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Commander's Corner



American Legion Post 593, shake hands with 2009! Wow! The start of another year. Where does that time go? And I had better not hear anyone tell me that getting older makes time seem to slip by. I trust that everyone made it back safely to their homes after traveling the highways and flyways. That was my biggest concern over the holidays.

December, as usual, was a busy month at our Post. Between the various Christmas Parties, Breakfast, and our annual Holiday Food Baskets we were kept busy for sure. Now, we have a new year with its own challenges to face. This month we will once again host the Annual CASI Cook-off. If you have never participated in this event, I encourage you to do so. You will have the opportunity to taste some outstanding Texas Chili and see people that have an absolutely great time cooking it. If you get your name on the list early you can be one of the Judges. That means tasting all of the creations, nibbling on crackers and cheese, and best of all.....are you ready for this?????.....free beer while you are judging! Now, people, what can possibly be better than that? Regardless of your

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Auxiliary News



It was a very busy December, special thanks to Chairperson Isabelle and all her volunteers for very successful Senior Christmas party, and to Chairperson Joann and her volunteers for the wonderful Children's Christmas party.

This is a reminder that Auxiliary members will be initiated at the meeting on 07 Jan 2009. Again, the purpose of the initiation is to demonstrate the responsibilities of membership. Hope to see you there on 7 January at 7:30 P.M.

January is a busy month with the "CASI Chili Cook-Off" January 9th through 11, 2009 at our post. Please drop off your new item for the silent auction or your very gently used item on or before January 9th.

Our membership goal for 2009 is 327 members. To date we are at 278 members (85% of our goal). If you have not renewed your membership potential new Auxiliary members to our post as your guest so they can see first hand just how friendly our post is, or invite them to one of our membership meetings. See you at the meeting on 7 Jan 2009 at 7:30 P.M.

—Sarah Totten

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motivations, come out and support CASI.

Our Building and Renovation Committee will be getting into the swing of things again soon. John Orff and Henry Creech will be focusing on the remainder of the flooring as well as furniture. If either of these men asks you for your assistance, I strongly hope that you consider it. The tasks that they have already accomplished have brightened the Post and they are not done yet. However, they can not do all of the work alone. Although we are hoping to one day have a new building, we still need to live in the one that we have. Let's help these guys improve what we currently have.

Speaking of New Buildings, Dennis Ducharme has already been working on this year's Legion Jubilee. Many lessons were learned from our first Jubilee and Dennis has implemented some changes to make this one bigger and better. Dennis holds his monthly meetings on the 2nd Wednesday of each month. I urge all members to come to his meetings. I was involved in the meetings last year and I assure you that there are more things to think about and get involved with to make this event come together than you could possibly imagine. People, get involved! Ask Dennis what you can do to help. I know that he will welcome all assistance.

As in the past, January 1st is the time that our bartenders will be ever vigilant in checking Membership Cards. If you have not renewed, now is the time to do so. Please, remember that these people are doing their job. Do not get upset when they ask you for your card. Remember that we are a Membership Only Post. If you have already renewed your membership you will have nothing to worry about.

Once again, PLEASE, remember what the American Legion is about. VETERANS HELPING VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES and COMMUNITY! If you know of a Vet that needs help, let us know. When our Post gets involved in the local community, step up and lend a hand. That is what we do. Contrary to popular belief, we ARE NOT the bar at the end of Legion Drive. God Bless America.

Until Next Month,

—Jack Leanhart,
Commander, Post 593



2nd Vice News

Beginning January 2, the kitchen will be open for snacks and finger foods every Friday night from 5-8PM throughout January and the first Friday in February to raise funds for our Post 593 Superbowl Party. Please come out for fellowship and have a snack. The CASI Chili Cook-off

will be on the 10th -11th Jan., and our Monthly Breakfast will be on the 10th. Don't forget-- Steak Night is back after the Holiday break. Come on out for a great meal on 30 January.

—Darrell Goemmer



First Vice Notes

We would like to begin replacing the barstools. If any one would like to donate a barstool in memory of someone, sponsor one in your own name, or even your Dart Team, please see Terry Smith, Dennis Ducharme, or John Orff. The cost will be approx. \$150 and will include a plaque on the back of stool.

The CASI Chili Cook-off will be on 10-11 Jan. This year we are adding an open division. There will be prizes for the first three places in the open division. Also, depending upon the number of cooks, there will be from 1 to 3 CASI memberships awarded. Open division cooks will automatically be judged on the CASI on level and could win both.

—John Orff



Legion Riders News



Goodbye 2008 and Hello 2009. On behalf of the ALR Executive Board, we hope you had a Merry Christmas and we wish you all a Safe and Happy New Year.

I'll go right to it. With the new year also comes the cutoff for ALR membership renewals. If you must contact Debi Aguirre, Membership Officer, and do so ASAP. If you do not, your name will be dropped from the ALR roster. In renewing your Riders dues, your Legion, Auxiliary or SAL dues must also be current.

Activities for the Riders in the new year are already being planned. The Riders Grill will be open on Thursday nights from 6 pm – 8 pm. Thursdays traditionally have been biker night, so come out, get a bite and visit with your fellow Riders.

In February we will have our quarterly visit to the Extended Care Facility at Audie Murphy. We encourage participation from not only the Riders but our entire Legion Family. You can make the ride to Audie Murphy in a cage, that is, on four wheels. It's not just for Riders.

On March 28th our 5th Annual Rolling Run will take place. The Rolling Run is held each year to celebrate the establishment of the Riders Charter in March 2004. This day event raises monies used for many of the charities the ALR supports, such as Boys & Girls State, the Warrior Family Support

Legion's Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets, Audie Murphy Extended Care Facility, the Legacy Scholarship Fund and other events and causes.

