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## The American Legion

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Historian: Billy Feehan  
Sgt at Arms: Henry Creech



## Commander's Corner

September is upon us and there seems to be no end in sight for our Heat Wave. Records are historically known as a goal to attain, however, I for one am tired of continuing to beat the record for the most days with Triple Digit temperatures. Let us hope that the end is near.

I hope that many of you went down to the Post on Aug 29<sup>th</sup> to enjoy the Sock Hop. Dennis and Henry did an outstanding job as usual. Thank you, guys. This is another example of our membership coming together to have some fun and maybe raise a dollar or two. I told all of you in a previous article that this year was going to have plenty of opportunities for all of us to have a good time. This event was the first for the year.

Our annual Labor Day Picnic will be held Sunday, Sept 6<sup>th</sup>. This is another opportunity for you to visit the post, enjoy some good food and maybe refreshment from the bar. Darrell is lining up the food. As in recent years, there will be events for the younger generation as well. Tracy Guastella has done an outstanding job in the past, but has decided to take some time off. Chrissy Reed is stepping up to continue. I am sure that between Chrissy and Tracy,

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## Auxiliary News

Whew! Is it already September? Sure is. You know what that means. It is the time of year we start emphasizing membership renewals. Your current membership will expire December 31<sup>st</sup>. Renewal reminders will be coming from National this month, but you may also renew by sending or dropping off your renewal slip and \$18 at the Legion. 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.

Now, as for Our Unit, this month will be quite busy. We will be "manning" the kitchen for breakfast the 12<sup>th</sup> and Steak Night the 25<sup>th</sup>. Keep in mind, profits from this will go to our general fund. The Auxiliary has also been asked to hostess Fajita & Margarita Night on the 19<sup>th</sup>. Dinner will be from 6:00 – 8:00 or until the food runs out. Margaritas will be \$1.00, fajitas, rice, beans and the fixin's will be \$6.00. The profits from this function will benefit Operation Wounded Warrior and the Fisher

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the little ones will have plenty to keep them occupied.

Breakfast and Steak Night for August was the responsibility of the Legion and the turnout, both of volunteers and participants, was outstanding. Breakfast was amazing in itself. I have never seen so many cooks in one kitchen! By the Way, I want to set the record straight. A was asked to be In Charge of Eggs, not cook them. I took that responsibility to heart and contacted Lee McCall and Hanna Taylor. Between the two of them, all of you had great eggs to eat. Believe me; you are better off with their cooking!

Hope to see more and more of you at the Post. Keep coming by. Our little Post can only be as strong as our membership!!!

Until next month...

—Jack Leanhart  
Commander



## 2nd Vice News

All who attended the Sock Hop had a great time. when you see Dennis and Henry thank them for putting on such a great event. Now to the football season. As most of you know last year your House and Entertainment Committee provided snacks during the Sunday games.

Well after suffering through last season watching inferior football (the Cowboys) I have decided that this season I am going to watch superior football (THE GREEN BAY PACKERS). Since the Legion does not have the NFL package for football I am forced to go somewhere else to watch GREEN BAY. So I guess what I am trying to say is that someone will have to step up if y'all want sacks during the Sunday games. Please don't forget our labor day party on Sunday 6 September. The Legion will be providing the meat (pulled pork) and all you have to do is bring a covered dish. The Auxiliary will be doing a Fajita/Margarita night on Saturday 19 September with all profits going to the fisher house and wounded warriors at Fort Sam.

Live well, love much and laugh often.

—Darrell G

## 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.**

Houses. THANK YOU to all that have volunteered!!!

We have some District News. The 20<sup>th</sup> District Membership Tour will be September 12 & 13<sup>th</sup>. Post 593 is on the schedule so, if you have an hour, do drop by and show the District folks some Unit 593 hospitality. I will pass along the schedule as soon I obtain it. The 20<sup>th</sup> District Fall Convention will be at Post 593 October 24. If you have never attended a Convention, give it a try. I always learn something new about our organization and its mission.

I want to remind all of you of the American Legion's Creative Arts Festival that is coming to San Antonio October 5 - 11. This event showcases the arts, crafts and talents of VA Hospital patients from across our Country. Units from across the area have been asked to hostess the hospitality room. Well, I did it. I spoke up and got us involved. This is a great opportunity to show the National leadership just what we gals down in Texas are made of. I will be sharing more information with you at our next meeting.

Now for my special project, I am 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](mailto:Aux593info@gmail.com)

As always, our meetings are the first Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. in the Hall. Come out and get to know your fellow members and learn about our programs. We look forward to seeing you.

