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Commander's Corner Auxiliary News

Ah, the Ides of March are upon us and here I go with another article. February is behind us and we have more memories of it. Events from last month began with our annual Super Bowl Party and what a party it was. Once again, a large number of our membership turned out for the game, drinks, and a HUGE table of various foods. I have no idea how many people brought dishes and I will not attempt to thank individuals. There is too great a chance of leaving names off of the list. To all of you that helped out, THANK YOU! Our members once again stepped forward.

We also had our second annual Mardi Gras Party last month. Henry and Gina did an outstanding job of preparing this event. Thanks folks! The food was good, the camaraderie was outstanding, and Stu did a great job with his music. I had no idea that Cajun music was so festive. Thanks, Stu.

What is in store for post 593 in the future? As always, all of you are invited to our monthly Breakfast and Steak Night. Bring a friend and let them see what we do to have fun. But, I want to mention an event that isn't happening until April. That will be our next Golf Tournament. This event is being

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I am so glad that spring is nearing. January and February's weather were both cold and brutal, not only here in Texas but across the Nation. The past couple of months have also been hard on our Post and Unit as we have lost loved members of our Legion family. Any loss, expected or not, affects and takes its toll on us all.

I would like to take a few moments to thank **everyone** who contributed to or donated food for Georgia's family's reception. I would like to especially thank Joanne and Ada for organizing the meal and Carolyn and Hanna for taking on the cleanup. I am honored to be associated with a group of such caring, giving and get-it-done women.

On to brighter things....This month the Auxiliary will be holding its Annual Lasagna Dinner. The proceeds will benefit the Girls State Program. It will be March 20th from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Tickets will be \$7 in advance and \$8 at the window. Joanne and Pat will be rattling pans in the kitchen so you know it will be good eating.

I also hear from a reliable source that

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chaired by Gonzo and Calvin and will be played at Woodlake Golf Course. There are fliers at the post for all of the particulars. I am mentioning it now to make all members aware of the price structure. The cost will be \$70 per person (4 person teams), however if you pay before March 15th the cost will be \$60 per person. Gonzo and Calvin are calling it their Early Bird Special. So, if you are a golfer and you would like to participate in this fundraising event, get a flier and SIGN UP before March 15th to save a few bucks.

Officer Elections are not far away. I encourage all members to give serious thought about who you think is best to lead our post into the 2010-2011 year. For several years there have been very few contested offices. I sincerely hope that will change this time around. These are serious decisions that have to be made by all voting members. In my opinion, having only one name on the ballot shows apathy on the part of our membership. Come on folks, give the voters a decision to make. Nominate more than one person for each office. The Nomination Book will be out the entire month of April. I hope to see many names in it.

That is all for now.

—Jack Leanhart
Commander



Rider's Report

We are getting close to the good riding weather again which will hopefully get the Riders to dust off their bikes, put the winter leather away and get out of the house and join the planned events we have coming up. Our schedule of events is quickly approaching, we have the Warriors Run to Recovery escort and the Rolling Run, the Legion Committee has the Jubilee and a parade planned, and of course we have our Saturday or Sunday ride where we all meet at the Chevron on Kitty Hawk. The various committee Chairpersons are in full speed and hopefully have the support from the Riders to insure their events are a success, the hall is rented for Legacy thanks to Velma, Brad, Chrissy, Gonzo and their committee members, Roxanne and Pete are in the final stages of bring the Rolling Run together, Bae Bae has the Hail & Farewell wrapped up. Ruben and his committee have a draft of changes for our by-laws for the Executive Board to review and present to the General Membership. There are good things going on and I hope the Riders are enjoying themselves and appreciate the effort that our members are putting into planning these events.

Of course we have other events where we don't have any rides planned that need the Riders support as well, such as our Hail & Farewell, the Thursday night Riders Grill, the Saturday breakfasts, and the ever popular end of the month Steak Night. If you missed Mardi Gras, you missed on heck of a good party. I look forward to seeing the Riders out on the Road Again.....

