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Commander's Corner

Well, if you are like me, you gained a pound or two (or more) during the holidays and so another resolution has been added to my list—time to get healthy again. I wish everyone success with their resolutions this year. Thanks to all who planned, decorated, worked or merely enjoyed the parties last month. This is why so many enjoy visiting our Post! Thanks also to Shannon and her elves on putting holiday baskets together at Thanksgiving and Christmas for those in our community who needed a little help. I know they appreciated the food baskets.

Be sure to come out the third weekend during CASI's Georgia Horner Chili Cookoff! Lots of activities scheduled, including the rededication of the Virgil Friesenhahn, Sr. Memorial Pavilion. Speaking of CASI, one of our members, Ken Rodd, has made us aware of another scholarship opportunity, for either academic or trade/technical schools. But you must act quickly as the application deadline is Feb 1, but they would like to have it by Jan 15 so

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Auxiliary News

I hope that everyone had a fantastic Holiday Season. I also hope that you were on Santa's "Nice" List, not the "Naughty", and he brought all that you wished for. Now it's 2011. Ready, Set, GO! We are off and running and looking forward to what the New Year brings.

As is done at New Years, Pati updated the Unit' membership roster and we have several of you that have not renewed. Pati and I thank those that renewed before the 2010 year end. Those that did renew, your names have been placed in the bucket for the daily and weekly drawings. For those of you that have not renewed, it's not too late to get your name back in the bucket and continue your membership benefits. Go on and send that \$21. By doing so, you are not only supporting your Auxiliary and its programs; you are supporting the American Legion in its fight and support of legislation benefiting our veterans and active duty.

I'll brief you quickly as to The Children and Seniors Christmas parties held last month.

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they can review it and make sure everything is there. If you're interested, see the flyer on the bulletin board, or ask any officer of the Post and we'll get information to you.

Thanks to those who signed up for the on-line newsletter. Again, this reduces expenses that we can target for our Post and programs. If you haven't done so, simply send an email to alpost593newsletter@yahoo.com and provide your email address. This month there is an expanded version of this hard-copy newsletter on the web so link on over and take a look at the other materials. We did have to accelerate the flag disposal ceremony from January to December to assist one of our Boy Scouts who is working to become an Explorer Scout. This change was on our website—another great reason to bookmark www.post593.org as a favorite and review it once a week. The New Building Committee has been working feverishly on the Cupid & Casino night set for Sat, February 12th. If Santa didn't bring you tickets, you still have time to purchase them. Come out and have some great fun while helping the Building Fund. I understand Elvis will be in the building!

Until next month, see you at the Post!

For God and Country,

—David Paris
Commander

HOT NEWS!!! Change in operating hours beginning Sunday, Jan 2, 2011:

The Scheduled Closing time of the Post will be 6:00PM on Sundays. This can be adjusted as required for special events.

The electronic Newsletter Mailing List is building nicely, and we'd like to add you to the list. The more folks we add, the less we have to send, saving printing and postage costs. To get your name on the electronic delivery list, please send an email to alpost593newsletter@yahoo.com. Thanks for your support of this effort to save some \$\$\$!

Did you know we can make some extra money recycling common household items? Well we can, and we do. Save up your used aluminum cans, batteries, copper, brass and newspapers. Contact John Orff for more information.



CASI Chili Cook-Off weekend is coming up on the weekend of January 14th-16th. That Saturday, Jan 15th, there will also be a rededication ceremony of the Virgil Friesenhahn Pavilion at 12PM. Please come out and show your support for both the Cook-Off and the rededication ceremony. For more information on the ceremony please contact John Orff.

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Both events went off with few glitches. Everyone, children and seniors, enjoyed their visit with Santa. To the Children Party chair, Joanne, and the Seniors Party co-chairs, Hanna and Diane, you ladies did a fine job at coordinating our Auxiliary and Legion family volunteers. A special thanks to a few who did so much behind the scene: Jim Evans, photographer extraordinaire; Marcello Buckley, turkey cooking king; Jim Bennett, Brad Smith & Brown Zavala, for serving seniors with a smile. And a big hug to Terry O'Meara. He did a little of Santa's work himself.

As it has been in the past, the Legion and Auxiliary will be hosting the CASI Chili Cook Off January 14-16. On Saturday, the 15th, the Auxiliary will hold 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.

The competition on the 16th which is sponsored by the Auxiliary has been named the Georgia Horner Memorial Cook Off. The cook off was one of Georgia's favorite events and this a way to honor her memory and her enthusiasm for the Auxiliary's programs. I hope you will join us sometime during the weekend.

A bit of exciting news for January is that on the 6th our Department President, Diane King, and National President, Carlene Ashworth (who is a Texan) will be making a visit to the Intrepid Center, Audie Murphy VA Hospital and ending the day with a reception at Post 2. The reception will begin at 6:00 p.m. If anyone would like to carpool, give me a call at (210) 559-6786 or email me at Aux593info@gmail.com

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. We look forward to seeing you.

