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#### **Auxiliary Officers:**

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Vice President: Sarah Totten  
Secretary: Pati Bennett  
Treasurer: Irma Ducharme  
Historian: Diane Echerd  
Chaplain: Isabel Siepker  
Sgt At Arms: Gina Leonard

#### **Members at Large:**

Hanna Taylor, Michelle Smith, Betty Frank

#### **ALR Officers:**

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Adjutant: Kenneth Tidball  
Chaplain: Matthew Lacey  
Historian: Billy Feehan  
Sgt at Arms: Henry Creech



### *Commander's Corner*

Hello everyone. I can hardly believe that it is already July again. Installation of Officers was barely 11 months ago and here we are ready to do it all over again. Let's take a moment to think back on the past year. I assure you that it has been a successful year. There are so many events to remember and so many volunteer members that I can not possibly remember all of them. But, I will try.

Guess it all started with Labor Day. I honestly believe that was the best picnic that our post has had in many years. Shortly after that we had our annual Halloween Party. November was memorable with Thanksgiving and the month of December hosted several Holiday Parties as well as New Years Eve.

The festivities for 2009 began with the BEST SUPERBOWL PARTY ever at post 593. All I can say is WOW! Shortly after that we had the annual our first Mardi Gras Party, Children's Easter Party, and our first Annual Golf Tournament. Following that was the Jubilee in May and Memorial Day. As you read this we are gearing up for July 4<sup>th</sup> Celebrations.

Like I said earlier, there is no possible way to Thank

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### *Auxiliary News*

I wish to thank the membership for giving me the opportunity to serve as your President for 2009-2010. While performing the duties of such, I will cautiously guard the trust you have placed in me. I am quite fortunate to have so many of my predecessors to advise me while doing so.

I proudly introduce your 2009-2010 Auxiliary Unit 593 officers. They are: Vice President, Sarah Totten; Secretary, Pati Bennett; Treasurer, Irma Ducharme; Historian, Diane Echerd; Chaplain, Isabelle Siepker; Sgt-at-Arms, Gina Leonard; Members-at-Large, Hanna Taylor, Michelle Smith and last, but not least, Betty Frank.

I must say that I am one lucky lady to have such a diverse and talented group of officers to work with. These officers, along with some of the most "get her done" members I know, will no doubt help to make this year a success. Though Installation of Officers will not take place until July 11, things are already off and running. Not only are we

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each and every member that contributed to these events. I honestly hope that I was able to thank them as the events took place. Having said that, I would like all members to think of these things and realize how our post has STARTED to come together. I began this year by hoping that we could "Learn to Play Together" and from that "Work Together." That is exactly what happened. Not only did we have a successful year with all of the events that took place, but we supported our Legion Programs better than we have in a very long time. We presented awards to JROTC students from 3 high schools, we awarded two Scholarships, we sent boys and girls to Boy's/Girl's State, and we are already gearing up to do more next year.

And, please, do not forget the work that has been done by many members and other volunteers to make our Post Home a better place to visit.

Ok, I will stop reminiscing for now. Only because we are not done yet. The upcoming year will have plenty of events for all to help with as well as our programs. And, even though I said that I cannot thank everyone without forgetting a name or two, I am going to thank a group of people that helped me stay on track. I want to thank the members of your Executive Committee. Without their strengths, insights, constructive criticisms, and comments many of these events would not have been so successful. They are the people that kept our post on the right track, both financially and personally. My hat is off to every one of them. Ladies and Gentlemen, THANK YOU! You made my position enjoyable.

Until next month...

—Jack Leanhart  
Commander



### Chaplain's Corner

Hi Folks,

Please join us on Wednesday, July 1st, at 7:30 pm as we remember our fellow Legionnaires who have gone to meet the Great Commander of all this past year. Billy Feehan will perform during our annual Post Everlasting ceremony and we'll have some refreshments afterwards for some time of fellowship.

Here are the veterans we will be pausing to remember:

- Rene R. Montfort
- Henry Sumner
- Elvin D. Rudd (Dave)
- Gerald J. Siepker (Jim)
- Peter J. Kasmir, Jr
- Elwood P. Ream (Woody)
- John Buckley, Jr. (Pops)
- Mike Condon

For God and Country,  
—Dennis


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starting to work on 2010 membership renewals, we are also working a couple of ideas that will keep members informed of upcoming events and provide an avenue for them to share their ideas and concerns.

In closing, while celebrating on July 4<sup>th</sup> the signing of the Declaration of Independence some 233 years ago, let us be mindful of the sacrifices made by our Forefathers when creating that document and of the lives given since that time so that we may remain a free nation. Let us also continue to foster and share the pride we have for Our Flag and Country.

