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Commander's Corner

Legion Family,

This month starts the Holiday Season and there is plenty for all of our Legion Family to share and participate in. Please contact an Officer of the Legion, Auxiliary, Sons, or the Riders to find out what you can do to help someone less fortunate than us. We will be doing Holiday Baskets for families, decorating the VA Hospital, helping with the VA Hospital Holiday parties, decorating our Post Home, Children and Senior's Christmas Parties and so much more. There is no better way to get into the Holiday Spirit than to get involved with a Holiday project benefiting our Veterans and their families. Read the rest of this newsletter, visit our website often and attend the General Membership Meeting on 7 November for updated information on all of the Holiday activities.

Speaking of the Newsletter, the Post is still looking for an individual or a few partners who would like to take this project on. The job description is the same as I noted last month: Working knowledge of Microsoft Publisher, ability to format and edit a monthly newsletter, creativity, commitment to the Legion Family and the skill to keep authors of articles on time (this one included)! I know that there is someone willing to take this vital function on. Please contact any Executive Committee member or myself if

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Auxiliary News

Auxiliary Family, November is here and marks the beginning of the holiday season. Our poppy board is up, so support our veterans with a donation. Also we will be distributing poppies at the Veteran's Day Parade in Universal City, November 10th. Our annual Post Family Thanksgiving Dinner is on the 22nd. Side dishes and desserts are requested. We are also having a Holiday Bazaar this year. We hope to make it an annual event. Please see Julie Greykowski for information. Sign up sheets are available at the post or on the post website. December will be a very busy month once again with the parties for the children and seniors please let me know if you like to get involved and help. Our next general membership meeting is November 7th at 7:30 PM hope to see you there.

Sue Mills



Cruise News

The deadline for making reservations for the cruise in May expired on October 5th. We have seven couples going on the cruise. We can still accept reservations but time is running out! We will sail out of Galveston on May 11th 2008 and go to Montego Bay, Grand Cayman, and Cozumel. We return on May 18th. Go to our web site for complete details or call Dennis at 630-0655 to make your reservation today! ALL ABOARD!!!!

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interested. We can't keep Dennis and Joe shackled to the computer forever (or can we)! Thanks again to these two fine Legionaries for their volunteer spirit.

Don't forget the Veteran's Day activities this month. There will be a Veteran's Day parade in Universal City on 10 November at 10:30 a.m. and ceremonies at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery on Sunday the 11th of November. Please participate in these important events.

DOES ANYONE READ THE NEWSLETTER?? If so then you know that I have been urging this Legion Family to do a couple of things each month. Unfortunately, they continue to be in need. Don't want to see me mention them again? Then we need to finalize them now. They are as follows: 1) need to have a representative to the Converse City Council, 2) you need to put your volunteer hours in the log book, 3) you need to renew your Legion Family membership and if you have done this, then you need to recruit a new member, 4) finally, come out and support a Post function and get involved with a Legion program. Please take these to heart and I will promise not to keep asking (maybe)! I say it each month...I urge all to get involved with something...anything, **just do it!** See any member of the Executive Team if you need information or want to volunteer for something. Thanks everyone!

If you know of anyone who has any concerns or questions about membership please refer them to the 1st Vice Commander or anyone on the Executive Committee. We will take care of the problem.

Remember the American Legion is about giving to the Community, State, and Nation. What have you done for the American Legion today and what are you going to do for the American Legion tomorrow? Contact me and I will help you answer the question!

"Back to Basics; Forward to the Future!!"

For God and Country,

Nick Mills

Dance Lessons

We've been having lots of fun and exercise!! We will continue having Dance Lessons in the Hall every Sunday, but the time has changed to 5 to 6 pm. On November 4th, Gina will teach the Waltz (with a few twists) and the Electric Slide. On the 11th, Debbie Pierce will teach the Boot Scootin' Boogie and the Macarena. On the 18th Hanna and Irma will teach the Cumbia, and on the 25th Tracie will teach the Tush Push. On December 2nd Sylvia will teach the Polka. The cost is only \$2 per person and goes to the instructor for their time. We're looking at having fun and learning a little in the process. Believe me....we're not professionals so don't think you'll look bad! Come out and have some laughs and get a little exercise in at the same time. It's good for the soul!!



