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Commander's Corner

Happy Holidays, Everyone! I sincerely hope that all of you had a great Thanksgiving. This time of year is the best; the temperatures are not overbearing, there are plenty of opportunities to sample many tasty foods, gifts exchange hands, and families come together. That is what we are; a family.....a Legion Family. Keep that in mind when you mingle with other members. Wish them a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I am wishing that for all of our members, whether they are Legionnaires, Auxiliary, or Sons. And, please be careful on the roadways so that you can come back to your Legion Family.

As I am writing this, we recently had our Monthly Breakfast which was staffed by our Sons of the American Legion. I happened to be walking out of the Post when Henry Creech and Gina Leonard were walking in this past Friday evening. They had arm loads of items that I asked about. The response was, "Oh, just stuff for breakfast." I was unable to make it to Breakfast the next morning, but I got a report on what was in the bags they were carrying. Apparently, they went all out decorating the tables for Breakfast. Knowing Henry, I

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Auxiliary News



The Christmas Holidays have finally arrived. I can think of no better way to spend them than enjoying family, friends and those "low cal" meals. And, of course, we must not forget dessert. I'm afraid all the year's dieting will have been for naught.

Our Poppy Fundraisers went very well. On November 15th the Poppy Board numbers and Poppy Raffle tickets were drawn. Congratulations to those winners! We so appreciate everyone's support of this program. Darleen and Denise, thank you for being so giving of your talents. You have certainly raised the bar for those that follow.

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believe that others have just been handed a challenge to see if they can make our Monthly Breakfast "better." Good Job, guys and girls. Let's see what happens in the future.

Although this may be difficult to believe, I don't only have one more item to write about. Earlier I wrote about this being the time of year for families to come together. The Legion Family has already been given that opportunity. One or our own, Jay McCall, has been deployed to Afghanistan for the past 6 months and arrived home just in time for Thanksgiving. Now, everyone knows that Lee is glad to have him back. But, so are we! If you know Jay, please tell him how glad you are for him to be home. If you don't know him, ask someone to introduce you to him and Thank him. Our membership knows better than most what it is like to have a loved one deployed overseas. Welcome Jay home!

That is all folks. I sincerely hope that all of you have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. This is a month with a lot of parties, so have a good time. Don't overdo it and I will see all of you in 2010.

Until next month...

—Jack Leanhart
Commander

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Don't forget the Auxiliary Children's Christmas Party will be December 5th in our Legion Hall from 1 to 3, and the Seniors Christmas Party will be the 6th from 1 to 3. It will be a busy weekend, ladies, but with all of us pitching in, I have no doubt the results will be nothing but spectacular.

In looking at December's calendar, you will see there is no Steak Night due to the holiday. It will be back on though in January, and the Auxiliary will be handling both breakfast and Steak Night. If you are available to work either, we would love to flip flap-jacks and steaks with you. You can even split a shift if you are unable to stay the entire time. Just let myself or Hanna know.

Now a reminder from Vice President Sarah Toten. We have surpassed our membership goal dates thus far, with December 31st being the last of the year. If you do not renew your 2010 membership by that date, your renewal will be \$21 instead of the now \$18. Please pass the word to your fellow members. You may mail or drop off your renewal at the Post and Sarah will make sure your 2010 card is mailed to you.

At this time of year I see those who have so much yet cannot find it in themselves to share, and I see those who have much less share what little they have. We at the Legion are not wealthy people. I am so proud, especially at this time of year, to be part of an organization that practices the latter of the two.

In closing this newsletter and 2009, I do hope the year has been kind to you. I pray the New Year will bring you and yours health and happiness.

Respectfully,

—Candy D. Zavala
President, ALA Unit 593

Riders Report



How time seems to fly especially when we approach the end of another year and the holidays are upon us. Plans are being made to go see family or have family come and visit, our members are also in the planning for getting the ALR calendar together, rides are being put together by our Road Captain, Kevin, Bubbles is getting ride and event announcements every day, and of course we have Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year events. Oh and of course for those of us that have to work we also have company events to plan around and hope there are no conflicts in our schedules.

All that said the Riders were able to have a good showing at the Haunted House at Lonesome Dove, the Texas Pride refueling went off well and without a hitch although the ride in the fog was eventful and of course Stake Night was a booming success. Our attendance at the Veterans Day Parade in Blanco was much appreciated, we did a mile and a half on the brakes and clutch in line behind the Cub Scouts, our hands and legs were screaming but never the less we accomplished the Mission and Honored our Vets.

The weather is great, let's Ride.

—Garry Bean
Director, Post 593 Riders

Service Officer Section



Just a reminder that on Friday December the 18th we will be having our annual Spaghetti dinner to help raise more can and dry goods to fill the Christmas dinner baskets. The cost of the dinner is 4 can or dry goods or \$5.00 donation.

There will also be a raffle with a lot of prizes to be given out. All the proceeds from the dinner and raffle go to help fill out the baskets that donation of goods does not cover and to help Vet's in need throughout the following year.

American Legion Spring Jubilee Cookbook #1 is in development. A sample recipe submission form is in this newsletter. "Teezers and Tizers" is the theme for this first edition,

Thanks to all in advance and hope to see you soon.

—Shannon Lynde
Post 593 Service Officer

Chaplain's Corner

The Post wishes to offer our sincere condolences to Carol Reineck on the passing of her husband Todd Reineck. Todd served in the Army for 37 years and was a Life member of The American Legion. Todd and Carol met at Tripler Army Medical Center in Hawaii back in 1974 and were married for 32 years. Todd passed away suddenly on October 31st after a one year, courageous battle with pancreatic cancer.

We also would like to offer our wishes for a speedy recovery to Walter Osbourne who has been hospitalized recently.

