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Commander's Corner

Greetings everybody. Hard to believe that it is September already. I hope that means that there is and end in sight from this hot and humid weather. Yea, Right....Who am I kidding?

As I write this, Labor Day is only 2 weeks away. As usual, our festivities will be held on Sunday so that people can partake of the fun without the worries of going to work the next day. It will be much like the great times we had on Memorial Day with great food, games to include tournaments, and fun things for the little ones. Your 2nd Vice, Darrell Goemmer, is changing up the meal this year to include Pulled Pork Sandwiches. Brown Zavala is getting the hog. Come out and have a good time.

Speaking of upcoming events, I would like each and every one of you to keep your eyes and ears open for more in the near future. Darrell has a long list of events that will be fun for all. Football is in the immediate future. We all know what sort of bravado that brings out in people!

One last plug for events at the Post. In case you do not know, Marcello Buckley is in charge of planning this year's New Years Eve Party. He has al-

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Auxiliary News

September is here and the first National membership renewal notices for 2009 are being sent out this month. Membership dues that were paid for 2008 expire on 31 Dec 2008. If you renew before 25 Oct 2008 you will be eligible for a free Early Bird Dinner on Saturday, 25 Oct 2008. Please renew early, and help us meet our membership goal.

Our 20th District Auxiliary Convention is being held at our Post 593 on 04 Oct 2008. All members of the American Legion Auxiliary are invited.

This is a reminder that if you have a name or address change please let us know and we can notify Department. You can leave a note with the bartender or send the notification to the letterhead on this newsletter, Attn: American Legion Auxiliary.

We still need a Poppy Chairman and a Girls State Chairman. If you are interested please come to our next meeting on 03 Sep 2008, if you don't want to volunteer just come to the meeting and meet other Auxiliary members.

—Sarah Toten

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ready worked out the details. However, he is asking for help with one area.....Door Prizes. If you have something, or can get something, talk to him about it. This year's party should be a good one.

Now, on to more serious topics. As all of us remember, we lost a Great American a few months ago: Marty Frank. On October 18th we will be dedicating our Hall and renaming it Marty Frank Memorial Hall. Keep your calendar open for that date. Jack Putalavage is chairing the committee on this. He has already put a lot of time and effort into this to make it happen with the dignity that it deserves.

Some of you may have seen the "Commander's Quiz" on the video screen concerning tire manufacture dates. I received this info from another member via email and I strongly encourage everyone to take a close look at that video:

<http://abcnews.go.com/Video/playerindex?id=48268897>

I promise you that after viewing this you will go right out to your driveway and check your tires.

One last thing. All of you should have received your renewal notice from the Legion. Don't put it off until the last minute. God Bless America

—Jack Leanhart

Chaplain's Corner



It is with a heavy heart that I must report Darwin Cull, Post 667 Commander and one of our own Legion Riders, passed away in early August. Darwin was an active member of our riders who always supported our functions. He will be missed greatly.



On September 11th we will have a short Patriots Day Memorial Ceremony at the Post at 7:00pm. Please be sure to attend, and if you can't, please take a moment and remember all those who were murdered that day and the sacrifices our men and women in uniform have made since then to keep our country safe. For God and Country,

—Dennis Ducharme



Legion Riders News

On August 22nd we wrapped up our '07-'08 American Legion Legacy Scholarship fundraising campaign with a successful Legacy Dinner.

Though we encountered some misfortune in the days following, our Riders were able to leave on the cross-country ride to the American Legion National Conference in Phoenix, Arizona to present these funds. I offer my heartfelt thanks to all our Riders that gave of their time, effort, heart and soul in making this campaign a success. Do not let this misfortune in any way diminish my appreciation of your efforts. I also would like to say 'Thank you' to all our Legion family. The Riders' success would not be but for you. Sincerely submitted,

—Brown Zavala
Director, ALR 593

2nd Vice News



Football Season kicks off this month, both the NFL and College. We have a number of events planned for Sundays and Mondays throughout the season. Keep an eye on the calendar and the events board in the Post. Come on out and support your favorite team!

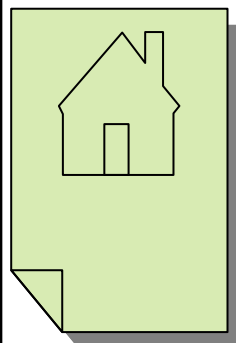
Along with the usual monthly events (Breakfast, Steak Night, Dart Tournament and Leagues, Legion Riders and Building Committee grills, etc) we will have a Patriot Day Ceremony on 11 September and a fajita/margarita night on 13 September.

There is a new Building Repair and Renovation Committee in place to spearhead much needed repairs to the Post Home while we continue efforts towards building the new Post Home. Contact John Orff for information about needed supplies and manpower needed on this new committee.

—Darrell Goemmer

New Building Committee News

Folks, it's time to rev up and swing into high gear once again. We have a lot to discuss and plan for, not the



least which is the Legion Jubilee for 2009. Our monthly meetings will start up again in September and each month after on the third Monday of the month at 7:00pm. Please come out and offer your ideas, suggestions and support! See you on Monday, September 15th at 7:00pm.

—Dennis

Newsletter Information

Howdy! Just a quick note to let you know that after a brief year and a half period without, the Post now has a Newsletter Editor. Thanks go to Dennis Ducharme and Joe Guastella for keeping the Newsletter alive during the hiatus.



