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## *Commander's Corner*

The first month has moved quickly—maybe an indicator for the year. I hope it is as it included a great 60's party (sponsored by our Riders) as well as getting some work done. Work hard—play hard! The breakfast and steak night were successful in August and you may have noticed it was a different combination of workers. I'd like to thank the executive members from all four bodies for pulling together and putting out some great food. We will now return to the regular schedule we've had the last couple of years with the events rotated among the Legion, the Auxiliary, the Riders and the SAL.

**The position of Finance Officer was vacant and John Orff was appointed to the position at the August General Membership. Because of thirty days notice, the actual election for the position will be at the October General Membership meeting. Nominations will be accepted from the floor at the Oct Meeting.**

Aaron Priestley-White, a Wagner HS junior, ran for  
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## *Auxiliary News*

Whoa, Nellie! Slow down. It is already September and....Christmas is just three months away. With September, comes time to start emphasizing membership renewals. Your current membership will expire December 31, and there is no time like the present to get your membership renewed. The membership renewals for our unit are \$21. You can either send it by mail or drop it at the Legion to the attention of Pati Bennett. The advantage to this is you will receive your membership card quicker and you will have it in time to receive your free meal at the Early Bird Dinner in October. Don't forget, those renewing by September 15 will have their names entered into the **Early Early Bird Raffle.**

Back by popular demand, the Auxiliary will be hosting Fajita & Margarita Night on September 18<sup>th</sup>. Dinner will be from 6:00 – 8:00 or until the food runs out. Margaritas will be \$2.00, chicken & beef fajitas, rice, beans and the fixing's will be \$8.00.

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Boys State Governor, and while not selected, gave a wonderful synopsis of his week at Boys State at our August meeting. This young man has a great future ahead and his presentation was indicative of that. This is one of the best youth programs in the nation!

Don't forget we will have a picnic Labor Day Weekend. A few years back we changed the celebration days to the day before the actual holiday. This allows folks to enjoy themselves without worrying about going to work the next morning. Labor Day we will have fun on Sunday, Sept 5<sup>th</sup>, with the food around 2 p.m. Come on out and enjoy some food and games! Speaking of fun, the Shuffleboard Challenge has started on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. and football season will soon be in full swing—check out the work on the Pavilion and enjoy a game! See you at the Post

For God and Country

—Dave Paris  
Commander



### **New Bldg Committee Update**

The Jubilee has been canceled. It's been decided not to put on another Jubilee.

The fundraising for a new building continues however. We will have our first "Valentines and Vegas" casino night on February 12th,

2011. Preparations are underway.

We're planning a huge night with Vegas style casino games, costume contest, silent and live auctions, live entertainment, raffles, prizes for the winners, a Renewal of Vows ceremony, and of course food and drink.

We need your help to make this a success. Scheduled planning meetings are the second Wednesdays of the month at 7:30pm. Plan on getting involved. See you at the next planning meeting on September 8th at 7:30pm.

--Dennis

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The profits from this function will benefit various programs supported by the Auxiliary and Legion Family. I want to give out a big thanks to those that have already volunteered...and that includes the fellas for manning the grill.

Over the next couple of months the 20th District events planned. The ALA 20th District Convention will be at Post 592 on September 25 from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm. If you have never attended a Convention, give it a try. District President Kay is always a pleasure and you might just learn a tidbit or two about our organization and its mission. The District Fish Fry will be September 11 at Post 579. The 20<sup>th</sup> District Membership Tour will be the weekend of October 16th. I'm not sure where in the schedule Post 593 falls but I will pass that info along as soon I know. Let's not forget the DEC Fall Convention September 17 - 19 at the Omni in Austin.

Last month many of our get-it-done ladies stepped up to chair committees for the various events we have during the year. Thank you, thank you. Events coming before the end of the year are: Children's Christmas Party, chaired by Joanne Joslin; Seniors' Christmas Party, co-chaired by Hanna Taylor & Diane Echerd; and, Poppy Fundraising, chaired by Darleen Cherry. We are also in the planning stages of a community awareness initiative which will allow our Unit and Legion family to educate our Converse neighbors as to the American Legion and its mission. Nothing firm as of yet, but we are keeping at it.

If you are not receiving periodic email as to the goings on of the unit, and would like to, please email me at [Aux593info@gmail.com](mailto:Aux593info@gmail.com) 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.

Have a Safe & Happy Labor Day Weekend,

Respectfully,

—Candy D. Zavala  
President, ALA Unit 593

## **EARLY, EARLY BIRD RAFFLE**

**Legionnaires, Auxiliary and SAL members:**

Help US reach our membership goals early!

RENEW your dues by Sept 15, 2010, and have your name entered in a special RAFFLE!

Multiple prizes available including a \$50 Wal-Mart gift card, a Budweiser Ice Chest, an autographed photo of a San Antonio Spur, and many other items that will be posted at the Post.

