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Commander's Corner

Greetings to all. I sincerely hope that everyone enjoyed the Labor Day Picnic last month. There was plenty of food to go around.

Thanks to everyone that pitched in with side dishes. Terry, the Pulled Pork was fabulous. You came through again. We had our First Fajita and Margarita Night, also. At only \$1 each, the margaritas seemed to be popular. Imagine that!!! It seemed that everyone enjoyed themselves.

This will be a busy month as well. We start it off with Night In Old Converse Oct 1-4. Our Post will be selling Turkey Legs again in the Park. If there are any of you that would like to chip in with some time, see Darrell Goemmer or the sign up sheets are in the hallway near the restrooms. This is a time for us to help with a community event and raise a little money at the same time.

Speaking of volunteering, I would like to talk about areas that we are in need of assistance. The first is our Flag Program: For those of you who don't know about this, we place an American Flag in a yard 6 times per year for a donation of \$30. All it takes to really bring in the money is VOLUNTEERS! We have 5 "routes" in place that require

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Auxiliary News

October.....cooler weather, a time change and ghouls and goblins. I was beginning to wonder if we would make it through the summer without melting away. BUT, alas, we have.

The Auxiliary was busy in September. I thank ALL the members that volunteered and helped in making the functions flow seamlessly. We had a successful breakfast, an awesome Margarita & Fajita dinner and, of course, Steak Night. I especially want to thank our Legion family members that also volunteered: Norm for his SOS, flap-jack flipper Jim Bennett and omelet queen Lee McCall. And I have not forgotten you fellas, Brown, Brad & Jim for sweating over the coals. I also thank those that attended the District's Coffee Tour stop at our Legion on the 13th.

You should have received membership renewals in the mail. Please don't let the time pass and you not renew. In 2010 dues are increasing from \$18 to \$21. An added benefit of renewing early is that you will be eligible for a free meal at the Early Bird Dinner taking place 23 October.

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about 1 1/2 hours in the morning and 1 1/2 hours in the evening. Currently, the same 5 people/couples have been doing it for many years. We would like a break once in awhile. If we could get more help we could split the work up. Heck, 30 volunteers could cover the entire year and only have to run a route 1 time. See myself, Jan Lineback, Dave Paris, Dennis Ducharme, or Mayor Al Suarez if you would like to help out.

Another area that we need some help. Jack McCarthy has decided that he needs a break from keeping our grass looking good. Jack has done this task for many years. Jack, I want you to know that your efforts to keep our post home looking good are truly appreciated. Thank You. Now, due to the recent rainfall, we will be needing this help again soon. As I am writing this article, Denny Taylor and Brown Zavala are mowing the grass. Thanks guys. If there is anyone that has the time to take this on, please see Terry Smith or myself. It would be greatly appreciated.

One last item before I go. We now have a great way for members to get updates or additional information via email. All you have to do is send an email to Post593@gmail.com to sign up. This is by no means a replacement for the newsletter. It will be used to send updates that can't wait for the next month's publication. Currently, there are 62 people signed up and I am sure that more would benefit from this. Sign up today.

That is all for now, folks. I hope that everyone had a great summer. Please, come out and visit us at the Post.

Until next month...

—Jack Leanhart
Commander

Special Notice:

Due to an unforeseen vacancy of one Member At Large position, Denny Taylor has been appointed as Member At Large by the Commander, Jack Leanhart. A special vote will be held at the October General Membership Mtg.



First Vice Notes

As you may have noticed, our pavilion is beginning to take shape. I would like to take this time to offer a thank you to peter Paul Johnson and Bill Papa for the idea. Also to the following whose special effort of time and monies made it happen. Peter Muth, Mark Miller, Jane Clark, Henry Creech, and Bill Murphy of Murphy Concrete. If I left someone out please forgive me. New fans and tables will be added as funds become available. Again thank you one and all. Also Jack McCarthy has been saving our legion many, many dollars over the years by doing the Legion yard work. Jack needs help if he is to continue to do so. If you can find the time to volunteer please contact Jack. thank you.

—John Orff

You may leave your renewal at the Post earmarked for Vice-President Sarah Toten. She will take care of your renewal and get your card in the mail to you. As of the end of September we are right at 60%, just 134 short of goal.

