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Commander's Corner

Come on down to the Night in Ole Converse Sep 30-Oct 3 and have some fun at a local community event! This is definitely one of the

ways we can visibly help where we live and make ourselves known by wearing a Legion family shirt or hat to in support of our Preamble which states "... for Community, State and Nation ...". Thanks to Darrell Goemmer, Joe Guastella, Terry Smith and Chrissy Reed for coordinating all the details and arranging workers for our Turkey Leg food booth. Proceeds this year are dedicated to the Friesenhahn Scholarship Fund.

This leads me to our Pavilion. The new dedication sign for the "Virgil Friesenhahn Sr. Memorial Pavilion" is in place. Virgil Sr., with the help of others, made sure we could exist today back in the early years of the Post. Many times the hat was passed to pay the note, utilities or supplies. The history books in the office can be reviewed by anyone and you can learn more about our early years just by reviewing them. We do ask you not remove the books

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Auxiliary News

Howdy and **BOO** to you. Before getting started on October's goings-on, I want to take a moment to thank one and all for making Fajitas & Margaritas a success. As usual, the ladies did an outstanding job decorating, preparing the sides and manning the kitchen. And many thanks to the fellas for grilling and cutting the fajitas. These great folks stepped up, made something great happen and did it with laughter and a smile. I'm sure the margaritas had nothing to do with it.

The Early Early Bird drawings were held last month. Congratulations to all the lucky winners and thank you for renewing so early. The traditional Early Bird cutoff is October 21. This year the Early Bird Dinner is going to be combined with "Stake" Night. Those who renewed early will receive your dinner for **ONLY \$5**. Remember, though, in order to receive that \$5 steak dinner, you will need to renew your membership by **October 21**. So don't dilly dally sending off your renewal.

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from the Post Home. Our most current history book will return to our Post later this month as it received first at the Department of Texas competition and will compete against others in mid-Oct at National.

October is one of our hard-push months for membership. The "Early, Early Bird" campaign was a success as we hit our goals by the end of Aug and Sept. I strongly urge you to renew now to be an "Early Bird" and avoid those repeat mailings from national. More information on this can be given by our 1st Vice Joe Falco. We will be hosting the district's membership tour on Sunday, Oct 17th with the time to be announced. Many at the Post delay paying, but eventually pay, so why not get it out of the way before the holidays this year?

Lastly, for golfers (or wannabe's like me), the district golf tourney is Sunday, Oct 24th. The proceeds help district offset Boys State expenses (like the bus), plus there will be some prizes and great food. You may contact myself or Post 667 to enter a team.

For God and Country

—Dave Paris
Commander



Get out and Vote!

Texas Voter registration deadline for upcoming general elections is Oct 5th. Go to <http://www.bexar.org/elections/Registration/registration.html> for more info.

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October 30th will be the Children's Halloween Fest. It will be held in the pavilion area from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm. There will be games, activities and a mini hayride for the little ones up to twelve years of age. Costumes are encouraged but not required. And that goes for you older folks, too. **Do** be weary, though. Witches, ghosts, goblins & ghouls will be attending, too, BOO!

IT'S HALLOWEEN!

by Jack Prelutsky

It's Halloween. It's Halloween!
The Moon is full and bright
and we shall see what can't be seen on any other night.
Skeletons and ghosts and ghouls, grinning goblins
fighting duels.
Werewolves rising from their tombs, witches on their
magic brooms.
In masks and gowns we haunt the street
and knock on doors for trick or treat.
Tonight we are the king and queen,
For, oh, tonight, It's Halloween!

Remember, our meetings are the first Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. in the Hall. Come out, get to know your fellow members and learn about our programs.

When black cats prowl and pumpkins gleam, May luck be yours on Halloween!

Respectfully,

—Candy D. Zavala
President, ALA Unit 593



William M. Randolph, Post 593 Valentines & Vegas Casino Night Fundraiser

Saturday, February 12, 2011
6:30 – 11 p.m.

\$50 Donation Includes:

- Gambling Money
- 2 Drink Tickets (beer/well)
- Finger Foods
- Raffle Ticket for Grand Prize: 42 in HD TV!!!

Casino Games Include:

- Craps
- Blackjack
- Roulette
- Texas Hold 'Em

Schedule of Events:

- 6:30: Doors Open
- 7:00: Renewal of Wedding Vows
- 7:30 – 10:30: Tables Open
- 10:30: Live Auction
- Casino Winners Announced
- Raffle Winners Announced
- Grand Prize Raffle Winner Announced



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Events All Evening Long:

- Costume Contest: Dress As The Rat Pack (1940s) or Vegas Attire
- Silent Auction
- Live Auction
- Valentines Renewal of Vows Ceremony
- Live Entertainment: Elvis!
- Prizes for Top Three Casino Winners
- Valentines Photo Opportunity
- Fun All Night Long!

Only 200 Tickets to be Sold!
- Get yours today!



Football Sunday

Come on out every Sunday at 12 Noon to cheer on your favorite NFL teams. In addition to the televisions in the canteen area, you have to check out the remodeled pavilion lounge area and the new big screen for watching the games. Snacks are available.



Rider's Report

Wow, is this year flying by? It's already October and so many events have occurred within the last month alone.