PUFL and VIM will automatically be entered. Are you a member of two groups? Then renew in both and get a second chance!

**ENTRY CUTOFF: Sept 15, 2010 DRAWING: Steak Night, Sept 24<sup>th</sup> You do NOT need to be present to win!**



## Rider's Report

The heat of August may still be with us as you read this, but even though it's been hot we have had some good rides and the number of riders keeps growing for attendance at them.

The ride on the August 14th to Longhorn Caverns State Park was a good time, and the tour of the caverns gave those going a break for about 1 ½ hours of a cool 68 degrees before heading back to San Antonio. The Ride for the Troops was held on August 28th with a great turnout.

Post 593's donation to the American Legion Legacy Scholarship fund was delivered and presented at the National Convention by our riders. A big "Thank You" goes to Velma Smith and the great crew that worked very hard throughout the past year to once again show how "Li'l Old Converse Post 593" can get things done in a big way!

The Lady Riders of Post 593 Calendars are available for purchase as well as the outtake DVD alone or as a combo. The committee and the ladies who grace the calendar put their hearts and souls into making a great calendar that we can all be proud of.

Coming up this month is a Fisher House BBQ on Friday, September 24<sup>th</sup>. We have assisted with this for the last 3 years. If you would like to give a few hours during the hours of 11-4 that day then know how many of our folks will be there to help with this great event.

The city of Converse has once again provided the ALR and Post 593 the opportunity to help during Night In OI Converse by asking if we would like to handle the parking of cars during the event. All the monies collected, yep that's right 100%, is retained by the ALR. The event takes place on Oct 1- 3. If you would like to participate, just email me at [blkwater93@att.net](mailto:blkwater93@att.net) or sign up on the sign-up sheet that will be posted on the bulletin boards near the restrooms.

Again, as I will always close these articles: We are off and running at a quick pace, but the ALR of Post 593 knows how to make things happen and still have fun doing it. Hope to see you all on the 14<sup>th</sup> of September at the General Membership meeting.

—Jim Bennett



## 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

## 20<sup>th</sup> District Fish Fry

This annual event, helping with Boys State expenses, will be held at Bicentennial Post 579 (on Gunsmoke near Lackland AFB) on

**Saturday, September 11, 2010  
12:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m.**

Fish, green beans, cole slaw and bread for \$6.00. Desserts also available

At noon there will be a demonstration of the John Jay HS award winning armed and unarmed drill teams, along with a short address by the local fire chief about 9-11.



**Highway cleanup on Toepperwein is badly needed. A cleanup is scheduled for Sept 18th. Volunteers sorely needed. Please meet at Post 593 around 10AM.**

Thanks!

—John Orff

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
Get your 2011 Dues paid to be eligible for the Early-Early Bird drawing to be held on Sept 24th. Cutoff for paid up entry is Sept 15th			General Membership Meeting 7:30 pm H&E Meeting after General Membership	Riders Grill 6-8pm	Friday at the Legion	Saturday at the Legion
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Labor Day Picnic 2PM	Labor Day Holiday	ALR Exec Mtg 7:30pm Dart League 7 pm Shuffleboard Challenge 7 pm	New Building Committee Meeting 7:30PM	Riders Grill 6-8pm Dart League 7PM	Friday at the Legion	Breakfast 8-11 am 20th District Fish Fry Post 579
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	Dart League 7 pm	ALR Gen Mbr Mtg 7:30 Dart League 7 pm Shuffleboard Challenge 7 pm	Post Exec Mtg, 7:30 pm	Riders Grill 6-8pm Dart League 7PM	Friday at the Legion	Adopt a Highway cleanup 10AM Dart Tournament 7:30PM
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Sunday at the Legion	Dart League 7 pm	Dart League 7 pm Shuffleboard Challenge 7 pm		Riders Grill 6-8pm Dart League 7PM	Friday at the Legion	ALA 20th District Convention Post 592 Saturday at the Legion
26	27	28	29	30		
Sunday at the Legion	Dart League 7 pm	Dart League 7 pm Shuffleboard Challenge 7 pm		Riders Grill 6-8pm Dart League 7PM	Steak Night 6-8 PM Entertainment to follow Early-Early Bird Drawing	
	Dart League 7 pm	Dart League 7 pm Shuffleboard Challenge 7 pm		Night In Ole Converse Sep 30-3 Oct		

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General Membership Meeting 1 Sep 7:30PM

Joe G and Chrissy Reed are making a Spaghetti Dinner before the meeting

Labor Day Picnic 5 Sep 2PM

Breakfast, 11 Sep 8-11AM

Shuffleboard Challenge Tuesday Nights 7PM

Dart Tournament 18 Sep 7:30PM

Steak Night 24 Sep 6-8PM