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Sgt at Arms: Henry Creech



Commander's Corner Auxiliary News

I sincerely hope that everyone had a wonderful Holiday Season and that nobody received any coal in the Christmas Stockings. I am especially thankful that all of our members made it through the season in as good of health as they started.

December has passed us by and a new year has begun. I hope that all members that have made New Year Resolutions have made them attainable. I, for one, have not been very successful with mine in the past. I wonder why that is? Hmmm. Oh well.

December was memorable for many reasons; We had our first cold weather/ freeze of the year. Although I was raised in Montana and have a lot more insulation than most, I still froze my you-know-what off. It wouldn't have been so bad if it weren't for that darn wind. We, also, made yet more improvements to our building. Henry Creech, John Orff, and Dale did an outstanding job of repairing the wall next to the Shuffleboard. Once they were done, the difference was amazing! Thank you, guys. This improvement should also help our utility bill. One other person that deserves our gratitude is Jason (Sorry, can't remember his last name, but he

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Happy New Year Everyone! Can you believe it, January 2010? It's time for a fresh start, New Years Resolutions.....and that dreaded word, "diet." That's "DIE" with a "T". We are all paying for that pie and whipped cream we ate over the holidays.

Sarah and I want to thank everyone that renewed their membership before the 2009 year end. We have been able to update our roster and place your pill in the hopper for the daily and weekly drawings. For those of you that haven't renewed yet, your dues have now increased to \$21. Please do 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 may see yourself as only a number of one but we as a whole we can make a difference.

The Children and Seniors Christmas parties held in December were a great success. The children, as well as the seniors, REALLY enjoyed visiting with Santa. The Auxiliary truly appreciates Santa fitting us into his schedule. I also want to express my gratitude to both committee co-chairs and all of the

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is the son-in-law of Darrell Goemmer.) Jason went out of his way to obtain the 5/8 inch Sheetrock for the wall. Thank You.

My last words about December are that I am hopeful that everybody had a great time celebrating the New Year responsibly.

What is in store for Post 593 in the near future? Well, the CASI Cook-off is at the beginning of January. We will be having another great Super Bowl Party. We will be having our First Reverse Raffle and our Second Annual Golf Tournament this spring. Of course, there is always Breakfast and Steak Night. Keep an eye on the monthly calendar for upcoming events. Come out and participate. I believe Post 593 is the best post in the District, if not in the entire Department of Texas. Help us keep it that way.

Until next month, keep supporting our many programs. That is what the Legion does.

—Jack Leanhart
Commander



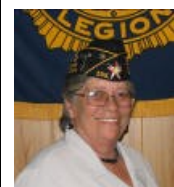
Chaplain's Corner

The Post would like to express it's sympathy and offer it's sincere condolences to Terry Smith, our Post Home Manager, and his family on the recent passing of his father. Please keep them in your hearts and prayers during this very hard time.

I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and a very Happy New Year. Now that all the festivities are over, it's time to look towards a brand new year with brand new opportunities. If you haven't already, set a few goals for yourself this year and work towards them. Make sure to make a couple of them a little stretch for you. You'll be surprised at what you can accomplish! Go ahead.....set started.

I wish you all a very Joyful, Blessed and Prosperous 2010!!

--Dennis



Service Officer Section

I want to thank each and everyone that donated and helped to get the baskets to the families for whom were in need of assistance. We did well!!!! The holiday baskets have all been delivered. Plus a good Spaghetti dinner had by many. Thank you for your support. As the New Year is rolling in and the old out I hope each and every one of you has a great 2010. I will be seeing you at the Legion.

—Shannon Lynde

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Legion and Auxiliary members that helped bring it all together. From donating food items, preparing desserts, serving lunch, selling raffle tickets, everyone did an outstanding job.

As a reminder, the Auxiliary will be hosting breakfast the second Saturday of January and Steak Night the last Friday of the month. We are looking for volunteers. If you are unable to work the entire shift, feel free to split it with someone. That is NO problem at all. And, we love to see new faces. Come out and sling hash or flip steaks with us. It's a lot of work but we have fun doing it.

The Legion and Auxiliary will be hosting the CASI Chili Cook Off January 15-17. On the 16th the Auxiliary will be holding a Silent Auction from 11:00 a.m. until 15 minutes after the final chili judging. (Approximately 3:30 p.m.) This has been a great fundraiser for us in the past and we hope to continue the tradition. If you are making room for your new Christmas gifts, let us help you out, we are accepting donations of new or gently used items that can be sold in our auction. If you cannot transport an item, please call (210) 559-6786 or send an email to Aux593info@gmail.com and we will be happy to provide pickup.

