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Sgt At Arms: Ken Tidball
Historian: Billy Feehan



Commander's Corner

First of all, thank you for the privilege of allowing me to serve you as Commander this year. With your help, we will continue some past traditions of our Post as create some new ones. The members-at-large will be chairing many of the committees this year. They will need more members to help them do their job successfully. A listing will be posted on the entrance bulletin board this next month. If there is something you would like to help with, or have a special talent for, please talk to the committee chair directly.

Next, thanks to those who made the July 4th weekend fun. We will have a repeat performance for Labor Day. A few years back we changed the celebration days to the day before the actual holiday. This allows folks to enjoy themselves without worrying about going to work the next morning. Labor Day we will have fun on Sunday, Sept 5th, with the food around 2 p.m.

Thanks to the Auxiliary for making the installation a special night. The decorations and food were

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Auxiliary News

Before I pass "Go" I would like to thank those that made last year's term a success. As I have said before, I have been blessed to work alongside the talented ladies of Unit 593. There is not and will never be a thought otherwise.

As they say, you always neglect to let those closest to you know how much you appreciate them. I would be remiss if I did not take time to mention my husband, Brown, and my parents, Sandy & Jeff Adams. Brown has carried boxes, decorated, cooked steak, fajitas, washed dishes and spent time without me while I've attended meetings, membership tours and conventions. He's been a trooper and I say "Thanks and Woohoo!" to him. My parents, too, have donated auction items, been an extra pair of hands and heard me speak ad nauseam of the Auxiliary. I appreciate their patience and support.

Let me introduce your Auxiliary 2010-2011 Officers:

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great as was Mike Clancy's music. Also, congratulations to Ken Echerd. The Post Yearbook he compiled received first place at the Department Convention in Beaumont and is now on its way to National for competition in early October. We'll keep our fingers crossed!

Lastly, congratulations Commander Jack on your successful 2-year term leading and guiding our Post. We are a better Post because of your service and commitment!

For God and Country

—Dave Paris
Commander

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Vice-President, Pati Bennett; Secretary, Denise Yanus; Treasurer, Irma Ducharme; Chaplain, Michelle Smith; Historian, Diane Echerd; Sgt-at-Arms, Brenda Weeks; Members-at-Large, Hanna Taylor and Darleen Cherry. We have one position of Member-at-Large that is vacant and will be looking to fill that office soon. All of these ladies bring so much to the table and I look forward to brainstorming with them.

As is the norm for this time of year, we are beginning the push for membership renewals. Please keep an eye out for information on the **Early** Early Bird Raffle that Post 593 Legion, SAL and Auxiliary will be sponsoring. There will be chances for those **Early** Early Bird renewals to win prizes and gift cards.

We are off and running in the new term year and we would love to see you at our next meeting. We will be looking for committee chairs for the various programs and events we support. Our Constitution & By-Laws must be updated this year. We would also like to knock around a few ideas for reaching out to our local community, to include an event for the area children during the Fall. Our meetings are the first Wednesday of every month, 7:30 in the Hall. We welcome your input.

Before closing, I would remind everyone that an Auxiliary G-mail account has been set up. If you would like to be included in the occasional emails as to Legion goings on, email me at Aux593info@gmail.com and I will add you to the address book.

Find a pool, have a glass of lemonade, and try to have a "cool" August,
Candy D. Zavala
President, Unit 593

Respectfully,

—Candy D. Zavala
President, ALA Unit 593

Chaplains Corner



Legion Family,

It is my sad duty to report that Legionnaire Jose Alfredo (Joe) R. Rosales age 68 of Converse, TX passed away on June 29, 2010. Mr. Rosales served his country proudly as a U.S. Marine and Vietnam Veteran. The members of Post 593 offer their sincere condolences to his wife, Paula, and their family.

For God and Country,

—Dennis Ducharme

Spring Jubilee 2011



Hi Folks,

The Jubilee Committee will begin holding meetings the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month again. For August, that's the 11th and 25th at 7:30 pm in the hall. We're trying to get an early jump in planning this year.

There's been some discussion from current committee members that putting on the Jubilee is too much work for the amount of money we earn and that there's not enough volunteers. We can cancel the Jubilee, but I believe it will continue to grow and not only make us money, but will continue to help promote the Legion to the local community.

If you would like to see the Jubilee continue, please attend the August 11th meeting at 7:30 pm. If you can't make the meeting, send an email to post593tx@yahoo.com, or send a letter to the Post with "attn Jubilee" in the address.

On another note, the New Building Committee is planning a Casino Night. We will begin planning for Casino Night at the August 11th meeting.

