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Commander's Corner

Hello everybody. February is upon us and there will be many events for all of you to participate in the coming weeks. Your 2nd Vice Commander, Darrell Goemmer, continues to find people to help him put things together. Besides our monthly Breakfast, Steak Night, and Dart Tournament this month we will have our first of hopefully many Mardi Gras Parties. That should be a huge night. Watch for more information about it and plan on attending.

Speaking of people working hard to make a project succeed, I would like to see more people at the New Building Committee meetings on the 2nd and 4th Wed of each month. Dennis has many assisting in Jubilee planning but could always use more. He can not do all of the planning by himself.

Those of you that are able to make it to the General Membership meetings have probably heard me say that our post needs to do more fundraisers. Yes, we have been doing more this year that recent years and that money has gone to worthwhile causes. However, we can not let up now. We still have 2 Legion Programs that we support that need help financially. I am speaking of Boy's State and

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Auxiliary News

We started the New Year off right with the best turnout ever for the CASI Chili Cook-off at the legion. The Chili Cook-off was a great success along with the Silent Auction, the raffle of three baskets, and the Potato Pampers that were donated and sold by Karen Paris. Thanks to everyone that volunteered and helped with the auction and all the donated items. Very special thanks to Georgia Horner for putting the cook-off together with John Orff; to Candy Zavala for organizing and running the Silent Auction, and to Julie Collier for putting the baskets together for the raffle. This event is the largest fundraiser of the year and it supports all our programs.

Our membership is now at 86% of our goal of 327. If you have not renewed your membership please do so. Your continued membership helps the Auxiliary support all our programs such as Girls State, Auxiliary Emergency Fund, Children & Youth, Cancer Research, Veteran programs and much more. Mark you calendars for March 21st the annual Auxiliary Lasagna dinner.

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Scholarships. Paul Crafton is planning a fundraiser for Boy's State. If anyone has an idea that will help Post 593 with the Scholarship Program, let me know.

A BIG part of the American Legion is "service to the community, state, and nation." As Post 593, we are tasked with service to the community. This is accomplished by supporting various Legion Programs. We have proven ourselves in supporting the ones that we do. I have been asked why it is so important to keep doing that. To put it plainly.....because that is what the American Legion is all about. In addition, this may put it into perspective: If we fail to support Legion programs, it is possible that our charter could be pulled. At that time our post would become property of the American Legion, Dept. of Texas. I cannot put it any plainer.

Having said all of that, when you hear of events coming up....Step Up and HELP OUT! For all of you that have helped and will continue to help.....THANK YOU! There are too many of you to mention for fear of leaving someone out, but I see what you are doing and I APPRECIATE IT.

God Bless America.

Until Next Month,

—Jack Leanhart,
Commander, Post 593

2nd Vice News



Here we are heading into February-the month of LOVE and MARDI GRAS-but first a BIG thank you goes out to Marcello B. and Melissa S. for the fantastic job they did with the New Years Eve Party! A good time was had by all!! Also thank you to Hanna T. and Crissy R. for all their hard work with Friday Nite Bites and other events around the Legion.

Now for this month-we will be selling goody baskets to give to your loved ones for Valentines Day. The small baskets are \$20.00 and the large baskets are \$30.00-sampler baskets are on display at the Legion. The money from the sale of the baskets goes to the Scholarship Fund, so support this worthy cause! On Feb.21, we will be having a Mardi Gras style party with all the trimmings-so bring your favorite Mardi Gras or Cajun dish and come and enjoy food, music and friendship! See you all there!!!

In April, we are planning a golf tournament. If interested get with Rick Stigall!

We will need some folks to volunteer for the Legion monthly breakfast. If you can volunteer please get with me or call at 872-0502.



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On a sadder note, our deepest condolences go out to Isabelle Siepker for the loss of her husband, Jim who was a loyal member of Post 593.

Hope to see you at our next meeting at 7:30 PM on 04 February 2009. Come meet other Auxiliary members and learn first hand all the things we do for the Legion and the community.

—Sarah Toten

Chaplain's Corner



Legion Family,

I'm sorry to report that Dave Rudd passed away on January 2nd. Dave was an active member of our post for over 23 years. He retired as a 1st Sergeant after more than 26 years with the Army. We was a ranger and spent multiple tours in Vietnam. He had eight or nine surgeries to repair damage and remove shrapnel he received from a land mine. Those of us lucky enough to have known Dave know that he always had a smile on his face, a twinkle in his eyes and a firm handshake to offer. We will surely miss him greatly. Please keep Pattie and the rest of his family in your prayers.

February has many special days, beginning with the Super Bowl on Sunday, February 1st. Groundhog Day is the 2nd, Boy Scout Day is the 8th, Valentine's Day is the 14th, President's Day is the 16th, and Ash Wednesday is the 25th. The month of February has been designated the American Heart Month. Be sure to take care of your heart and body by exercising and eating right!