Election for Post Historian

The position of Post Historian will be voted on at the November General Membership Meeting being held on November 7th at 7:30 pm. Nominations will be taken from the floor. This is an excellent opportunity for someone to get involved and make a difference.

Legion Riders Menu for November

Every Thursday—Only \$4.00!!

1st—Philly Cheese Steak & Tots

8th—Burgers, Brats & Tots

15th—Surprise Meal

22nd—Thanksgiving: Riders Kitchen Closed, Post will have a Pot Luck Thanksgiving Dinner

29th—Burgers, Brats & Tots



New ALR Director

Congratulations to Brown Zavala who was elected the ALR's new director at the October ALR General Membership meeting!

GO FOOTBALL!!!



A Tailgater will be held at our post every Sunday. There will be meat, side dishes served, and gaming entertainment provided. The cooking activities will begin at approximately 11:00 each Sunday. This is when comradeship is enjoyed and the food is cooked. When our post opens the doors at 12:00, the FOOD IS ON! Please, come out and enjoy the Football Gala. This has been well supported in the past and it can once again be a success. All we need is your participation! See you at the game this Sunday!

Turn in Your Cans!

Recycling isn't only good for the environment, it's good for the Building Committee!! John Orff has been raising money for the Post by recycling paper, cans, batteries, etc. He generously made a motion (and it passed) for all monies raised from recycling aluminum cans to go to the building committee. So get your cans in today! Thanks John!!!

General Membership Meeting Night Chili!



I'd like to thank Tracy & Joe Guastella and Rose Lewis for the wonderful meal they prepared for the October General Membership meeting night. The meatloaf and mashed potatoes or a gratin potatoes were great! Well....they're doing it again! The Building Committee will be providing food on General Membership Meeting Nights for November and December. For November, we'll have chili and all the fixins (jalapenos, onions, cheese, etc). It'll be a **"Fix Your Own Chili Bowl!"** with salad and a role. You'll have your choice of Fritos, Baked Potato, Pasta, or Rice smothered in chili with your choice of toppings for only \$5.00! Don't cook on meeting night — support your Bldg Committee!!!

2nd Vice's Scoop



Hello everybody and hopefully Halloween treated you well and you got lots of candy. A couple of events coming up are breakfast on Nov. 10th, Big Tyme playing karaoke on Nov. 16th, Free Jukebox on Nov 23rd, and Steak Night w/ Stu providing the entertainment on Nov. 30th. On Nov 22nd we will have a potluck dinner for Thanksgiving; we'll have a list up at the beginning of the week for dishes being brought. Being as it is still football season we are still doing the sign-up sheet for food on Sunday night. Each week the theme changes so stop by to see what you can bring. We have some details for our New Years party; the band is a local group that has just released their second album. The name of the band is Rotge. For the meal we have booked Williams Confectionary. The meal will be a smothered pork chop w/ greens and macaroni & cheese and their awesome banana pudding for dessert. We are having the H & E meeting on Nov. 28th so stop in and take part we are always looking for opinions and assistance. Enjoy the month and see you around the post.

