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Commander's Corner

Legion Family,

It is that time when we begin to finalize the slate of officers for the coming year, 2008—2009. The nomination book was closed effective 30

April; however, nominations from the floor will be allowed at the General Membership Meeting on 7 May. I encourage all Legionnaires to participate in this process and attend the May meeting and remember to vote for **YOUR** Legion officers on June 4th. Think carefully about who you wish to represent you and this Post for the next year.

This past month we lost a true American hero and member of our Legion Family, Marty Frank. I hope everyone was able to read the articles about Marty and his time spent in a North Vietnamese prisoner of war camp. I want to thank all that attended the services, provided food for the reception, gave comfort to Betty and the family, and simply said a prayer for this Legionnaire. I want to give a special thank you to all the members of the Patriot Guard Mission on that day; it was truly an unbelievable sight and touching memory for Marty's family and friends. Well done! I would also like to remind everyone that we have lost many of our Legion Family this past year. Please remember to attend the annual Post Everlasting Ceremony in July to pay tribute to all of our heroes.

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Auxiliary News

May is here and it is time to gear up for elections. The nomination book is out and I am pleased to see some new names this year.

There are still a few offices with no candidates. Please consider taking an office and see from the inside how the unit runs. Nominations will be taken from the floor at the May and June meetings, with elections being held at the June meeting.

Congratulations to Georgia Horner, she was elected 20th District President at the Spring Convention in April. As always check the calendar for events and meetings.

-Sue Mills



There are 344 Positions we need to fill over the 3 days! We need lots of help! The Sign-Up Sheets with the time slots are in a book at the Post. Ask the bartender. We need folks to work the beer booth. You must be TABC certified. The class will be held on June 1st, 1:00 pm, at the Post. You must sign-up for a time slot in the book to take the class. The Post will pay for the class.

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This month is also filled with events and opportunities for all of our Legion Family. I know that each of you can find a way to assist with Legion programs, help out with a fund raiser, and have fun with other members of this special organization. Please read this issue carefully and review the calendar to make sure you do not miss out on YOUR chance! Also, continue to check the Post website for those last minute special events.

If you have not checked out what the Building Committee is doing lately or you don't know about the Jubilee next month (June) you must have just transferred in! Dennis D. and Henry C. along with a host of others are moving at warp speed on this event. Read about the event in this newsletter and at the website. Better yet give Dennis or Henry a call and sign up for something. This could be our biggest fund raiser ever! Let's do it the Legion Family way!

Membership is always a concern and I hope each of you have renewed your membership for the year 2008, it is still not too late. Be proud of your membership and what this organization stands for. If you know of a veteran that is eligible ask them to join. Better yet, bring them to the Post and let us show them what the American Legion is all about. Please see any Legion Officer if you have any questions. If you know of anyone who has any concerns or questions about membership please refer them to the 1st Vice Commander or anyone on the Executive Committee. We will take care of the problem.

My monthly appeal still stands: Legionnaires **your** Post needs you! We are still looking for a Newsletter Editor. Make this the year you get involved you may be surprised at the difference you can make and how good it will make you feel. I once again wish to thank Dennis for the great job he is doing as the temp! Please thank him if you are reading this article and better yet tell him you will take over!

I say it each month....I urge all to get involved with something...anything, **just do it!** See any member of the Executive Team if you need information or want to volunteer for something. Thanks everyone!

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? Contact me and I will help you answer the question! For God and Country,

-Nick Mills

ALR Reminder

The Nomination Book for the General Election of ALR Chapter Officers is out at the Legion.. The Nomination Book will be open until the May 13, 2008, General Membership Meeting. On that evening nominations will also be taken from the floor. The book will then close so that the ballot sheets can be prepared for the General Election to be held before the June 12, 2008, General Membership Meeting. As always, you must be current with your Legion and ALR dues to receive a ballot.

HOT INFO ABOUT DRINK CHIPS!

Old drink chips must be used by June 30th, 2008. After this date they become worthless — except as a reminder of the "old days." New drink chips will start to be issued on May 1st. Come out and use those chips today!



Legion Rider News

April was a busy month. We rode to Pedernales Falls for a picnic and attended the Alamo Cycle Plex Hill Country Run. On a somber note, we were humbled and honored to be part of Legionnaire Marty Frank's Patriot Guard Escort.