--Dennis

Special Mention

Melissa Haney passed away on June 26th. She always looked forward to going to the Legion to hang out because she enjoyed everyone's company. Her favorite thing was Tuesday's shuffleboard tournament. She always looked forward to getting the newsletter to read & she would talk about some of things happening on the calendar although she couldn't go to them. Thank you to everyone who could find pictures I appreciate them. To Candy, Dennis, Michelle, Gina, & Hanna I appreciate what you did for her. Two days before she passed she told me to tell the Legion family thank you for being her friend.



--Rob Mackay



Rider's Report

To begin my first newsletter article as the Riders Director, I want to give a big thanks to all of the folks of last year's executive committee for their hard work and leadership during the past year. Their efforts in making things happen allowed for another successful year of helping out our veterans programs and supporting our Legion goals as well.

We have already started off our new year at a run, with the return home of Terry Smith from the Hoka Hey Run, riding over 9000 miles from Florida to Alaska, finishing 5th of the 1000 riders who started out. Although he didn't win the big money, he has definitely won the respect of many who understand what he endured to do it.

The American Legion Taste of Freedom Dinner which occurred on July 23rd, was once again a great time, for a good cause, and the wonderful folks who attended and those behind the scenes that put it all together deserve a "Thank You". Velma Smith and all her crew made it happen for us all. Let her know you appreciate it.

To finish out the month of July, the Riders hosted the 60's party on July 31st. Costumes, trivia contests, and the "Blast from the Past" theme made for a fun night of music and dancing. Thanks to the Riders, Legion, and SAL for their support of this event. Tom Harm and the folks working with him did a great job of putting this together.

Looking to the future, Post 593 has been selected to host the next American Legion Riders 2011 State Rally. A committee will be established to start working the issues surrounding this event. A date has not yet been set but we are hoping that we can bring this event forward and make it a great time for our post and for the Riders from all over the State who attend look forward to working with our Post Commander, the Auxiliary and SAL to make this a well structured and supported event.

There are many events coming up in the next few months. One of my goals as Director is to hope that the members will utilize the ALR website more and to ensure that events that are coming up are placed on the website calendar so members know when things are happening. Many have said they have problems getting to the website, logging on, etc, etc, etc. Please contact you members at large, our webmaster Terry Smith, or I and we will get you through the forest and up and working on the website.

It's gonna be a busy year folks, but even being busy, we are gonna have a lotta fun!!

—Jim Bennett
Director, Post 593 Riders



Post 593 Flag Program

For \$30 a year our Post will put a 3 x 5 foot American flag mounted on a 10 foot aluminum pole in your front yard on the following six holidays: Memorial Day, Labor Day, Flag Day, Fourth of July, Veterans Day and Presidents Day. The flags are put up around sunrise and taken down around sunset. Like every other program the Post conducts, we need volunteers. It takes about an hour or so in the morning to drive around and put the flags up and another hour or so in the evening to take the flags down. The same volunteers have provided the majority of the work over the past several years. We're asking for members to volunteer to work one or two holidays a year on one of six flag routes. For more information please speak to Jan Lineback (committee chair), Jack Leanhart, Dave Paris or Dennis Ducharme.

EARLY, EARLY BIRD RAFFLE

Legionnaires, Auxiliary and SAL members:

Help US reach our membership goals early!

RENEW your dues by Sept 15, 2010, and have your name entered in a special RAFFLE!

Multiple prizes available including a \$50 Wal-Mart gift card, a Budweiser Ice Chest, an autographed photo of a San Antonio Spur, and many other items that will be posted at the Post.

PUFL and VIM will automatically be entered. Are you a member of two groups? Then renew in both and get a second chance!

ENTRY CUTOFF: Sept 15, 2010

DRAWING: Steak Night, Sept 24th

You do NOT need to be present to win.



Shuffleboard Challenge Returns!

After a two year hiatus, we are once again ready to resume our Shuffleboard Challenge.

We will begin at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, August 17, and play each Tuesday thereafter.

Come join us and have fun.!!!

Thanks,

---John Orff

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		SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	AUGUST 2010							
	Phone: 210-668-1111							
	General Membership Meeting 4 Aug 7:30PM							
	Bike Night and Riders Grill are back to Thursday nights 6-8 PM							
	Breakfast, 14 Aug 8-11AM							
	Shuffleboard Challenge 17 Aug 7PM							
	Dart Tournament 21 Aug 7:30PM							
	Steak Night 27 Aug 6-8PM							
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29		30		31	<p>Be sure to attend the August General Membership Meeting. We have some guest speakers attending:</p> <p>Judge Renee F. McElhaney who presides over the 73rd District Court</p> <p>Boys and Girls State entrants (2 boys and 2 girls)</p>			
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