



The American Legion

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November 2025

Hours of Operation

Mon-Fri: 2 pm—9 pm

Sat: 12 pm — 9 pm

Sun: 12 pm — 6 pm

(May remain open after posted closing times to serve customers)

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Adjutant: Vacant
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Commander's Comments



American Legion Family,

This month's article applies to all branches of our American Legion Family. It is taken as excerpts from one of The Department of Texas history books, circa 1967.

What does the American Legion mean to you?

Does it mean much or does it mean little? What it means to each of us will influence those outside of the organization. "All organizations are judged by their members; by what they believe in and by what they do for their community, state, and nation."

Sometimes we each feel that we cannot do too much as individuals. But we can live by this creed that was presented sixty years ago. "I cannot do everything, but I can do something and I will not refuse to do something I can do."

Also from this same history section is the following list that still applies today:

How to kill your Post in 10 easy lessons

1. Always have something else to do when a meeting is held.
2. If you attend a meeting, be sure to find fault with the officers and membership.
3. Decline to hold office since it is easier to criticize than be criticized.
4. Get sore if you are not put on a committee.
5. If you are put on a committee, fail to serve. Let someone else do it.
6. If the Commander asks for opinions, keep quiet, but tell others later what should have been done.
7. When a few people roll up their sleeves to help things along, always complain that a clique is running the organization.
8. Stick to telling what you did in the past, never look to the future.
9. Put off paying dues as long as possible, make them work for it; then they will have less time to devote to accomplishing things for the good of the membership.
10. Never bother about getting new members.

Let's keep working together to help Post 593 grow and prosper.

"Veterans Still Serving"

Clayton Wallers
Commander



Auxiliary News



FALL is in the air! We have some fun events coming up and we are going to need your help!

- Sunday, December 7th – Kid's Christmas Party (1 – 3pm)
- Sunday, December 14th – Senior's Dinner (1 – 3 pm)

Please mark your calendars and watch for updates!

We have started collecting NEW or GENTLY used items for our silent auction, which takes place during the CASI Chili Cookoff in January. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year. We have a table set up in the Auxiliary room.

Also, if you have not paid your 2026 dues, please do so. We have set a goal to hit 100% by the end of the year. I know we can do this!!!

Friendly reminder, we meet on the first Wednesday of the month at 7:00 PM. You are all welcome to come listen and participate in the decision-making process and learn of volunteer opportunities for the upcoming events. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me at aux593info@gmail.com. Thank you to everyone for all that you do! It is appreciated more than you know!!! We are a Family and work together to make everything a big success.

Michelle Muth
Unit 593, President





Legion Membership Update Oct 2025

Our 2026 goal is 853 members and we are already at 575 new, renewals, and Paid Up for Life (PUFL)- that's 67.41% for those keeping score. Get your renewals in for 2026. If you still have a 2024 card, come on in renew for 2025 and 2026 while you are at it! Our next milestone is November 12th and 70%.

It is easy to renew: renew at the bar, by mail, or online (www.legion.org/renew). If online, you can print out a new card immediately; if renewing at the bar, the paper receipt is your proof of membership until you receive your card.

Eligibility to join the American Legion; you have served in federal active duty in the United States Armed Forces since December 7, 1941, and have been honorably discharged; or are still serving, you are eligible to join! Bring in your friends, family, and neighbors to register for the Legion (and check eligibility for Auxiliary and Sons as well!



Ed Richards
1st Vice Commander



SALute

Hello.

I hope everyone is doing well. As a reminder, please join us at our general membership meetings on the 3rd Tuesday of each month to get the latest and greatest news of what is happening in Squadron 593.

Thank you to all the volunteers that supported the UC Pumpkin Patch and the 16th Annual Golf Tournament. We will be participating in the Converse Parade and the Universal City Parade on November 8th.

We are moving into that Thanksgiving and Christmas time. We assist in preparing meals for these holidays. Please let me know if you wish to volunteer to help. We will also be doing a food drive for items needed for Christmas Meal Baskets. Please get with George Alva or Bill Cox who are putting the baskets together if you have any questions.

Just a couple of quick reminders about meals and future events.

Next Chicken Fried Steak meal is January 9th, 2026. That weekend, January 10th and 11th, is CASI Chili Cookoff.

Thank You all and have a Happy Thanksgiving.

