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Commander: Nick Mills

1st Vice: Jack Leanhart

2nd Vice: Rob Bryant

Adjutant: Gary Bartel

Finance Officer: Dave Paris

Chaplain: Dennis Ducharme

Judge Advocate: Joe Guastella

Historian: Jim Bennett

Service Officer: Shannon Lynde

Sergeant At Arms: Abram Zavala

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Denny Taylor, Paul Crafton, Rick

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President: Sue Mills

Vice President: Georgia Horner

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Treasurer: Hilda Bray

Historian: Julie Graykowski

Chaplain: Isabel Siepker

Sgt At Arms: Rose Lewis

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Ada Wear, Pat McLeod,

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Service Officer: Jack Putalavage

Members at Large:

Rose Lewis, Bill Papa

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2nd Vice: Brad Smith

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Adjutant: Kenneth Tidball

Chaplain: Matthew Lacey

Historian: Billy Feehan

Sgt at Arms: Henry Creech



Commander's Corner

Legion Family,

This is my last article as YOUR Commander and I can only say that it has been both a privilege and an honor to have served you and the

American Legion the past two years in this capacity. I hope that you agree that we have made progress and that the Post and the membership have grown not only in numbers, but more importantly as a Legion Family. I have tried very hard to make the last two years not about the individuals, but about the team, your Legion Family. The Post has struggled with numerous issues and has occasionally strayed from the path of Community, State, and Nation. However, each time YOU have come forward and fought to place us back on the path that truly matters in the end.

I am saddened by the Family we have lost during the past two years, yet those that have joined us during this time have softened the sorrow a little. I am disappointed that the Post Home has continued to deteriorate in front of our eyes, yet hopeful because of the journey that the Building Committee has begun. I am at a loss for the friends and groups that have splintered and grown apart over time; however, I am in awe of the groups that have overcome adversity and continue to achieve remarkable goals (the Legacy Fund). Finally, I am distressed

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Auxiliary News

Congratulations to all the new elected officers for 2008-2009: Vice President - Pat McLeod; Secretary - Candy Zavala; Treasurer - Irma Ducharme; Chaplain - Isabel Siepker; Historian - Julie Collier; Sgt-At-Arms - Rosemary Lewis-Glenn; Members at Large - Ada Wear, Melisia Perez and Loretta Kusek.

I am proud to be serving as your President and I am looking forward to working with our total Legion family. None of our Auxiliary projects or programs can be a reality without our volunteers. If you would like to volunteer to work on one of the many projects we support please contact me at (210) 653-8987, or come to our next Auxiliary meeting that is always on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:30 PM.

At our meeting on June 4th there were 7 past Presidents of the Auxiliary in attendance (Robbie Rupert, Rosie Cherry, Betty Franks, Georgia Horner, Hilda Bray, Sue Mills, and Pat McLeod). I really have some tough shoes to fill.

I would like to invite all our Auxiliary members to attend the Installation of officers on 12 July at 6:00 PM, Dinner and Dancing will also highlight the evening. Please come out and have a good time.

Just a reminder that it's that time of year to renew your membership for 2009. Please renew early and continue to recruit new members.

—Sarah Toten

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because of my failure to achieve all the goals I set forth in the beginning of my tenure, yet grateful because our incoming Commander has the vision and the belief to continue this fight.

There are too many people for me to thank properly in this article for their dedication and service the past two years. I have made it a personal challenge to thank individuals along the way for doing the right things at the right time and for the right reasons. Each of you reading this knows the amount of thanks and gratitude due to you for the past two years.....THANK YOU! There are however, two individuals that I would like to mention by name....I am sure that the rest of you will understand. First is my wife Sue. She has kept me straight on so many issues and has allowed me to devote the time and energy needed over this time to YOU, the Legion Family. I absolutely believe that no one could ever do this job correctly if their spouse was not with them 100 percent. Thanks, Sue! Second, your incoming Commander and my team-mate for the past two years, Jack Leanhart. This individual has worked tirelessly behind the scenes to insure that the Post and its members got the recognition and benefits they deserved. His enthusiasm and dedication to the Legion ideas has constantly been an inspiration to me and many others during this time. He will serve YOU as he has served with me, with honor and commitment. Thanks, Jack!

So there you have it...two years in two paragraphs. Thanks to each of you reading this and thank you to the American Legion for all it stands for, let us never forget its reason for being.

