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Commander's Corner

Hello, everyone. Time is still flying by and it is already November. Hard to believe. October was a Very Busy Month at our post. There was something for everyone and I hope that each of our members participated in the many events.

The first event that I wish to bring to your attention actually happened in September; however my October Newsletter Article had already been forwarded to Joe Falco. I am speaking of the OUTSTANDING JOB that people from our post and the local area did for the American Legion in San Leon after the devastation of Hurricane Ike. Rick Stigall headed up the logistics of getting people involved. In a matter of a few days, we had gathered enough items to fill the beds of 2 pickups and the trailers that they were towing. They drove to Houston on Saturday, Sept 20th and met 2 Tractor/Trailer rigs from HEB before traveling to San Leon. The pickups were driven by Bill Papa and Gary Grimes; both had assistance from their wives. I want to personally thank Rick, Bill and Gary for their efforts. This is the type of personal effort that makes me proud to be a member of American Legion Post 593.

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Auxiliary News

We had a very good meeting on October 01, two girls that participated in Girls State this year were on hand to thank the Auxiliary for sending them, and to tell us how much knowledge they gained from attending. Our Auxiliary sent four girls this year to Girls State.

Our Poppy Board is in the legion now, and you can put your donation in the can, take a poppy and sign a square on the board. In November we will have a drawing and a gift will be provided. All the donations we receive are provided to the Veteran's. We will also be walking the parade route on November 1st in Universal City with our poppies.

It's not too early to mention our Senior Christmas Party on Sunday, 07 December at 1:00 P.M. We provide turkey and all the trimmings. Santa visits and brings gifts. This is a special invitation to our Legion and Auxiliary members, and their spouses to attend. If you can attend please call me at (210) 653-8987, and we will reserve a table for you. Our hall holds 100 people and we would

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Darrell Goemmer did a great job in organizing our first participation in Night in Ole Converse. Although we did not get rich, it was a success. Between NIOC, snacks for Sunday Football, and the Halloween Party, Darrell has been a busy man. I can see fruits of his labor when I see the increased participation at the post. Thanks, Darrell.

Some of us also witnessed a very happy occasion on October 11th when Denny and Hanna decided to make it legal and get married. I will be the first to say that I have teased both of them over the past 2 years about who is really in charge of that union. But, I think that I speak for all of their friends from our post by saying that I am Happy for both of them. Now, having said that, I can get back to the teasing.

Ok, time to get serious again. On October 18th we dedicated our Hall in the Memory of Marty Frank. I believe that any member that has been here for more than 5 years knew and loved Marty. His passing was a sad day and I miss him still. However, the dedication ceremony was performed with the dignity that Marty deserved. The entire event was planned by Jack Putalavage. Jack, my hat is off to you. I know that Marty is smiling upon us.

One last item to mention: After 7 years, Dennis Ducharme desires to step down from his collateral duty as our Webmaster. He has done a great job over the years, even keeping it up to date from Germany while he was gone. Dennis simply wants to free up some time for himself. I hope that there is a member out there that would like to take this task upon them. If anybody is interested, contact me or Dennis.

The Holiday Season is nearly upon us. This is the time to gather with family members and good friends. It is also a time of year when our post gives to the community. Shannon Lynde is in charge of the Holiday Food Baskets again. Keep an eye open for her announcements. She cannot do this by herself.

God Bless America.

Until Next Month,

—Jack Leanhart
Commander, Post 593



Chaplain's Corner

It is with deep sadness that I must inform you that Gary Bartel's mother passed away in October. Please keep Gary in your prayers.

I'm happy to announce that Hanna Ercolano and Denny Taylor were married on October 11th. We wish all the best that life has to offer to them.

For God and Country,

—Dennis Ducharme

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like to provide this service to our Legion and Auxiliary members first. We usually invite seniors from the surrounding area to come and enjoy the afternoon since we don't normally have enough seniors from our post that attend.

Our children's Christmas Party is scheduled for Saturday Dec 13th at 1:00 PM. Starting November 1st a sign-up sheet will be available in the Legion to list the child's name and age.