We are also off and running in supporting the American Legacy Scholarship Fund. In April we promoted the Legacy Fund at the International Bike Show and Thunder in the Hill Country Rally, manning a booth provided courtesy of Alamo Cycle Plex. T.J. Haynes & Brown Zavala gave a presentation during the 20th District Spring Conference. Plans are in the works to visit surrounding area Legions, rallying their support of this event; a Day Ride in June, open to all clubs and groups; our Annual Legacy Dinner to be held in August. Then, of course, the Legacy Run itself from Indiana to Arizona. The Alamo Cycle Plex has joined us in supporting the Legacy Fund and donated ½ of their proceeds made during Hill Country Run in April. Many thanks to Alamo Cycle Plex for coming onboard as a sponsor.

The Spring also brings Legion Elections. The nomination book for the ALR is out. All are encouraged to participate in the process. Come out and review the duties of the officers. If you are interested in an office, ask to be nominated. If you know of someone that would asset our organization, encourage them to participate.

"Only a motorcycle rider understands why a dog hangs its head out the window."

—Candy D. Zavala ALR Historian



Chaplain's Corner

It is with deep sadness I announce the passing on April 3rd of Marty Frank, a long time Legionnaire and good friend to Post 593. Please remember his wife, Betty, and family in your prayers.

Will Grimmer, son of Bill Grimmer, passed away unexpectedly in his sleep in April. Will was on active duty with the Air Force at the time of his passing. Please keep Bill and his family in your prayers.

Darvin Cull and Carolyn Putalavage are both recovering from surgery at home. Please wish both of these Legion Family members God's blessings for a speedy recovery.

There are some special dates in the month of May. May 8th is the anniversary of VE Day, Victory in Europe, 1945 marking the end of WW II. May 11th is Mother's Day, the 17th is Armed Forces Day, and of course, May 26th is Memorial Day. Please be sure to take a moment to remember the significance these dates serve in our being able to live free and happy today. Without Mom, we wouldn't be here and with without our veterans we wouldn't be free. For God and Country,

-Dennis Ducharme

Sign-Up to Work the Jubilee! Sign-Up Book is at the Canteen

Legion Jubilee News June 6, 7 & 8 (Friday, Saturday & Sunday)

Wow! Lots of things have been happening with the Jubilee!! Coins, T-shirts, trophies, porta-potties, sponsors, programs, publicity, sign-up sheets, food, carnival, insurance, licenses, drinks, certifications, approvals, bands, PA system, stages, speaker decks, booths, banners, vendors, BBQ cooks, tables, bathroom supplies, trash, security, signs, dunking booth, freezers, canopies, lots of phone calls, emails, and the list goes on! What can you do? We need lots of help for the three days of the Jubilee, June 6, 7 & 8. There are **344 positions** that need manning! Obviously, we're counting on you signing up for more than one shift. The shifts are broken up into 4 hour stints. The beer booth has 32 positions, 4 people per shift, there will be 4 food booths, each with 4 people per shift, there will be two ticket booths, one selling tickets for food and drink, the other selling tickets for the carnival. We will have a Legion booth which will represent the Legion, Auxiliary, SAL and the ALR. We're going to need some folks to pull security duty Friday night into Saturday morning and Saturday night into Sunday morning. Ken Echerd has volunteered to head the security detail and he needs help. We'll need to have designated drivers available in case they're needed. There will be a parking detail and lastly, we'll need to have some folks designated as "floaters," people that are on stand-by in case there are any holes to be plugged or something comes up and we need coverage we didn't expect.

There is a Jubilee Sign-Up book at the Post with the specific time slots we need filled. Please.....sign-up for as many shifts as you can. Ask your family and friends to come out and help. This is the largest event in the Post's history and we need it to succeed in a big way! The Rodeo used to last over 14 days. We have the potential to earn more than the Rodeo ever brought in and the exposure to the community will be priceless! But.....we need everyone's help.

If you want to work the beer booth you need to be TABC certified. We're having a class on Sunday, June 1st at 1:00 pm at the Post. You must have signed up for at least one shift to attend the class. The Post will pay for the class.

Next: We need chest type freezers and lots of coolers to keep the food, soda and water cold. Please put your name down in the sign-up book if you have a freezer or cooler we can borrow during the Jubilee. Arrangements can be made to pick it up. Make sure your name and phone number is clearly printed on it so we can get it back to you after the event.

