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Commander's Corner

Hello everyone. Considering the hot summer that we just got through, it seems odd to have morning temps at 51 degrees like today.

What a change! The entire month of September was completely different than the previous 5 months....Hot & Dry compared to Cool & Wet. Glad for the change, though.

As many of you know, Mother Nature paid us a visit a few weeks ago. She left us a reminder that she can not be messed with. That particular visit saw us cleaning up the Hall after approximately 5 inches of water ran through it. We have had to deal with water in the Hall in the past, but this was amazing. Water running through BOTH side doors! We couldn't take the chance of molds getting out of control in the wet carpet (not to mention the smell), so the carpet was removed. Many of the tiles that were under the carpet came up as well. It was decided to remove all of the tiles. Now, we have a clean CONCRETE floor in our Hall. Be patient with us, folks. There is no hurry to do anything with the floor until we address the water issue and get it under Control. Actually, personally, I like the look of the concrete.

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Auxiliary News

Yum Yum. Thanksgiving is upon us. Cooler weather, time with family and lots of pumpkin pie. I do believe I can already smell it. Oh, and let's not forget that Christmas and the New Year are just around the corner. Yikes!

Since I mentioned New Years, please, everyone remember to submit your membership renewals before the year's end. By doing such you may renew for \$18. After the New Year dues are increasing to \$21. You may mail or drop it by the Post made to the attention of Sarah Toten. Sarah does a great job of getting the new membership cards out quickly.

October was such a busy month for the Auxiliary and I want to again thank ALL of you ladies, and you gents, for stepping up and helping with the month's events. It was a lot of hard work but we laughed a lot and cried a little (over the onions) along the way. We also met some very talented and interesting characters along the way. Though November is not quite as busy activity-wise, this is the Auxiliary's Poppy Month,

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The Holiday Season is upon us and there are a lot of things coming up. We have our Thanksgiving Dinner at the Post this month and several Christmas Parties next month. Actually, the holiday season begins Nov 7th.....that would be the **Opening Day of Hunting Season**.....and ends with New Years Eve. Of course, the annual **Army – Navy Football game** will be somewhere in the middle.! (I had to throw those in.) On a serious note, this time of year also is when we gather food items for Holiday Baskets for the needy. Your Service Officer, Shannon Lynde, is in charge of this again. She will have donation boxes in the hall all month. Please, bring in canned foods to help out. There are many families that will benefit, but it takes a group effort to make it happen.

As difficult as it may be to believe, I have nothing else to write. If you are traveling this season, please be careful. I sincerely hope that all of you that may venture out on the highways make it back to Post 593 intact. I wish all of you a wonderful Holiday Season.

Until next month...

—Jack Leanhart
Commander

and we have some great things going on. We are holding a raffle of Poppy themed projects that our Denise Yanus and Darleen Cherry have put together. These gals are amazing. The drawing will be the week after Veteran’s Day. The Poppy Board is also up at the Legion, with prizes to include (5) \$20 gift cards to Olive Garden and a Grand Surprise.

The Seniors’ and Children’s Christmas parties will be taking place the first weekend of December. If you know of someone that would like to participate, please contact Hanna or Dianne for the Seniors or Joanne for the Children’s Party. We would love to pack the house, as they say.

As a reminder, if you would like to be included in the Auxiliary’s email, send an email to Aux593info@gmail.com and you will be added. I’ll occasionally send out reminders of the Unit’s goings on.

November is a month of Thanksgiving, not only for the Pilgrims that braved a rough new country in order to build a better life for all that followed but for our Veterans that have done the same. Yes, I know, we are all veteran related and proud of it. But this Veteran’s Day step outside your comfort zone and say thanks to that active duty service member you don’t know or that lady or gentleman proudly wearing or displaying memorabilia of their service.

As always, 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 some of our programs. We look forward to seeing you.

Respectfully,

—Candy D. Zavala
President, ALA Unit 593



First Vice Notes

Thank You to every one who participated in Night in Ole Converse. Also thank you to all who helped in the Hall after the rain. Special thanks to Jack Leanhart, Denny & Hanna Taylor, Brown & Candy Zavala, Dale, Patty & Jim Bennett , Henry Creech, and Paul Crafton. Please forgive me if my old mind failed to recognize you. Also thanks to Peter Paul and Pete Muth for their work on the drainage.

—John Orff



Service Officer Section

Hello to all. Once again the holidays are upon us. And once again it is our turn to help those that are in need of holiday meals. There will be a donation box at the Legion starting in Nov. Please if you can donate can and dry goods to help fill the dinner baskets for the Thanksgiving holiday meal that we provide for the families that can’t afford it for themselves. Any and all donations will be gratefully appreciated.

On that note, just a reminder that on Friday December the 18th we will be having our annual Spaghetti dinner to help raise more can and dry goods to fill the Christmas dinner baskets. The cost of the dinner is 4 can or dry goods or \$5.00 donation. There will also be a raffle with a lot of prizes to be given out. All the proceeds from the dinner and raffle go to help fill out the baskets that donation of goods does not cover and to help Vet’s in need throughout the following year. Thanks to all in advance and hope to see you soon.