Joe Falco is taking over this task. Not alone, of course, I also need the help of the Legion Membership.

Most articles in the Newsletter are sent by the various Exec Board members and Committee Chairs. However, anyone can submit an article. Anything of general interest to the membership is fine—patriotic stories or events, useful information, etc. If you would like to submit an article or calendar event, please email it to me at jfalco@satx.rr.com. Please try to submit any articles or events by the 15th of the month prior to publishing.

One final note—if you would like to receive the Newsletter electronically instead of by snail mail, please send me the request to the above email address. I'll build an email address list for that purpose, and send them by blind copies to keep your email address private. The more electronic copies we send, the more we save on printing. Thanks!

—Joe

Post Home Maintenance and Renovations

Your Legion Post now has a Maintenance and Renovation Committee. The members are Jack Putlavage, Peter Paul Johnson, Denny Taylor, Bill Papa, Rick Stigall and John Orff.

Renovation kicked off Wednesday August 20th with Jack McCarthy and Big Ed painting the ceiling behind the bar and the ladies room mirror was repaired. Work has also started on the ceiling in the main canteen on Saturday August 23rd.

If you'd like to volunteer time, money, or supplies, all will be very much appreciated. If you know of a repair that is needed please inform one of the above members. Repairs to the hall and exterior of the building will be an on going project, please excuse any inconvenience.

Thank You.

—John Orff

New Year's Eve (NYE) Party 2008

On sale now - be the first in your block to purchase the 2008 New Year's Eve Party tickets - only \$50 each for - dinner (your choice of Rib Eye steak or roasted Cornish Game Hen), decorations and party favors, door prizes, hall bar (wrist bands for wine, sodas, beer, call & well drinks), music provided by Broken Heartsville Band, breakfast and black eyed peas after midnight.



Only 100 tickets will be sold. Blessing at 6:45, catered dinner will be served at 7:15 pm, and door prizes at 8:15 pm. Music from 8:30 pm to 12:30 am.

Please see Michelle Smith or Marcelo Buckley only for ticket sales.

You will be able to make seat reservations this year, this will eliminate confusion during the first ½ hour of the party or people rushing to get here at 6:30 – with reserved seats you can relax.

PLEASE CONTACT ME AT post593chairman@yahoo.com FOR INSTRUCTIONS IF YOU WISH TO RESERVE SEATS. I WILL E-MAIL YOU THE MASTER TABLE FLOOR PLAN *** E-MAIL RESERVATION REQUESTS WILL BE ACCEPTED BUT MUST BE PAID WITHIN 24 HRS. NO EXCEPTIONS. This will be a great kickoff to 2009 and WE WANT TO SELL OUT THIS YEAR.

—Marcelo M. Buckley, NYE chairman.

Marty Frank

Memorial Hall Dedication

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**Saturday
18 October 2008**

- Social Hour: 5—6 pm
- Ceremony: 6 pm
- Refreshments & Entertainment: 7 pm



Come One, Come All!!

The hall at The American Legion, William M. Randolph, Post 593 in Converse, Texas will be dedicated in memory of former POW Marty Frank on 18 October 2008 at 6:00 pm. Everyone is invited! Refreshments and entertainment will follow the ceremony.





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September 2008


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Kitchen Open from
5 to 7 pm

On General
Membership
Meeting Night

Riders Grill will be
open on Tuesday &
Thursday nights
6-8 PM

The kids are back in
school, please drive
carefully.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 NFL Football starting at Noon. Snacks will be served	1 Labor Day Holiday. Post open normal hours	2 ALR Exec Mtg 7:30 Dart League 7 pm Shuffle Board Challenge 7:30 pm	3 General Mbrship Meeting 7:30 pm Kitchen open 5-7 pm	4 Riders Grill 6-8pm Dart League 7 pm	5 Friday at the Legion	6 College Football Kickoff
7 NFL Football starting at Noon. Snacks will be served	8	9 ALR Gen Mbrship Mtg 7:30 pm Dart League 7 pm Shuffle Board Challenge 7:30 pm	10 Wednesday at the Legion	11 Patriot Day Ceremony 7:00 PM Riders Grill 6-8pm Dart League 7 pm	12 Friday at the Legion	13 Auxiliary Monthly Breakfast, 8-11 am Fajita/Margarita Night
14 NFL Football starting at Noon. Snacks will be served	15 New Bldg Committee Mtg 7:00 pm Monday Night Foot- ball	16 Dart League 7 pm Shuffle Board Challenge 7:30 pm	17 Post Exec Mtg. 7 pm	18 Riders Grill 6-8pm Dart League 7 pm	19 Friday at the Legion	20 Dart Tournament 7:30 New Building Com- mittee Sausage Sale 7 pm
21 NFL Football starting at Noon. Snacks will be served Cowboys/Packers Tailgate Party starting at 5:30/ game at 7:15	22 Monday Night Football	23 Dart League 7 pm Shuffle Board Challenge 7:30 pm	24 H&E Mtg. 7 pm	25 Riders Grill 6-8pm Dart League 7 pm	26 Steak Nite, 6-8 pm Music by Stu	27 Saturday at the Legion
28 NFL Football starting at Noon. Snacks will be served	29 Monday Night Football	30 Dart League 7 pm Shuffle Board Challenge 7:30 pm	Coming in October: Marty Frank Memorial Hall Dedication Night in Old Converse Fund Raiser Halloween Party			