Respectfully,

—Candy D. Zavala  
President, ALA Unit 593

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

6 September - American Legion Labor Day party at the post  
12 September - Breakfast (American Legion Auxiliary)  
19 September - Fajita/Margarita night  
25 September - Steak night (American Legion Auxiliary)

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  
31 October - Steak night (American Legion Riders)



## Riders Notes

In my new role as Director for the ALR it is fitting that I submit an article for the Newsletter. I enjoyed reading the Newsletter as a member and found it to be informative. I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to the membership for putting their confidence in me and will do everything in my power to make the upcoming year as enjoyable for them as it was for me in the past year. I look forward to riding, having good times, seeing new places, and meeting the Riders that haven't been out. With our new Exec Board in place and with participation from the membership I can't see how we can have anything but enjoyable rides and events. I look forward to hearing from the membership, what they like as well as what they would like to see changed.

I had a great experience with the ALR as a member, I found the events we did rewarding and enjoyed getting out with the group and I am looking forward to having more of these rides and events in the upcoming year. I believe that in order to accomplish this we need the participation from our Riders.

—Gary Bean  
Director, Post 593 Riders

## Legion Trivia

### The American Legion, the Early Days...

(Taken from The American Legion Extension Institute)

The American Legion was born at a caucus of the American Expeditionary Force (AEF) in Paris, France following WWI. This caucus was a result of a proposal by Lt. Col. Theodore Roosevelt, Jr. The Paris caucus was held March 15-17, 1919 and the subsequent organizational caucus was held May 8-10, 1919 in St. Louis, MO. Because of his Vision, Lt. Col. Roosevelt is affectionately known as the Father of The American Legion.

The lofty ideals of the original caucus were:

- Creation of a fraternity based upon the comradeship born of wartime service and dedicated to fair and equitable treatment of all veterans, particularly the disabled, and the widows and orphans whose loved ones paid the ultimate price for freedom.
- Maintaining National Security for America.
- Promotion of Patriotism and combating ideologies that recognize neither the honor nor the dignity of the individual.

It was at the Paris Caucus that The American Legion received its name. That name came from Major Maurice K. Gordon.

## Email Updates

If you would like to receive an e-mail information blast from the Legion, send an e-mail to [Post593info@gmail.com](mailto: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.**

## Change to our Monthly Steak Night

Just a quick note to let you know that we've made a small change to our monthly steak nights. The change is for the better--much better. We've returned to Penshorn's meat market for our beef supply. We'd gone to a different supplier after Penshorn's unfortunate fire, but they are now open for business again, and are supplying us with some awesome meat.

Still the best deal in town at \$10.00 a plate, you get all this:

- 16 oz (approximately 1" thick) New York Strip, cooked to order, with mushrooms and onions at your request.
- Baked potato with all the fixins
- Choice of vegetable, either green beans or corn
- Salad
- Rolls
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So come on out for some great food and good fellowship. Bring your friends and family for the best deal on a steak dinner you'll find anywhere! Last Friday of every month, with the exception of the Friday following Thanksgiving and the Friday following Christmas.





## **New Paid-Up-For-Life (PUFL) Program** **Effective October 1, 2009 and Procedural Changes**

**The Paid-Up-For-Life (PUFL) program has changed as a result of National Executive Committee Resolution 8 passed during the Spring Meetings, May 6-7, 2009.**

**New rates are effective October 1, 2009. All PUFL applications being submitted at the current rates must be received at National by September 31, 2009. This gives time to process the applications under the current system before the new rates go into effect. No PUFL applications will be accepted on the old forms after the September 31st cut-off.**

**The Time Payment Plan, which currently allows up to 12 months to pay, has been extended to a 36-month payment period. This is a big benefit of the new plan. The rate chart on the application has been changed to show monthly payment amounts instead of the full payment due.**

**Instead of the 10% minimum deposit that is currently required, the member must only include the first month's payment, as noted on the rate chart. If the member chooses to pay more than the minimum deposit, the remaining balance will be divided into 35 additional payments, which will decrease the amount of the monthly payment. National will continue to forward payment coupons to the member once the application has been accepted and processed. A new option has been added to give the member the opportunity for automatic monthly credit card billing.**

**Members may still pay the full amount at the time of application. To calculate the total cost of a PUFL membership, the member (or post officer) will need to find the monthly payment on the rate chart and multiply it by 36. PLEASE NOTE: The total fee must be entered on the front of the application, regardless of whether the member is paying in full or choosing the Time Payment Plan.**

**Beginning October 1, 2009, all PUFL applications must be accompanied by a copy of the member's separation form (DD214 or similar) or a copy of their current active duty military identification. If neither is available, provide a brief explanation and include a copy of the member's current driver's license. The PUFL application will not be processed if eligibility documentation is not provided and will be returned to the Department Headquarters for resolution.**

**Member's who choose to participate in the Time Payment Plan must complete the Participation Agreement on the back of the application. Any forms received without a signature will be returned to the department for correction. This new form is procedural change from the current system.**

**Your Department will be shipped a supply of the new PUFL brochures for immediate use as soon as they are received from the printers. In addition all the forms will also be on [www.legion.org](http://www.legion.org).**