Mikey Wilson
Commander
Squadron 593



Tami Cox is still actively collecting store coupons for families stationed overseas. If you receive coupons in the mail that you aren't going to use, please drop them by the Post and Tami will make sure they are put to good use. One other note—coupons can be expired. They will still be honored by overseas Commissaries. Please contact Tami Cox, or any Auxiliary Officer with any question or if additional information is needed.



Riders Report

Greetings to ALR Members, family, and friends. Our busy holiday season has already begun and many of our Riders are attending different events on the same day. We have split our forces to ensure we are supporting as many as possible. Please see the schedule listed below and look for a flyer if interested. We need to support the Legion as a whole so if interested, please understand that you are invited. This past month of October was busy. We helped with the Pumpkin Patch fundraiser for Post 593, UC Youth Football League, had a golf team represent at the 20th District Golf Tournament, and supported SAL Squadron 593 in their annual golf tournament. Other events are listed below. We also closed out a couple Veterans Helping Veterans projects and our God Squad was out in full force with a lot of prayers for those on the mend and needing some spiritual boost. It's what we do and we are proud of it.

November will be busy so if you have the time, stop out and support our two parades on 8 November 2025 in both UC and Converse. Exact times should be listed on the calendar of events. ALR Chapter 593 will cover both by having representation on both floats, trikes covering Converse, and Motorcycles covering Universal City. It just happens to be in the morning on the same day. On 11 November, we have the Converse Veterans Day Ceremony by the Purple Heart monument followed by our annual Veterans Day Celebration at Our Lady of the Lake University. Riders will be supporting both. Finally, so December does not sneak up on us too fast, we have Blue Santa on the 13th of December and we are looking for \$25 Walmart Gift Cards or \$25 donation so that we can help Converse Police take care of the children in Converse. See the flyer on Facebook if interested in supporting this great event. It is only successful due to people like yourself.

Have a great holiday and even though you may not see us around as much, we are behind the scenes supporting various events and fundraisers in the community. Our Riders rock and I love them for that. God Bless our Riders, families, and friends.

Paul "Timmy" Goymerac,
Director, ALR Chapter. 593





Operation Blue Santa 2025

Accepting Walmart \$25 gift cards or cash donations (Deadline: 11 DEC)

Drop off gift cards or donations at: American Legion Post 593 326 Legion Drive West Converse, TX 78109

Operation Blue Santa program is a cooperative effort through the Converse Police Department, Citizen's Police Academy Alumni Association, and Converse Fire Department. The groups raise funds and purchase gifts each year to assist less fortunate children / families in the community with Christmas presents. A party is given with the Blue Santa and the gifts are distributed by Alumni Association members, Police, and Fire Department employees. ALR 593 will take all cards and cash to Converse Police Department at 0900 on 13 December 2025.

Please help American Legion Riders Post 593 in raising funds to support this effort

Any American Legion Rider of Chapter 593 can accept gift cards as well. (Deadline: 11 DEC)





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Monthly Breakfast, SAL Meal, and Steak Night will return in January. Jam Session will return in February. The Monthly Shuffleboard Tournament is off until at least January. Possibly longer if participation continues to wane. November 11 is a big day for the Post. It's Veteran's Day. Converse Purple Heart Ceremony at 11:00AM at City Hall, and finally, there will be a dedication ceremony of the new monument and flag poles that are under construction at the Post Home. Would be great to see many members from all groups there. The ceremony will begin at 12:30PM.					1
2 Daylight Saving Time ends 2:00AM 	3 Scouts 6:30 pm	4 Coffee & Doughnuts 9-11 am Taco Tuesday 5-7PM ALR Exec Mtg 7pm	5 GMM Meal 5-6:45PM Turkey Sandwich and sides Post GMM 7:00PM Aux GMM 7:00PM	6	7	8 Converse and UC Veteran's Day Parades
9	10 Scouts 6:30 pm	11 Veterans Day Coffee & Doughnuts 9-11 am ALR GM Mtg 7pm	12	13 Burger Burn 5:30PM	14	15
16	17 Scouts 6:30 pm	18 Coffee & Doughnuts 9-11 am Taco Tuesday 5-7PM SAL GM Mtg 7pm	19 Post Exec Mtg 7 pm	20	21	22
23	24 Scouts 6:30 pm	25 Coffee & Doughnuts 9-11 am	26	27 Thanksgiving Day Gathering 2:00PM 	28	29

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Upcoming Events

- December 7—Kids Christmas Party 1-3PM
- December 14—Senior's Dinner 1-3PM
- December 25—Christmas Day

DECEMBER

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			



Help Provide a Christmas Meal!