I would like to thank the Riders for all they have done over the past year. We are a diverse group but what brings us together is our love of Country, the American way of life, of riding and of each other. It has been my honor to work with you all and I am looking forward to doing so in the New Year

As I have said before, Riders Rock!

—Brown Zavala,
ALR Director



Chaplain's Corner

It is with deep remorse I announce that James Siepker, the husband of Isabelle Siepker, passed away on December 14th. James "Jim" was a fellow Legionnaire of Post 593 and Isabelle is the Auxiliary Chaplain. Jim was a regular at the Legion. Very seldom did a steak

night or breakfast go by that they were not in attendance. Arrangements were with Colonial Funeral Home on Kitty Hawk Road. Many Legion Riders and Patriot Guard members paid their respects to Jim during services held at Ft Sam Houston National Cemetery. Please keep Isabelle in your prayers.

This past year, 2008, was a tough time for many families. The coming year offers the possibility of continuing tough times. We must look out for one another. We must pay attention and offer help when we can. If we can't help directly, we should do all that we can to see that help is available. On the Post's website is a "Helpful Links" page with the numbers of many of San Antonio's referral agencies. Keep these numbers handy. They may come in useful sometime.

I wish you and your family all the best for the New Year,

For God and Country,

—Dennis Ducharme

Thank You 593

All I can say---Thanks!!!! what a wonderful group of people the Legion members are. We are finishing the year with a bang, baskets of food donations to those that needed them and presents for all the kids within those families. I want to thank all those great folks that bought tickets for the raffle and that donated their hard earned money to help those in need. I also want to thank the people that helped with donations for the raffle, what great prizes given and won. The money that was raised above and beyond will go to the Service officers fund to help Vets in need throughout the year. I can't thank you enough. I hope that this new year brings many good things to all. Please remember that I am always here for Vets and spouses in need of assistance with any type of forms and needs with the V.A.

Until then have a great New Year.

—Shannon K. Lynde
Service Officer American Legion Post 593

Jubilee 2009 News

We have received permission from the City to host the second annual Legion Jubilee 7 – 10 May 2009. We met with the carnival owner, Patrick Crabtree, and took him out to the park to see where he'll setup his rides. He has participated in Night in 'Ole Converse before, so he's familiar with the area.

The next step is to get advertisers for our Jubilee Program. We have lowered the advertising rates this year in hopes of getting many more advertisers. Since we have a program from last year to show potential advertisers, getting more ads should be easier. Please go out to the website to see the rates and download the signup forms. Anyone can sell an ad!

This year we'll have three special advertising sections: 1.) Personal Sponsorship Page: for \$10 you'll get 25 characters (ex: "Mr. & Mrs. Robert Smith"), 2.) Personal Ad Page: for \$50 you'll get a business card size ad that you can say whatever you want: (ex: "Go Cowboys!" or "All the Best to Post 593, from your fans"), 3.) Mother's Day Page: for \$50 you'll get a business card size ad that you can say Happy Mothers Day with: (ex: "Happy Mother's Day Mom from Bill, Betty, Bobby and Bessie). Have it your way and say it however you want!

In this year's program we want to have an article called "Hometown Heroes." Basically, we want to include a picture of and a short story about our Legion Family's heroes that are either currently serving in or have served in Iraq and Afghanistan. We want to spotlight our Legion Family and brag about them. If you or a family member are serving or have served, please send us a picture and a short story about when you served, what your duties were and anything else you'd like to include. The number and size of the stories that we'll be able to include in the program will be dependent on the amount of ads we sell. The more ads, the more we'll be able to brag.

As always, we need your help! I can't stress it enough. Putting on the Jubilee is a huge undertaking. To do it right we need lots of support. Our meetings are the second Wednesday of the month at 7:00pm. For January, that will be January 14th. I encourage everyone to come out and get involved!

—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.

AMERICAN LEGION POST 593 HALFWAY POINT CHILI COOKOFF

January 10th & 11th



Hello Post 593

This year we are having a "local" division along with the CASI Division. Entry fee is \$18.00 on Saturday & \$15.00 on Sunday which includes the CASI Division. Cook one day or both days. The local division is for those that have never or hardly ever cook chili in a CASI contest. The top three local chili will receive prizes, plus you could win prizes in the CASI division - it has does happen at chili cookoffs where there is a local division. This is the 17th year for this cookoff which raises money for our charities. If you need a recipe contact Ken Rodd at 210 887 8827 or email: casihotrodd@aol.com.

The basic rules are simple:

1. Chili must be cooked outside on site the day of the cookoff.
2. No fillers such as beans, macaroni, etc allowed.
3. Only one entry in the local division and one for the CASI division allowed from one pot

We want to see members out here cooking chili, having fun and helping

**Cooking chili is a lot more fun than KP was
plus it raises money for our Post.**



We will need chili judges both days - sign up
in the club room today.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>JANUARY 2009</p> <p>Phone : 210-658-1111</p> <p>Building Fund Kitchen open 5-7PM on General Membership Meeting nights</p> <p>Rider's Grill Tuesday's and Thursday's 6-8PM</p> <p>Superbowl Party Fund Raiser Kitchen open Friday's 5-8PM</p> <p>CASI Chili Cook-Off 9-11 Jan</p> <p>Breakfast, 10 Jan 8-11AM</p> <p>Steak Night 30 Jan 6-8PM</p> <p>Membership ID Checks beginning 1 Jan</p>						
<p><i>Happy New Year!</i></p> <p><i>We wish you a Safe, Healthy, and Happy 2009!</i></p>						
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