Remember, 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
President, ALA Unit 593



2nd Vice News

I hope everyone has noticed by now our newly renovated wall by the shuffleboard table. Thanks once again to Henry Creech and his trusted side kick Dale. Also thanks to Darrell Goemmer for coming up with the sheetrock and to Denny Taylor and Dwayne for their help. Thanks to Peter Paul Johnson and Pete Muth's French drain building efforts we had very little water in the Hall during our last heavy rain. Special recognition goes to Kat and Peter Paul Johnson for their raffle raising \$282 toward the maintenance fund hall floor project which is our next scheduled repair. Please don't forget the Georgia Horner Ladies Aux Chili Cook-off is scheduled for the 15th thru 17th of January. Please come out and support this wonderful event.

Thank you.

--John Orff



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 is fast approaching! Please submit your recipes for the first of many Jubilee cookbooks to either Cindy Bailey or Shannon Lynde.

Our monthly meetings are the second Wednesday of the month in the Hall at 7:30 pm. The Spring Jubilee is just a few short months away and we still need lots of help to pull this off. Please, if you can make it and lend a hand come on out.

We need lots of donations for our various prizes and silent auction. If you're at your favorite restaurant having dinner ask for a donation of a couple of gift certificates. If everyone brought in one or two donations we'd have it made!

We're also going to have a parade this year. The details are still being worked out but it'll be scheduled for Saturday at 10:00am. Please contact all the organizations you belong to and let them know that Converse will be having a parade during Memorial Day weekend. If you have any questions, please contact me or the parade Chairman, Ken Echerd.

We're also going to have an essay contest again for all the Judson ISD schools. This year's theme will be "What Memorial Day Means to Me."

We'll also be selling advertisements for our program which will have the schedule of events. If you know of a business that would like to support us and take out an ad in the program, be sure to let me know.

We have plenty more events planned including a Chili Cook Off, Horseshoe Tournament, Car Show, Bike Run, etc. Hope to see you at the next meeting on Wednesday, 13 January, at 7:30pm.

For God and Country,

--Dennis

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

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

9 Jan - Breakfast

15-17 Jan - Chili Cook-off

29 Jan - Steak Night

7 February - Superbowl party

13 February - Breakfast

13 February - 2nd annually Mardi Gras party

21 February - Four chaplains ceremony

26 February - Steak night



After the year end break, our Steak Nights are back on the schedule. Still the best deal in town at \$10.00 a plate, you get all this:

16 oz (approximately 1" thick) New York Strip, cooked to order, with mushrooms and onions at your request.

Baked potato with all the fixins

Choice of vegetable, either green beans or corn

Salad

Rolls

Come join us on January 29th for food and fun!

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General Membership Meeting 6 Jan 7:30PM

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

Breakfast, 9 Jan 8-11AM

Georgia Horner Chili Cook-Off 15-17 Jan

Silent Auction 16 Jan 11 am-@3:30pm

Steak Night 29 Jan 6-8PM

**Happy New Year everyone.
We hope 2010 is wonderful year for you, your Family,
and Post 593.**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 New Year's Day Friday at the Legion	2 Saturday at the Legion
3 Football at the Legion	4 Dart League 7 pm	5 ALR Exec Mtg 7:30pm Dart League 7 pm	6 General Membership Meeting 7:30 pm	7 Riders Grill 6-8pm	8 Friday at the Legion	9 Monthly Breakfast, 8-11 am Saturday at the Legion
10 Football at the Legion	11 Dart League 7 pm	12 ALR Gen Mbr Mtg 7:30 Dart League 7 pm	13 2010 Jubilee Mtg 7:30PM	14 Riders Grill 6-8pm	15 Friday at the Legion	16 Georgia Horner Chili Cook-off Silent Auction 11 am-@3:30pm Saturday at the Legion
17 Georgia Horner Chili Cook-off	18 Dart League 7 pm	19 Dart League 7 pm	20 Post Exec Mtg, 7:30 pm	21 Riders Grill 6-8pm	22 Friday at the Legion	23 Saturday at the Legion
24 Football at the Legion	25 Dart League 7 pm	26 Dart League 7 pm	27 H&E Meeting, 7 pm	28 Riders Grill 6-8pm	29 Friday at the Legion	30 Saturday at the Legion
31 Football at the Legion	31 Dart League 7 pm	31 Dart League 7 pm	31 H&E Meeting, 7 pm	31 Riders Grill 6-8pm	31 Steak Night 6-8 PM Entertainment to follow	31 Saturday at the Legion