The holiday season is approaching, and some of our neighbors need a helping hand.

The American Legion is committed to supporting veterans, children, youth, and families in need. As Post Chaplain, I invite our Legion family to help provide Christmas meals for local families.

How You Can Help:

- 12–15-pound turkeys
- Stuffing
- Mashed potatoes
- Bread
- Green beans
- Gravy

Every food item you donate is appreciated!

Fun fact: All suggested items for a complete meal cost less than \$25.

Donation Details:

Collection Area: Post 593

When: December. Meal ingredients will be distributed the Saturday before Christmas.

If you know a family in need, please notify us so we can add them to our recipient list.

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Converse, Texas

Tuesday Morning Coffee and Doughnuts Plus



Tuesday Mornings

Time: 9-11AM

Open to the public.

**Come join for complimentary coffee,
doughnuts, plus other goodies.
Good fellowship and good conversation.
Every Tuesday Morning, from 9-11 AM**

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AMERICAN LEGION POST 593
CONVERSE, TX



TACO TUESDAY

1st and 3rd
Tuesday of
each
month



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Tuesday of
each
month

5PM to 7PM

Tacos \$2 each

Charro Beans \$2

Taco Salad \$5



GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEAL



**NOVEMBER 5 5:00 –
6:45 PM**



**Open-Faced Turkey
Sandwich with
Mashed Potatoes,
Gravy, Green
Beans and Dessert**

COST \$10

**Come enjoy a hearty meal
and good company!**

Auxiliary Burger Grill

**Hamburgers/Cheeseburgers, FF and
dessert for
\$10.00 per plate**

Date: November 13, 2025

Time: 5:30-7:30PM

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Info: 210-658-1111



Thanksgiving Dinner



Date: November 27, 2025

Time: 2:00PM

Information: 210-658-1111

Join us for a family style Thanksgiving meal. The Legion will provide turkeys prepared 3 ways, and there are signup sheets at the Post for folks to list what they are contributing; sides, salads, desserts, etc.

Families welcome. Come on out for great food, football, and fellowship. 2:00PM, Thanksgiving Day.

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Quarterly Calendar - American Legion Riders Chapter 593

