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Commander's Corner Auxiliary News

It seems like I was just sitting down writing this article for the newsletter. The phrase, "My, how time flies" holds true once again. Anyway, here goes.

As all of you know, the work on your newsletter begins with individuals submitting articles to our Newsletter Editor, Joe Falco, two weeks before it arrives in your mailbox. Therefore, this is the middle of January and the Annual CASI Chili Cookoff just finished. We look forward to this event for several reasons: It brings people to our Post that normally do not come. It brings revenue to our Post. It provides our members one more event to participate. These don't include the obvious...a chance to be a judge and sample many different recipes.

I am not the person to quote numbers, however this year's turnout seemed larger than any in my memory. We had 45 cooks entered on Saturday and I believe 42 on Sunday. These may not be exact, but they are darned close. Saturday turned out to be an outstanding day at the bar. Believe it or don't but I was there most of the day and night and the Post was packed throughout.

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Happy February Everyone! It's the month for Rodeo, Winter Olympics, Fat Tuesday aaaand don't forget Valentines Day. If you don't have a sweetheart, watch out. Love and Cupid are in the air.

January was almost nonstop for the Auxiliary. As you all know, we not only had breakfast, and steak night, we also co-hosted the CASI Chili Cook Off. We couldn't have pulled it off without everyone pulling together and working as a team. I consider myself a lucky lady to be associated with such a hard-working group of folks.

Due to the frigid temps the morning of breakfast, I will say we were a bit worried about the turnout. Well, I should know to fear not. The turnout was great. I want to specially recognize our Omelet Maker Extraordinaire, Lee McCall, Mickey Mouse pancake maker, Jim Bennett, and Norm for braving the temps and helping in the kitchen. Of course, I can never say enough about the ladies of the breakfast crew.

The chili cook off and Silent Auction's

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We have a member (AUX) that has promoted this event for more years than she would like to remember. And, because of her outstanding devotion, we have renamed our annual CASI event to the Georgia Horner CASI Cookoff. Georgia was present to receive our Thanks on Saturday and returned to help out on Sunday. Thank You again, Sweet Lady!



One last remark about the cookoff; I want to extend my personal Thanks to a few people. I am sure that this list is not all inclusive. I apologize for that. But here goes: John Orff, Isabelle Seipker, Shiori and Amy, Candy Zavala and her Silent Auction Crew, and all of the members that volunteered to be judges. Bravo Zulu!

The next upcoming event that comes to mind is our Super Bowl Party. There should be notices in place by the time you read this article. Come out and have a good time. For all of us Cowboy fans, sorry. Stuff happens. Oh well. It will still be a good time for all if last year is any example.

I only have two more items to mention and unfortunately they are not happy notices. First, it was voted upon at General Membership several months ago to no longer allow dogs in the Legion unless they were Service Dogs. We, and I mean all of us, need to make every effort to enforce this rule. It was very difficult for me to speak to a visitor on Sunday (here for the cookoff) about her dog when she told me that nobody said mentioned it on Saturday. Another rule was mentioned to me a couple of weeks ago. I will see about posting the Club Rules again to alleviate any confusion. Second, I understand that we have a large number of football fans in our membership. However, asking that the CASI Awards be moved to the Hall because a football game is in the TV is not being a good host IN MY OPINION! Apparently, this was brought up but never materialized. If you do not understand my opinion, reread the beginning of this article and ask Terry Smith how good business was that weekend. Enough said.

—Jack Leanhart
Commander

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success went beyond our expectations. We tied last year's record breaking number of entries. Our success with this would not have been possible without the support of our Legion family. I want to thank Jan Lineback and Karen Paris for providing the raffle baskets, John Orff and Isabelle for co-hosting the event, and Hilda, Sarah, Hanna, Michelle, Pati and their fellas for jumping in and getting the work done. We were fortunate and privileged to have our own Georgia Horner present both days of the cook off. Thank you, Georgia, for your words of wisdom and your work in growing this event.

As has been mentioned, we would not be able to accomplish all that we do without the help of our Legion Family and the same goes for our hosting Steak Night. A big thanks to the kitchen crew and many hugs and kisses to the fellas for manning the grill.