Our next meeting is on 5 November at 7:30 P.M.; hope to see you there. Come out and see what a great group of women we have in our Auxiliary.

—Sarah Toten



Legion Riders News



Once again, October was a busy month for the Legion Riders.

The visit from Operation Wounded Warrior was a total success and their generous contributions were received with rave

reviews at the Warrior Family Assistance Center and Lackland Fisher House. Many thanks to our Legion family for being great host to our visitors. A special "Thank You" to Bill Papa for the hard work putting this visit together. I can't say enough about the way this Legion came together to the support the folks in San Leon, Tx. The goods and monetary donations delivered were a tremendous help to the people of that devastated town. Fine job Rick Stigall! November brings another visit from Texas Honor Ride (Houston) and we will be assisting them at their fuel stop in Gonzales and leading them to BAMC where they will make donations to the troops. To the Legion Riders, you have my gratitude for making this group the best ALR in the Nation. Hope everyone had a great Halloween and Happy Thanksgiving to all. Sincerely submitted,

—Brown Zavala,
ALR Director

2nd Vice News



Wow! October was a busy month starting with Night in Ole Converse. As you know, the post sold turkey legs at this event. We had a successful sale, however, we did not make as much as I would have liked to have made, but then again we did not lose money. I would like to thank all those who volunteered to work the turkey leg booth especially John Orff who was their from

bell to bell. THANKS JOHN. Congratulations to Denny and Hanna on your wedding. Jack P. did a bang up job planning and conducting the hall dedication to Marty Frank. The Early Bird Dinner and Halloween Party were a roaring success. Thanks to all who made these two events so much fun. Please look at the November calendar for schedule events.

—Darrell Goemmer

American Legion Post 593 Hurricane Relief Efforts

This is a story of our Post 593 coming to the aid of another American Legion Post, Post 291 San Leon Texas. A post ravaged by Hurricane Ike in September of 2008. September 17 Rick Stigall, a member of Post 593, called the American Legion District Commanders for districts 22 and 9. Both districts were in the path of Hurricane Ike and asked if Post 291 in San Leon needed any assistance, the town had been spotlighted on the 10 O'clock news as having been, along with the surrounding area, severely damaged. The only thing remaining of the Post home was the slab.

The Commander of Post 291 stated that they had not received any aid at the time and were in desperate need of water, canned foods, fresh fruit and gasoline for generators. They had no power no water and there were a large number of older citizens in the area that concerned him.

A call went out to the members of Post 593 for volunteers to donate food, water, money and to volunteer to help get any supplies collected down to the Hurricane ravaged area. San Leon was closed to the public and therefore a police escort would be needed, American Legion Post 490 in the South Houston area said they would make arrangements for the police escort. Also Ray Telemann a Major in the Sheriff's department provided the escort into the area.

Our membership responded with great generosity, as did many others, Post 593 donated water, toiletries, canned goods, fresh fruit and money. Upon hearing of the effort put on by Post 593, Post 399 in the southern part of San Antonio sent 30 gallons of fuel and a few generators to San Leon. HEB corporate provided two 53 foot tractor/trailers loaded with water and ice to San Leon. A gentleman by the name of Charles Brigham, who is not a member of the Post but heard of the effort being made, gave a donation of \$150.00 in groceries. The Legion, the Auxiliary, the SAL and the Riders all donated time, effort, money and supplies with an open heart.

The mission of getting supplies to the area was accomplished on 20 September 2008; two pick up trucks filled with supplies and each pulling a trailer also loaded with supplies headed out to South Houston and Post 490. They were met there by the HEB tractor/trailers and 15 Riders along with a police escort. Once at the San Leon site the task of unloading the two tractor/trailers and the two trucks with trailers was accomplished. There was a distribution table set up and the process of distributing of the supplies was accomplished.

This was a major accomplishment for the Post and all of folks that helped, many gave up their time and effort to make the trek to the devastated area and to them we salute you. The efforts of the Riders, Legionnaires, Auxiliary and SAL are with out question looked upon with pride and respect.