—Garry Bean
Director, Post 593 Riders

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Peter Cottontail will be making a visit to our Post this month. Word is he will be there on the 28th from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. There will be an Easter egg hunt, games, hotdogs and treats so make sure and sign the kiddos up. The sign-up sheet will be posted in the canteen area. The age range is from the wee ones to 12 years of age. Here comes Peter Cottontail hopping down the bunny trail.....

In looking ahead to April, the 20th District's Spring Convention will be held April 10 – 11 at Post 2 on Fredericksburg Road. The District Elections will also be held during that time. If you are not able to attend both days, don't worry. The District would love to see your smiling face either day.

We are in the homestretch of the membership run and we are very close to goal. If you have not renewed, please do so. You can leave a \$21 check or cash in an envelope for Sarah Toten. She will make sure to get the information processed and your card out to you. Also, if you have a family member that is eligible to join, come by and pick up an application. Sarah can take care of those, too. Hats off to Sarah for doing such a great job with our membership this year!

In closing, 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 our programs. I look forward to seeing you.

Respectfully,

—Candy D. Zavala
President, ALA Unit 593

Please use the enclosed Jubilee Announcement Page as reference for information and event schedule to encourage friends, relatives and co-workers to visit the event.

Lot's of Legion Meals this month, please come out for great food and great fellowship! Check the calendar for event info.

Your support of the Legion programs is appreciated.

Don't forget--Happy Hour prices on Wednesdays and the Rider Grill specials on Thursdays



3rd Annual Spring Jubilee

Friday - Sunday, May 28 - 30, 2010.

The Spring Jubilee committee is hard at work. We're still looking for a carnival, bouncy castles, petting zoo, and someone to give hay rides.

We need Parade participants. The parade will be held on Saturday, 29 May 2010 at 10:00am. The parade route is on our website.

We need businesses to advertise in our Program. The program will contain the Schedule of Events and will be passed out throughout the community before and during the Jubilee.

We need entries for the Car Show, Motorcycle Run & Show, Chili and Bean Cook Offs, Horseshoe Tournament, and vendors for the Arts and Crafts show.

And of course, we're always looking for donations for our Silent Auction and to award as prizes.

All of the Sign-up forms are available on our website at www.post593.org

The Jubilee Committee meets the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month. Put March 10th & 24th on your calendar. Hope to see you there!

For God and Country,

--Dennis

Lowe's Military Discount

Most members of the military community no longer will have to wait for a special holiday discount to buy shovels, paint, and other home improvement needs.

Home improvement retailer Lowe's has expanded its 10 percent military discount to all day, everyday, for active-duty, National Guard and reserve, retiree and disabled service members, and their families, company officials announced Wednesday.

Those who want to receive the discount must present a valid military ID card. All other military veterans will receive the 10 percent discount on the holiday weekends of Memorial Day, Fourth of July and Veterans Day. The discount is available on in-stock and special-order purchases of up to \$5,000. It cannot be used on sales at www.Lowes.com, on previous sales, or on sales of services or gift cards. "Lowe's was founded on the heels of World War II by veterans Jim Lowe and Carl Buchan and has always been a supporter of the military," said Larry D. Stone, Lowe's president and chief operating officer, in a statement announcing the new policy.

"The year-round discount program is one way we are reaffirming our commitment to the thousands of men and women who are serving throughout the world, as well as their family members at home."

It's official. DD-214s are now on-line.

The National Personnel Records Center (NPRC) has provided the following website for veterans to gain access to their DD-214s on-line:

<http://vetrecs.archives.gov>

If you have misplaced your DD-214 or just need an "extra" copy fill out the request form on the above website in four easy steps.

At the end it offers a print button, which may or may not work.

If it doesn't work, mark the text using your mouse, accomplish a "Ctrl" "C" to copy it, go to MS WORD or similar program and use "Ctrl" "V" to place the text on the new sheet, then you can print.

The last step is to sign and mail it to the NPRC address provided on the form.

Spring Jubilee Announcement

**Memorial Day Weekend
Friday through Sunday, May 28 – 30, 2010**

Free Admission and Parking. Open to the Public!