—Candy D. Zavala
President, ALA Unit 593



Rider's Report

Happy New Year to everyone. I hope that you Christmas wishes were answered and your New Year's resolutions will occur.

December again was a busy month with many events occurring. However, as always the Riders of Post 593 managed to make the tremendous turn-outs that have been our tradition.

Between Wreaths Across America, Blue Santa Programs, endless procession of Toy Runs, and the holiday parties, the Riders made things happen.

2011 promises to be a busy year as well, with three major events scheduled before the end of summer:

The Annual Rolling Run, which for those of you who don't know, commemorates ALR 593's beginning as a recognized chapter in 2004, will be held on 19 March, 2011. Please contact Roxanne Muth, the committee chair to help make this event a success.

May 13-15, 2011, Post 593 will host the 2nd Annual Texas State ALR Rally, with ALR members coming from as far away as Michigan to challenge us in a BBQ cook-off, as well as ALR members from throughout Texas will be spending the weekend with us. For anyone who thinks we are not known now, that silly notion will be erased when this rally is completed. Lots of help in preparing for this event will be needed so please volunteer as best you are able to make this happen.

And throughout 2011, our work towards the American Legion Legacy Scholarship fund will continue to happen until the culmination of everything leads to the National Convention and Legacy Run for presentation of our next Largest Single Post Donation. Velma Smith and her seasoned crew will be working hard towards this goal, so help out any way you can.

And for all those who attended the Rider's Christmas Party, WOW! What a great time. Thanks to Tom Harm and his crew for again hitting it out of the park.

And as I always close with, my sincere appreciation to all those of you who get involved in the many activities and events that we have and contribute your time in making these events special. And if you have not been able to help out for various reasons, I hope that that 2011 brings you the opportunity to become more active with *YOUR* post and the ALR

—Jim Bennett
Director, Post 593 Riders

It's a New Year. The bartending staff will be checking membership status during the next few weeks. And just a reminder, the staff can ask to see your membership card at any time. Please understand this is not meant to hassle you but must be done to protect the Legion.



Valentines & Vegas Casino Night

The Post's first Casino Night is fast approaching. Everyone is invited to participate in the meetings for the "Valentines & Vegas" Casino Night which are held on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the

month. Plan on coming out on 12 & 26 January, at 7:30pm in the hall.

We still need raffle & auction items, so if you received any Christmas presents you don't plan to use, feel free to donate them to us. Let us know and we'll be glad to pick them up.

A professional Elvis impersonator will entertain and perform a Renewal of Vows ceremony in honor of Valentine's Day. Show your loved one your romantic side and recommit to them. We'll have a photographer there to capture the moment.

Make sure you plan on participating in the costume contest: the theme will be "Vegas & The Rat Pack Era."

Finally, we're still looking for sponsors for our gaming tables. Invite your friends to get involved. Come on out and make a difference!

For tickets or more information, see:

- * Henry & Gina Creech
- * Randy & Brenda Weeks
- * Ken & Dianne Echerd
- * Dennis & Irma Ducharme
- * Shannon Lynde

—Dennis

Participate in Voices of Veterans Oral History Program

The Voices of Veterans Oral History Program seeks to record the stories of Texas veterans and archive the transcripts in the Office of Veterans Records. Every veteran has a story to tell, and this program will ensure these stories of courage and service can inspire Texans for generations to come. Any veteran interested in including his or her story in the Voices of Veterans Program should contact the VLB at 1-800-252-VETS (8387), or send an e-mail to vlbinfo@glo.state.tx.us

Oral interviews can be conducted in person at the VLB in Austin, or by telephone from anywhere in Texas. Interviews usually last from one to two hours. www.voicesofveterans.com

WANT A VLB SPEAKER?

If you would like to feature a VLB speaker at your organization's next meeting, call toll-free 1-800-252-VETS (8387) or contact a VLB representative near you. To find a representative in your area, visit our website at www.texasveterans.com and click on "General Information," then select "Outreach Marketing Offices."



Valentines & Vegas Casino Night

Hosted by The American Legion, Post 593

Join us for cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, blackjack, Texas hold 'em, craps, and roulette. Professional Elvis impersonator will entertain and perform a renewal of wedding vows ceremony. Dress in your best Vegas costumes! Great Prizes: Two 42" HD TVs, Surround Sound System, & a Blu-Ray Player.

Saturday, February 12th, 2011

6:30pm - ?

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January 2011

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General Membership Meeting 5 Jan

Breakfast, 9 Jan 8-11AM

Chicken Fried Steak Dinner 14 Jan 6-8PM

CASI Chili Weekend 14-16 Jan

Steak Night 28 Jan 6-8PM

Shuffleboard Challenge moved to Friday Nights 7:30PM

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				January 1st, New Years Day: Munchies available. Black eyed peas, corn-bread, sausage and sauerkraut. If you have a favorite good luck food, please bring it to start 2011 off on the right foot!		Happy New Year! 2011
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