February is also the month we remember the sacrifices of 4 very brave men who were Chaplains. The Four Chaplains ceremony is scheduled for Sunday the 22nd at 2:00 pm. This is a very moving and dignified ceremony to remember the legacy of the Four Chaplains of different faiths who gave up their own life jackets so others might live. Arm in arm, they went down in common prayer on the sinking troopship Dorchester which was struck by a torpedo from a German U-boat on February 3, 1943. If you've never seen this ceremony, you must come out and experience it for yourself.

For God and Country,

—Dennis Ducharme



Valentine's Day Sweetheart Baskets are on sale now! \$30.00 for a large basket, \$20.00 for a small basket. Samples on display at your Post. Contact Darryl Goemmer for more information.

Jubilee 2009 News

Folks,

Time is running short! This year's Legion Jubilee is fast approaching! It will be held on May 7 - 10th in Converse City Park. Bands, carnival rides, vendor booths, a health fair, chili cook-off (open to anyone!), bike run, car & motorcycle show, auction, demonstrations, etc. We're even going to have a Mother's Day Contest where local school children write about why their Mom is the best! As the great cooks say: "It's all in there!" But we need your help! We will now meet twice a month to plan for the Jubilee: on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month at 7:00pm in the hall. For February, the dates are the 11th and 25th. Please mark your calendars and come out to the meetings!

For the latest information on what's happening, please check out the Post's website at: www.Post593.org. There you'll find all the letters, applications, posters, and other documentation that supports the Jubilee. As always, we need sponsors and donations! If you have anything to donate for the auction or the raffle, please drop it at the Post or call me on my cell at (210) 630-0655 and we'll make arrangements to pick it up.

The Legion Jubilee is all ours! We can grow it so large that one day it will rival the Night in 'Ole Converse or the Poteet Strawberry Festival. The Jubilee will allow us to not only raise funds for our Post, but also to bring awareness to the local community of what The American Legion is all about. Come out, get involved and help us make this happen! See you on the 11th!

—Dennis

Sponsor a Bar Stool

John Orff, the Building Renovation Crew, and many Post volunteers have been doing a great job sprucing up your Post Home.

The renovations will commence again now that the Holidays are over. One of the areas that needs attention is the bar stools in the Canteen. We all know sturdy new bar stools are expensive, so what better way to raise funds than to enlist Bar Stool Sponsors! Each new bar stool will cost approximately \$150.00. Sponsored stools will include a dedication plaque on the back of stool. You can sponsor a stool in memory of a loved one, as a birthday or anniversary gift, for yourself, or as a group, such as a Dart Team. If interested, please contact John Orff, Dennis Ducharme, or Terry Smith. Get yours Today!

If you can read this
please put me back
on my barstool.

Upcoming Events

March: St Patrick's Day Party

March: Auxiliary Lasagna Dinner

April: Golf Tournament

May: Cinco De Mayo Party

May: Memorial Day Picnic

Come out and support you Post!



Mardi Gras Party

February 21, 2009

Come join us for a Mardi Gras style party with all the trimmings!

Bring your favorite Mardi Gras or Cajun dish and come out to enjoy the food, music and friendship!

See you all there!!!

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FEBRUARY 2009

Phone: 210-658-1111

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

Rider's Grill Tuesday's and
Thursday's 6-8PM




Breakfast, 14 Feb
8-11AM

Auxiliary Lasagna Dinner
21 Feb

Mardi Gras Party
21 Feb

Four Chaplains Ceremony
22 Feb

Steak Night 27 Feb
6-8PM

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Superbowl Party	2 Dart League 7 pm	3 Dart League 7 pm Shuffle Board Challenge 7:30 pm Riders Grill 6-8pm	4 General Membership Meeting 7:30 pm Building Fund Kitchen Open 5-7 PM	5 Dart League 7PM Riders Grill 6-8pm	6 Friday at the Legion Kitchen open 5-8PM	7 Saturday at the Legion
8	9 Dart League 7 pm	10 ALR Exec Mtg 7:30pm Dart League 7 pm Shuffle Board Challenge 7:30 pm Riders Grill 6-8pm	11 New Bldg Committee/Jubilee Meeting 7:00 pm	12 Dart League 7PM Riders Grill 6-8pm	13 Friday at the Legion Kitchen open 5-8PM	14  Valentine's Day
15	16 President's Day Dart League 7 pm	17 ALR Gen Mbr Mtg 7:30 Dart League 7 pm Shuffle Board Challenge 7:30 pm Riders Grill 6-8pm	18 New Bldg Committee/Jubilee Meeting 7:00 pm	19 Dart League 7PM Riders Grill 6-8pm	20 Friday at the Legion	21 Monthly Breakfast, 8-11 am Mardi Gras Party
22 Four Chaplains Ceremony 2:00PM	23 Dart League 7 pm	24 ALR Gen Mbr Mtg 7:30 Dart League 7 pm Shuffle Board Challenge 7:30 pm Riders Grill 6-8pm	25 H&E Meeting, 7 pm New Bldg Committee/Jubilee Meeting 7:00 pm	26 Dart League 7PM Riders Grill 6-8pm	27 Friday at the Legion	28 Dart Tournament 7:30PM Saturday at the Legion
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