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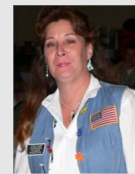


### *Commander's Corner*

The Auxiliary set the stage for the Installation of Officers last month with their great food and decorations, but I was remiss by not mentioning it that night. So ladies, THANK YOU! Another great night was the ALR's Legacy Scholarship Dinner and Fundraiser. It takes a lot of volunteer hours to put events on at this level, but ya'll out-did yourselves again! Our membership year has kicked off and you may have noticed that you can renew on-line directly to national with a credit card. What occurs is you print an "on-line renewal" card and use that until you receive your regular card from the Adjutant. Thirty plus members have taken advantage of this method. With any new procedures there are bugs to be worked out so please understand it may take a few weeks to get your card to you. Instead, I suggest you pay your renewal directly to the Post. First, there are administrative issues we need to clear up and second, the Post its share of your dues to pay expenses, such as our annual insurance premium. We only keep \$5 at the Post, so the more who renew locally the better.

We will have the Legionnaire Insurance Trust (LIT) sign-up cards at the bar, breakfast, grill, steak, and

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### *Auxiliary News*

Hello all and welcome to August. Even though the summer is not over, I, for one, can say I am glad we might be that much closer to cooler weather. I first would like to say congratulations (officially) to the new Exec. Members of the Auxiliary. I also want to say a "BIG" Thank –You to our past President , Candy Zavala and Commander Dave Paris for putting on a very enjoyable installation. I enjoyed the evening as I'm sure all who attended did.

The month of August seems to be a more relaxed month for the Auxiliary so that will be nice break but please don't forget all the other events that the Legion, Sal and Riders have. I'm sure that any one of these groups would love the attendance and/or help with some of their functions also. If you have the time, they have the work.

We will be looking at our calendar of upcoming events during our next meeting so for any

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membership nights. More information, to include on-line registration, is on the national website ([www.legion.org](http://www.legion.org)) but basically you have \$1,000 Accidental Death & Dismemberment (AD&D) insurance for free. There is a box if you would like more information on other insurance programs, but if you leave it blank they will not contact you. Once signed up, you are in the database and covered for five years. The LIT program has just completed their first five year program so everyone needs to sign/resign a card or register on-line to activate your FREE AD&D insurance coverage.

I'd like to thank Shad Defenbach for his years of service on the executive board. He was re-elected this year but has declined the position due to a new job. Rather bittersweet, as we will miss his input, but do wish him and his family the best in the future. Felisa Ramirez has been temporarily appointed to fill the vacancy and the nomination book will be behind the bar the entire month of August. Election will be at the September general membership meeting.

Lots of activities are filling the calendar in the near future—Labor Day picnic, the Hensley Fundraiser, golf tournaments, Night In Ole Converse, membership tours, etc. Make sure you look at the monthly calendar and watch the bulletin boards, video board, Facebook (just enter Post 593 in the search box), and our own website. Of note, we will be hosting a "Legion College" course at our Post on Saturday, Sept 24<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. This is an excellent way to learn a lot about the Legion in a short amount of time. Cost will be \$5 and includes the Legion's Extension Course Institute booklets for you to keep.

Lastly, we're off to a fast start and here's to another excellent year for our great Post 593!!!

For God and Country,

—David Paris  
Commander

**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](mailto:alpost593newsletter@yahoo.com). Thanks for your support of this effort to save some \$\$\$!**

**We would like to fill the picture boards near the pool table with photos our Military family members and ourselves. Please bring in anything you like to share with the Post Membership.**

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of you out there that would like to participate or even chair a committee please don't hesitate to contact us. We'd love to have you and you don't have to feel alone. There is always someone who knows the ropes or is willing to help with a special project. Please keep in mind that we stay busy the whole year so we need folks to step up and come on out and have some fun. Fresh ideas are always a go for us.

Don't forget our meeting, August 3rd at 7:30. Come on by and see what the Auxiliary is doing. Hoping all have a great August.

Sincerely,

—Pati Bennett  
President, ALA Unit 593

### **Fundraiser for Hensley Girls**

We lost Nicholas Hensley last month when he passed on after receiving multiple injuries as a result of an IED in Afghanistan. Nick left behind a wife and 3 small daughters. We will be raising money that Gloria can use for the Nora, Emma, and Anna as she sees fit. What will be happening you ask? This is what is being planned:

Date: Sept 10<sup>th</sup> at Post 593

Events: Raffles, Silent Auction,

Live Auction, Reverse Raffle,  
Food, Dunking Booth, Music

Time: 2pm - ???

We would like to show Gloria that we sincerely appreciate the sacrifice that Nick made for our country and the sacrifices she has made while he served overseas.

Please, put this date on your calendars.

Tickets will be coming soon.

