

The American Legion William M. Randolph Post 593

Dear Prospective Donor,

Thank you for taking the time to read this information. It has been created to help you understand who we are, what we do, and how you can help us make the local community better. Please visit us on the web at www.Post593.org to learn more about our positive impact on our veterans, their families, and our local community.

Our Post has been in existence for over 38 years. We had our street renamed over 15 years ago in recognition of our contributions to our community. We have over 800 Legion members, over 300 Auxiliary members, a growing Sons of the American Legion program, and one of the most active, involved and dedicated Legion Rider programs in the nation with over 125 members.

Some of the charitable programs we are involved with include helping veterans and their families financially, spiritually and emotionally. We help not only one another in times of need, but we open our arms and embrace our fellow veterans at the VA center, at the nursing center and at their homes. We are there when someone needs a hand to move, for a ride, or just to talk.

We support the Patriot Guard and ride on missions to honor the fallen who made the ultimate sacrifice in support of our freedom. We made the largest donation of any Post in the nation last year (2006) to The American Legacy Fund, a fund that assists children of fallen heroes since September 11th, 2001 to pay for a college education. We support the wounded warriors who are hospitalized at Brooke Army Medical Center by donating time, money and emotional support. We have renovated facilities at the Soldier Family Assistance Center (SFAC), we have donated toiletries, clothing, and recreational items to the SFAC, we have provided volunteers every month to the Lonesome Dove program where our members have washed floors, scrubbed pots and pans, swept patios, and baited hooks for wounded warriors.

We have also sponsored high school students to Boys and Girls State where high school juniors go for a week to the state's capitol and learn about local and state government by participating in mock legislative sessions. They write bills, debate on the floor, and vote. When their bills are passed they feel a pride that can't be measured. Many of our past sponsored folks have returned years later and told us what a difference this experience has made in their lives. In 2007, we sponsored 13 boys and XX girls.

We continue to contribute food baskets to the needy, clothing and comfort items to hospitalized veterans and active duty personnel, and have provided assistance to hurricane victims that relocated to our community. We support other organizations who have come from as far away as Las Vegas who also support many of these same programs. We have volunteered more than 13,000 hours and helped in delivering over \$150,000 worth of cash and items to wounded warriors at Ft. Sam Houston.

We could go on and mention many more programs which we are intimately involved in. Suffice to say that we are active in our community. We hold annual Christmas parties for children and seniors. We hold Easter and Halloween parties. We remember our fallen comrades. We donate flags to our fire stations, libraries, and city hall. We educate our community in Americanism programs. We're proud and we're still serving America. And we need your support to make sure that we'll be here for the long term. Many of our efforts are small.....but they make living in this community a place folks like to live in. We make a difference.

Please consider making a donation in support of our new Post Home. We are ready to answer any questions you may have, or better yet.....stop by at your convenience and check us out. I'm sure you'll be pleasantly surprised to see how we put Converse Texas on the map!

For God and Country,

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