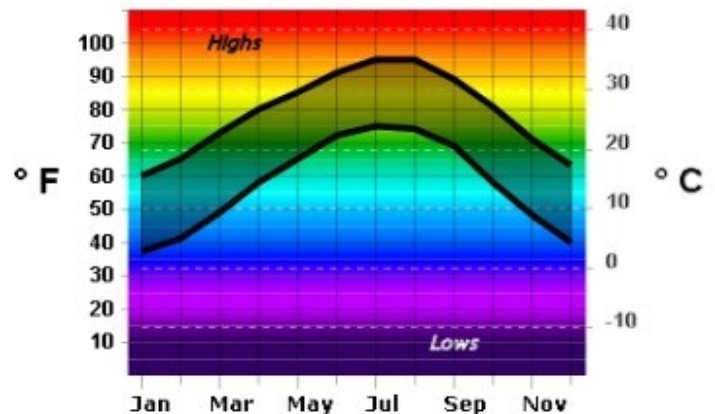
Salad

Rolls

So come on out for some great food and good fellowship. Bring your friends and family for the best deal on a steak dinner you'll find anywhere! Last Friday of every month, with the exception of the Friday following Thanksgiving and the Friday following Christmas.



San Antonio Average Temperatures



**Stay hydrated, limit exposure, take frequent breaks
if working outdoors.**

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AUGUST 2009

Phone: 210-658-1111

Building Fund Kitchen open
5-7PM on General
Membership Meeting nights





Rider's Grill Tuesday's
6-8PM

Notice:
Post Exec Meeting
is now 7:30 PM

Breakfast, 8 August
8-11AM

Steak Night 28 August
6-8PM

Sock Hop 29 August
7:30-12PM

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		Join us for a 50's Style Sock Hop on August 29. Costume, Hula Hoop and Limbo Contests, 50 cent Hot Dogs and beer. See attached Flyer for Ticket Info.		Dart League 7PM	Friday at the Legion	1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Sunday at the Legion	Dart League 7 pm	ALR Exec Mtg 7:30pm Dart League 7 pm Riders Grill 6-8pm	General Membership Meeting 7:30 pm Building Fund Kitchen	Dart League 7PM	Friday at the Legion	Monthly Breakfast, 8-11 am
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Sunday at the Legion	Dart League 7 pm	ALR Gen Mbr Mtg 7:30 Dart League 7 pm Riders Grill 6-8pm		Dart League 7PM	Friday at the Legion	Dart Tournament 7:30PM
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Sunday at the Legion	Dart League 7 pm	Dart League 7 pm Riders Grill 6-8pm	Post Exec Mtg, 7:30 pm	Dart League 7PM	Friday at the Legion	Saturday at the Legion
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
		Dart League 7 pm Dart League 7 pm	H&E Meeting, 7 pm	Dart League 7PM	Steak Night 6-8 PM Entertainment to follow	50's Style Sock Hop 7:30pm See attached Flyer
30	31					

**Proposed calendar of events for American Legion Post 593 for the Legion year of 2009-2010:
(subject to change/modification)**

2009

31 July - Steak night (American Legion sons)
8 August - Breakfast (American Legion)
28 August - Steak night (American Legion)
29 August - 50s style Sock hop
6 September - American Legion Labor Day party at the post
12 September - Breakfast (American Legion auxiliary)
12 September - Fajita/margarita night
25 September - Steak night (American Legion auxiliary)
1 thru 4 October - Night in Ole Converse (the American Legion will be selling turkey legs)
10 October - Breakfast (American Legion riders)
10 October - 1st annual Legion October feast
23 October - Legion family membership early bird night
31 October - Steak night (American Legion riders)
11 November - Veteran's day
14 November - Breakfast (American Legion sons)
14 November - The Legion will host a community wide yard sale in the parking lot. Table/space for \$15
22 November - Chicken shoot in the hall
26 November - Legion family thanksgiving dinner at the post
27 November - The post will not be hosting a monthly Steak night
5 December - Seniors Christmas party
6 December - Legion family kinder (children's) Christmas party
12 December - Breakfast (American Legion)
12 December - American Legion riders Christmas party
19 December - American Legion post 593 Christmas Party
25 December - Post closed. Steak night will be canceled
31 December - Post New Years Eve party

2010

9 January - Breakfast (American Legion auxiliary)
15 thru 17 January - Chili cook off
29 January - Steak night (American Legion auxiliary)
7 February - Superbowl party
13 February - Breakfast (American Legion riders)
13 February - 2nd annually Mardi Gras party
21 February - Four chaplains ceremony
26 February - Steak night (American Legion riders)
13 March - Breakfast (American Legion sons)
13 march - 1st annually reverse raffle
20 March - Lasagna dinner (American Legion auxiliary)
26 March - Steak night (American Legion sons)
28 march - Children's Easter party 1pm to 4pm
10 April - Breakfast (American Legion) Tournament
30 April - Steak night (American Legion)
8 May - Breakfast (American Legion auxiliary)
28 May - Steak night (American Legion auxiliary)
30 May - Memorial Day party 2pm till?

***** 3rd annually American Legion Jubilee dates have not been set but as soon as they are available they will publicized*****

12 June - Breakfast (American Legion riders)
25 June - Steak night (American Legion riders)
3 July - Post 4th of July party 2pm till?
7 July - Post Everlasting
10 July - Breakfast (American Legion sons)
10 July - installation of new American Legion and American Auxiliary officers

50's Dance & Sock Hop

Saturday, August 29th

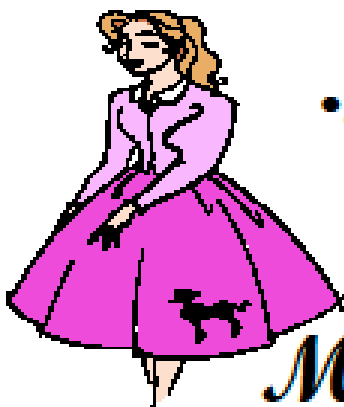
7:30 – 12 pm

In the Hall

**Come out and show us your best
50's outfit!**



- Costume Contest
- Hula Contest
- Limbo Contest
- 50 cent Hot Dogs



- 50 cent Draft Beer (while it lasts!)

Tickets: \$5.00 in Advance

\$7.00 at the door

Music by Billy Feehan

See Henry Creech or

Denis Ducharme for Tickets