Thank You,

—Jack Leanhart



## Rider's Report

I would like to begin my first official report as the new Director by thanking all of those executive board members and members that supported our causes with untiring devotion this past year. I would also like to thank the new executive board members for stepping up to offer their time, services, and energy for 2011/2012.

The Taste of Freedom dinner on July 29<sup>th</sup> was another demonstration of the selfless service provided by the riders of our great post. Once again we will have the nation asking "where in the hell is Converse" when our members present the check at national for the Legacy Scholarship Fund. This would not be possible without the full support of our riders and our Post home. A big congratulation goes out to all that planned, collected, sold tickets, organized, and executed another outstanding event to raise donations for those that count the most in our hearts, the children of our fallen comrades.

As we ride in the heat of the South Texas summer, let us all remember those that give us the freedom to ride. Our post has been touched more closely than ever in the last couple of months, with the loss of friends and family that are fighting to give us our lives as we know it. It is for those brave members of our armed services past and present that we do what we do. When we have our disagreements, as groups always will, let us remember why we are here. There is no bad cause, nor any cause unworthy of our support. Let us all join together and get back to the core of causes that the riders of post 593 were formed for.

Let us have a wonderful year of fellowship, camaraderie, riding, and serving those that are and have served us. The cause will give us guidance, patience, and the fortitude to become an active member of our illustrious organization.

This month please keep one of our charter member, Terry Smith, in your prayers. He is riding in the Hoka Hey, a test of fortitude for sure. He is riding throughout all 48 of the continental States of our great country. Ride safe brother....

"Do what you can, when you can"

—Danny "Peter" Muth  
Director, Post 593 Riders

**Did you know we can make some extra money recycling common household items? Well we can, and we do. Save up your used aluminum cans, batteries, copper, brass and newspapers. Contact John Orff for more information.**

## 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 for two meetings this month on Aug 10th and 24th at 7:30pm at the Post if you're 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.**



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#### Choice of Starter

#### Soup du Jour

**Steak House Salad** ~ Mixed greens with grape tomatoes, garlic croutons, red onions & your choice of dressing

**Caesar Salad** ~ Crisp romaine hearts tossed with Romano cheese & our creamy Caesar dressing

#### Choice of Entrée

**Filet** ~ 8 oz. of tender, corn-fed Midwestern beef, broiled to your liking

**Stuffed Chicken Breast** ~ Oven roasted double chicken breast stuffed with garlic herb cheese

**Market Fresh Seafood Selection** ~ Your server will describe the seafood our chef has selected for today

#### Choose One of our Famous Side Dishes

#### Sautéed Mushrooms

#### Mashed Potatoes

#### Creamed Spinach

#### Choice of Dessert

**Cheesecake** ~ Creamy cheesecake with a pecan crust served with blueberry sauce

**Chocolate Chunk Bread Pudding** ~ Chocolate lovers delight with chunks of white & semi-sweet chocolate, mixed with chopped pecans & topped with caramel

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*The City of Converse, Texas*

*and*

*The American Legion, Post 593*

*requests the honour of your presence*

*at the Tenth Anniversary memorial service for*

*the Victims of the September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2001 attacks*

*on Sunday, the eleventh of September, 2011*

*at eight o'clock am*

*Converse City Park*

*Converse, Texas.*

*Reception*

*immediately following the ceremony*

*at*

*The American Legion*

*William M. Randolph, Post 593*


*326 Legion Drive W.*

*Converse, TX 78109*



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August 2011	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1		2 ALR Exec Mtg 7:30	3 General Membership Meeting 7:30 pm	4 Riders Grill 6-8pm Dart League 7 pm	5	6
		Dart League 7 pm				Shuffle Board Challenge 7:30 pm	
7	8		9 ALR Gen Mbr Mtg 7:30 pm	10 9-11 Memorial Meeting 7:30PM	11 Riders Grill 6-8pm Dart League 7 pm	12 Chicken Fried Steak Dinner 6-8PM Shuffle Board Challenge 7:30 pm	13 Breakfast 8-11 am
		Dart League 7 pm					
14	15		16	17 Post Exec Mtg, 7:30 pm	18 Riders Grill 6-8pm Dart League 7 pm	19	20 Dart Tournament 7:30 PM
		Dart League 7 pm				Shuffle Board Challenge 7:30 pm	
21	22		23	24 9-11 Memorial Meeting 7:30PM	25 Riders Grill 6-8pm Dart League 7 pm	26 Steak Night 6-8PM Entertainment to Follow Shuffle Board Challenge 7:30 pm	27
		Dart League 7 pm					
28	29		30	31			
		Dart League 7 pm					
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General Membership Meeting 3 Aug 7:30 PM

Chicken Fried Steak Dinner 12 Aug 6-8PM

Breakfast, 13 Aug 8-11AM

Dart Tourney 20 Aug 7:30

9-11 Memorial Meeting 10 Aug and 24 Aug 7:30PM

Steak Night 26 Aug 6-8PM