To Benefit:

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A Spring Jubilee (a three day festival) will be held in the Converse City Park, Converse, TX, to benefit The American Legion, Post 593 on Memorial Day weekend, Friday thru Sunday, May 28 – 30, 2010.

Enjoy three days of live bands, food booths, Arts & Crafts vendors, a car show, a motorcycle run & show, a Chili Cook Off, dunking booth, silent auction, face painting, martial arts & gymnastics demonstrations, Police Dog demonstrations, Fire Department demonstrations, horse-shoe tournament, Flag Retirement ceremony, Essay Contest awards presentation, among other attractions.

A kickoff parade will be held in downtown Converse at 10am on Saturday, May 29, 2010.

For more information call (210) 658-1111 or visit www.Post593.org, or Email: Post593TX@yahoo.com

Schedule of Events (Subject to Change)

Friday Night: (5pm – Midnight)

**Band - Wild Oats: 8pm – Midnight
Arts & Crafts Vendors
Food Booths
Beer & Wine Cooler Booth**

Saturday: (10am to 1am)

**Band - Tina & Grupo Tormenta: 8pm - Midnight
Parade – Downtown Converse 10:00am
Opening Ceremony, 1:00pm
Arts & Crafts Vendors
Food Booths
Beer & Wine Cooler Booth
Motorcycle Run, 1st Bike out at 10 am
Children Fingerprinting by Converse P.D.
Dunking Booth
Converse Pet Shelter
Police Dog Demonstration
Motorcycle Show**

Sunday: (Noon to 6pm)

**Arts & Crafts Vendors
Food Booths
Beer & Wine Cooler Booth
Car Show (Registration 10am – Noon, Show Noon – 5pm)
Chili and Bean Cook Offs (Register 7:30am, turn-in 2:30pm)
Dunking Booth
Converse Pet Shelter
Horseshoe Tournament
“What Memorial Day Means to Me” Essay Contest awards
Fire Department Demonstration
Flag Disposal Ceremony
Closing Ceremony**

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6
		ALR Exec Mtg 7:30pm Dart League 7 pm	General Membership Meeting 7:30 pm	Riders Grill 6-8pm Dart League 7PM	Friday at the Legion	Saturday at the Legion
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
						Breakfast 8-11 am
Sunday at the Legion	Dart League 7 pm	ALR Gen Mbr Mtg 7:30 Dart League 7 pm	2010 Jubilee Mtg 7:30PM	Riders Grill 6-8pm Dart League 7PM	Friday at the Legion	Saturday at the Legion
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
						Lasagna Dinner 6-8PM
20th District Coffee Tour 12PM						Dart Tournament 7:30PM
Sunday at the Legion	Dart League 7 pm	Dart League 7 pm	Post Exec Mtg, 7:30 pm	Riders Grill 6-8pm Dart League 7PM	Friday at the Legion	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
						6th Annual Rolling Run
Sunday at the Legion	Dart League 7 pm	Dart League 7 pm	H&E Meeting, 7 pm 2010 Jubilee Mtg 7:30PM	Riders Grill 6-8pm Dart League 7PM	Steak Night 6-8 PM Entertainment to follow	Saturday at the Legion
28	29	30	31	6th Annual Rolling Run March 27th		
Children's Easter Party 1-3 PM				First bike out 10:30AM Last bike in 4:00PM Bike Show, live auction, music, vendors, and door prizes. Benefits the Warrior and Family Support Center, Legacy Fund and other Active Duty and Veterans programs		
Sunday at the Legion	Dart League 7 pm	Dart League 7 pm	Wednesday at the Legion			

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General Membership Meeting 3 March 7:30PM

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

Breakfast, 13 March 8-11AM

Lasagna Dinner, 20 March 6-8 PM

Dart Tournament 20 March 7:30PM

Steak Night 26 March 6-8PM

6th Annual Rolling Run 27 March 10:30am

Children's Easter Party 28 March 1-3 PM