We're still looking for donations for the raffle, so if you have anything you'd like to donate, please cal John Orff. John is heading up the raffle and his number is: (210) 632-2623. Again, arrangements can be made to pick up your donation.

Jubilee meeting dates in May will be: Monday the 5th, Monday the 19th, and Wednesday the 28th.

Lastly, I need to apologize to some folks. A couple of folks signed up on the bulletin board to head up committees and I missed it. I checked the board about five times, but somehow I missed it. Please, if you would like to get involved and head up an area, let me know...there's still plenty of time. If you do and I don't get back to you it's not because I don't want your help, it's because I forgot and it just slipped through the cracks. I'm doing the best I can and I want this event to suc-

ceed with all my heart. I'm trying...and I need more help! So, if you think I ignored you, or I upset you, or didn't call you back on something....please send me an email, give me a call, grab me at the Postwhatever it takes, let me know.....again. Or, talk to Henry Creech, the co-chair. We'll do our best to take care of it. Please, come to one of the meetings and let your voice be heard. With all due respect and humility,

> —Dennis Ducharme Jubilee Co-Chair

Jubilee Schedule

Friday, June 6th – 4 pm to 12 am Carnival, 4 pm to Midnight Live entertainment: 4 bands 5pm-12am Arts & Crafts Booths, 4 pm-11 pm Bloodmobile, 4pm-10pm Food Booths, 4 pm-11 pm

Saturday, June 7th – 8 am to 1 am

Carnival, 10am-Midnight Community Yard Sale, 8am-1pm (Gates open at 6am for set-up) Opening Ceremony at 1:00pm Arts & Crafts Booths, 10am-Midnight Bloodmobile, 3pm-8pm Health Fair, 10am-8 pm Motorcycle Run, 1st Bike out 10am Last Bike in at 3:30 pm Motorcycle Show, Judging at 4:30pm Bike Run and Show Awards 5:30pm information: Live entertainment 4 bands 5pm-12am BBQ & Chili Cook-off Converse/UC Pet Shelters 10am-6pm Food Booths, 11am-11pm



Note: Schedule subject to change. Visit our website for the latest information:

www.Post593.org



2nd Vice News

Hello everyone and welcome to the beautiful month of May. Hopefully it will be not to hot but yet not to cold. The entertainment for May is as follows: DJ Stu May 9th, Breakfast May 10th served by the Riders, Free Jukebox May 16th, Big Tyme May

23rd, our good friends Emmerson Biggins will be back for Steak night on May 30th, which will also be served by the Riders. General Membership is on May 7th at 7:30 pm, Executive is on May 21st at 7pm, H&E is on May 28th at 7pm. Hope to see everyone around the post. —Rob Bryant

Fundraiser for CASI Chili Cook-Off

This year we plan to have a Bed & Breakfast gift certificate for a night for 2 at one of the local B&B's within the 50 mile radius. The cost of the raffle tickets will be \$1 each.

Please see Marcelo or Sue Buckley, Brad or Michelle Smith for tickets starting now. This should be a very fun outing for you and your significant other.

We plan to raffle 10 gift certificates. Drawing will be held during the Legion Jubilee weekend in June 2008.

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	Jubilee Committee	• <u>BBO Cook Off.</u> Saturday, 7 June: Dave Paris • <u>Bite Run and Bite Show :</u> Rose Lewis, Brian Glerm & Stu Unterlasson, Co. Choice Dick	Stigall - ALR POC, Saturday, 7 June. • Car Show: Sharon Rector and	Derrny Taylor, Sunday, 8 June • <u>Community Wile Y ard Sale:</u> Mary Lamontagne, Satur day, 7th • <u>Face Painting:</u> Tracy Guastella, Sunday, 8 June	• Flag Disposal Ceremony: Sunday, 8 June: Nick Mills	 Food Committee: MaryLamortagne Health Fair: MaryLamoniagne & Irma Ducharme Live Entertainment: Henry 	Creech & Rob Bryant • Program/Advertising: Henry	Creech & Dermis Ducharme • Raffle: John Orff & Norm Saucier (John: 632-2623) Pick up available. • Vendor and Arts & Crafts	Booths: Sharmon Lynde, Cindy Bailey and Gina Leonard \$40	for three days, 15' x 15' size space. V endors provide their own booth/tables/chairs and power. Night lighting available. Co-Chairs H enry Creech & Derris Ducharme