THANK YOU!!

The July General Membership Meeting on July 2nd will be the annual Post Everlasting Ceremony. Please make sure that the Post and Auxiliary Chaplains have the names of departed members as soon as possible. This is an extremely important event and I want to encourage all to attend.

Remember the American Legion is about giving to the Community, State, and Nation. What have you done for the American Legion today and what are you going to do for the American Legion tomorrow?

For God and Country,

—Nick Mills



Chaplain's Corner

Hi Folks,

Thank you for electing me your Chaplain once again. I consider it a great honor to be able to serve you in this capacity. Please let me know if there's anything that I can do for you or if you know of anyone who is ill or in need of my services. I'll do the best that I can to assist them.

We will hold our Post Everlasting ceremony at the monthly general membership meeting on July 2nd at 7:30 pm. Please come out and help us remember those who have passed away this past year. If you've never seen this ceremony, it's a moving memorial where we commit the records of those members who have passed away to the Great Commander of All. It's our way of saying goodbye to dear friends.

I look forward to working with you in the coming year,

—Dennis Ducharme



1st Vice News

I would like to take a moment to Thank everyone that came out and voted last month for next year's Post Officers. The turnout for our all-day voting was as good as it has been for the past

several years. I believe that the men and women that were selected will do an excellent job for you in the coming months.

I, for one, will work hard to make our post a great place to belong to. Some of you have asked me what I wish to accomplish as your Commander. My answer has always been simple: Increase Participation! This goes beyond just having more business at the bar. What I really hope for is to see members of each of our individual organizations helping each other.... Legionnaires helping Riders and Auxiliary, Riders helping Legionnaires and Auxiliary, and Auxiliary helping Riders and Legionnaires. I believe that although we are a "family" we do not help each other enough.

The other area that I hope to improve upon is Having FUN! There will be more activities in the coming months. We are going to provide events for children whenever we have a gathering at the Post (i.e., July 4th, Labor Day, etc...). There will be more fundraisers. And there will be a lot of advance notice before each and every event so that all members have the opportunity to PARTICIPATE. I want you to feel that there is something for you to enjoy at the Post.

These endeavors can not be attained by only a few people. I am asking for your support. Each of us can pitch in and make a difference. If we can learn to Have Fun Together, we can learn to Work Together.

Once again, Thank You in advance for your support of all the officers that were recently elected. We are all here for the membership of Post 593.

Respectfully,

—Jack Leanhart



2nd

Vice News

Hi everyone,

This is my last article as your 2nd Vice Commander. Thank you everyone for your participation and help this year. I congratulate Darryl on winning the 2nd Vice position and wish him and the Post well in the coming year. The events for July haven't been finalized as of yet but we will have the events posted on the website.. So come back and check often to see any changes. Don't forget on 4th of July we will have burgers & hot dogs so please bring a side dish. We'll have a dart tourney, shuffleboard tourney and horseshoe tourney, so come out and have some fun. The installation of new officers will be on July 12th. The Mesquite Ramblers we be playing for your listening and dancing enjoyment. Come out and have some fun and welcome the new officers into their positions. See ya around the post,

—Rob Bryant

Legion Jubilee

Update

First, THANK YOU!!! The turnout of volunteers was just incredible! Thursday, before the Jubilee, we were flipping through the Volunteer Sign-Up book and we were scared! There were more blank spots than filled out ones. The only redeeming virtue was the fact that the "floater page" was completely filled. So we thought we'd be okay with having the necessary floaters. But as it turned out, there was lots of help! In fact, we closed the Jubilee at 6:00 pm on Sunday. By 7:30 pm, we were done! Completely finished. Everyone helped out and loaded their vehicles and took everything back to the Legion. The park was practically deserted by 7:40 pm. So, thank you all from the bottom of our hearts! The city manager was quite impressed with how we pulled this off. More than once he commented on how clean we kept things. Again....thank you!! What's next, you ask? We will be making a motion at the brief July general membership meeting to ask the General Membership for permission to hold our Second Annual Legion Jubilee next year. Then, if the motion passes, we'll have to go before the City Council in August and ask their permission to use the park again. If the city gives us permission, we'll hold our first Legion Jubilee meeting in September. This will give us enough time to publicize the meeting and make arrangements as necessary.