Thank you!!

—Ken Echerd
Post Historian

Holiday Food Drive

Hello Everyone. The Holidays are upon us again and it is time to reach out a helping hand with a meal for those that need our help. We will be giving Turkeys along with canned and dry goods to families that are in need of assistance.

There will be a box located at the Legion to accept your generous donations starting Nov. 2nd. Please help our neighbors have a great holiday meal on us.

If you are aware of a family in need please leave the information (number of family members, kids ages and gender, name, address and phone number) with the legion staff and they will get the info to me. Please look for great news in the December Newsletter. Until then, we wish you a very safe holiday season.

—Shannon Lynde
Post Service Officer

New Building Committee Report

We're actively trying to get a carnival for the Legion Jubilee. The date of the next Jubilee is dependent on the availability of a carnival. As of this writing, we can't find one. If anyone knows of a carnival that we can contact, please let me know. In the mean time, please come out to the next meeting on the second Wednesday of the month at 7:00pm. For November, that's November 12th. I hope to see lots of faces at the next meeting!

—Dennis

New Year's Eve (NYE) Party 2008



On sale now - 2008 New Year's Eve party tickets - just \$50 each for - dinner (your choice Rib Eye steak or roasted Cornish Hen), decorations and party favors, door prizes, hall bar (wrist bands for wine, sodas, beer, call & well drinks), band (Broken Heartsville band), breakfast and black eye peas after midnight. Only 100 tickets will be sold. Please e-mail post593chairperson@yahoo.com to reserve seats and get ticket information. You can also charge your tickets to the Bar -just make sure I see a copy of the transaction to get your tickets.

—Marcelo M. Buckley, NYE chairman.

Post 593 is looking for a new Webmaster. Dennis Ducharme has done a great job with our site for the past seven years. If you are interested, please contact Dennis for information.



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Irma's Kitchen Open
From 5 to 7 pm on
General Membership
Meeting Night

Riders Grill Tuesday's
and Thursday's 6-8 PM

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <p>8th: Shed Cleanup, need volunteers 11th: Veterans Day Ceremony, 5-6 PM 14th: Comedy Night, \$10.00 cover 27th: Thanksgiving Dinner, 2-4 PM</p>						
2 NFL Football starting at Noon with snacks	3 Monday Night Football Dart League 7 pm	4 ALR Exec Mtg 7:30pm Dart League 7 pm Shuffle Board Challenge 7:30 pm Riders Grill 6-8pm	5 General Mdrshp Meeting 7:30 pm Irma's Kitchen Open 5-7 PM	6 Dart League 7PM Riders Grill 6-8pm	7  Friday at the Legion	8 Monthly Breakfast, 8-11 am Shed Cleanup
9 NFL Football starting at Noon with snacks. Ferret Club 2:00 PM	10 Monday Night Football Dart League 7 pm	11 ALR Gen Mbr Mtg 7:30 Dart League 7 pm Shuffle Board Challenge 7:30 pm Riders Grill 6-8pm	12 New Bldg Committee/Jubilee Mtg 7:00 pm	13 Dart League 7PM Riders Grill 6-8pm	14 Comedy Night \$10.00 Cover	15 Dart Tournament 7:30PM
16 NFL Football starting at Noon with snacks.	17 Monday Night Football Dart League 7 pm	18 Dart League 7 pm Shuffle Board Challenge 7:30 pm Riders Grill 6-8pm	19 Post Exec Mtg. 7 pm	20 Dart League 7PM Riders Grill 6-8pm	21 Friday at the Legion	22 Saturday at the Legion
23 Football at noon Snacks	24 Monday Night Football Dart League 7 pm	25 Dart League 7 pm Shuffle Board Challenge 7:30 pm Riders Grill 6-8pm	26 H&E Mtg. 7 pm	27 Thanksgiving Dinner at the Post 2-4 PM	28 Friday at the Legion	29 Post Christmas Decorating Saturday at the Legion
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