On October's calendar:

The American Legion's Creative Arts Festival will be taking place downtown October 5 -11. Unit 593 will be manning the Hospitality Room on the 6th. This will be a great opportunity for us gals to show the National folks some southern hospitality. I'll be there and anyone else caring to volunteer, please contact me at 210.559.6786.

24 October will be the 20th District Auxiliary Fall Convention held at Post 593. If you have never attended a Convention, give it a try. I'm confident you will learn something new about our organization and its mission. Registration will begin at 8:00, session at 9:00 till about 3:00. Lunch will also be served.

17 October will be the District's fish fry hosted by Post 828. If you have never been, Post 828 knows how to have a good time and the food is great. They will also be doing to-go plates.

I am still working on building an address book of our Auxiliary members' emails. This will enable us to keep each other updated on various events. If you would like to be included, please send me an email at Aux593info@gmail.com

As always, our meetings are at 7:30 the first Wednesday of each month. Come out and get to know your fellow members. We look forward to seeing you.

Respectfully,

—Candy D. Zavala
President, ALA Unit 593

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AMERICAN LEGION JUBILEE

CONVERSE CITY PARK
W.A.P. 7-11 P.M. 2 P.M. 8

CARNIVAL & THE HOUSE • GOLF COURSE • CATERING
WEDGOLF • BAR • SWIMMING • LAKE • GOLF • BOWLING
ARTS & CRAFTS • VENDOR • FISH • BBQ • BEER • MUSIC • KARAOKE
GOLF & BEAR COUCH • BARBECUE • BUSHY • BUSHY
SOME ACTIVITIES BEEN ENJOYING • LAUNCH

Jubilee 2010!

Hi Everyone,

We're starting to gear up for the next Jubilee. Our first meeting will be Wednesday, 14 October at 7:30pm. We need lots of volunteers, so come on out and help us make the third annual Legion Jubilee the best yet!

We've talked about making some changes this year and we need to make those decisions early on.

Also, if anyone knows of a carnival that we might be able to get, please let me know. As of now, we don't have one.

Hope to see everyone at the First Jubilee meeting on the 14th!

For God and Country,

--Dennis



Riders Notes

Finally we are getting into the good riding weather and we also have a number of events in the planning stages it comes time to make decisions, do we volunteer our time and help out at the events and ride or do we just do one or the other. Good time management skills become essential as we all have other obligations such as work, family, and of course, the infamous honey-do-list. Sometimes I find myself obligated in a number of areas all which seem to be at the same time on the same day and a choice has to be made, inevitable someone will ask me, hey where were you and I find myself trying to explain why I was under the bathroom sink instead of the party or on a run. Tough choices but that is why we always need members volunteer and to step up so in the event some of us can't make it the mission gets accomplished. We have some good things planned like Nights in Old Converse, and Wounded Warriors, a committee is planning to put together another calendar, tee shirts are being designed, so if you can, step up and get involved for the success of us as Legion Riders hinges on us as members.

—Garry Bean
Director, Post 593 Riders

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.

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

1 thru 4 October - Night in Ole Converse (the American Legion will be selling turkey legs)
 10 October - Breakfast (American Legion Riders)
 10 October - 1st annual Legion October feast
 23 October - Legion Family Membership Early Bird Night
 30 October - Steak night (American Legion Riders)

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

Legion Trivia

The American Legion, the Early Days...

(Taken from The American Legion Extension Institute)

Sept 16, 1919

The American Legion is chartered by US Congress. To date, we are the only veteran's organization with that distinction.

1920

Presidential Committee known as the Dawes Committee brings about congressional action consolidating activities dealing with WWI veterans into a new agency – The U.S. Veteran's Bureau, now known as the Dept of Veteran's Affairs

July 1, 1930

Veteran's Bureau and other agencies handling veteran's benefits consolidate into the Veteran's Administration.

March 28, 1934

Congress, upon the urging of The American Legion, enacts Public Law 141:

No veteran disabled in the line of duty will suffer any reductions in benefits granted under legislation prior to March 19, 1933

Federal hospitalization be afforded to veterans not dishonorably discharged, who are requiring such care and are unable to afford treatment.

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.



Night in Ole Converse

Oct 1-Oct 4

We are selling roast turkey legs and need volunteers to help out. Please check the sign up sheets in the hallway near the restrooms for available time slots. The more help the better!