Respectfully,

—Candy D. Zavala  
President, ALA Unit 593



### 2nd Vice News

Here it is the start of a new year with new officers and not so new ones! I would like to thank the members for having confidence in me as 2nd Vice to re-elect me for another year.

There will be some changes as to the way things are done this year. One being the breakfasts. The Legion, Auxiliary, Sons and Riders will be assigned months for when they will be responsible for the breakfast. This means getting people to help, cook food, clean up, etc. I will call the person in charge on the Wednesday before the breakfast to find out if there is a team ready and if not, the breakfast will be cancelled!!! There are enough members in this Post that you should not have a problem getting volunteers.

Watch the calendar for an August date for a Sock Hop! Should be fun! Don't forget the Post Everlasting at the next General Membership meeting.

See you all at the Installation!!!

—Darrell G

### Virgil E. Friesenhahn Memorial Scholarship

We are extremely pleased to announce the latest winners of the Virgil E. Friesenhahn Memorial Scholarship sponsored by our Post. The latest recipients are Gary Leal who is pursuing higher education as a Radiology Technician and Joshua McCommons who is pursuing higher education as a Diesel Mechanic. Both are graduates of Judson Learning Academy and were each awarded their \$500.00 scholarships at their graduation ceremonies. When you see Darrell Goemmer at the Post, please thank him for organizing the fund raises that made this possible.

—Jack Putalavage



# THE AMERICAN LEGION LEGACY RUN

## TASTE OF FREEDOM

The American Legion Riders (ALR) Post 593 would like to invite you to our Fourth Annual Benefit in support of the American Legion Legacy Scholarship program. The American Legion Legacy Scholarship Fund was created by The American Legion National Organization after 9/11. Its purpose is to guarantee the children of military serviceman and women, who die in the line of duty during the war on terror, have access to a college education. Of the 700+ ALR groups across the nation, our local group is the leading donor to this fund, having given \$60,000 over the last three years.

We know that you share our passion for community service and support our military, veterans and their families. This year the ALR will be hosting a "Taste of Freedom", to be held 7 p.m. on July 24, 2009; at the Holy Trinity Banquet Hall located at 20523 Huebner Road. Several local restaurants will have the opportunity to meet and greet all of our Freedom supporters as they serve samples of food throughout the evening. In addition, we will have wine tasting, music, door prizes and be conducting a silent and live auction. Check out our website for further information on the Taste of Freedom and the Legacy Scholarship Program at [ALR593.net](http://ALR593.net).

Company recognition and special seating for 10 attendees is available for a \$500.00 donation. This is a great opportunity to recognize employees, friends and family with a night of music and great food. Open seating is available for \$35.00 per ticket and all attendees must be over the age of twenty one. Being a 501 (C)(19) tax exempt organization your contributions will be tax deductible.

ALR593 looks forward to seeing you on this special occasion and the children of the Nations Fallen Heroes thank you for your contributions. Considering their contributions, the Taste of Freedom cannot compete. Thank you in advance for your consideration. If we may further explain the purpose of the Legacy Scholarship Fund please do not hesitate to contact Brad Pierce at (210) 391-3151 or Velma Smith (210) 213-4713; or email [legacy.scholarship593@yahoo.com](mailto:legacy.scholarship593@yahoo.com).

Yours in Service,

Bradley J. Pierce  
The American Legion Riders



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Did you know we have our own Notary? Yep. Our very own Joe Guastella, Post Judge Advocate, can assist you with any legal documents that you need notarized. And best of all, the service is free. Contact Joe anytime the need arises.

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**Post Everlasting Ceremony on 1 July during the General Membership meeting.**

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

July 1: Emilio's Flautas, Rice and Beans!!

Rider's Grill Tuesday's 6-8PM

**4th Of July Celebration on Saturday, July 4**

Notice:  
Post Exec Meeting is now 7:30 PM

Breakfast, 11 July 8-11AM

**Legacy Dinner July 24th. See attached flyer**

Steak Night 31 July 6-8PM

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Dinner before the General Membership Meeting for July  Come out and enjoy some of the best flautas, rice and beans this side of the Rio Grande! Emilio Serranno and his team of experts will once again be cooking for our monthly General Membership Meeting in July. Dinner will be from 5 to 7 pm, just before our annual Post Everlasting ceremony. All for only \$5.00! I even heard that Virginia will be making her famous salsa! A treat to look forward to! Put this on your calendar now! Proceeds benefit the new building fund.			<b>POST EVERLASTING CEREMONY 7:30PM</b>  General Membership Meeting 7:30 pm Building Fund Kitchen Open 5-7 PM	Dart League 7PM	Friday at the Legion	4th Of July Celebration
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Sunday at the Legion				Dart League 7PM	Friday at the Legion	
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					<b>Legacy Dinner (see attached flyer)</b>	Saturday at the Legion
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