Sept 11th once again showed how the Riders can manage to stretch ourselves between multiple events on the same day. We had folks working the monthly breakfast, heading to a Homes for the Troops event in Marion, TX, representing us at the 20th District Fish Fry and ceremonies at Post 579, and an Iron Butt Ride beginning that morning. I want to thank everyone who made all these events and a special thanks to our ALR Service Officer Clayton Smith for choreographing these events as well as Paula and Peter Paul Johnson for working together to get the flags delivered out to Marion as well as those who made the ride out to the event. And thanks as well Brown and Candy Zavala, Pati Bennett, Debbie Elliston, Terry and Velma Smith for representing us at the 20th District Fry.

5 members, including yours truly completed a 1500 mile in 36 hours Iron Butt "Butt Burner" ride lovingly called the Ride Across Texas. Kudos go to Butch Rogers for putting this ride together. It was a challenge and a WHOLE bunch of fun.

And congratulations to Terry Smith on his election to the position of Road Captain last month. We couldn't ask for a better person to lead our rides.

For the month of October, we are going to assist the Ladies Auxiliary with their Haunted House for the kids, and are looking into transitioning into the Halloween party mode after the completion of "Stake" Night on Oct 29th. Watch your emails and the ALR website for more information.

As you know, there was some theft that occurred from the kitchen in September. I would ask all the ALR family that if anyone has witnessed anything of this nature in the past or in the future, step forward and let someone know. Why it happens is unknown, but each and every member should be alert to these things going on.

And as a parting note, if you have already renewed your membership for the Legion, SAL, or Auxiliary for next year, stop by and ask the bartender for a Riders renewal form, so you can beat the end of the year rush to get it done.

—Jim Bennett
Director, Post 593 Riders



Service Officer Notes

Veterans – Looking for Work?
Consider Licenses or Certifications from the Department of State Health Services

The State of Texas recognizes the contributions of our veterans. The Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) in collaboration with the Office of the Governor, Texas Workforce Commission, Texas Veterans Commission, and Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (TDLR), is spreading the word to veterans about licenses they may be eligible for and that may assist them in finding work.

For example, if a veteran received emergency medical technician (EMT) training in the military and has a current National Registry of EMT (NREMT) certification, Texas EMT certification requires a simple application, a small fee and the successful completion of a background check.

Veterans can use this link to apply online:
<http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/emstraumasystems/srecipmil.shtm>

The Division for Regulatory Services licenses or certifies more than twenty allied health care professions (i.e. social work, medical radiology, code enforcement, massage therapy, etc.). You can find more information at the following link:
<http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/plc/default.shtm>

There are also other licensure/certification opportunities for individuals outside of the health care field (i.e. mold, lead, and asbestos workers/assessors, certified food managers, industrial radiographers, etc.) Use the following link to find out more:
<http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/license.shtm>

—Shannon Lynde
Service Office, Post 593



Chicken Fried Steak Night

Your very own SAL Post 593 is now proud to introduce our monthly Chicken Fried Steak night. Second Friday of each month beginning Oct 8th, 6-8 PM.

Large hand-made steak with mashed potatoes, cream gravy, corn or green beans, salad and bread for only \$8.00!

For October, only 50 plates will be available, so come early! We are looking forward to providing you with a wonderful dining experience.

—Henry Creech
SAL Post 593 Commander


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Phone: 210-658-1111
General Membership Meeting 6 Oct 7:30PM
Meal prepared by Rick & Candy White
Night In Ole Converse 1-3 Oct
Breakfast, 9 Oct 8-11AM
Shuffleboard Challenge Tuesday Nights 7PM
Dart Tournament 16 Oct 7:30PM
Steak Night 29 Oct 6-8PM
Children's Halloween Fest 30 Oct 5-8PM



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Football Sunday's are back! Come check out the new big screen TV on the patio, as well as the indoor viewing areas. Snacks provided. Starting this month, the SAL will be providing a Chicken Fried Steak meal on the 2nd Friday of the month. Come early for this month's Steak Night. Early Bird membership holders get their meal for \$5.00. You don't want to miss out!!!!!!						
3 Football Sunday 12 Noon	4	5 Texas Voter Registration Deadline ALR Exec Mtg 7:30pm Shuffleboard Challenge 7 pm	6 General Membership Meeting 7:30 pm H&E Meeting after General Membership	7	8 Chicken Fried Steak Dinner 6-8 PM Friday at the Legion	9 Breakfast 8-11 am
10 Night In Ole Converse	11	12	13 New Building Committee Meeting 7:30PM	14 Riders Grill 6-8pm Dart League 7PM	15	16 Dart Tournament 7:30PM Friday at the Legion
17 Football Sunday 12 Noon 20th District Membership Tour	18 Dart League 7 pm	19 ALR Gen Mbr Mtg 7:30 Shuffleboard Challenge 7 pm	20	21 Riders Grill 6-8pm Dart League 7PM	22	23 Saturday at the Legion
24 Football Sunday 12 Noon 25 Football Sunday 12 Noon 31 Football Sunday 12 Noon	26 Dart League 7 pm	27 Shuffleboard Challenge 7 pm	28 Post Exec Mtg, 7:30 pm	29 Riders Grill 6-8pm Dart League 7PM	30 Steak Night 6-8 PM Entertainment to follow	31 Children's Halloween Fest 5-8PM