Now, the important question you all want to know: Did we make money with our first Legion Jubilee? All the bills still haven't arrived yet and we continue to get in a little money from here and there. With that being said, all indications are right now as of this writing (June 16th) that we will make a minimum of \$3,000. That's \$3,000 profit. After all expenses we took in more than \$3,000 than we spent. Not as much as we hoped for, sure. But not bad for our first time out. This was our first year and that is fantastic. We now have a solid foundation from which to build upon. Next year will be better!! Remember: this Legion Jubilee is all ours. We can do what we want....we own it. We're not getting a small cut of someone else's money. It's ours. Let's do it better and better!

Finally, we have to thank the City of Converse, the Mayor, Al Suarez and the City Manager, Sam Hughes. They couldn't have been more helpful! If you see these guys, be sure to buy them a drink and pat them on the back. They deserve it!

Last Chance!!

**Become a Legion Jubilee Charter Sponsor
And have your name added to the Plaque!**

July 18th is the final cut-off date!

**Individual names are \$50
Couples or Families are \$75
(ex: Jones Family, Bob and Mary Jones)**

Sign-Up sheets are at the bar.

New Year's Eve (NYE) Party 2008

Why don't you attend the NYE party regularly? Based on my extensive research and surveys – "THE PRICE" is the answer. My task as this year's chairman for the NYE party is to – "get more people to buy tickets!!!" My goal is to sell out this year. Therefore I need a big big favor! What would it take for me to get you and your "significant other" to come out this year? Please e-mail me at post593chairman@yahoo.com or call the Legion at 210-658-1111 and leave your name and number and I will return your call. Unfortunately with the gas and food prices going up for one reason or another – the cost per person has increased. The days of \$25 per person I'm sorry to say are long gone. We have been charging \$50 per person the past few years for a good meal, bar drinks, breakfast, and a good band. I would like to pay a little more and get a great steak (or chicken) meal, premium drinks, good breakfast, and a super band. What do you think? The only other alternative would be to do the good ole "bring a covered dish party" – and to me, that would not be a NYE party. Hope to hear from you!! PLEASE MAKE US PROUD! Thanks.

—Marcelo M. Buckley, NYE chairman.



Come join us for the July 4th shindig at your legion. Hamburger and hot dogs with all the fixens will be provided.

Request that you bring your favorite side dish. We will be having games for the kids. Adults will enjoy darts, shuffleboard and horseshoe tournaments. All the fun starts at 2:00pm till we are partied out. Hope to see you on the 4th of July.



July 2008

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**Post
Everlasting
Ceremony
July 2nd-7:30 pm**



**Those to be
Remembered:**

Frank Beaudoin, Jr.
Robert Boyd
Richard G. Bray
Ronnie G. Deen
Edward J. De Vries
Robert (Ross)
Dewberry
Martin S. Frank
John A. Giard, Sr.
Jean Kincaid
Larry D. McKinney
Craig A. Miller
John Pattee
Paul L. Thomas

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Happy Independence Day!		Riders Grill 6-8pm ALR Exec Board Meeting 7:30 pm Shuffle Board Challenge 7:30 pm Dart League 7 pm	2 Kitchen Open 5-7pm General Mbrshp Meeting/Post Everlasting 7:30 pm	3 Riders Grill 6-8pm Dart League 7 pm	4 Independence Day Picnic 2 pm Horseshoes, Darts & Shuffleboard Tournaments	5
6	7 Riders Grill 6-8pm ALR General Mbrshp Mtg 7:30 Shuffle Board Challenge 7:30 pm Dart League 7 pm	8	9	10 Riders Grill 6-8pm Dart League 7 pm	11	12 Legacy Ride-Everyone Invited! Monthly Breakfast, 8-11 am Install of Officers, 6pm
13	14 Dart League 7 pm	15	16	17	18	19 Skeetshoot @ Randolph with BBQ following Dart Tournney 7:30 Food Sale By Bldg Cmtee 7pm
20	21 Dart League 7 pm	22 Riders Grill 6-8pm Shuffle Board Challenge 7:30 pm Dart League 7 pm	23 Post Exec Mtg, 7pm	24 Riders Grill 6-8pm Dart League 7 pm	25 Steak Night, 6-8pm Band TBD	26
27	28 Dart League 7 pm	29 Riders Grill 6-8pm Shuffle Board Challenge 7:30 pm Dart League 7 pm	30 H&E Mtg, 7pm	31 Riders Grill 6-8pm Dart League 7 pm		