Rob Bryant



Building Committee Update

Progress continues, albeit a little slowly. We're still trying to see if we can get the City of Converse park donated to us for sometime in April or May to hold a Community Outreach weekend. We're also trying to see about a Casino Night. We're trying to get the VFW in Schertz for this event. In the meantime, Pad Donovan has given some preliminary drawings and specifications for our new Post Home to Kevin Blevins. Kevin will create the architectural drawings (both inside and out) and will hopefully have them for our November 7th General Membership night. Kevin has shown us copies of his work and we are all excited about seeing these drawings. The Building Committee is selling T-Shirts as a fundraiser. These T-Shirts are really good quality and we've received many favorable comments on them. Here are some pictures of the "Veteran Forever" T-Shirts. On the left sleeve are the words "Legion Family, Post 593, Converse, Texas." The Shirts are only \$15 each. Please support this worthy cause. Beginning in November, we will be raffling off a liquor basket each month as another fundraiser. We will sell tickets all month long and choose the winner on Steak Night. We're always looking for donations for the basket as well as anyone who would like to get involved and help us work any of these projects. Just contact any committee member.



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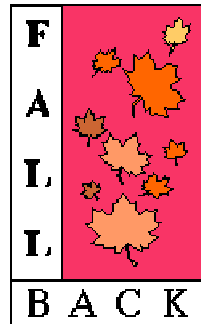


Chaplain's Corner



It is my sad duty to report that one of our fellow Legionnaires went to report to the Post Everlasting when called by the Commander of All. Ronnie Dean passed away in September. Please keep Ronnie and his wife, Margaret, in your prayers. I'm also sad to report that our Post Home manager, Peggy Ann, lost her mother recently. Please keep Peggy Ann and Ross in your prayers as well.

A few special days in November are: **1st**) The Christian holiday of **All Saint's Day** honors and recognizes all of the saints of the Christian church. The church sets this day aside to celebrate over 10,000 recognized saints. **2nd**) The Christian holiday of **All Soul's Day** pays respect and remembers the souls of all friends and loved ones who have died and gone to heaven. It is a time to pray for their souls that they may be received into heaven. Upon death, it is believed that souls have not yet been cleansed of sin. Praying for souls of loved ones helps to remove the stain of sin, and allow the souls to enter the pearly gates of heaven. All Souls Day was started in 998. **4th) Daylight Savings Time ends** - first Sunday in November. Remember to set your clocks back one hour before you go to bed on Saturday night, November 3rd. **6th) Election Day.** Your vote matters! Be sure to vote! **10th) USMC Day**—US Marine Corps Established by Congress in 1775. **11th) Veterans' Day** honors all members of the Armed Forces who served this country valiantly, and in a very big way. They served and fought to protect us, to keep our country safe, and to preserve our way of life. Veterans gave their time, and risked their lives for you and me. In some cases, they made the ultimate sacrifice. This holiday originally was called Armistice Day and was first celebrated in 1921. In 1954, President Eisenhower changed it to Veteran's Day in honor of those who served and died from all wars. After the Great War in 1921, the very first unknown soldier was buried in Arlington National Cemetery. In England an unknown soldier was buried in Westminster Abbey. In France yet another unknown soldier was buried at the Arc de Triomphe. All burials took place on November 11th. This began the annual Armistice Day holiday. The time and day was picked because fighting ceased in WWI in 1918 on November 11 at 11:11. In keeping with this tradition, work stops on this day and time each year for a moment of silence. **22nd) Thanksgiving Day**—The early settlers of Plymouth Colony in Massachusetts were particularly grateful to Squanto, the Native American who taught them how to catch eel, grow corn and who served as their native interpreter (as Squanto had converted to Christianity and learned English as a slave in Europe). Without Squanto's assistance, the settlers might not have survived in the New World. The Plymouth settlers (who came to be called "Pilgrims") set apart a holiday immediately after their first harvest in 1621. They held an autumn celebration of food, feasting, and praising God. The Governor of Plymouth invited Grand Sachem Massasoit and the Wampanoag people to join them in the feast. The settlers fed and entertained the Indians for three days, at which point some of these natives went into the forest, killed 5 deer, and gave it to the Governor as a gift. President Lincoln declared Thanksgiving a Federal holiday as a "prayerful day of Thanksgiving" on the last Thursday in November. President Franklin D. Roosevelt set the date for Thanksgiving to the Fourth Thursday of November in 1939 (approved by Congress in 1941).



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Dennis Ducharme