Now, for those that have not renewed their memberships, be reminded your dues have now increased to \$21. Please take a few minutes to renew. By doing so, you are not only supporting the Auxiliary, you are supporting the American Legion in its fight for legislation benefiting our veterans and active duty. You can send in or drop by your renewal and Sarah will update your status and get your new card out to you.

On a somber note, the Auxiliary lost member Cindy Bailey in January. We extend our sympathies to her daughter, Shannon Lynde, and the rest of her family.

As always, 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. I look forward to seeing you.

Respectfully,

—Candy D. Zavala



Chaplain's Corner

The entire Legion Family lost a dear friend recently when Cindy Bailey suddenly passed away. We would all like to offer Shannon Lynde and her family our deepest condolences on the loss of her mother. Please keep them in your prayers.

One February 21st at 2 p.m. we'll remember the sacrifices of 4 brave men. The Four Chaplains ceremony is a 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



Rider's Report

Hopefully by the time this is printed Mother Nature has finished throwing the freezing temps and rain and we are able to start a new riding season. I am looking forward to getting out on the road once again and heading to some new places, course pretty much everything is new to me.

There are some exciting things in the works such as the review of our By Laws which Ruben has stepped up and is the Chair so if you have any suggestions or questions he is the person that can help. RoxAnn is the Chair for the Rolling Run and Candy is again stepped up to join that committee. This was where RoxAnn and Pete first rode with us and met our Riders which influenced them to join our group and she is looking forward to Chairing this event. If anyone is interested in getting in on this please contact RoxAnn.

We also have a number of different events in the planning stages, the Hail and Farewell which is being Chaired by Bae-Bae, the R2R, Legacy, and of course the events which our Service Officer Paula sends out on a regular basis. Getting busy again.

Our Road Captain is going to plan rides either on Saturday or Sundays which he intends to alternate so that if you are busy on Saturdays you will be able to join us on the next Sunday and visa versa. If you have an idea for a run he is the person to see. I for one am looking forward to getting out and seeing some of your faces again.

—Garry Bean
Director, Post 593 Riders



Service Officer Section

Thank you everyone for your prayers and condolences for the passing of my mother Cindy Bailey. She had offered to publish a cookbook of "Teasers and Tizers" I will be taking over that obligation and would appreciate any and all submissions. The format can be found on the Post593 website, www.post593.org and on page 4 of this Newsletter. You can e-mail them to me at masterrefl@yahoo.com.

I am extending the deadline for submissions to Feb 17th. The cookbook will be sold at the Spring Jubilee and dedicated in her memory. I'll be seeing you at the Legion.

—Shannon Lynde



3rd Annual Spring Jubilee

Friday - Sunday, May 28 - 30, 2010.

If you haven't sent in your recipes for appetizers or drinks (both alcoholic and non-alcoholic) the cutoff date of January 31st has been extended until February 17th!

Please submit your recipes for the first of many Jubilee cookbooks to Shannon Lynde. The cookbooks will be dedicated in memory of Cindy Bailey.

The Jubilee Committee will now be meeting twice a month, on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month at 7:30 p.m. Please put this on your calendar and make plans to join us.

We need lots of help in the following areas: selling ads for our program, getting demonstrations, carnival rides, a petting zoo, getting items for our raffle and silent auction, and getting participants for our first parade. If you can assist in any of these areas, please visit our website to download our Jubilee Flyer, Sponsor Request Letter, Program Ad Setup Form, and all the other documents you'll need. We have also made up folders that contain a program from last year and most of the forms you'll need to introduce the Jubilee to local businesses and organizations. Please let me know if you need some.

We also need help in getting the word out about our Spring Jubilee. If you participate in other activities, please let them know about our Jubilee including our Chili Cook Off, Horseshoe Tournament, Car Show, Bike Run, etc. Hope to see you at the next meetings: Wednesday, 10 February and Wednesday, 24 February at 7:30 p.m.

For God and Country,

--Dennis

DD FORM 214 -- SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFIT

Please share this with anyone who's had active duty service between January 1957 to December 31, 2001 and planning for retirement. In a nutshell it boils down to this:

You qualify for a higher social security payment because of your Military service. You must bring your DD-214 to the Social Security Office and you must ask for this benefit to receive it!