**In order for us to complete our part and get the form to national before the deadline all application must be submitted to the Department Headquarters by September 25, 2009. That means here at the Post level, the forms must be in no later than 18 September. This is an outstanding chance! Become a PUFL now before the rates go up!**

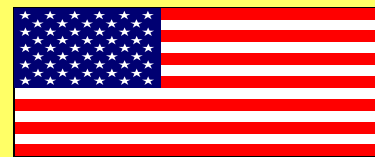


# PATRIOT GUARD RIDERS OF SOUTH TEXAS

1<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL



## PATRIOT WEEKEND



**SEPTEMBER 18 – 20, 2009**  
**LAKE CORPUS CHRISTI KOA**  
EVENT IS OPEN TO EVERYONE  
COME CELEBRATE OUR MILITARY,  
VETERANS AND PATRIOTISM  
ADULTS (12 & UP) \$15 DAILY  
KIDS UNDER 12 FREE  
FOR FURTHER INFO GO TO  
[WWW.PGRSTX.COM](http://WWW.PGRSTX.COM)

**BLESSING  
OF THE  
BIKES**

**VENDORS**

**KID  
EVENTS**

**FAMILY  
FRIENDLY**

**BIKE GAMES  
&  
BIKE SHOW**

**FRIDAY NIGHT MUSIC  
BY  
DOUBLE SHOT**

**SATURDAY NIGHT  
MUSIC BY  
BUSH BULLET**

**CAMPING**

**FUN  
RUNS**

- **INFORMATION**

- **ENTRANCE FEE:**

- Adults (ages 12 and up) \$15.00 daily or \$30.00 for weekend
- Children under 12 free

- **CAMPING:**

- For cabins and RV sites contact the Lake Corpus Christi KOA directly at 1-800-562-8601
- Primitive tents sites available (\$10 daily) please contact Stephanie Hanks at [stevie78362@yahoo.com](mailto:stevie78362@yahoo.com)

- **BEER WRIST BANDS:**

- Age 21 and over - \$10 daily

- **PETS:**

- Pets are allowed but must be leashed at all times. NO PITBULLS, PITBULL MIX, ROTTWEILERS OR DOBERMANS.

- **FAMILY FRIENDLY**

- No breezy riders allowed!

- **Schedule of Events**

- **Friday, September 18**

- Time TBD Check In for event
- Time TBD Vendors open
- Opening Ceremonies – 7:00 p.m.
- Live music by **DOUBLE SHOT** following opening ceremonies

- **Saturday, September 19**

- Time TBD Pancake Breakfast at the KOA recreation room from \$1.50 for adults \$0.75 for children
- Time TBD Kid events
- Time TBD Fun Runs
- Time TBD Bike games
- Time TBD Bike show
- Time TBD Live music by **Bush Bullet**

- **Sunday, September 20**

- Time TBD Pancake Breakfast at the KOA recreation room from \$1.50 for adults \$0.75 for children
- Time TBD Church Service
- Time TBD Blessing of the bikes

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Phone: 210-658-1111

Building Fund Kitchen open  
5-7PM on General  
Membership Meeting nights

Rider's Grill Tuesday's  
6-8PM

**Notice:**  
Post Exec Meeting  
is now 7:30 PM

Labor Day Picnic  
6 Sept.  
Bring a covered dish

Breakfast, 12 Sept  
8-11AM

Fajita/Margarita Night  
19 Sept. 6PM. Proceeds to  
Fisher House and  
Wounded Warriors

Steak Night 25 Sept  
6-8PM

Rifle Raffle On 25 Sept.  
Tickets on sale now, see  
Terry Smith for info

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 ALR Exec Mtg 7:30pm Dart League 7 pm Riders Grill 6-8pm	2 General Membership Meeting 7:30 pm Building Fund Kitchen Open 5-7 PM	3	4	5 Saturday at the Legion
6 Labor Day Picnic	7 Labor Day Holiday	8	9	10	11	12 Saturday at the Legion
13	14	15 ALR Gen Mbr Mtg 7:30 Dart League 7 pm Riders Grill 6-8pm	16	17	18	19 Monthly Breakfast, 8-11 am
Sunday at the Legion	Dart League 7 pm	Dart League 7 pm Riders Grill 6-8pm	Post Exec Mtg, 7:30 pm	Dart League 7PM	Friday at the Legion	Fajita/Margarita Night 6PM Dart Tournament
20	21	22	23	24	25	26 Saturday at the Legion
Sunday at the Legion	Dart League 7 pm	Dart League 7 pm Riders Grill 6-8pm	H&E Meeting, 7 pm	Dart League 7PM	Steak Night 6-8 PM Rifle Raffle (See Terry Smith) Entertainment to follow	Saturday at the Legion
27	28	29	30	Night in Ole Converse is coming up October 1st thru the 4th. We will be selling Turkey Legs. Volunteers needed.		
Sunday at the Legion	Dart League 7 pm	Dart League 7 pm Riders Grill 6-8pm				