—Shannon Lynde
Post 593 Service Officer



Riders Report

The Riders have a busy couple of months ahead with a number of activities and projects that are in the planning stages. Kat and Tom and their volunteers are putting together a calendar, Jim is getting a new tee shirt order together, the To Hell and Back, and the Texas Honor Ride is approaching, the Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas New Years holidays are quickly approaching and each one of these holidays has an event. Peter Paul, Terry, and Denny are mapping out how to keep the floor in the meeting room from flooding again and how to repair the floor. Our Road Captain, DevilDoc has some interesting rides in the planning stages and is trying to schedule them around the other scheduled events as to avoid any conflicts and our Service Officer Paula (Bubbles) is putting out email notifications everyday informing us of all the other events that we are invited to attend. Going to be a busy couple of months ahead for the Legion Riders but you know what..... it sure looks like it’s going to be fun.

—Garry Bean
Director, Post 593 Riders



Jubilee 2010!

Jubilee News

The planning continues for the 2010 Jubilee.

We're going to be calling it "**Spring Jubilee**" and beneath that "**To Benefit The American Legion Post 593.**"

We're tentatively looking at only 3 days this year: Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Friday will be Rock and Tejano night, Saturday will be Cajun day and Sunday will be Country and Gospel day.

We're still looking for a carnival so if anyone knows of one please see if they're available in May.

This year we're going to have a parade with a float contest. We have some great ideas and still need folks to head up several committees.

We're going to be meeting the second Wednesday of the month at 7:30pm. Come on out and get involved.

See you on November 11th.

--Dennis



Legion Trivia

The American Legion, the Early Days...

(Taken from The American Legion Extension Institute)

The greatest single legislative achievement of The American Legion was the enactment of the Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944, more commonly known as the GI Bill of Rights. Not only is The American Legion universally recognized as the originator of this complex and multi-dimensional bill, but also as the force which overcame major political opposition by massing public opinion in favor of the measure.

The GI Bill of Rights is best described by its subtitles:

1. Hospitalization, claims and procedures
2. Education of veterans
3. Home, Farm and Business loans
4. Employment of veterans
5. Readjustment allowances for the unemployed
6. General administrative and penal provisions



Dart Board Fund Raiser Meals

The Post is working towards purchasing our own dart boards. To fund them, there are special meals being served on Thursday nights. The menus vary, but rest assured they are always something tasty.

The fund needs to raise approximately \$1600 to purchase two boards. Owning our boards will continue to pay back since we would no longer have to rent them as we do now. All proceeds from usage will go directly to the post. Come on out and support this effort.

Especially you dart team members.

Email Updates

If you would like to receive an e-mail information blast from the Legion, send an e-mail to Post593info@gmail.com so that you may added to the address list. The e-mail you receive will come from "Jack Leanhart" and will be titled Legion News/Information.

Notary Services available for Post Members

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.

Proposed calendar of events for American Legion Post 593 for Nov-Dec 2009: (subject to change/modification)

- 11 November - Veteran's day
- 14 November - Breakfast (American Legion sons)
- 14 November - The Legion will host a community wide yard sale in the parking lot. Table/space for \$15
- 22 November - Chicken shoot in the hall
- 26 November - Legion family thanksgiving dinner at the post
- 27 November - The post will NOT be hosting a monthly Steak night
- 5 December - Seniors Christmas party
- 6 December - Legion family kinder (children's) Christmas party
- 12 December - Breakfast (American Legion)
- 12 December - American Legion riders Christmas party
- 19 December - American Legion post 593 Christmas Party
- 25 December - Post closed. Steak night will be canceled
- 31 December - Post New Years Eve party

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General Membership Night Dinner, Wed, Nov 4th, 5-7PM

Ed & Barbara Canivan will be cooking stuffed shells with meatballs. Also, you'll get an Italian Salad, garlic bread, and for dessert: lemon cream pie! Dinner will be served from 5 to 7 pm.

Plan on coming hungry!!

Rider's Grill Wednesday's 6-8PM


Dart Board Fund Raisers Thursday nights 6-8 PM

Breakfast, 14 Nov 8-11AM

Chicken Shoot 22 Nov

Thanksgiving Meal Nov 26

NO Steak Night in November

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Sunday at the Legion	Dart League 7 pm	ALR Exec Mtg 7:30pm Dart League 7 pm	General Membership Dinner 5-7PM General Membership Meeting 7:30 pm	Dart Board Fund Raiser Meal Dart League 7PM	Friday at the Legion	Saturday at the Legion
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Sunday at the Legion	Dart League 7 pm	ALR Gen Mbr Mtg 7:30 Dart League 7 pm	Veteran's Day 2010 Jubilee Mtg 7:30PM Riders Grill 6-8pm	Dart Board Fund Raiser Meal Dart League 7PM	Friday at the Legion	Legion Community Yard Sale Seller Tables \$15 Monthly Breakfast, 8-11 am
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Sunday at the Legion	Dart League 7 pm	Dart League 7 pm	Post Exec Mtg, 7:30 pm Riders Grill 6-8pm	Dart Board Fund Raiser Meal Dart League 7PM	Friday at the Legion	Dart Tournament 7:30PM
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Sunday at the Legion	Chicken Shoot	Dart League 7 pm	H&E Meeting, 7 pm Riders Grill 6-8pm	Thanksgiving 	Friday at the Legion	Saturday at the Legion
29	30					
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The Holiday Season is upon us. I'm sure we all have that little bit of self imposed stress creeping up. Relax, come on out to the Post to socialize a bit and relieve that stress. There are a lot of activities coming up that need support and participation.