Soc Sec website: "<http://www.ssa.gov/retire2/military.htm>"

This is something to put in your files for when you apply for Social Security down the road. It is NOT just for retirees, BUT anyone who has served on active duty between January 1957 to December 31, 2001.

FYI - this benefit is not automatic, you must ask for it!

VA Eye Glasses and Hearing Aids

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) not only covers eye examinations and audiology tests and writes eyeglass and hearing aid prescriptions for all its eligible patients. In many cases it also covers eyeglasses and hearing aids---even for some non-service-connected Priority 5 and 7 patients (generally, veterans honorably- or generally-discharged after at least two years' service with incomes under about \$35,000). The little-known Veterans' Health Administration Directive 2002-039 of July 5, 2002 [paragraph 4.a.(1)] authorizes eyeglasses and hearing aids for:

- Those getting service-connected compensation for any reason or at any percentage;
- Former prisoners of war and Purple Heart recipients;
- Those getting Housebound or Aid and Attendance increments to needs-based disability Pensions;
- Those needing eyeglasses or hearing aids due to any other (even non-service-connected) medical cause;
- Those with any other functional or cognitive impairment-- as shown by Activities of Daily Living (ADL) functional deficiency(ies) --who need eyeglasses or hearing aids to participate in their own care.

Replacements are allowed in cases of loss and breakage and for new or changed prescriptions. Hearing aids, without a prescription change or loss, must last 4 years. Issuance of spares is determined by the VA audiologist or eye care specialist. Although general information on the VA website may wrongly suggest that the above benefits are restricted to those with service-connected disabilities and other limited groups, in fact Directive 2002-039 remains fully in force.

The VA ordinarily offers comprehensive dental services only to 100% disabled, service-connected veterans and those held as prisoners of war over 90 days; but other, non-service-connected veterans may apply to the VA, no later than 3 to 6 months after discharge, to get dental treatment that wasn't completed while on active duty. For qualified cases, the VA may then pre-authorize some treatment with approved private dentists. VA health centers are listed at www.VA.gov.

Proposed calendar of events for American Legion Post 593 for Feb-Mar 2010: (subject to change/modification)

7 February - Superbowl party

13 February - Breakfast (American Legion riders)

13 February - 2nd annual Mardi Gras party

21 February - Four Chaplains ceremony

26 February - Steak night (American Legion riders)

13 March - Breakfast (American Legion sons)

13 March - 1st annual 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

Recipe Form

American Legion Spring Jubilee Cookbook #1

"Teezers and Tizers"

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

Must be submitted NLT Feb 15, 2010 - to Shannon Lynde

Name _____ Post # _____ City _____ State _____

Title of Recipe:

Ingredients

Directions

American Legion Post 593



FEBRUARY 2010

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General Membership
Meeting 3 Feb 7:30PM

Bike Night and Riders Grill
are back to
Thursday nights 6-8 PM


Superbowl Party
7Feb

Breakfast, 13 Feb
8-11AM

Mardi Gras Party
13 Feb

Four Chaplains Ceremony
21Feb 2PM

Steak Night 26 Feb
6-8PM

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	
		Groundhog Day		Riders Grill 6-8pm Dart League 7PM	Friday at the Legion	Saturday at the Legion
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Superbowl Party	Dart League 7 pm	ALR Exec Mtg 7:30pm Dart League 7 pm	General Membership Meeting 7:30 pm	Riders Grill 6-8pm Dart League 7PM	Lincoln's Birthday Friday at the Legion	Monthly Breakfast, 8-11 am Mardi Gras Party Saturday at the Legion
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Valentine's Day 	President's Day Dart League 7 pm	ALR Gen Mbr Mtg 7:30 Dart League 7 pm	2010 Jubilee Mtg 7:30PM	Riders Grill 6-8pm Dart League 7PM	Friday at the Legion	Saturday at the Legion
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Four Chaplains Ceremony 2PM	Dart League 7 pm	Dart League 7 pm	H&E Meeting, 7 pm 2010 Jubilee Mtg 7:30PM	Riders Grill 6-8pm Dart League 7PM	Steak Night 6-8 PM Entertainment to follow	Saturday at the Legion
28						
Sunday at the Legion						

The 2010 Spring Jubilee planning has shifted into high gear.
Meetings are now twice a month, on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday.

Lot's of help needed, please come to out to the meetings to lend your support and ideas.