It's fitting at this time of year to step back and take a look at the challenges we've faced this past year and the accomplishments we've made. December is a time to reflect on the past and to look forward to new opportunities. New Years is just a few weeks away. What New Year's resolutions will you make this year?

With all the parties and shopping and planning that Christmas brings, it's easy to feel overwhelmed and stressed. Be sure to take time out and thank God for all the blessings you have in your life.

May the Peace and Joy of the Christmas season bless you and your family,

--Dennis

There is an open agenda item to be discussed and voted on at the December 2 General Membership meeting. That issue is to convert the Post Home to a non-smoking facility. If you have an interest in this issue and want to be heard, please make a note to attend the General Membership meeting at 7:30PM.

Proposed calendar of events for American Legion Post 593 for Nov-Dec 2009: (subject to change/modification)

5 Dec- Legion family kinder (children's) Christmas party

6 Dec - Seniors Christmas party

12 Dec - Breakfast (American Legion)

12 Dec - American Legion riders Christmas party

19 Dec- American Legion post 593 Christmas Party

25 Dec - Post closed. Steak night will be canceled

31 Dec - Post New Years Eve party

9 Jan 10 - Breakfast

15-17 Jan - Chili Cook-off

29 Jan - Steak Night



Jubilee 2010!

The next Jubilee planning meeting is scheduled for December 9th at 7:30pm. Everyone is welcomed and encouraged to attend.

We're looking for advertisers for our Program. If you know of a business who would like to advertise in our program, please speak to them and let them know about the Jubilee and the availability to advertise with us.

We're also collecting items for our silent auction. As you go about your daily lives, if you see an opportunity to ask for donations for our Jubilee, please let them know we're collecting items.

Cindy Bailey is putting together a cook book series. Each year will focus on a different part of the meal. This year we're focusing on appetizers and drinks (both alcoholic and non-alcoholic.) If you have a recipe you'd like to share, please turn it in to either Cindy or Shannon Lynde by January 31st.

For God and Country,

--Dennis

Items of note from Paula "Bubbles" Johnson

Adopt - a - hero - This is a program that is set up to help the wounded warriors and their families that are at Brooke Army Medical Center. They collect items for the families and children that will not get the traditional Christmas due to being in a hotel, or staying in the Fisher House, having Dad (or Mom) in the hospital. Many times the spouses of these soldiers have had to quit their job to come down and stay with their loved ones. Children really don't understand how Santa can find them in the hotel. I have contacted some local businesses to be drop off points for this, I will send that information out the beginning of next week. Visit to BAMC with items is planned for December 19th.

Post 593 Toy Run - (I believe this is to support Blue Santa- but I am not 100% sure) Blue Santa is a police department sponsored program that collects toys and cash donations for needy families. We have assisted the local Converse Blue Santa in the past and they truly do appreciate our help. Remember as American Legion members we are to support our community also. Toy Run on December 6th

Red Riding Hoodlum - To benefit the Bair Foundation, if you don't know anything about this, you really should read up on it. It is a Christian based foster care center that helps many many children throughout the year. Just imagine what a child must feel like during the holidays to know they don't have a home. A special gift from "Ol St Nick" would help put a smile on a child's face. Toy run on December 12th

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General Membership Meeting 2 Dec 7:30PM

Rider's Grill Wednesday's 6-8PM

Dart Board Fund Raisers Thursday nights 6-8 PM

Children's Christmas Party 5 Dec

Senior's Christmas Party 6 Dec



Breakfast, 12 Dec 8-11AM

ALR Christmas Party 12 Dec

Post Christmas Party 19 Dec

New Year's Eve Party 31 Dec

NO Steak Night in Dec

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 ALR Exec Mtg 7:30pm Dart League 7 pm	2 General Membership Meeting 7:30 pm	3 Dart Board Fund Raiser Meal Roxanne's Crew with the Ultimate Beef Stew Dart League 7PM	4 Friday at the Legion	5 Children's Christmas Party 1-3PM Saturday at the Legion
6 Senior's Christmas Party 1-3PM	7 Monday Night Football at the Legion Dart League 7 pm	8 ALR Gen Mbr Mtg 7:30 Dart League 7 pm	9 2010 Jubilee Mtg 7:30PM Riders Grill 6-8pm	10 Dart Board Fund Raiser Meal Hanna's Cajun Gumbalaya Dart League 7PM	11 Friday at the Legion	12 ALR Christmas Party 6:00PM Monthly Breakfast, 8-11 am
13 Football at the Legion	14 Monday Night Football at the Legion Dart League 7 pm	15 ALR Gen Mbr Mtg 7:30 Dart League 7 pm	16 Post Exec Mtg, 7:30 pm Riders Grill 6-8pm	17 Dart Board Fund Raiser Meal Ellen's Meatballs and noodles Dart League 7PM	18 Friday at the Legion	19 Post Christmas Party 6:00PM
20 Football at the Legion	21 Monday Night Football at the Legion Dart League 7 pm	22 Dart League 7 pm	23 H&E Meeting, 7 pm Riders Grill 6-8pm	24 Dart League 7PM	25 Friday at the Legion	26 Merry Christmas Post closed 
27 Football at the Legion	28 Monday Night Football at the Legion Dart League 7 pm	29 Dart League 7 pm	30 Riders Grill 6-8pm	31 New Year's Eve Party 6:00PM		



American Legion Spring Jubilee Cookbook #1

“Teezers and Tizers”

(Appetizers and Drinks-[alcoholic and non-alcoholic])

Must be submitted NLT January 31, 2010 - to Cindy Bailey or Shannon Lynde

Name _____ Post # _____ City _____ State _____

Title of Recipe:

Ingredients

Directions