Date	Event	Details	Lead	Flyer
Fri; 10 OCT	Early-bird Dinner	Reps from all 4 Divisions available; 6 - 8 pm	Gomer - ALR; Ed - Legion	Yes
Sat; 11 OCT	Youth Football Booth coverage	Sarah and Mark have lead with food booth, starts at 0900	Sarah & Mark Luther	Yes
Sat; 11 OCT	Schulenburg Fundraiser	For rider with stage 4 cancer; ad-hoc event, KSU TBD	Ed - ALR	SCTX Flyer
Tues; 14 OCT	Pumpkin Patch Fundraiser	All-day event, sign-up sheet by kitchen window	Al - Post Rep	Yes
Tues; 14 OCT	ALR GMM	7:00 pm, food by Amy and Daniel	Gomer - ALR	n/a
Sat; 18 OCT	Meet & Greet	Somerset; 0930 (unk KSU time)	Sean - ALR; Brown - SCTXLR	Yes
Sat; 18 OCT	Pumpkin Patch Fundraiser	All-day event, sign-up sheet by kitchen window	Al - Post Rep	Yes
Sun; 19 OCT	Pumpkin Patch Fundraiser	All-day event, sign-up sheet by kitchen window	Al - Post Rep	Yes
Sat; 25 OCT	Wurst Run, Post 179	ALR has supported this event every year; KSU TBD	Sean - ALR	Yes
Sun; 26 OCT	SAL Golf Tournament	ALR has one team and donated \$50 to sponsor a hole	Gomer - ALR Golf POC	Yes
Sun; 26 OCT	NFL Tailgate at the Pavilion	ALR tailgate (12:00 start; 49s vs Texans/3:25 pm Dallas vs Denver)	ALR - need a rep	Yes
Fri; 31 OCT	Halloween Party at Post	No formal ALR event, just support of Post 593. 6:00 pm start	Tracy - Post	Yes
Sat; 1 NOV	Texas Holdem Playoff	One-day playoff for CY2025 Championship Round; top 8 move fwd	Gomer - Post	Yes
Tues; 4 NOV	ALR Executive Committee	7:00 pm, discuss December events and update on Rolling Run	Gomer - ALR	n/a
Sat; 8 NOV	UC Parade (Bikes & Trailer)	Gomer will have truck/ALR Trailer/Michael driving; KSU from Post at	Gomer - ALR & Post	Post Flyer
Sat; 8 NOV	Converse Parade (Trikes & Trailer)	Brown Z. will have truck/trailer/driver; stage by Post 593, Time TBD	Rob - ALR & Clayton - Post	Post Flyer
Tues; 11 NOV	Veterans Day Event, Converse	Purple Heart Monument Ceremony, 1000; breakfast TBD	Sean & Gomer - ALR	Post Flyer
Tues; 11 NOV	Our Lady of the Lake Veterans Day Event	ALR are special guests each year, max participation requested, 1230	Sean & Gomer - ALR	Yes
Tues; 11 NOV	ALR GMM	Short version due to two events earlier in the day...no meal.	Gomer - ALR	n/a
Sun; 16 NOV	NFL Tailgate at the Pavilion	ALR tailgate (12:00 start; Packers vs Giants/3:25 pm. Chiefs vs Denver)	Sara & Gomer - ALR	Yes
Thur; 27 NOV	Thanksgiving at Post 593	2 pm until 5 pm; Post provides meat, sides by others	Tracy & Al - Post	Post Flyer
Tues; 2 DEC	ALR Executive Committee	Solidify December events and update progress on Rolling Run	Gomer - ALR	n/a
Sat; 6 DEC	Texas Holdem Championship	12:00 until complete; Auxiliary Room (Top 8 from November round)	Gomer - Post	Yes
Tues; 9 DEC	ALR GMM	Concentrate on Spiritual Ride, Blue Santa, and ALR Xmas Party	Gomer - ALR	n/a
Sat; 13 DEC	Blue Santa	Second shortest ride of the year, KSU at 0900 to Police Station	Gomer - ALR or Bartender	Yes
Sat; 13 DEC	ALR Xmas Party	5 pm social, 6 pm dinner, white elephant style	Mark & Brandon	ALR Flyer
Sun; 21 DEC	NFL Tailgate at the Pavilion	ALR tailgate (12:00 start; Dallas vs LAC/3:25 pm. Hou vs Vegas)	Gomer - ALR	Yes
Mon; 22 DEC	Spiritual Ride	4 pm KSU (4 stops plus 5th stop at Post - need help with bulbs)	Gomer - ALR	ALR Flyer
Wed; 31 DEC	New Year's Eve Party	Post 593 - Catered Casino Night with music	Al - Post	Post Flyer



In Memoriam

Joe Pava

Dear Post 593,

Thank you to all veterans and spouses for the love and support you have shown me since Joe's passing. It was so heartfelt. You are like family to me.

Sincerely,
Marion Pava/Collins



The Newsletter will dedicate the space above to the memory of loved ones who have left this world much too soon. The criteria is as follows: The deceased must be a member of The American Legion, The American Legion Auxiliary, The Sons of The American Legion, The American Legion Riders, or an immediate family member of such. Specifically, the spouse, parent, child, or sibling of a member. Please inform the Newsletter Editor directly or through one of the chaplains.



BRICK FUNDRAISER



We're raising funds to beautify the entrance to our Post by building a flag and memorial monument. We're moving & upgrading our flagpoles and lighting for each flag. The existing Post 593 monument will move to this new location near the church, creating a lasting impression for our visitors and demonstrating our commitment to honoring the sacrifices of those who have served our nation. We invite you to be a part of this exciting project!

You Can Order On-Line at:

<https://www.bricksrus.com/donorsite/conversetxlegion>

1. What size bricks are you selling:
 - a. 4 x 8 x 2¼: \$125 – Finished Brick
 - b. 4 x 8 x ½: \$150 – Alfagres Wall Tile
 - c. 8 x 8 x 2¼: \$300 – Finished Paving Brick
 - d. 8 x 8 x ½: \$350 – Alfagres Wall Tile
2. Lines and text per brick:
 - a. 4 x 8: 3 lines, 18 characters
 - b. 8 x 8: 6 lines, 18 characters.
3. What else are we selling?
 - a. Souvenir Bricks: These miniature gift bricks feature a felt backing. You will be able to showcase these in your home or office. These smaller souvenir bricks can be made to match a larger brick that was ordered.
 - i. 1½ x 3 x ½: \$25
 - ii. 3 x 3 x ½: \$35
 - b. Donor Bricks: These duplicate bricks with a felt backing can be displayed in your home or office.
 - i. 4 x 8 x 2¼: \$40
 - ii. 8 x 8 x 2¼: \$50

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IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT
HENRY CREECH AT (210) 391-7391 OR
DENNIS DUCHARME AT (210) 630-0655





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Flags on Town Square Registration Form

How to Sponsor a Flag

- \$100 per year payable to American Legion Post 593
- Businesses can "Sponsored By"
- Individuals can "In Memory of"
- Proceeds support flag replacements, signs, and Veterans Programs.
- Displayed 6 times a year:
 - Presidents' Day - 20 Feb
 - Memorial Day - 29 May
 - Flag day - 14 June
 - Independence Day - 4 July
 - Labor Day - 4 Sep
 - Veterans Day - 11 Nov
- Displayed in front of Converse City Hall on Sequin St.
- Displayed with a personalized placard

Contact Dennis
Ducharme @
210.630.0655 to
become a sponsor!



Name

Phone #

Address

Paid by Cash/Check

Date

Email

To Be Placed on Sign

Receipt

Received \$ _____ from: _____

Date

For sponsorship for The American Legion, Post 593's **Flags on Town Square** program for 2023.

Received by: _____



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Post Home Manager's Message

Thank you to the Post leadership for their unwavering support and a very special thank you to you, our loyal customers. This wouldn't be possible without you. You are our friends and we enjoy seeing you every time you walk through the door.



We have an amazing hall for rent for all of your special events such as weddings, quinceaneras, birthdays, anniversaries, reunions, etc. For information or to schedule your party please reach out to me, Tracy Diggs at (210) 658-1111. Tell your friends!



**Surprise a friend with a
Drink Chip for our
Cantina!**

*Veteran
care isn't
one size
fits all*



NEW PATIENT ORIENTATION

Every Tuesday

10:00 – 11:00 AM

Learn practical tips for navigating
South Texas Veterans Health Care System

To attend South Texas New Patient Orientation on Tuesday,
please visit www.southtexas.va.gov and look for events to join.

For more information on VA Benefits and VA Healthcare, please visit
<https://www.va.gov/welcome-kit/> to view and download your welcome kit.

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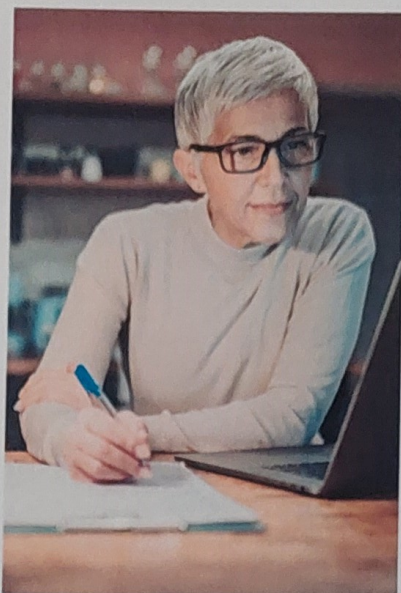
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Did You Know?

Presented by Caregiver Support

Monthly educational seminars

Each month your caregiver team will bring in an industry expert to educate on different topics. We want to prepare you for the future, work on the present and process the past. Attend one or attend all the offerings.

Come learn with us!

To RSVP, contact Ms. Stella Cruickshank at
(210) 883-5267.



Meeting times and topics:

Parkinson's Disease
August 14, 2024

**Endeavors Supports
and Services**
September 11, 2024

**Intimate Partner
Violence**
October 9, 2024

Alzheimer's Disease
November 13, 2024

**Suicide Prevention
for Caregivers**
December 11, 2024

**HOSTED BY THE
CAREGIVER SUPPORT
PROGRAM**

**Presented Virtually over
Microsoft TEAMS**

12 p.m. – 1 p.m.

210-617-5300 x 19278
www.caregiver.va.gov

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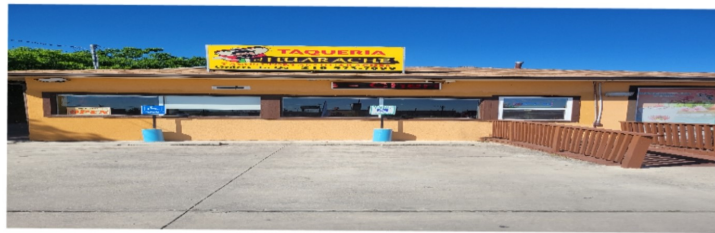
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